

Power Exchange Hearings Arouse Some Objections

Hearings held by the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner at Condon and Heppner this week on the proposed exchange of electric utilities between Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and Pacific Power and Light Company brought out six who protested the change, all appearing at the Condon hearing.

Under the plan, electrical systems at PP&L in Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Condon and Fossil would be purchased by Columbia Basin and the private utility would be given exclusive territory in the Boardman industrial park.

At the Heppner hearing Wednesday, only P. W. Mahoney, attorney, filed for an appearance "as an interested party," other than the three who testified for Pacific Power and the five who appeared on behalf of Columbia Basin Electric.

Mahoney asked questions in cross-examination of Columbia Basin witnesses relative to taxes which the cooperative has agreed to pay the counties involved to make up the difference between those paid as ad valorem taxes by Pacific Power and the lesser sum paid as 2% of gross revenue by the cooperative. The additional, based on the 1963-64 tax year, would be approximately \$13,500, spread over the three counties, of which Morrow would receive more than \$5000.

Mahoney asked Harley Young, Columbia Basin manager, if there is a legal requirement that that cooperative pay the tax difference. The reply was, "No."

The attorney asked President Walter Jaeger of the cooperative if the board's action to contribute the difference in taxes to the counties could not be rescinded at any time by board action within the two years that they have agreed to pay the differential. Jaeger replied that the board could rescind the action.

The question was also asked whether the board would vote to continue to make up the difference after the two-year period. Jaeger went on record for himself, stating that he would vote to continue the plan, but said that present directors felt that they did not want to bind future boards to the policy and therefore, set the two-year period.

The Heppner hearing, which started at 10 a.m. Wednesday, lasted 2 1/2 hours, much shorter than the 7-hour session in Condon Tuesday. At the Condon hearing, those who appeared as protestants were M. Snell Weatherford, Olex farmer; Bruce Mercer, mayor of Condon; Leslie J. Marks, Wheeler county extension agent and vice president of the Fossil Community club; William Steiwer, Fossil farmer; and Roy Urie, Condon jeweler and electric repairman. Most of their objections centered on tax questions.

Those who appeared for the two concerns involved brought out the same testimony at each hearing. In several cases, some of the testimony which had been entered as a matter of record at Condon was not repeated at the Heppner hearing but written copies of the testimony was made available to any who wished to review it.

Testimony brought out before Robert Welch and Louis Greenberg, Public Utility Commission examiners, was to the effect that electric rates will remain the same and present tax rates will prevail for at least the two year period if the proposed exchange is effected.

President Jaeger of Columbia Basin said, "PP&L customers served by the cooperative will continue paying the same rates they paid to PP&L, and the co-op customers will continue paying the same rates they do now."

It was brought out that the cooperative will pay the additional taxes to the counties as a "tax displacement donation."

Testifying on behalf of Pacific Power at the hearings were Albert Bauer, vice president and general manager; Corbett McLean, supervisor of electrical engineering; and Bruce Pearson, assistant treasurer. Legal counsel for PP&L was Robert F. Harrington.

Representing Columbia Basin Electric were President Jaeger; Robert Welty, consulting engineer; Thomas B. Hayes of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, engineers; Manager Harley Young and Secretary Jack Hynd. Raymond M. Kell of Portland acted as legal counsel for the cooperative.

Donald Howe appeared as attorney for the Public Utility Commission.

Bauer said that the exchange will mean that 2000 customers of PP&L will be transferred to Columbia Basin, and 60 of the

cooperative's customers will be served by the private utility.

He said that there are no liens on the PP&L system and said that no employees would be discharged as a result of the exchange. The Federal Power Commission has approved the exchange as being in the public interest. Bauer said that he felt the step would be "towards maximum utility of the electrical facilities involved."

In summarizing testimony given in Condon Tuesday, Attorney Kell pointed out the present PP&L customers would become members of the cooperative with the payment of their first bills after the exchange. The cooperative has also agreed to add one representative to the board of directors from each of the cities over 500 population to be served, he said. This would include Fos-

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Roy Tabor Dies From Leukemia In Midwest City

Roy Tabor, 43, former resident of Heppner, lost his battle with leukemia and died Monday, January 20, in Spring Valley, Minn. He had taken treatment at a clinic near there.

Tabor left Heppner last year after serving as engineering aide (field engineer) for the Heppner Soil Conservation district for seven years. After leaving here last July, he returned to Hermiton, where he had first worked with the soil conservation district from June 20, 1954, to March 25, 1956.

It was while he was at Hermiton late last year that he became ill and went east for treatment. Friends realized at the end of the year that his condition was grave.

Funeral services were today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Jorris Funeral Home, Spring Valley. His wife, Becky, and family, Brenda, Roy Jr., Karen and Allen were with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Tabor was born September 11, 1920, and had 22 years of service with soil conservation districts. He was reared on a stock-grain ranch near Billings, Mont., and was educated in Montana schools. First work with the conservation service was in North Dakota. He took advanced engineering courses given at San Luis Obispo, Calif., for conservation technicians.

While in Heppner, Mr. Tabor acted as Santa Claus at Christmas events and filled the role well, giving considerable joy to local children. He leaves many friends here.

Mrs. Tabor, whose home was in North Dakota in her youth, may choose to remain there now.

Flood Survivor Dies in Portland

Harry E. Warren, 95, a survivor of the Heppner flood of 1903, died early Saturday, January 18, in Emanuel hospital, Portland. He had been ill for only a short time.

Mr. Warren had lived with his son, Harry C. Warren, in Lake Grove and with a sister in Long Beach, Calif., alternately for the past 10 years.

An Oregon pioneer, he was born near Jefferson December 22, 1868, and soon afterward moved with his family to Heppner where he became owner of a drug store. His father, William Warren, at one time operated a livery stable here and was the Heppner mortician.

His mother, the former Mary Terhune, came to Oregon in a covered wagon as a small girl.

Missionary Billed For Youth Meeting

Dr. Clifford Weare of Burns, formerly a medical missionary to the Congo, will be principal speaker at a community-wide Youth Week program in the Methodist church here on Sunday, February 2, at 7 p.m.

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ARLETA McCABE



DALE VAN BLOKLAND

Two Are Chosen To Attend State 4-H Convention

Arleta McCabe, 17, Ione, and Dale Van Blokland, 16, Heppner, were chosen as Morrow county's delegates to the Oregon 4-H Conference (Know Your State Government) in Salem on February 16-18 by the 4-H Awards Committee when they met on January 14.

Each county is allowed to send one outstanding boy and girl to visit the state capitol each year to see the government in action and provide incentive for young people to become more interested and active in their state and local governments. Their visit is sponsored by Sears Roebuck Foundation and the 4-H Club Foundation, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

Delegates must be over 16 years of age, at least a junior in high school and completed at least three years of club work. There were 21 eligible in the county and five submitted their applications for the conference.

Arleta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCabe, is in her ninth year of 4-H work. She has carried projects in foods and clothing. Last year she was Morrow county's delegate to the State Fair Style Revue according to Miss Kirmis.

Dale, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland, is in his eighth year of 4-H club work, has carried many types of livestock and has been in a health and electricity club. He placed reserve champion in The Dalles Livestock Show in 1963 with his beef, Miss Kirmis reports.

Both Arleta and Dale have been to 4-H Summer School and were camp counselors at the Morrow county 4-H camp, the agent says.

Mrs. Walter Wright, Bernard Doherty, Heppner; and Mrs. Max Jones, Irrigon, served on the 4-H Awards Committee.

Judge Attends Juvenile Meet

County Judge Oscar Peterson was in Portland two days last week attending a juvenile court work conference, sponsored by the Oregon Juvenile Court Judges association and the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges. The meeting was at the Hilton Hotel.

One of the principal speakers was Judge Joseph Felton of Salem, who is now president of the National council. Morning session Thursday was devoted to addresses on various phases of juvenile work, and the afternoon and Friday sessions were devoted to seminar meetings with participation by all present.

Sen. Musa Tells Ideas On Taxes at Meeting

Cut in education funds that followed the defeat of the state tax program last October will be felt in 1964-65 in local school districts, Senator Ben Musa of The Dalles, president of the state senate, told an audience of about 40 persons who assembled at the Lexington Grange hall Tuesday night at a Morrow County Farm Bureau meeting.

Sen. Musa was one of three speakers on the program, the other two being Lou Norris, Farm Bureau tax and legislative affairs director, and Harold Beach, Oregon Farm Bureau president.

Sen. Musa declared that "fancy frills" must be cut out of education.

"We must cut the pattern to fit the cloth, rather than to stretch the cloth," he said.

He discussed types of taxes that had been considered by the last regular session—the net receipts tax that would be on the gross incomes of about 80% of the people, but labor is against this tax; the sales tax, which found too many kinds suggested; and the cigarette tax.

None of these were passed by the legislature, but a tax bill was approved and then was referred by initiative petition. The bill had three good parts, Sen. Musa said: 1. It had a realistic capital gains tax. 2. It provided medical deductions for the aged. 3. It improved the position of single persons with dependents.

After it was voted down in October, it was apparent that there would not be enough money for the state's proposed budget. The alternative was simple, the senator suggested, "if you don't have the money, you

don't spend it."

Legislative leaders and the governor agreed that a special session would have to cut all parts of the budget equally to be fair to all.

Taxpayers must decide this question, the senator said, "Are we willing to tax ourselves and our neighbors to get some of the things we have been used to having, or will we cut our wants?"

In considering the sales tax question, the senator said that the Oregonian poll recently showed that 6 out of 10 answering favored a sales tax. This tax would have to raise about \$70 million annually and would probably be at least 3%. It would have to be applied in conjunction with income tax, he said.

He suggested that it is necessary to realize that the home owner and farmers are captives of the property tax and cannot

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Farm Committee Talks Reappraisal

Members of a north end farm committee, appointed through the county assessor's office to become oriented with plans and methods of the farm reappraisal program, now underway, met Wednesday morning at Boardman to discuss the program.

Meeting with the group were Assessor Rod Thomson; Bob Fielder, who is in charge of farm reappraisal in the county; and Bill Johnson, who is doing most of its reappraisal work in the northern part of the county.

Serving on the committee are Don Kenny, Batie Rand and E. F. McDole, all of Irrigon, and Arnold Hoffman, Henry Gantenbein and Bob Sicard, all of Boardman.

Also attending were Nels Anderson, county agent; Dave McDole of the ASCS office; and Clarence Nelson, Boardman farmer.

Assessor Thomson opened the meeting and Fielder and Johnson explained the methods of arriving at present day market values—based on recent sales in the area.

The group freely discussed the program, both pro and con. Fielder pointed out that values that are on the present tax roll are based on 1954 values.

Thomson pointed out that the reappraisal program is required by state law, which calls for such a program every six years.

The meeting lasted for about three hours. Another committee on wheat and range lands will meet in the near future to consider the farm reappraisal program.

President Lamb Announces '64 Chamber Committees

Committees of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce were appointed recently by Al Lamb, president for 1964.

They are as follows: Merchants—Ed Dick, chairman, Randall Peterson, Elma Harshman, Jim Myers, Ed Gonty, Bob Henry, Clint McQuarrie.

Development—Oliver Creswick, chairman, Oscar Peterson, Al Lamb, J. J. Farley, Harry O'Donnell, Gene Pierce, Herb Hynd, Elmer Schmidt, Kenneth Peck.

Awards Recognition—Dr. C. M. Wagner, chairman, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Dr. Archie McMurdo.

Rodeos, parades—Elmer Schmidt, chairman, Fred Gimbel, Orville Cutsforth, Bert Huff, Jim Farley, Terry Thompson, Randall Peterson.

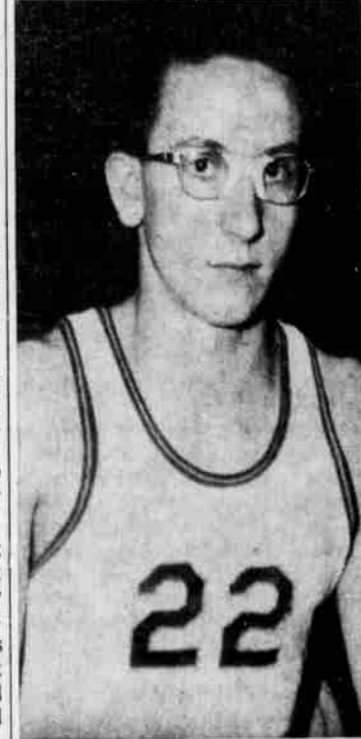
Banquet, picnic—Hillard Brown, chairman, Ralph Richards, Nels Anderson, Oscar Peterson.

Civil Defense—C. J. D. Bauman, chairman, Rod Murray, Oliver Creswick, Dr. L. D. Tibbles.

Youth Activities—Gordon Pratt, chairman, Nona Sowell, Rev. Ken Robinson, Bob Abrams.

Community Affairs—Bob Abrams, chairman, Orville Cutsforth, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Art Dyck.

Street Decorations—Harley Young, chairman, Fred Gimbel, Wildlife, Natural Resources, and Recreation—Orville Cutsforth, chairman, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Glen Ward, and U. S. Forest Service representative.



CARL BAUMAN, steady Mustang forward

Heppner to Play Pilot Rock Five There Friday Eve

Heppner's fifth ranked Mustang cagers hit the road for one game this week-end as they travel to Pilot Rock Friday to meet the Rockets in their final game of the first round of play in the Greater Oregon basketball loop.

The Rockets are currently in third place in the league with a record of 2 wins and 1 defeat and could give the Heppner club a run to the wire.

Pilot Rock is a tall and fast moving team which displays a well-balanced attack. Several of the Rockets are capable of hitting in double figures.

In their last outing, the Umatilla county club defeated Grant Union's Prospectors by a count of 82-52 to serve notice to others in the conference that they are a team with which to be reckoned.

The Friday game will be the first meeting between the two teams this season and it shapes up to be a real thriller.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs have shown in their last few games that they are a real offense-conscious club as they have hit the twine with abandon to keep their season's record at 11-1.

A recent addition to the Mustang squad is Ken Smith. Smith hasn't found the range yet, but it is felt that when he does it will just add to the Mustang point out.

Another player who has come on strong in the past games is Doug Dubuque, Mustang center, whose rebounding and point making talents have hit full stride. Dubuque was out of the lineup during the early part of the season due to an injury to his knee. Dubuque made the crowd sit up and take notice last week-end as he continually swept the boards clean and scored well.

In addition to the fifth place rating in the Journal poll, the Mustangs earned a sixth place nod from the Oregonian pollsters.

Many are just now looking in the direction of the state tourney for the Mustang cagers. The success thus far this season is reminiscent of the 53-55 basketball years at Heppner High when the Mustangs enjoyed the success of going to the state B tourney for three years in a row.

Demerits Slate February 5 Meet

Delegates from Morrow county to the state pre-primary Democratic convention in Corvallis will be chosen at a meeting of the Democratic party at the old library building in the city hall on Thursday, January 30, at 8 p.m., Al Lamb, central committee chairman, announces.

At the same time the group will discuss candidates for the forthcoming primary election.

The public is invited to the meeting.

Hoop Game Pits College Vs. MCGG

Basketball stars of present and past will strut their stuff for the benefit of the March of Dimes here in a game to be played Thursday night, January 30, at 7 p.m. in the new Heppner High school gymnasium.

The contest will pit the Blue Mountain Community college team against the Morrow County Grain Growers, an outfit composed of former college and high school basketball stars, Pete Glennie, drive chairman for the March of Dimes, states.

The game will be one of several events supporting the campaign. On Tuesday night, January 28, through arrangement with Glen Ward and Shorty Hudson a skating party will be held in the Morrow County Roller Rink with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes. The two men have donated use of the rink for that night and high school classes are in competition to see who can get the most out for the cause. Regular skating admission prices will prevail.

The 7 p.m. time is set for the Thursday night basketball game in order that those with lodge commitments and other conflicts may attend.

The Blue Mountain college team coached by Jerry Mosby has been compiling a good record this year and includes two former lone High school stars, Wayne Hams and Tom Pointer. Richard Watts, formerly of Riverside, is also on the team. Since the college is young, all members of the basketball team are sophomores or freshmen. Others on the team are Larry Hodgson, Tom Erickson, Ted Forsi and Chuck Blackley, all of Pendleton; Don Bloom, Jerry Voss and Kemble Tellefson, all of Hermiston; Lynn Smith, Weston; Kip Clark, Stanfield; and Jerry Huff, Echo.

Tallest man on the squad is Erickson at 6-4, followed by Tellefson at 6-3. Pointer and Blackley are 6-2.

The game will be a case of the oldsters versus the youngsters since most of the MCGG squad is composed of veterans of days gone by.

Ted Shaogewitz, 6-2, present Condon High coach and former

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Students Compete In Dimes March; Dance Scheduled

Competition is keen among the four classes at Heppner High these days as the students campaign to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Each class nominated candidates to run for King and Queen of a dance to be held at the close of the present competition. This dance will be held Friday night, January 31, after the Heppner-Wahtonka basketball game.

The class which raises the most money during the three-week campaign will have the pleasure of seeing its candidates crowned rulers of the dance.

Last year, the students at the high school raised \$700 for the March of Dimes and are out to top that amount this year, according to Pete Glennie, county March of Dimes chairman.

In order to promote their candidates by raising money, the members of the various classes resort to many means. Such projects as washing windows, washing cars and holding cake auctions at basketball games and other functions are undertaken by the students with fervent dedication.

This year a skating party is planned by one of the classes as a means to make money for this worthy cause.

Those candidates for this year's edition of king and queen in the present scramble are: Seniors, Doug Dubuque and Ginny Moore; Juniors, Doug Anderson and Vicky Barratt; sophomores, Mark Brown and Sandy McDonald; and freshmen, Tony Schiller and Verina French.

So if you go out into your yard and find your son or daughter auctioning off your auto, relax, it's all for a good cause.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

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