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REA Rejects Bids For Construction Of Power System

New Bids To Be Opened May 25, Officials Report

Formal opening of bids for the construction of some 412 miles of rural electrification distribution lines in this area, 302 miles in Morrow county and 110 miles in Gilliam county, was held at the office of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, May 6. Following a complete tabulation of the bids appeared as follows:

Huenergard & Cherveney, Portland, Ore., combined bid, \$300,159.
Reither Construction Co., Minneapolis, Minn., Sec. I, \$235,901; Sec. II, \$96,316; combined bid, \$332,217.
Menzell & Kibball Co. Co., Redding, Cal., Sec. I, \$251,716.58; Independent Electric Co., Sec. II, \$115,720.05.

On the contention that the bids appeared excessive, the board rejected all of them and called for new bids which will be opened at the cooperative at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, May 25, 1948.

Present for this meeting were the board of directors: Henry Baker, lone, president; E. E. Rugg, secretary-treasurer; Stephen Thompson, John Hanna, Heppner; Victor Rietsmann, lone; Orva Dyer, Will Hardie, Ralph Potter, Condon; and John Krebs, Cecil; William Houck, Portland, regional engineer for the Rural Electrification administration; Robert Welty, The Dalles, project engineer; Bob Stephens, The Dalles, resident engineer for the project, and Hal Thompson, The Dalles, a member of Mr. Welty's staff. Each of the bidding firms had a representative at the meeting.

Arlington Rodeo Draws Wranglers Past Week End

The Morrow county riding club, the Wranglers, was well represented at the Arlington Saddle club rodeo May 1 and 2. Several members participated in the two-day events. The riding club president, Oscar George, even put on an impromptu exhibition saddle bronc ride.

Members formed on Sunday bearing their colors to add to the parade. Representative of the Heppner Rodeo, Miss Merlyn Kirk, 1947 queen, was guest of Queen Blanche Davis for the two-day event. She is enthusiastic in her praise of the fun-loving hospitality of the Arlington Saddle club.

News From C. A. Office

Last week's report of cricket control operations by the bureau of entomology discloses that 68,800 pounds of poison bait were spread on 4,100 acres in Morrow county. This was the report for the week ending April 28. Four baiters are being used in Morrow county, and due to rain, snow, cold and windy weather, kills have not been so good.

In the northwestern portion of Morrow county, one band of crickets covers approximately ten square miles, and averages fifteen crickets per square yard. While baiting has been done by the bureau of entomology to date, farmers will have the opportunity to do considerable baiting when migrations begin.

L. L. Howton, Heppner, is the first Morrow county farmer to feed the new creeping alfalfa for seed increase purposes. The seed of all of this alfalfa is held by the Burlingame Seed company, Forest Grove, Oregon, and is released to farmers on contract. Mr. Howton seeded 4.5 acres to creeping alfalfa, which will be irrigated by sprinkler system from a deep well on the farm.

Creeping alfalfa as the name implies, spreads by underground root stalks. It does not develop a crown and for this reason it shows promise of a very hardy variety for hay and grazing. This is especially true in the case of grazing where alfalfa varieties now being raised are easily killed by overgrazing. This weakens the crown which kills the plant.

Coxen Shop Bought By Robert Walker

A deal was closed last week in which Burl Coxen sold his barber shop to Robert Walker, who took possession on Monday of this week. Walker has been employed in the shop the past two years, or since his return from military service.

Oregon Joins In National Effort For Saving Soil

The two principal sources of new wealth in Oregon—agriculture and forestry—both depend upon the soil for their future productivity, remarked F. L. Ballard, associate director of extension at Oregon State college, in calling attention to national Soils Conservation week.

The national observance, initiated by "Friends of the Land" organization, is aimed at emphasizing the necessity for wise use of the nation's land resources. "Maintaining the producing capacity of our soils is a vital factor in guaranteeing the future prosperity of Oregon," said Ballard. "Many things affect the soil condition—the crops grown, the sequence of rotation of those crops, the implements and tillage methods used, the amount of irrigation water applied and the manner of its application, and the balance between crops and livestock in farm operation."

"Knowledge of farming practices that will maintain soil productivity and protect the land against washing and blowing is constantly increasing. Adoption of such improved practices has been widespread. It is appropriate that we should take stock of our position, evaluate the job to be done, and concentrate attention on those items upon which further progress is most needed. That is the purpose of Soils Conservation week."

Oregon now has 27 organized soil conservation districts operating under state law, with a total area of 5,200,000 acres including both tillable and range lands. Two other districts are in the process of formation.

From the national standpoint, Ballard points out that erosion has destroyed 70,000,000 acres of land. He says losses are continuing at the rate of 500,000 acres annually. Although not totally destroyed much other land is in urgent need of improved tillage and cropping practices to halt continued loss.

A new range condition guide, compiled by Tom Wilson, district work unit leader, was distributed for use by cooperators in this district. The illustrated pamphlet shows various conditions of range in this area with accompanying guides for stocking in order to perpetuate desirable forage grasses.

Ranchers wishing to take advantage of district equipment and technical assistance through the Soil Conservation service should contact the county agent's office, the Soil Conservation office in the bank building, or the district supervisors. Supervisors are Henry Peterson, chairman; Orville Cutsforth, vice chairman; Oran Wright, treasurer; John Wightman, Ed Hughes, and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

"Roses" of Month Named By Jaycees

Renewing a practice instituted with the organization of the group in 1947 and which fell into disuse for several months, the Junior chamber of commerce has chosen two candidates for the "Rose" honor, and while the month was not stipulated, the presentation has been made for a specific piece of work covering more than a month.

W-T Teams Display Big League Form In Sunday's Games

Wasco-Arlington And Lone-Condon Games Hard Fought

Fans attending games of the Wheat-Timber league Sunday were treated to some big league quality baseball. This was the case in two of the games, the scores of which were made available here.

Wasco won at Arlington, 3-2, and Condon won a 10-inning battle with lone with the narrow score of 2-1. Score of the Fossil-Kinzua game is lacking.

One showed good recovery from the opening game with Heppner in holding Condon down to a 1-1 tie at the end of the nine innings. It is seldom that bush league teams play airtight ball as represented by the scores of these two games.

Heppner drew a bye last Sunday but will be in the play again next Sunday with Kinzua there. The Heppner team has been knocking off some of the rough spots between showers and will try to the mill town with a determination to bring home the bacon.

Wheat-Timber Baseball Schedule

May 16: Kinzua at Arlington; Condon at Fossil; Heppner at Wasco; lone bye.
May 23: Arlington at Heppner; lone at Fossil; Kinzua at Wasco; Condon bye.
May 30: Fossil at Arlington; Heppner at Condon; lone at Kinzua; Wasco bye.
June 6: Kinzua at Condon; Heppner at Fossil; Wasco at lone; Arlington bye.
June 13: Condon at Arlington; Wasco at Fossil; lone at Heppner; Kinzua bye.
June 20: Kinzua at Fossil; Condon at lone; Arlington at Wasco; Heppner bye.
June 27: lone at Arlington; Wasco at Condon; Kinzua at Heppner; Fossil bye.
July 4: Open date for all.
July 11: Fossil at Condon; Arlington at Kinzua; Heppner at Wasco; lone bye.
July 18: Heppner at Arlington; Fossil at lone; Wasco at Kinzua; Condon bye.
July 25: Arlington at Fossil; Condon at Heppner; Kinzua at lone; Wasco bye.
August 1: Fossil at Heppner; Condon at Kinzua; lone at Wasco; Arlington bye.

Coy S. Thornburg Taken By Heart Attack April 30

Services were held at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, at the Phelps funeral home chapel for Coy S. Thornburg, whose death occurred Friday while on duty as watchman at the Serrisler mill on upper Rhea creek. Death was due to a heart attack. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated and Mrs. Lucy Peterson sang selected hymns, accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Lexington.

Mr. Thornburg had been a resident of the county for many years. He was born April 14, 1879 at Mohawk, Tenn. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Harold Becket of Heppner, Vester Thornburg of Lexington and Mrs. Rose Swift of Pullman, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Pearson, a resident of California, and a brother, Joe Thornburg of Lexington; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

News About Town . . .

Among those from Hermiston transacting business in Heppner Tuesday were Willard Stratton, Gene Williams and Tim Wood.
Roy Sampson of Portland was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sowell (Nona Howell) of Santa Barbara and Mrs. James Boland and daughter Mary arrived Tuesday to spend the Mother's Day week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Piri Howell.
Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bonge were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stephens of Dayton and Mr. Bonge's sister, Mrs. Ruth Barnett of Pendleton.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chapin of Pendleton stopped briefly in Heppner Wednesday en route to Hardman where they will spend the week-end with Grandma Coats. Mr. Chapin remarked that Grandma Coats will be 93 on July 1 of this year.
Mrs. P. W. Mahoney returned Wednesday from a several days' shopping trip to Portland.

Mrs. Saling Observes 71st Birthday With Family Union

By Ruth Payne
Mrs. Corda Saling celebrated her seventy-first birthday with a family reunion at her home on Gale street Saturday afternoon. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Saling and daughters, Lois and Arleta of Pendleton; Mrs. Violet McDonald and children, Terry and Oleta of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson and daughters, Rita Dell and Carolyn; Ellis Saling and Jack DeVore of Heppner and John Warren of Walla Walla. A son, Earl Saling of Salem and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Scott of Sacramento, Cal., were unable to attend. Mrs. Saling received two birthday cakes and many nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Serrisler are the parents of a daughter, born May 3 at the Corda Saling home in Heppner.
Mrs. Don Grady and children returned Sunday evening from Woodburn where they had visited for a time. They were met in The Dalles by Mr. Grady and son, Butch.
Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietsmann of lone were attending to business matters in Heppner Monday.

Mrs. Harry O'Donnell who has been vacationing in San Francisco returned to Heppner end of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wyman are the parents of a daughter born April 29 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.
Mrs. Agnes Curran who has spent the past winter in Los Angeles returned to Heppner Wednesday. She was accompanied from Portland by Mrs. Addie Patterson who spent the past several weeks in the Valley with relatives.

William Bucknum underwent a major operation at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton on Monday and is reported recovering nicely at this time.
Mrs. Joe Hughes returned Sunday evening from Los Angeles where she spent the past month with her mother, Mrs. Olive Bassett, who is seriously ill.
Jack Edmondson and Fred Rugg, students at Oregon State college, spent Monday and Tuesday in Heppner visiting with their parents, Mrs. Durward Tash and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rugg.

Roy Gustafson of Portland was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday. Mr. Gustafson is a representative of Consolidated Freightways.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray McQueen of Athena arrived Friday to spend the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. William Harper and Mr. Harper. Mrs. Harper returned to Athena with them Sunday and will remain there for a time.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shoun and young son of Walla Walla spent Saturday visiting relatives and friends in Heppner. Andrew is a member of the Washington state police stationed at Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Peterson of Condon were shopping in Heppner Saturday.
A. C. L. Jetley returned Friday from a two weeks sojourn in John Day and Monument.
Among those from out-of-town here Tuesday for the funeral services for the late Ed McDaniel were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers and son; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Adams and children of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey of Anacortes, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Vaughan of Prosser spent the week-end in Heppner with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wise. Mrs. Minnie Wise who has been visiting here for some time, returned to Prosser with them.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and William Barratt motored to Portland Friday to attend a convention of the Junior chamber of commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Buckman and Mrs. Fay Buckman made a business trip to Pendleton Thursday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buggles motored to Oregon City Friday to attend the funeral services for her brother, Phillip Searcy, who passed away last week at Hillsboro. They returned to Heppner Sunday evening.

Mrs. Maude Pointer of Corvallis and daughter, Mrs. Raymond Batty of Kimberly were week-end visitors in Heppner.
Don Bennett and Mel Look departed Saturday for southern California where they will spend a fortnight vacationing.
Marvin Wightman and Walter Luckman motored to Condon on Thursday to attend the farm demonstration at the Art Jaeger farm. The demonstration was under the auspices of the Condon Soil Conservation district.

The Women's Auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church entertained at a reception Friday evening at the parish hall welcoming all communicants who have joined the church since Bishop Barton came to eastern Oregon, and honoring Rev. and Mrs. Neville Blunt on the fifth anniversary of their arrival at All Saints. Mrs. Marvin R. Wightman was mistress of ceremonies. The program included a piano solo by Nancy Adams; a piano duet by

Way Cleared For Starting Work On City Park Project

Court Consents To Clearing Ground Next To Pavilion

Plans for development of the former county fair grounds as a city park project were given a boost this week when the city council took steps to have the old exhibit building removed and the county court agreed to remove equipment and material off of a portion of the property lying north of the dance pavilion. These actions were taken at the request of the park planning committee representing the four service groups of the city.

The city council accepted a proposal from the planning committee that the service groups undertake the park development on a voluntary work basis and gave assurance that the city will cooperate in every way possible. An order was issued to advertise the exhibit building for sale on a removal contract, this being the first move in clearing the property.

Wednesday afternoon the planning committee waited upon the county court to present a request for the tract adjoining the dance pavilion. The court adjourned and went with the committee to the site and the lines were fixed. It is understood the 4-H club plans to remove the lunch building near the entrance to the dance pavilion.

The service groups realize that to undertake development of more of the tract than that set up at present would more than likely result in a job half done and it is their purpose to provide ample facilities for the use of the community, visitors to town or groups from other neighboring communities. Eventual improvement of the strip from the Tum-A-Lum property to the Main street bridge will be undertaken when the county has moved all of its facilities to the fair ground site.

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Samuel H. Shannon Died at 12 Today

Death came at noon today to Samuel H. Shannon, resident of Heppner since 1928, at the family residence on West Willow street. He had been seriously ill for many weeks.

Up to the time of going to press funeral arrangements had not been settled. The family is awaiting word from eastern relatives before making definite plans.

7-Point Program On Agriculture Recited at Pomona

A seven-point agricultural program adopted by the agriculture committee of the subordinate granges of the county was reported to the Pomona grange in session at Rhea creek Saturday, May 1, by Don Heliker, chairman. The projects of the program include weed control, encouragement of the juvenile grange, cooperation on the county fair, booth for Pacific International, purchase of 16 mm. projector, commodity price control, and rotary screens in irrigation ditches.

George Peck, reporting for the legislative committee, discussed the county budget to be voted on this month, explained the hospital budget and reported on newer developments for the hospital.

Mrs. Don Heliker, chairman of the home economics committee, stated that she had visited the four clubs and found 139 active members. Winner of the pillow contest judged at Pomona was Mary Wright of Rhea Creek grange, second prize going to Mrs. J. A. Troedson and third to Mrs. John Graves, both of Lexington grange.

An impressive memorial service was held for deceased members. E. C. Heliker was installed as chairman of the executive committee to take the place of S. J. Devine, deceased.

William House, state deputy, was a guest of the grange for the day. He gave the group a talk on the petition that is being circulated for the forest severance tax bill. This bill would provide a 25-cents per thousand board feet of lumber tax that would be used for re-foresting burned over areas.

Business transacted included voting a \$50 appropriation to wards purchasing a new 16 mm. projector; a 4-H club summer school scholarship; election of Frank E. Parker to represent the Grange Mutual Insurance company for Morrow county at the state convention; election of Ray Wright as alternate delegate to the state convention.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, lecturer, presented the following program: Opening song, Bringing in the Sheaves; grange business meeting; song, Oregon Suits Me; vocal selection by Horizon Girls of Lexington grange — Iris Bloodworth, Jo McMillan, Alene Shannon, Ida Buchanan and Dorothy Christopherson—who sang "Big Bold Man and O Gee, O Gosh, O Golly, I'm In Love, Song, That Wonderful Mother of Mine, by Willows grange quartet — Joan Coleman, Jane Seehafer, Barbara Jackson and Delores Drake, accompanied by Mrs. Echo Palmateer. Group singing, "Mistress Shady," action song.

Buster Padberg gave a report on the FFA convention held at the Oregon Vocational school near Klamath Falls, and the lecturer reported on the school for lecturers held at Pendleton January 8.

The meeting was presided over by Pomona Master Francis B. Nickerson.

Edward McDaniel Laid To Rest At Hardman Tuesday

Death came Saturday, May 1, to Edward McDaniel at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers, with whom he was making his home at Kinzua. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Heppner at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, with Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiating. Mrs. C. C. Dunham sang "In the Garden" and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." The body was taken to Hardman for interment.

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County Fair And Rodeo Merge Under One Management

Rodeo Directors To Continue In Charge of Show

Merging of the Morrow county fair and the Heppner Rodeo under the sponsorship of the county fair board was accomplished at a meeting held the latter part of April. It was announced this week by Garnet Barratt, chairman of the fair board. Such a move had been contemplated for some time and the way is now cleared for the fair board to make improvements and arrange a program not possible under the former set-up. The name of the combined shows will be Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

Under the terms of the merger the fair board assumes the financial responsibility, retains full management of the fair and assigns conduct of the rodeo to a rodeo committee comprising the former board of directors, leaving that show in the hands of men experienced in staging the show but who are grateful to be relieved of the financial details.

Barratt also stated that the fair board has started several improvements to the facilities for handling the fair. Men are already at work on one building and others will be started in the near future. There will also be an extension of the high board fence along the highway which will facilitate the handling of the rodeo crowds. Lack of a fence east of the rodeo field has cost the association hundreds of dollars in gate receipts in the past.

The fair board has sanctioned the purchase of several acres of ground at Boardman for development of the North Morrow County fair. The people of the river section plan to improve the property as a community park for general use and for fair purposes in particular.

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Light Company To Assist Harvesters

Pacific Power & Light company will help farmers prevent harvest season accidents this year by assisting where hay derricks must be moved under the company's lines, according to J. R. Huffman, P. P. & L. manager.

Huffman said a request in advance, by telephone or mail, will bring a P. P. & L. service man who will either raise wires to provide safe clearance or will deaden the line until the derrick is clear of electric wires.

The company offers the derrick moving service without charge to its customers, Huffman pointed out.

LEGION AUXILIARY HEADS PAY OFFICIAL VISIT

Mrs. Dolly Bowman of Freewater, district president; Mrs. Craig Coynes of Bend, department president, and Mrs. Thea Mark of Bend, editor and publisher of the Legionette, official newspaper of the department were in Heppner Tuesday in their official capacities, paying a visit to the local auxiliary.

The visitors were guests at a tea given in the Legion hall, at which time Mrs. Bowman spoke on the work in the district.

WINDOW JUMPER DIES

Ivor Amoth, saw-mill hand who jumped from a third story window in the Hotel Heppner about 2 p. m. last Thursday, died shortly after arriving at the hospital in Pendleton.

NEW MANAGER

Eva Marie Susac is the new manager of the Heppner office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, succeeding Mrs. Glenn Hayes, who transferred to The Dalles in April. Miss Susac was evening chief operator at Bend and has been with the company about eight and one-half years. She took over the local office May 1.

JAMES MOBLEY DIES

James Mobley of Portland is occupying the second chair at the Walker barber shop. His family will remain in Portland until school closes.



Mrs. Ruth McCabe, local leader of the lone Homemaking and Sewing clubs, reports that her club girls met at the lone school house on April 17 and 24 and are working on their dress projects. The dresses are now cut out and the girls plan to meet on May 8 to fit them.

The lone P-TA has planned its yearly program to include, each of the past two years, a program put on by the 4-H club members of the lone vicinity. This program will be held on May 19. Home economics, health, wood-working and beef club members will take part as well as the local leaders and county agent. A film on 4-H club work will be shown and the candle lighting ceremony will be performed.

The lone P-TA group should be highly complimented for arranging for such a program which gives our youth the opportunity to appear before groups as well as demonstrating to parents and children the value of 4-H club work and projects.

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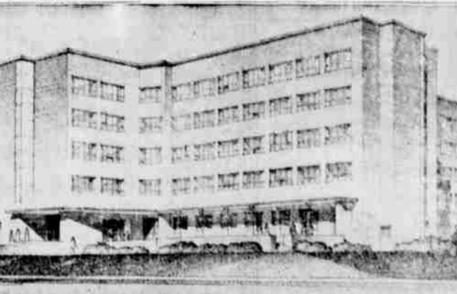
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