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R-1 Budget Unchanged After Hearing

Companies Complete Transfer

Pacific Power and Light Company and the Columbia Basin Electric Co-operative announced Wednesday they have completed the exchange of electric service facilities in parts of Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties under their plan to eliminate duplication of lines and intermingling of their systems.

The exchanges were made formally Tuesday at a meeting in Portland of representatives of the two utilities, and customers of each are being informed by letter and by newspaper advertisements of the conclusion of the plan.

The exchange plan was approved earlier by Oregon Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill.

Announcement confirming the transaction had been completed was made jointly by Walter Jaeger, Condon, president of the Co-op, and D. R. McClung, president of Pacific Power. Also representing the Co-op at the meeting were Harley Young, Heppner, Co-op manager, and other members of the Co-op board.

Former customers of Pacific Power will hereafter place all service requests at their local Co-op offices, according to the Co-op manager.

In the Heppner area such calls will go to the Columbia Basin office at 471 N. Main Street.

In the transaction, Pacific Power acquires a section of the Co-op's territory in the vicinity of Blalock, a strip in northern Gilliam and Morrow counties which encompass much of the Boardman bombing range, and an adjacent tract known as the Space Age Industrial Park.

Red Cross Drive At \$1038 Mark; May Reach Goal

A spurt in contributions in the fund drive of the Morrow County chapter, American Red Cross, has brought the total to \$1038, Mrs. Matt Hughes, campaign chairman, announced Tuesday. This is within \$162 of the \$1200 goal for the county.

It is hoped that enough more will be received from donors to boost the total to the needed amount and help give the financial backing necessary for the rejuvenated chapter.

Mrs. Hughes asked any solicitors who have not made reports to turn in funds collected to date.

Some solicitors reported fine responses. Mrs. Raymond Lundell turned in \$96 from her small area, and Mrs. Hughes commended the excellent response from contributors there.

Another \$74.32 came from the Boardman area to help out.

Papineau Barn leveled by Fire

A large horse barn, owned by Ray Papineau at Lexington, burned to the ground Tuesday afternoon. It was located just a block from the schoolhouse on the highway to Echo.

Origin of the fire is unknown. Firemen responded in an effort to save the structure but were unable to do so. Saddles, equipment, hay and grain were lost in the fire but no animals were burned.

Ed Gonty Improves After Major Surgery

Ed Gonty underwent major surgery Tuesday night at Pioneer Memorial hospital and seemed to be well on the road to recovery by Wednesday afternoon.

He was able to have some visitors but could not say how long it will be necessary for him to remain in the hospital. Mrs. Gonty and son Tom are continuing to operate their shoe and appliance store while Ed is absent from work for the first hospitalization of his life.



BILL SHERMAN
VALEDICTORIAN



JENNIFER BRINDLE
SALUTATORIAN

2 Win Senior Honors In Heppner '64 Class

Bill Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, will be valedictorian and Jennifer Brindle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brindle, will be salutatorian for the Heppner High school class of 1964, Gordon Pratt, principal, announces.

Sherman compiled a grade point average of 3.75 for his four years of high school while Miss Brindle achieved a 3.47 average.

Both the valedictorian and salutatorian have been very active in student affairs and in community and church interests.

Sherman is student body president at the high school for the year ending and served as president of the sophomore class and the junior class. He was student body sergeant-at-arms as a junior, is vice president of the Science club, and is president of the Inter-club council.

Bill Sherman Wins State FBLA Spelling Contest

Bill Sherman, Heppner High senior and one of five local students who attended the Future Business Leaders convention at Corvallis last summer and Saturday, won the state FBLA spelling contest at the banquet Friday night.

In winning the state contest, he qualified to enter the national spelling contest to be at the national FBLA convention in Washington, D. C., June 14-16, but the trip must be financed locally, except for a small portion from the state organization.

Competing at Corvallis in the contest were some 50 entrants from chapters across the state. Jean Stockard, Heppner high junior, also took part in the spelling event, conducted before some 300 persons at the banquet. Second place went to Sharon Snider, Woodburn, and third to Rose Marie Stom, Albany.

Bill received a certificate, a key and a revolving plaque which will be displayed at the high school here until a new winner is named next year.

Other students attending from here were Bruce Thomson and Kitty O'Hara, both juniors, and Joan Stockard, sophomore. Mrs. Everett (Bernice) Struckmeier, advisor and high school business teacher, took the students to the convention.

Joan Forrette of Stayton High school and Daniel Hornsby of Bend were named Oregon's outstanding high school business students at the convention.

Linda Wise of Bend was elected president of the state FBLA for the coming year, succeeding Terry Schandel of Oregon City. Ruth Sackett, Grants Pass, was elected vice president; Linda Brock, Hermiston, secretary; George Dyer, The Dalles, treasurer; and Judy Trent, Centennial High, Gresham, reporter.

Judy Miller of Grants Pass was chosen winner of the \$100 Walter Hyatt scholarship, given each year to an outstanding senior. Sharon Fountain of Bend was first in the public speaking contest, and Grants Pass chapter was first in parliamentary procedure.

At the Future Business Leaders convention at Corvallis on April 11 and 12 of this year he won first place in the FBLA state spelling contest and qualified for a trip to Washington, D. C., to enter the national contest at the FBLA convention there June 14-16.

The valedictorian has been a member of the Heppner High chapter of the National Honor Society for three years. He has been active in school plays, on the student council in Stayton high one year and here three years, in the school band as a freshman and sophomore, and in the dance band as a sophomore and senior. He won third place in the local Soil Conservation Speech contest during the current school year.

He played basketball for three years, starting at Stayton High from where he transferred to enter as sophomore here, and won his varsity letter here as a junior.

Bill was announced as winner of the local Elks' scholarship for boys.

In church work, he is president of the Heppner Methodist Youth Fellowship, is an officer in the MYF sub-district, and is representative from his church on the Christian Youth council.

With classmate Steve Peck, Sherman represented Heppner at the American Legion Boys' State in Corvallis last summer and also represented the school at the Oregon Leadership workshop at Eugene as a senior.

Bill expects to enter the University of Oregon at Eugene in the fall and is considering a

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Vote Slated In District On May 4

Questions on the budget of Morrow County School District R-1 for 1964-65 were discussed at the public hearings in the county courthouse Monday night, but it remained unchanged and will be presented for vote on May 4 as it was published in recent issues of the Gazette-Times.

It calls for total expenditures of \$971,738, and total budget resources are listed at \$253,256. With an estimated \$21,554 that will not be collected in taxes, \$740,036 is necessary to balance the budget. Of this amount, \$231,669 is inside the 6% limitation and \$508,367 is outside the limitation. Voters will cast ballots on the matter of whether to exceed the limitation by this sum when they go to the polls May 4.

Harvey Warner, Irrigon, vice chairman of the budget committee, presided at the hearing in the absence of Frank Anderson, chairman, who has been ill. Only eighteen were present in the audience, including some advisory board members and school administrators, a considerable contrast from the number attending a public hearing last year at a hearing on the 1963-64 budget.

Most of the questions on the budget were posed by L. E. Dick, a former school director, who was concerned primarily with teachers' salaries. He asked what changes had been made in the salary schedule and was advised that no changes had been made from the 1963-64 schedule.

Dick said that he had the impression from reading the budget that more teachers were in lower brackets than the previous year. He asked what provisions would be made for replacement of teachers next year if the district were not in a competitive position with other districts on salaries.

Fred Martin, also an ex-director, said that Pendleton's budget shows 23 teachers receiving higher salaries than Morrow county's top salary. He said that 60% of the salaries in Pendleton schools are above \$7200 as compared with only 20% of those in Morrow county above that figure.

Martin said that the new form of summary budget, with a breakdown of salary range, gives a good basis for comparison with other districts of the state and urged that the board study these

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RALPH BEAMER stands beside the huge trophy that his horse, "The Maestro," won as cutting champion of the Pacific Northwest at Yakima last year. "The Maestro," 6-year-old quarterhorse, will be in action at the 5th annual Wranglers spring meet Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds. The horse was also named as Horse of the Year and thereby won a saddle for its owner.

(G-T Photo)

Merchants Offer 'Spring Thing' For Bargain Buys

This is the week of the "Spring Thing" in Heppner, the monthly promotion at which merchants offer special values and outstanding bargain buys.

It follows the Spring Opening conducted in March and precedes a planned Spring Festival which has been postponed until early May, when it is hoped that weather will be warmer for the outside activities planned. Randall Peterson is chairman of the Spring Festival.

Advertisements of merchants with special offers are contained in this paper and a special page of "Spring Thing" values is on page four of this section. Parking meters will be hooded Saturday and all shoppers may park free throughout the day.

Copies of this issue are being sent to boxholders in the Spray, Monument and Kinzua areas in order that these neighbors to the south may profit by the bargains, too.

Other special promotions are planned throughout the year by the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. L. E. Dick is chairman of the committee.

Bob Henry, chairman of an event for July, states that he is hoping to arrange a gigantic sidewalk sale here for the promotion in that month and will be enlisting support of other merchants to stage it.

Big Turnout Due At Spring Meet

Heppner Wranglers fifth annual spring meet, to be held Saturday night and Sunday in the new covered arena at the Morrow county fairgrounds, is attracting a sizeable entry list from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, according to a late report Thursday.

For the first time, the event this year will start on a Saturday night in the new fair arena,

beginning at 7:30. First go-rounds in all cutting events will be at that time.

Program will continue Sunday morning with junior novice, novice and registered cow cutting. Starting the afternoon program will be open cutting, followed by women's cutting, first go-round of team roping, first go-round of barrel racing, second go-round of team roping, and concluding with second go-round of barrel racing.

The meet is approved by the Northwest Quarterhorse association, the Pacific Coast Quarterhorse association, and the National Quarterhorse association.

Wranglers only are permitted to enter team roping. Report was Thursday that entries had come in from Redmond, Pendleton, Walla Walla, and several Idaho points as well as from the local area. Because of the late deadline allowed, many entries will not be received until almost starting time.

Top horses as well as top riders will be seen in action at this event, including "The Maestro," 6-year-old northwest champion cow cutting quarterhorse owned by Ralph Beamer.

There is no admission charge, and spectators are invited to come and enjoy the show.

Heppner To Host Saturday Meet

Track fans in the area will be in for a special treat this weekend as Heppner High school stages the annual Heppner Invitational track meet Saturday afternoon at the Heppner field. The meet will start at 1 p.m. and will feature both A-2 and B school competition.

First-place trophies will be awarded in both division of the meet. Umatilla, the first place winner from the B division a year ago, is favored to repeat the honor this outing and Burns the A-2 ruler last season, is also favored to repeat in its respective division.

More than 25 schools have received invitations to the event and it is expected that at least 20 and maybe more will show for the Saturday meet. Schools from as far away as Corbett and Portland have been asked to compete.

Burns could well receive competition for first place honors in the A-2 from the local cinder squad. Although the Hillanders are considered as the rulers of the western division of the Greater Oregon league, the Mustangs have shown muscle of their own in recent meets.

Umatilla is almost a sure-shot to repeat B honors but is not invulnerable to upset.

Regardless of who the winners are, keen competition is in order this Saturday. Preceding the Saturday meet, Heppner will compete in the Hayward relays in Eugene. Coach Don McClure will take eight men to the Friday meet and return on Friday evening.

Corbin Seeking Justice Writein

Bert Corbin of Heppner said Tuesday that he is initiating a campaign for a writein vote of justice of the peace, sixth district (Heppner), on the non-partisan ballot in the primary election.

Three candidates are on the ballot for the position—the Rev. Earl Soward, Jim Devine and Mrs. Avon Melby, all of Heppner. "I won't make a lot of promises and say I will do a lot of things, hoping it would get me elected," Corbin said, "because who knows what he could do until the problem is presented. I promise to be fair and considerate to one and all."

Corbin has lived in the Heppner area since 1931. He is employed by the Morrow County Grain Growers but said that he would leave this position if elected. He also has some farming interests that take a portion of his time, he said. Corbin came here from Hartsville, Mo., and is a member of the directors of the Heppner Rural Fire Protection district. In recent years he has been active in managing and coaching semi-pro baseball here.

Ayres to Depart For Europe Soon

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ayres expect to fly to Europe by jet plane on April 23 from New York City. They expect to leave Heppner Friday, April 17, and spend some time in the east before departing for Europe.

Ayres, owner of Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., was awarded a 10-day European vacation trip for his outstanding sales performance. J. H. Shoemaker, Lincoln-Mercury division, Seattle district sales manager, announced.

The Mercury dealer and his wife will spend five days in Rome and five days in Paris as guests of Lincoln-Mercury. Among the events planned for the trip are receptions in both Italy and France with the Ford companies there as hosts.

Some 200 Mercury dealers in the country were honored with the trip following the announcement that combined January and February sales exceeded the same period of 1963 by 30 percent and were the highest in the division's history for that period.

Boeing Talk, Awards Mark Banquet

A graphic verbal picture of the vast operations of the Boeing Company, together with plans for its use of the Boardman industrial site, was given an audience of about 90 persons at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday by John Arthur Olmer, Seattle community relations manager of the company.

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Arthur Dyke, owner of Fiesla Bowl, and to Randall Peterson, chairman of the Heppner merchants committee last year, also highlighted the banquet. Dyke was cited for his part in bringing the lanes here and contributing to the recreational development of the community. Peterson was commended for his outstanding work on community promotional programs and spurring business activity. Presentations were made by Dr. C. M. Wagner, chairman of the awards committee.

Past presidents plaques, each bearing models of gavel and with appropriate inscriptions, were presented to Dr. Wagner, president in 1963, and Fred Gimbel, president in 1962, by Al Lamb, this year's president of the Chamber, who was also toastmaster for the evening.

Dr. Wagner, as past president, also gave a review of the many activities of the Chamber last year.

Exceptional musical entertainment was provided at the meeting by Heppner's seventh and eighth grade school chorus, directed by Mrs. Ola Mae Greshens. Several groups of songs, both old and new, were climaxed by an original composition, written

by Mrs. Greshens, which appropriately and humorously worked in the Boeing development and Chamber of Commerce activity.

In his address, Olmer said that Boeing is now preparing to build Test Complex No. 1 on its Boardman site for rocket engines capable of developing 50,000 pounds of thrust.

After checking with his firm the same evening, he said that advertisement for bids on the construction will be about April 17 with construction set to start in late May. Previously it has been announced that bids would be called April 10 but some delay was encountered. Testing is due to start in the fall, and the company expects to have about \$1 1/2 million invested on the site by the end of the year, he said.

"If the company gets involved in big booster cases, it might require docking facilities on the Columbia River," he said.

He gave several "for instances" as possibilities at Boardman, but said, "We have found that we are extremely poor prophets."

The Boeing Company, name of which has been changed several times but now is simply "The Boeing Company" was founded by Bill Boeing in 1916, Olmer said. He opened a shop with 21 employees and built two airplanes. Since that time the company has made significant achievements continuously with its B-17s, B-29 Superfortresses, Pan-Am Clippers, B-50—which made the first non-stop flight around the world, the B-47, the Bomarc missile and other contributions.

"But our successes of the past are simply trophies—they don't even entitle you to a time at

bat," he said.

In seeking to orient his audience the present operations of the company, Olmer pointed out that it is now separated into four main divisions.

1. Industrial products division, the smallest, which manufactures gas turbine engines for marine, industrial and vehicular use. One use is in the U. S. Navy's drone anti-submarine helicopter.

2. The Vertol division which produces helicopters, such as the "Chinook" used by the Army as a standard medium transport, and the "Sea Knight" used by the U. S. Marines for amphibious assault from aircraft carriers.

3. The airplane division, which is now engaged in modifying of B-52 global jet bombers to prolong their service life into the 1970's, production of the KC-135 in-flight refueling plane, and manufacture of 707, 720 and 727 jet airliners.

4. Aero-space division, with headquarters in Seattle. Major program at this time is production of the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile, which is 60 feet long, three feet in diameter and travels at 15,000 miles per hour. The Minuteman weighs from 60,000 to 70,000 pounds. Also of major proportions is the company's part on the Saturn V project. Primary purpose of Saturn V is to project the Apollo spacecraft on its proposed flight to the moon. It is composed of three stages, topped by the space vehicle. Boeing's job is to produce the basement stage. Olmer described Saturn V as the "largest moveable man-made" (Continued on page 8)