

Pacific Power, Columbia Basin Agree on Exchange

Meet Set to Define Advisory Board Role

An attempt to more clearly define the duties and responsibilities of advisory school boards in Morrow county will be made at a meeting with the directors of the Morrow county district R-1 at a meeting scheduled for Monday night, December 2, in the lone school at 7:30.

All advisory boards in the county and school administrators are asked to be at the meeting. It was called for at the regular school board meeting Monday night when Director Andy Van Schoelack said that such a session is needed so that advisory boards may know what is expected of them.

His sentiments were echoed by several board members in the audience, including Wm. Parker of Irrigon, Bob Rietmann of Ione and Homer Hughes, Heppner.

Names of Phillip Mahoney and Mrs. Paul Brown were submitted to the directors upon recommendation by Administrators Gordon Pratt and Hillard Brown to fill vacancies on the Heppner advisory board that occurred when Howard Cleveland and Van Schoelack were elected as directors.

Van Schoelack objected to this method of filling the vacancies and said that it should be done by action of the advisory board itself rather than by recommendation of administrators. He moved that Homer Hughes be appointed acting chairman of the advisory board and that a meeting of the remaining members be called to recommend names to the district board for appointment. The motion was carried.

Parker, in supporting Van Schoelack's proposal on the meeting with advisory committees, said that the Irrigon committee formerly met regularly but decided it was "wasting its time." Rietmann said that there has been a "hit and miss" policy about the role of the advisory groups. He said all advisory committees in the county should have the same authority.

P. E. Expenses Eyed

Amount of funds spent in the district for physical education supplies came under scrutiny when Director Irvin Rauch pointed out that the amount spent for P. E. supplies so far this year is listed in the district's financial report at \$2,209, already exceeding the \$900 budgeted by \$1,309. Pursual of the point revealed that one bill was paid for \$1187 for such supplies in September and \$965 for another in October. Chairman Milton Morgan asked Mrs. Beverly Gunderson, clerk, to look up the itemized bills at a later time so that they may be reviewed by the board. Highest sum budgeted in the 1963-64 budget for physical education supplies for any school was \$400 for Heppner.

Pay Day Changed

Monthly pay day in the district was changed by the board from the last Friday in each month to the last school day in each month. The change was made because bank interest is figured on the balance at the end of the month, and the move is expected to bring in more interest money.

A new pay scale for activity bus drivers was adopted, fixing the wage at \$1.75 per hour from departure time to return time with \$10 additional allowed for expenses on overnight trips.

Insurance List Reviewed

Upon recommendation of Turner, Van Meter and Bryant Agency, the board passed a motion that a list of participating agents handling district fire insurance be limited to those still active in business and residing in Morrow county. It was pointed out that several now listed are no longer in business here and three are listed who are located in Umatilla county.

Report from Attorney Robert Abrams was read, pointing out that a deed from original donors of Pine City school property limits use of property to school purposes only. In case it is sold or used for other purposes, heirs of the donor have the right to purchase it for a sum of \$50. This revelation temporarily stymied the board's plan to sell the property. It is now rented for \$25 per month, but a recent bill was paid to a plumber for \$300 and the board has considered it a liability. Matter of disposing of the property was tabled until a later meeting.

George Property Discussed

Some consideration was also given to the matter of selling the "George property," now owned by the district in Heppner. A standardization report from the state indicated that since the high school has moved to the new building and both the old high school and grade school serve elementary purposes, the George property could be disposed of without affecting standardization.

Rambler Bid Accepted

Bid of Farley Motor Co. on an 8-cylinder Rambler sedan was accepted for a new district

auto to replace the old car of the administrator and the red station wagon. These two cars and an older vehicle were accepted as trade-ins and the balance of the bid price on the Rambler, with power brakes, power steering and other features, was \$1084.85. Farley also entered a bid on a Pontiac Tempest and Fullerton Chevrolet entered bids on two Chevrolet models. The Rambler bid was low of the four.

Morrow County Grain Growers To Meet Monday

Robert Tanke of Spokane, president of North Pacific Grain Growers, will be featured speaker at the annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers Monday night, November 18, at Lamb, manager, announces.

During his presentation, Tanke will show colored slides on his travels to India.

Some 300 persons are expected at the meeting, which will begin with dinner in the fairgrounds pavilion, Heppner, at 6 p.m. Women of the Rhea Creek grange will prepare and serve the dinner. The grand champion 4-H steer from the county fair will provide the choice main course.

In the business session three directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Nominees are: Walter Jacobs, Ione; Elmer Palmer, Heppner; E. H. Miller, Jr., Lexington.

Seven associate directors will be elected for one-year terms. Nominees are Larry Lindsay, Gene Majeske, Al Fetsch, and Stanley Kemp, all of Lexington; Charles Doherty and Raymond Lundell, both of Ione; Robert Jones, Heppner; Archie Bechtold, Hardman; and Leo Ashbeck, Butter Creek.

President Paul Jones and Manager Al Lamb will give their annual reports, and there will be some open discussion on policies of the association.

Ten door prizes, consisting of one whole steer divided into six prizes and other gifts, will be given.

Group Proposes 5-Member Board

A request to enlarge the Morrow county Fair Board from three to five members was proposed at a session of the county court last Wednesday. Asking for the action were Don Robinson, Wilbur Van Blokland, both of Heppner, and Kurt Gantenbein, Boardman, all representing the fair committee. They asked that a woman be one of the members.

It would be the intention to give the north end of the county representation on the board, and the inclusion of a woman would be designed to give better consideration for home economics for the fair.

The request was taken under advisement until those associated with the fair and rodeo could be consulted. On the present fair board are Al Fetsch, Bernard Doherty and Orville Cutsforth.

Gantenbein and Art Allen, also of Boardman, asked that \$5500 of the money received for North Morrow fair buildings be placed in a separate account for use on a new 4-H building in the north end of the county. The money has been budgeted by the county for this purpose.

District Attorney Herman Winter advised placing the sum in a savings account, deposited in trust at a bank. The money would be turned over to the North Morrow 4-H club council when it is ready to replace the Linn-Gillespie Memorial 4-H building in the new townsite.

State Engineer Okays Application

Application for assistance in planning and carrying out works of improvement under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 566) for the Rhea Creek watershed has been approved by the Oregon State Engineer, T. P. Helseth, state conservationist, who has advised the Heppner Soil Conservation district.

"We are now transmitting this watershed application to the administrator of the Soil Conservation Service for his consideration," Helseth said.

After gaining the administrator's approval the application is returned and the state places a priority on it with studies to follow.

Interest in developing a Rhea Creek project has been evident for some time. Several meetings have been held to consider possibilities and proposed sites for dams have been discussed.

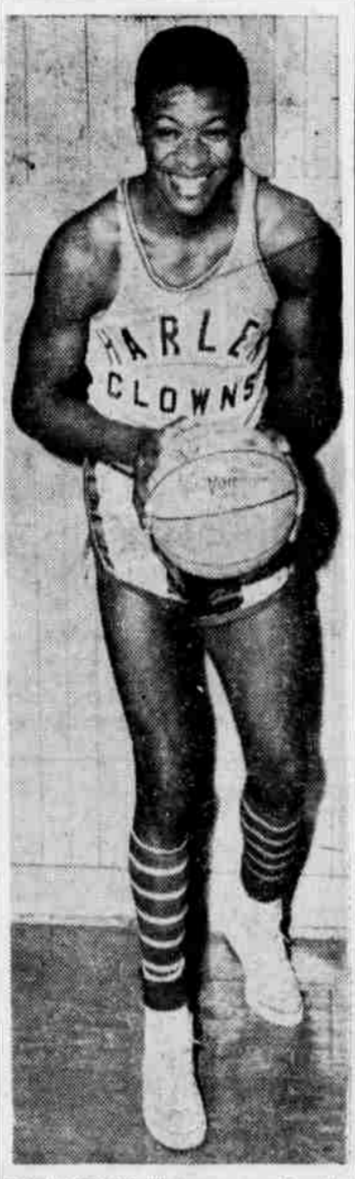
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JOE BANKS, Veteran comic star of the Harlem Clowns, will lead the famed fun-makers into town for an evening of basketball wizardry and laughs. The Court Comics will be here Monday, November 18, when they play the Morrow All-Stars at the old high school gym. Game time will be 9:00 p.m.

Dick Richards to Speak To Wheat Growers

Dick Richards, manager, North Pacific Grain Growers will be the featured speaker at the luncheon during the annual fall meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers association, to be held in Willows Grange hall, Ione, Tuesday, November 19. This meeting will be a work session, N. C. Anderson, county extension agent and secretary of the association, states. It will start at 9 a.m.

Seven standing committees will meet during the day, drafting recommendations which will be of county significance as well as resolutions requiring state

and national attention. These will be passed on to the Oregon Wheat Growers League for action at their annual meeting in Portland December 5, 6 and 7.

Morrow county ranchers have often asked who sets export subsidies, how often and the reasons for the various price fluctuations in these subsidies. These are only part of the explorations of world market prices that will be considered by Richards at the luncheon. He will outline the steps that a producer's wheat goes through from the time he sells it at approximately \$2.00 per bushel on the farm until it reaches the destination at the export market. With the recent Russian sales and increased world market, wheat growers will want to hear how these wheat export sales are made.

Standing committees are federal agricultural programs, production and land use, marketing and transportation, taxation and legislation, public relations, youth activities and domestic wheat utilization. Some of the items on the agenda of these committees are: Do farmers need an accelerated public relations program? If so, what do you suggest? Should the league continue to support the junior livestock show as in the past? What are your suggestions for maintaining present levels of research in view of tax reductions as a result of the October 15 election? Do you favor a sales tax? If so, what items should be exempt? What are your ideas for a new wheat program? Should the League ask for a price discount on But wheat, because of its undesirable qualities? Do you agree with ICC that freight rates should go back to the 1958 level?

These are but a few of the issues that will be discussed. Husbands and wives are invited to attend and take part in the day's program, Anderson says.

Peterson said that each business will be furnished with a mimeographed sheet on plans for the opening within a day or two. Each is asked to select a prize for the window contest with value in the neighborhood of \$10 suggested.

Further announcement will be made in the next two issues of the Gazette-Times. Christmas Opening, as in the past two years, will be on the week-end after Thanksgiving. The Gazette-Times will be printed on Wednesday of that week so that it will go in the mail ahead of the holiday.

County Judge Oscar Peterson and Commissioners Gene Ferguson and Milton Biegel are scheduled to attend the annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties in Portland next week. The meetings will begin Wednesday after registration Tuesday night and will continue through Friday.

Among topics to be considered will be water pollution, current legal problems, budget procedures, county parks, and county road classification and priority systems.

Bernard F. Hillenbrand, executive director of the National Association of Counties, will be keynote speaker. Frank Leahy, former Notre Dame head football coach, will be banquet speaker Thursday night.

Resolutions to be considered at a business meeting Friday include a proposal to increase the state gasoline tax one cent and another to provide for payment to counties of a share of federal fees charged for grazing privileges on federal lands under the Bureau of Land Management.

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Deadline Friday On Tax Payments

Friday, November 15, is the deadline for payment of 1963-64 property taxes in order to take advantage of rebates offered, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman states.

Those who pay their property tax bills in full by November 15 will receive 3% rebates. Those who pay half will receive 1% rebates. Taxpayers may also elect to pay quarterly, but no rebate is offered under this method.

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Marcia Rands Talks Today in Finals Of Speech Contest

Marcia Rands, Heppner High school senior, won the semi-finals of the Soil Conservation speech contest at Hermiston last Thursday night, and is competing today at the state meeting of the soil conservation districts in the state speech finals.

This is the third straight year that a Heppner student has gone all the way to the state, which requires winning a local, area and semifinal contest first. Beverly Davidson placed third in the state in 1961, and Martha Doherty won first last year.

The competition among semi-finalists was scheduled at 1 p.m. today on the topic of "Woodland Management in a Soil Conservation District." Marcia was judged best of six local contests here two weeks ago, won the area at Hermiston and then won the semi-finals, also at Hermiston. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Groves. Her mother and sister, Anita Groves, accompanied her.

Ralph Richards, soil conservationist, is also attending the meeting.

Radio KUBE Aids Post in Staging Hop November 22

With the cooperation of Radio Station KUBE, Explorer Scout post No. 600 of Heppner will sponsor a "Record Hop" in the American Legion hall Friday, November 22, starting at 8 p.m. A disc jockey of the station will be on hand to be master of ceremonies at the event and spin latest dance records, according to Paul Warren, leader of the post.

Purpose of the "Record Hop" is to stimulate more interest in the rejuvenated Scout movement here, and to raise funds for the post treasury. Anyone over 14 is invited. There will be no ticket sales for the event but admission will be by donation.

All persons interested in the Scouting movement are urged to support the event. The post assures a good time for all.

Co-op Bills Hill For Annual Meet

Jonel Hill, Public Utility Commissioner for the State of Oregon, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Friday, November 22, at the Morrow county fair pavilion, Heppner.

Registration for the meeting will start at 10:30 a.m., Harley Young, manager, states. Luncheon will be served at noon by women of the Rhea Creek grange, and the regular meeting will be at 1 p.m.

A \$100 gift certificate which may be applied towards the purchase of any appliance of the winner's choice will be grand door prize, and small electrical appliances will be given as additional door prizes.

Committee to Request Study on Irrigation

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation will be asked to make a detailed study of irrigation possibilities from the proposed Willow Creek dam project, it was decided at a recent meeting at the Morrow county courthouse.

A steering committee, composed of ranchers who irrigate along the creek, will ask for the comprehensive survey. On the committee, which was appointed by the county court, are Earl Evans, Kenneth Palmer, Lewis Halvorsen, Herb Hynd and Dick Wilkinson.

It is planned to form a corporation to implement the study. This will provide a legal entity which can do business with the government in requesting the survey, and, if irrigation is deemed feasible later, in signing a contract for water to be held in the dam for the purpose.

Bureau of Reclamation representatives, E. Carl Hulsh and Lee Robinson, both of Spokane, explained there is nothing binding on the corporation or any

Co-op to Buy Existing City Systems

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Inc., and Pacific Power and Light Company announced Wednesday an agreement for sale and exchange of electric facilities and service areas to consolidate their respective systems in Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties.

In a joint statement released by Walter Jaeger, Condon, president of the co-op, and D. R. McClung, president of PP&L, it was explained the consolidations would result in each system operating in contiguous portions of the three counties and would avoid duplication of facilities and intermingling of service areas.

Subject to approvals by the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner, the Federal Power Commission and the Rural Electric Administration, the transfers would become effective January 1.

Terms of the agreement provide for the co-op to pay a net amount of \$1,492,000 to Pacific Power for the company's distribution properties in Olex and Condon in Gilliam county, Fossil in Wheeler county and Ione, Lexington and Heppner in Morrow county and their neighboring rural areas.

Pacific Power would acquire two sectors of the co-op's present service area bordering the Columbia River in Gilliam and Morrow counties, including the major portion of the Boardman bombing range and the adjacent Space Age Industrial Park.

As a result of the transfers, Pacific would serve a consolidated area along the Columbia, reaching from a point nearly six miles west of Blalock eastward 40 miles to the eastern edge of the Boardman range and varying from six to 14 miles in depth. PP&L would continue serving Arlington, which is near the center of the consolidated area.

The co-op would acquire some 2,000 customers now served by PP&L, who would continue to be served at their present rates, according to the co-op. The power company would serve a group of the co-ops customers in and near Blalock.

The joint announcement said both utilities have agreed to continue to deliver energy for one another's systems to make the most beneficial utilization of their facilities.

A 69,000-volt transmission line owned by the co-op, reaching from Klondike in Sherman county to a substation near Blalock, would be transferred to Pacific Power and become a part of that company's transmission network.

If the sale and transfers are consummated after approval by the agencies involved, Fred Gimbel, who has served as line-man-agent for Pacific Power here for about 7 1/2 years, said that he plans to remain with Pacific Power, and with his family will move to a position with the company elsewhere.

Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin, said that the Pacific Power employees would be absorbed into the co-op organization should they elect to stay in the community.

Gimbel said that he expects to remain for a "reasonable length of time" to help acquaint Columbia Basin men with the Pacific Power systems in Heppner, Ione and Lexington.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gimbel have been very active in the community. Gimbel is a past president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Morrow County Rodeo Area, the Elks Lodge, the Masons, and served as chairman of the trustees of the Methodist church. Mrs. Gimbel is an officer in the PTA, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and is organist for the Methodist church.

To explain the proposal, representatives of the two firms met in informal sessions this week with city councils of Heppner, Condon, Lexington, Fossil and Ione and with county judges and Chamber of Commerce officials. In the group were Gimbel, Young, Homer Beale, Oregon division manager of Pacific Power, and Jack Hynd of the Columbia Basin board of directors.

Four-H Judging Day To Be November 16

Four-H livestock members will be "learning by doing" when they attend the first 4-H livestock judging day of the 1963-64 4-H year on Saturday, November 16, reports Joe Hay, County Extension Agent. The judging day will be held at the Weldon Witherrite farm, 1/2 mile north of Pine City, starting at 1:30.

Learning by doing is one of the basic teaching methods of 4-H club work, Hay noted. Four-H livestock members attending the judging day will be judging several classes of livestock, learning how to give oral and written reasons for their placings.

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