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Pacific Northwest Power Co. Gathers Data for Mt. Sheep Dam

Exploratory drilling to obtain additional data for Federal Power Commission hearings on Pacific Northwest Power Company's application to build the 690-foot High Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake river above the mouth of the Salmon is now in progress, the company announced recently.

PNP said engineers and survey crews had completed preliminary investigations in the rugged Snake river canyon, and that diamond drillers had been assigned to do supplemental work in connection with the firm's application for a Federal license to build the multi-purpose project.

To be constructed as the largest hydroelectric project ever undertaken by private utilities, High Mountain Sheep would have an ultimate generating capability of 2,000,000 kilowatts. The project will cost about a quarter of a billion dollars.

PNP said heavy drilling equipment has been barged to the site some 50 miles south of Lewiston, Idaho, and a campsite established there. During the next six weeks an eight-man crew will extract over 1000 feet of rock core from the riverbed and from the Idaho and Oregon abutment areas flanking the deep river gorge. The cores will be examined by PNP geologists and engineers.

Organized by Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric, Washington Water Power and the Montana Power companies, Pacific Northwest has a license application pending before FPC to build the big dam to meet future power demands of the region.

The 690-foot high concrete arch structure will be the highest of its kind in the United States, and the second highest in the world. It will be 140 feet higher than the massive Grand Coulee dam on the Columbia. The reservoir created by High Mountain Sheep will extend 58 miles up the Snake to Hells Canyon, and contain 3,100,000 acre feet of storage. Top elevation of the reservoir will be 1510 feet above sea level.

Located on the Snake about a mile above the confluence of the Salmon river, High Mountain Sheep will preserve that important fish spawning tributary for passage of Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout. The Salmon river is the source of nearly 30 per cent of all salmon and steelhead passing McNary dam.

PNP has proposed a unique by-pass canal system designed to carry migratory fish both upstream and downstream around the short Imnaha arm of the reservoir. The plan, now being reviewed by Federal and state fisheries agencies, includes screening of the entire flow of the Imnaha river which supplies less than 3 per cent of the Columbia's anadromous fish.

The High Mountain Sheep project has been recommended as a key project in the Major Water Plan developed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the current review of the "308 Report" for comprehensive development of the Columbia Basin.

PNP has emphasized that early construction of High Mountain Sheep "would be the best way of protecting

the most valued fish spawning grounds of the entire Columbia basin, as well as providing important power and flood control benefits for the region."

New Arrivals

Report From Santiam Memorial Hospital

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reaford G. Lunsford, Turner, Oregon October 20, 1959 a son Daniel Gale, weight 7 pounds, 5 1/4 ounces.

Born October 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Odenthal of Stayton a daughter, Patricia Ann weighing 7 pounds 4 1/4 ounces.

Born October 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard D. Wallace of Jefferson a daughter, weighing 7 pounds 9 1/4 ounces. Named Blinda Ruth.

Born October 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Feckley of Stayton a daughter, Lynda Gayle, weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces.

Born October 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Stevens of Rt. 1, Aumsville, a daughter, Pamela Marie, weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces.

Born, October 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Miner of Rt. 1, Lyons, a daughter, not yet named, weighing 5 pounds 13 ounces.

Born October 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Orville C. Pursley of Scio a daughter, Bonny June, weighing 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.

Born October 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Shelton of Rt. 1, Turner a daughter, Mary Louise, weighing 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

Born November 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Nelson of Marion, a daughter, not yet named, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Menu for Mill City School Cafeteria for Next Two Weeks

The Enterprise is again printing the school menu through the weeks of November 9th and November 20th. It is hoped that this will be of service to readers, whose youngsters may not have arrived home with the menu which is mimeographed at school.

November 9th—Wiener in a Bun, Milk, Macaroni Salad, Fruit Pudding.

November 10th—Baker Beans, Vegetable Salad, Hot Muffins and Butter, Milk, Fruit - Cookies.

November 11th—No School.

November 12th—Meat Gravy on Whipped Potatoes, Milk, Buttered Vegetable, Bread and Butter, Apple-sauce Bars.

November 13th—Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Turnip Wedge, Milk, Cherry Cobbler.

November 16th—Spanish Rice, Cabbage Slaw, Cinnamon Toast, Milk Fruit.

November 17th—Barbecued Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Milk, Apple Cake and Butter Sauce.

November 18th—Roast Turkey, Dressing and Gravy, Buttered Green Beans, Hot Roll and Butter, Milk, Pumpkin Custard.

November 19th—Hamburger Loaf, Baked Potato, Buttered Vegetable, Bread and Butter, Fruit, Milk.

November 20th—Tomato Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Salad, Milk, Jello Dessert.

Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

This week we have started hearing about the past deer season. Jean Roberts of Mehama has a couple of yarns in this issue then I happened onto another one this week. Seems Lee and Julia Bassett went on one of their hunting trips over the mountains. They stopped in Bend, and in a rest room Julia took out her bill fold and forgot to return it to her pocket when she left. She had been gone about five minutes when she noticed she was minus the bill fold. She went back to the rest room—no bill fold. Losing a billfold nowadays is really something. One has a driver's license, social security card, and probably a dozen other organization cards too. And of course her hunting license and deer tag. They finally did find a notary public and got another license and tag and continued on their hunting trip. After the trip, they returned and during the time they were gone the station attendant had found the missing billfold in the trash can. While on this same trip Julia noticed the set from her diamond ring was missing. More worry—Upon getting home and after due and diligent search, she found the missing diamond in the bathroom. They didn't even get a deer—after all that fuss and bother.

Sort of figures with my pheasant hunting trips this year. All I have returned with so far is aching muscles and a couple of "cat-tails" for the granddaughters. I think part of this poor luck is due to a box a shells I bought from Jerry Coffman down at Ken Gollit's in Mehama. I wonder if he put paper wads in the shells instead of shot. I couldn't have missed, as I had my scattergun pointed in the right direction. He must have given me one good shell though as I knocked one old bird end over end. It was raining at the time and I was hunting in a field with high stubble. I galloped over to where I thought he would be—but no bird. I spent about half an hour walking around in that soggy mess of a field, but never did find my bird. This past Sunday I walked another five miles in various fields and didn't even get a decent shot. Oh well, only a couple of more weekends then I can quit hunting and go back to my easy chair again on weekends.

Mill City residents are fortunate to be in one of the cities that has fluoride in the drinking water supply. A study made recently shows that fluoride in water supplies has reduced tooth decay as much as 55 percent among teenagers tested in five western states. This is just another good reason for living here. Just count this as one of your many blessings—and it costs the users nothing.

I think the young people in Mill City have a vote of thanks coming from their elders. This past Halloween, I saw no results from vandalism in our city. We happened to be away from home that evening, so we put a box of candy and gum on our front porch with a sign "help yourself." I told my wife, Alta, that the first kid there would take the whole works, but she said no, and guess what, when we returned home, there was still some candy and gum in the box, and nothing about the premises was disturbed. Which proves the kids in Mill City aren't such a bad lot.

Man-Caused Forest Fires Cause Trouble

Careless smokers were the bad boys on the forest fire front this past summer accounting for 212 man-caused forest blazes, according to the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Man-caused forest fires, said Albert Wiesendanger, Executive Secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association, for the year to date have been far more numerous than forestry officials like to see, reaching a total of 745, with another 406 caused by lightning.

A total of 59,848 acres of private, state and federal forest lands were burned over through September 15, according to Wiesendanger, compared to 17,568 in 1958. However, Oregon had one of its most severe fire seasons in years.

At Sexton Summit in the mountains north of Grants Pass, the 4 p. m. relative humidity was below 30 percent for a record 41 days, contrasted with 15 days in 1958. At Medford, the temperature reached 100 degrees on 15 days, more than double the seven days of last year.

Keep Oregon Green Association, the publicly sponsored fire prevention organization, notes with sincere regret the increase in acreage burned and the increase in man-caused fires in a critical year when people using the forests should have been far more careful.

In a summary of other man-caused fires, Wiesendanger pointed out that 26 fires were started by railroads, with only 80 by all lumber and logging operations. Campers accounted for 114 fires through carelessness a fact deplored by the fire prevention leader who said these visitors to the forests should show more concern with preserving the beauties of woodlands. Debris burners started 103 fires and 23 were laid to incendiary causes with 187 classified as miscellaneous.

A breakdown shows that 21,021 of the total acreage burned was on State and private lands while 38,827 acres were on federal timberlands.

"Fire conditions," Wiesendanger said, "during the summer in most of western Oregon were among the most severe on record. High temperatures, low humidity and higher than usual winds characterized the summer season."

"In a forest area such as Oregon," the fire leader warned, "there should be increasing care with fire as the danger arises. Keep Oregon Green will continue to aim its fire prevention program at this goal."

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Possibly the supervised parties put on for the youngsters and the party put on by the teenagers helped the situation. I asked Chief Norfleet at Stayton how things were in his town and he said just fine. I think the youngsters of today are just as good and maybe better than their parents were. Of course the old "two-holers" have been removed from the scene today and that, too, makes quite a difference.

I saw this on a sign the other day. "Do unto others, before they do unto you."



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TOWN TALK

Den 5 of the Cub Scouts held their Halloween party at the Scout Cabin Wednesday afternoon. Following a taffy pull the boys worked on their physical fitness tests and then played pin the tail on the "Cat." Larry Raggsdale served the refreshments. Present were Phillip Crandall, Pat Vail, Larry Raggsdale, Stephen Jeter, David Ruby, Earnest Freeman, Stephen Williams, Warren Franklin, Mrs. Richard Freeman, Den Mother and Mrs. Franklin, assistant den mother.

Lee Gardner of OCE at Monmouth has been acting as supply minister at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Gardner is studying for his Master's degree at the college and is an extremely interesting and fluent speaker. He will continue to act as supply minister until the arrival the first week in December of the Rev. Richard Cole of Seattle. Rev. Cole has accepted the pastorate of the church here, coming from the Northminister Presbyterian church in Seattle where he is assistant pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Cooper and children Peggy and Sandra were in Lebanon Sunday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Willis and daughter, Judy. A birthday dinner honored Mrs. Cooper and daughter Peggy, who have birthdays just a week apart. Additional dinner guest at the Willis home was Mr. Cooper's brother, Arthur Jackson, who is a science instructor at Lebanon Junior High. Mrs. Cooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooke took her and other members of the Cooper family to dinner in China City Monday evening for another birthday observance.

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