



TROPHY of the hunt is displayed by Mrs. Lillian Key of Heppner who shot a 5 point bull elk last Tuesday. The animal dressed out about 400 lb. (G-T Photo)

Mrs. Lillian Key Bags Big Bull

It is said that a hunter must be hardy and experienced to bag an elk, and even then, less than 20 percent of those going out come back with a kill.

But last Tuesday, Mrs. Lillian Key joined the ranks of the mighty hunters when she brought down a big bull elk below Moon Meadows somewhere above the North Fork of the John Day.

The 6 point elk weighed more than 400 pounds dressed. The horse that carried out the hind-quarters staggered under the weight.

Mrs. Key, daughter of City Police Officer Floyd Hutchens, was on the hunt with her father, and Everett Struckmeyer and Gail Walker, the latter of Albany, were also in the party.

Among them, they brought back three elk.

Mrs. Key said that she hit her elk with three of the shots fired, scoring principally in the shoulder and back. She admitted that she shot several times more.

"I was so excited, I don't know how many times I shot," she said.

Attack is Fatal To John H. Ray

Services for John H. Ray, 43, Madras, will be held at the Christian church in Madras Friday at 10:00 a. m., the Rev. Jack Naff officiating.

Ray died Nov. 20 of a heart attack.

He lived for some time in Ione and graduated from high school there. Graveside services will be at the IOOF cemetery in Ione at 4:00 p. m. Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray, Ione, aunt and uncle of Mr. Ray, will attend the services in Madras.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

LOST—dog between Spray and Heppner on Tuesday. Answers to name of Joe, medium sized, 30 to 35 lbs., dark brown with black markings on back, white ruff around neck, spaniel face, bob tail. Contact Kenneth Reade, Spray, Phone Melrose 7-2680, or if no answer, Melrose 7-2685. 38-c

Ione to Battle Sisters Saturday In State Finals

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final game with no injuries. Coach Glenn Biehl had great words of praise for his entire lineup, especially citing Rolie Ekstrom, Davidson, Les Madden and Padberg.

Five seniors will play their last game at Sisters, including Davidson, Ken Nelson, halfback, Quarterback Hams, Guard Tom Pointer and Palmer.

Coach Biehl expects to take the team to Sisters via The Dalles Friday and plans to stay in Redmond Friday night.

In gaining the district two championship, Sisters rolled up 449 points in seven games while holding opponents to 50. They were state 6-man champions in 1957 and 1959.

One comparative score finds that Sisters downed Culver this year, 80-25, while Ione defeated the same team in the first game of the season, 35-21. However, the Cardinals have been cast in the underdog role before this year and seem to perform best when rated second, although their staunch fans would not consider them underdogs in the finals.

End Bob Hewitt of the Sisters club ran up 94 points in district 2 play and Ralph Shaw scored 54 points. However, their A. J. Demaris scored 113 this season and Gerry Tewalt topped that with 115. The team defeated Eddyville Saturday to reach the state finals.

Coach Biehl believes his team to be in the peak of condition and ready for the all-important clash.

As in other contests, Ione residents will follow their team almost en masse although it will be the third long road trip for them in as many weeks. Again businesses in the Cards' hometown show their support and pride for the team with a full page message in this paper.

Heppner, an 8 lb., 13 oz. son, Larry Alan, born Nov. 18.

HOSPITAL NEWS
Vivian Elder, Heppner; Dan Snyder, Condon, dismissed; Elsie Kennedy, Lexington; Myles Intyre, Heppner; Neva Madison, Heppner; Barbara and Ronald Sherman, Heppner.
To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer,

Columbia Basin Notes Growth

A year of steady growth, together with a number of accomplishments that are reflected in better service, was reported at the 11th annual meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op at the county fair pavilion, Heppner, Saturday.

A crowd of some 150, including members, families and guests attended the meeting which opened with registration and showing of a motion picture, "Great Land," depicting the development of Alaska, in the morning.

A delicious turkey dinner was served by Ladies of the Rhea Creek Grange at noon and the talented Leonnig family played several numbers for lunch time entertainment.

President Walter J. Jaeger was in charge of the business session in the afternoon. In his report to the members he told of the co-op's success in getting the certificates to serve a large part of the Boardman industrial area, the first such exclusive certificate to be granted by the Public Utility Commission under a new Oregon law. He told of the new Bonneville Power Administration line on 115,000-volt transmission line from DeMoss through Condon to Fossil.

As a result of a 5-hour power outage recently, the co-op made an agreement with Bonneville Power to have access to switches at sub-stations. Part of the delay on the outage was due to the fact that the co-op crews had to wait until Bonneville men arrived from some distance away to gain access to the power equipment, he said.

The president also said that plans for a retirement program for employees are also being set up to bring about better relationship with the workmen.

Harold Cantrell, new manager of the Walla Walla area, Bonneville Power, said that accomplishments being made in this area in rural electrification are the result of joint efforts of Columbia Basin and BPA.

Inception of the co-op here was in 1940 he said, but the system was first energized in October, 1949. Since 1950 the number of customers have doubled—from 400 to 800—but the amount of power used has multiplied four times. At the same time, cost has been reduced by half—from 3c to 1½c per kilowatt hour.

Columbia Basin has the second highest consumer use of any co-op served by Bonneville, Cantrell said.

"Your most important job is to provide service," the speaker said. "The most important job for Bonneville is to promote long range planning for sound electrical systems."

He pointed out the need to plan for large new industries which will increase markets for farm products. Cantrell also discussed Bonneville's problem in selling surplus power which comes when high water provides more generation. This is in contrast with "firm power" which is sold on the basis of minimum flow of the river. Because of inability to sell this surplus manpower, Bonneville's surplus funds have diminished rapidly. However, no increase in rate is contemplated, he said.

California represents a possible market for surplus power. There it would be used to supplement steam generation, he said. The electricity would be used as a power generation source.

"Once it goes there, the power may be lost to us for all time," Cantrell said. Legislation is hoped for that would give the northwest priority on the power surplus as it needs it, even though some is marketed to California.

Secretary-Treasurer Jack Hynd Jr., reported for the auditors. Total operating revenue for the year was \$211,278, and total net margin was \$9,666. Contributions for debt service (amortization) totaled \$23,711. Total assets of the cooperative are \$2,162,091, and total liabilities are an equal amount, including members and patrons equities of \$35,423 and contributions in aid of debt service of \$249,338.

Hynd said that auditors reported that records were maintained in a reasonably effective system of control and that the balance sheet and financial statement represent a fair and accurate picture of the co-op's status.

Manager Harley Young discussed the growth of Columbia Basin Co-op and pointed out that few new members can be added because there are few additional potential customers. Increases are due rather to added use of electricity by present customers.

Development of the Boardman area may be one of the most significant factors of the co-op, but "it still is anyone's guess when it will be developed."

The Condon radar base helped make the 115,000-volt transmission line to Fossil feasible, the manager said. At present it is operated at 69,000 volts but will be stepped up to the higher voltage when lead increases sufficiently.

Manager Young told of the REA approval of a loan of \$272,000 earlier this year to the co-op to improve service to existing customers and to provide some additional new lines.

In reference to Bonneville Power's marketing of surplus power, Young said that loss of the Hanford reactors hurt the situation because heat that was generated there could have been used for steam generation to stabilize the power supply. He felt that Bonneville's difficulty in marketing surplus power could lead to increased rates eventually.

Pointing to the success of electrical cooperatives, Young declared that across the nation they are paying back the government at the rate of \$8,600,000 per month. Since the start of the program, they have paid back \$1 billion of the approximately \$4 billion borrowed, he declared. Columbia Basin has paid back \$610,000 of its indebtedness, and a considerable part of this is in advance payments, ahead of schedule.

Two directors were re-elected and one new director was chosen by vote of the membership from a field of six candidates nominated. Re-elected were Jack Hynd, Jr. and John R. Krebs, both of Cecil, and the new director is Elmer Palmer, Heppner. Other candidates were Wayne Anderson, who retires from the board, Jack Reser and Ronald Anderson. The directors re-elected the same officers as this year—Jaeger, president; Krebs, vice president; and Hynd, secretary-treasurer.

Holdover directors include Jaeger, Condon, Kenneth J. Smouse, Ione, Henry Baker, Ione, Walter Wright, Hardman, Virgil West, Black, and Dick Wilkinson, Heppner. All directors were present at the meeting except Baker who is hospitalized in Portland. He is reported to be showing good improvement.

Rev. Austin McGhee, pastor of the Methodist church, Heppner, gave the invocation at the meeting. Some 30 door prizes, given by electrical distributors, manufacturers and industries, were distributed among those present.

On the cooperative's nominating committee were Oscar E. Peterson, Heppner, Vernon Munkers, Lexington, Lester Brooks, Olex, Floyd Jones, Heppner, and Charles W. Quinn, Mayville



DRAMA CLASS play, "The Death and Life of Larry Benson," brought appreciative response from Audiences Friday and Saturday. Members of the cast are (seated on davenport) Carol Tholberg, Linda Van Winkle, Linda Valentine, Nat Webb. Kneeling at right are Carol's Burkenbine and Christine Spencer. At left is Beverly Davidson and standing at rear are Don Clark, Bill Cox, Mary Shannon, Mrs. Janet Groves, director, and John Stratton. (G-T Photo)

School Play Brings Laughs, Tears

High praise of the cast of the Heppner High school drama class play, "The Death and Life of Larry Benson," was given by the audience who attended the production Friday and Saturday in the elementary school multipurpose room.

Dealing with the return of a soldier who represented himself as the long missing Larry Benson, the production had emotional peaks that evoked hilarious laughter on the one hand and brought tears to the eyes on the other.

Many who saw the play were impressed with the skill that the high school players handled the plot, which was rather difficult in places, to convey the mixed feelings of the Benson family when they learned that their son was actually dead and that the returned soldier was a friendly imposter.

Among those who provoked laughter from the audience were Mrs. Fitch, a crotchety neighbor lady, played by Beverly Davidson; Mrs. Potter, another overly helpful neighbor, by Mary Shannon, and her husband, Walter Potter, by Bill Cox; and the ever-present Nettie Clark, portrayed capably by Linda Van Winkle.

On the serious side, Freda Benson, mother of the missing boy, was played by Linda Valentine, who was convincing in the big part that she mastered very well. "The boy," ostensibly Larry Benson, was done by John Stratton who conveyed his confused state well. His "father," Sam Benson as portrayed by

Nat Webb, was impatient and irritable, and succeeded in "reaching" the audience with this characterization.

Carol Tholberg as Jessie Benson, sister of the missing soldier, had an important part in the play and was never out of character as Grace Wilkey conveyed the misery she felt as the former girl friend of Larry Benson who now found herself engaged to another, as Benson was scheduled to return home.

Lesser roles, but played excellently and contributing to the success of the presentation, were those by Judie Hamilton and Christine Spencer, alternating as Mary Ellen, a teen-ager; Carole Burkenbine as Susan, another teen-ager; Don Clark as Melvin Clark, son of the busy-body, Nettie Clark; little Terry Hughes as Bud Merkel; Gary Van Bokland as Bud Merkel; and Mike Smith, Laura Lee Sumner and John Cleveland who performed as extras in Mr. Foss' band.

Director of the play was Mrs. Janet Groves, speech and drama teacher at the high school. She was presented with a corsage and gifts by the cast for her fine work.

A good-sized crowd was on hand Saturday night after a rather sparse opening Friday night. Those who missed the play missed a good night's entertainment.

Property Taxes 84 Per Cent Paid

Morrow County taxpayers paid 84 per cent of the year's taxes in time to gain the deductions available by November 15, Elvira Irby, deputy tax collector, reports.

Collections to the 15th ran about the same as last year, Mrs. Irby said, but less than the normal for the past several years which has averaged slightly over 90 per cent.

The five highest taxpayers as released by Mrs. Irby were Kinzua Corp., \$71,311.60; Union Pacific railroad, \$62,196.37; Morrow County Grain Growers, \$25,004.10; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, \$18,320.71; Pacific Power and Light, \$14,716.79.

Delinquent taxes are no problem at the courthouse now. Mrs. Irby said there are always some but that they are "in good shape," according to the auditors.

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