

U.S. Acquires Snake River Canyon Lands

Regional Forester T. A. Schlapfer announced today that 8,108 acres of land endangered by subdivision and development plans on the Oregon side of the middle Snake River Canyon area have been acquired by the United States. The land is in the area also known as Hell's Canyon of the Snake River.

Declarations of Taking, placing the title to the land in the name of the United States, were signed May 10 by Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell. The landowners are being notified by the Forest Service by letter and telephone. The action is aimed at preventing further subdividing of the land and to retain its primitive character.

No date has been set for vacation of the property by the former owners. Regional Forester Schlapfer has assured the owners that arrangements will be made for them to continue their livestock grazing operations if they desire to do so. Representatives of the Forest Service and the U. S. Attorney will meet with the occupants to work out the timing, which will accommodate the needs of the occupants insofar as possible. It is anticipated that some of the people will continue to occupy parts of the property under special-use permits in connection with the continued grazing operations in the area.

The Declarations of Taking will be filed in Federal Court and the appraised value of the properties will be deposited by the government. The appraised value of the property in Oregon is \$1,457,714. The owners, with the Court's permission, may withdraw this money if they wish to do so. The actual trial to determine the value of the property taken will be at some later date set by the court.

A simultaneous action will acquire 6,980 acres of similarly threatened land in Idaho. The lands on the Idaho side of the Snake River have been ap-

praised at \$1,084,415.

The United States started negotiations to acquire these lands about a year ago. The owners of these lands indicated that the livestock ranching had become financially marginal in this area. Several of the landowners sold their stock and indicated their intent to subdivide their ranches into recreational homesites. Subdivision activity has been started on three of the owner-ships in both Idaho and Oregon after the Forest Service and the landowners were unable to reach agreement on the price for the land. The Congress in Fiscal Year 1973 provided money for the purchase of these lands. The proposal to acquire these tracts was endorsed by the Governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Testimony on the appropriation centered on the need to guarantee the "primitive" integrity of the canyon.

Bank Debits Up In March

Bank debits for the eight reporting banks including Malheur and Harney counties were up in March, 1973, compared to March, 1972. The University of Oregon Bureau of Business and Economic Research has reported.

Debits for March, 1973, totaled \$75,445,000. For February, 1973, the total was \$50,452,000 and for March, 1972, the total was \$58,216,000. Oregon with 412 banks reporting had a percentage increase of 14.9 in March, 1973, as compared with February, 1973, and a 20.0 increase in March, 1973 as compared with March, 1972.

Total bank debits for March, 1973 came to \$7,472,590,000. For February, 1973, the total was \$6,505,684,000 and for March, 1972, the total was \$6,229,070,000.

WOMEN'S GOLF ACTIVITIES

The Women's Golf Association of Ontario League standings as of May 15 are as follows:

Gentry Ford, Superior Block, Bracken's Dept. Store, Vale US Band, Lamanated Wood, Charm Beauty Salon, Vogue Fashions and Malheur Insurance.

There will be a potluck luncheon May 22 at the golf course.

Valley Singletons

The Valley Singletons held their monthly calendar planning for the month of June and bi-annual election of officers at the Malheur County Library on May 8.

New officers elected were: Bill Koda, Vale, president; Paul Johannek, Fruitland, vice president; Dorothy Findline, Ontario secretary; Dixie Veristain, Ontario, treasurer; Claire Connell, Ontario, publicity.

Any interested new members are asked to contact any of the above officers.

Man Is Now Using Nuclear Pacemaker

Nuclear-powered cardiac pacemakers developed for the Atomic Energy Commission by ARCO Nuclear Company of Leeburg, Pa., a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Co., have been implanted in humans.

The nuclear heart pacers are designed to operate for at least 10 years compared with the two or three year life of conventional battery-powered devices. The longer life of the nuclear pacemakers could mean fewer operations for those who require a pacemaking device to regulate their heartbeats.



Water Supply Forecast Much Below Average

Information received from the Soil Conservation Service in Portland shows the water supply outlook for Oregon to be much below average to average.

"This information further dims the outlook in Malheur County, although the Owyhee drainage still looks good," said S. Duane Town, USDA SCS District Conservationist at Vale, Oregon.

Water users will have average water supplies in the Owyhee River Basin and below average in the Malheur River Basin. Snow cover on the Owyhee drainage is 75 percent of average, 60 percent on Jordan Creek, and 35 percent on the Malheur drainage. Soil moisture is near average. Precipitation was 65 percent of average during April. The Owyhee reservoir storage is above average. Bully Creek, Beulah, Warm Springs, and Antelope reservoirs will not fill.

The May 1 snow surveys indicate a snow cover that is much below normal over most of the state. The only snow remaining is at the higher elevations. The snowpack ranges from a low to 5% of average on the Clackamas drainage up to 75% of nor-

mal on Owyhee. Most areas are near 50% of average.

The precipitation pattern remained dry during April. All areas of the state were much below normal except the Rogue and Umpqua basins which received 75% of average rainfall for the past month.

Generally soil moisture conditions are drier than usual for May 1. This is due to lack of precipitation this past winter and lack of snow in areas that are normally covered by a melting snowpack this time of year.

About half of the major irrigation reservoirs are storing above average amounts of water for May 1. The total amount stored in 25 of these reservoirs is 110% of normal. Reservoirs that will not fill to capacity include Bully Creek, Warm Springs, Beulah, McKay, Ochoco, Antelope, and some of the Willamette reservoirs, such as, Detroit, Lookout Point, Hills Creek, and Cougar.

Streamflow during April continued much below normal over most of the state except for the Owyhee river which was near normal. Most streams this summer will flow much below average.

APPLE VALLEY ITEMS

APPLE VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Griffin entertained for Mother's Day dinner, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey, Mr. and Mrs. Leeland Dewey and Nicoli, Mr. and Mrs. John Lilly and J.J. Mrs. Helen Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGinn and Don, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGinn of Baker. They were also celebrating a 49th Wedding Anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey and a 2nd Birthday Anniversary for little Rhonda Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nichols and Mrs. Verda Nichols of Boise were Sunday Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kendall of Boise visited Friday in the Gene Honey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston, Mrs. Lucy Rogers and Mrs. Ruby Robinson and children of Boise were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shipley of Weiser.

Mrs. Ruth Martin of Caldwell was an overnight guest Saturday of Mrs. Laura Bale. They attended church on Sunday then drove to Placerville for a picnic in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bale and family of Caldwell were Saturday evening visitors of Mrs. Laura Bale.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Knox of Grandview were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Knox.

Robert Rookstool and daughter of Caldwell were Friday evening guests in the Roy Rookstool home.

Mrs. Dwight Seward attended the annual Caravan Fair at Nampa Saturday when her granddaughter Kimberlee Pierce received her Esther Carson Winan Award. She was among 52 children who received their awards.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce and children of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Burthol Smith of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wild and Mabel Fox.

Tim Clarkson and Beverly Mahan of N.C. were evening visitors in the Seward home Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Jennie Seward were Mr. and Mrs. Don Seward, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ketterling and children of Nampa and Roscoe Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Seward of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Black and Rodney and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Seward.

Monday evening guests in the Dwight Seward home were Mr. and Mrs. Don Seward, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Seward, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Seward and Roscoe Kellogg.



With smiles that promise sunshine, Potentate Walter Koch, patient Stacy Fisher, and Queen Karen Ann Mackley prepare for Sunday's open house at the Portland Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

This year International Shrine Hospital Day is commemorating 51 years of service in 22 hospitals throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Queen, and "Patient of the Year" is 12 year old Karen Ann Mackley of Portland. Born with dislocated hips, Karen has been a patient at the hospital since she was five. Public is invited to learn more about "The world's Greatest Philanthropy" by attending the program and open house beginning at 1:30 P.M., Sunday, May 21 at the Portland hospital, N.E. 82nd and Sandy Blvd.

Garage Sale

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts were guests for a family Mother's Day dinner in the Clarence Tuning home at Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lambert of Woodburn, Oregon were guests of Mrs. Lena Leigh Thursday to Sunday. Friday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welch of Boise (Edna Morris) and were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mrs. Nellie Leigh.

The C.W.F. of the Christian Church of Nyssa will be holding a Garage Sale May 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday. They will be open each of these days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Their objective is to help with the remodeling of the parsonage. They plan on having a large selection of good usable items on hand for the sale.

GOOD SAM Recreational Vehicle Tips

By Bob Stevens

Bugs "BUGGING" YOU? MAY IS A PARTICULARLY BAD MONTH FOR THESE PESTS. HERE'S A COUPLE TIPS FOR CLEANING 'EM OFF YOUR VEHICLE AND KEEPING 'EM OFF YOUR SKIN:

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