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EMPLOYEES OF Columbia Basin Electric took part in a safety training session last Wednesday with Chuck Fleming of Portland conducting the training. Fleming (left) demonstrates a point to Clay McCulley, Condon (second from left), Vern Wilson, also of Condon (second from right) and Art Vance, Heppner (left). Fleming represents Ruralite, which is responsible for the periodic safety sessions with the linemen. (G-T Photo).



THIS LOOKS REALISTIC, but don't be alarmed. These two men of Columbia Basin Electric are merely taking part in a safety training session held at the co-op's substation last Wednesday. The "unconscious" man is Jimmy Prock, and his rescuer is Doyle Key. The latter is demonstrating the method of freeing an unconscious man from a pole, using his own safety belt to hold him while he hitches ropes to the victim to lower the latter to the ground. (G-T Photo).

Chamber Talks Ideas For Improving Rodeo

Should the Morrow county rodeo return to selling reserved tickets as well as general admission? Should it consider selling a season ticket to be good at all rodeo events? What can be done to eliminate parking congestion at the rodeo? How can more entries be obtained for the rodeo parade?

These were some of the questions that came up for interested discussion at the meeting of the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday in the new banquet room of the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., chairman of the rodeo committee, was speaker for the day and brought out thoughts that touched off the discussion.

Miller said, "It is the committee's intention to put on as fine a rodeo as there is in the country, and I think it can be done."

He said that the committee is subsidiary to the fair board and said that the rodeo group was reorganized under new by-laws three years ago.

The 10 present directors each have an assignment that is their responsibility on the board; Charles Daly, vice chairman, is in charge of awards and trophies; Don Greenup is in charge of the queen and the court;

Jerry Dougherty is grounds director; Archie Munkers is in charge of dances; Ray French is in charge of livestock; Elmer Schmidt is Chamber of Commerce representative and handles ticket sales and parking; Rolce Fulleton is Wrangler representative and is in charge of barns; Bob Steagall is in charge of races; and Wes Sherman is in charge of advertising and publicity. John Venard is secretary of the committee.

The great increase in the number of horse trailers has complicated the parking problem, it was pointed out. Study is being made of the area near the school bus parking area as a possible parking spot.

Schmidt, veteran at the rodeo gate, had a number of suggestions for selling tickets and facilitating handling of the crowds at the gate.

Miller said that he understood that the fair board is starting a fund to replace the present grandstand, which would be greeted by spectators who sit on the uncomfortable seats.

Randall Peterson told of the rodeo parade and said that \$475 is set aside annually for prizes. "Heppner is taking a back seat in the parade because of

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Irrigon Meeting Talks of Zoning; Changes Planned

Many questions were asked and many suggestions were made on the proposed county zoning ordinance at a meeting Monday night at the A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the county planning commission, said.

Some 40 persons were present at the meeting to discuss provisions of the ordinance, which would be effective north of the county's Base Line.

There were a number of objections to some of the provisions of the proposal, Rosewall said, and he added, "In my opinion we should make a few changes."

He said the planning commission will meet Tuesday night to consider changes suggested at the two public meetings held to date, the first having been at Boardman sometime ago.

Rosewall said that the commission will go over the ordinance, remove sections that the public has objections to, and will seek to make the wording plainer in parts that have often been misinterpreted.

He said the county court will set a formal public hearing at a later date when it is believed the ordinance is ready to be presented for final consideration.

Among the officials at the Irrigon meeting were County Judge Paul Jones; Marion Green, secretary of the commission; Richard Ivey, consultant with Cornell, Howland, Hays and Merryfield, engineers; Max Helberg, member of the planning commission, and Rosewall.

Council to Elect Mayor Successor

Heppner city council will elect a mayor, probably at its next meeting, Monday night, April 4, to succeed Al Lamb, W. C. Rosewall, president of the council, said Wednesday.

Rosewall as president of the council is acting as mayor at the present time.

The mayor to be elected by the council will serve until the post can be filled at the general election in November. Mayor Lamb was in his sixth year in office at the time of his death last week.

CowBelles Seek Father Nominees

Morrow County CowBelles ask that organizations who have nominations for county "Father of the Year" honors turn in the names immediately so that they may be considered in the judging.

Mrs. Larry Lindsay said that some 50 nomination sheets were sent to as many organizations, but few nominations have been received. She asked that these be returned right away. They were to be in by April 1.

Those whose names are in competition for the honor will be judged during the first part of April, she said.

Spring Sale

SPRING OPENING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, April 1 and 2

- See the array of fine new spring merchandise in Heppner stores
- Notice the especially fine stocks for the Easter season
- Enjoy shopping for the many bargains offered
- Read the advertisement in this paper for special attractions and offers
- Free parking all day Saturday with meters hooded

COME TO HEPPNER FOR SPRING OPENING!

Arbuckle Corp. Meeting Slated

Annual stockholders' meeting of Arbuckle Mountain Corporation will be on Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the old city library, it is announced.

At that time annual reports will be given, directors and officers will be elected, and the past year will be reviewed. Plans will also be made for the future of the skiing development.

Bob Henry, who has been operating the winter season for the corporation on a volunteer basis said that he believes the operation may show a slight profit for the season when figures are fully compiled.

All directors and stockholders are requested to come to the meeting.

Olson to Retire From Mill Today

Marion Olson, who has worked for Kinzua Corporation for 20 years, will retire today (Thursday) and is looking forward to catching up on his fishing.

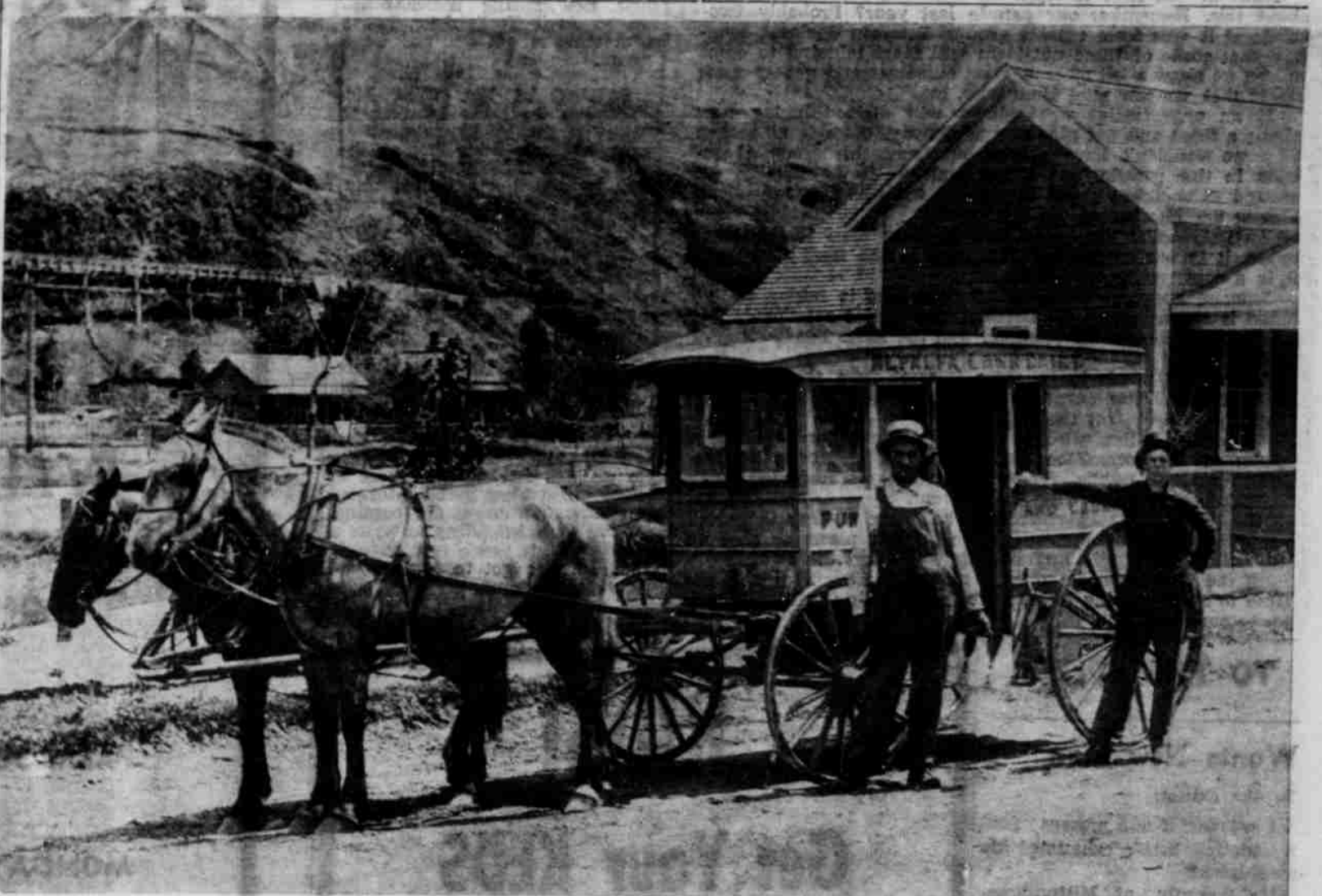
Olson started work in February, 1946, and for 14 years was rip saw operator at the mill.

He says that he expects to stay in Heppner and will spend much of his time "around home" — when he isn't fishing.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	60	30	—
Friday	64	32	—
Saturday	68	36	—
Sunday	71	37	—
Monday	72	37	—
Tuesday	75	40	—
Wednesday	65	39	—

Total precipitation for the month of March was 1.03".



MORROW COUNTY CREAMERY, which will mark its 50th anniversary Friday, was in its infancy when this picture was taken 49 years ago. The man with the milk bottles is W. C. (Claude) Cox, who operated the creamery 47 years before his retirement.

in 1963. Standing beside him is his helper, Jim Clabough. The wagon was purchased from Alfalfa Lawn Dairy. The business is the last independent creamery remaining in operation in eastern Oregon.

Creamery Reaches Half Century Mark

One of Heppner's businesses will reach its golden anniversary Friday.

On that date—April 1—the Morrow County Creamery will complete 50 years of operation under the management of the W. C. (Claude) Cox family. Claude and Clara Cox operated the business for 47 years but sold to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Bill) Cox in 1963.

Although it is the only surviving independent creamery in eastern Oregon, the Morrow County Creamery is still going strong as it provides Pride of Oregon ice cream, Pride of Oregon butter and other products to several counties in this area of Eastern Oregon.

It was on April 1, 1916, that Cox acquired stock in the creamery, originally a stock company, and became manager. Twenty-two years later his wife, Clara, became a partner and was active in the management until

the sale to their son in 1963. Bill had been working in the creamery for 25 years before purchasing it upon his parents' retirement.

Capacity of the creamery is now 500 gallons of ice cream per day, and it is made in 15 flavors. Butter capacity is 1000 pounds per day. The creamery is also capable of producing 1500 pounds of ice per day, and pure water for the ice comes from its own well. Temperature of the water stays at 52 degrees, says Claude. "Just right for putting a good waxy finish on the butter."

D. R. (Dud) Tash is the production man at the creamery and has been on the job since 1934. He is a very valuable part of the operation and the Cox family gives him credit for the fine quality products made by the creamery.

Present staff of the creamery is now completed by Chuck McKinnon, and he, too, is considered an important part of the op-

eration.

Pride of Oregon products are delivered regularly through Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. Bill has made these runs for many years. Last year, he bought a large refrigerator truck that has proved to be an excellent addition to the operation. Formerly dry ice was used to maintain low temperatures in transit, but the new truck eliminates this, and Bill says that cost of the truck is virtually paid for by the savings on purchase of dry ice.

Claude Cox first came west from Virginia in 1905. He had been a school teacher in that state. In Heppner he worked on ranches for 3 1/2 years before returning to Virginia to marry Clara Hampton in Galax.

Returning to Oregon, Cox worked as a deliveryman for a while before becoming interested in the creamery in 1916. This has stuck with him for 50 years, and although retired now, he is

as proud of the business and his son's operation of it as if he were still at the helm.

The Cox family is grateful to all those in the area who have supported the creamery and made the business prosper through the years. Claude can't find enough good words to say about the people of Condon who have been excellent customers through thick and thin, as have those in other communities in the three-county area the creamery serves. The route reaches as far as Kinzua, Monument and Arlington. In the summer, the truck is on the road four days per week.

Claude, who loves his native Virginia, is even more fond of Heppner and Morrow county. He has been active in city government and in many other ways has served to help build the community through the years. He's a strong booster for all things that he believes will be good for the community.



MICHAEL SMITH



PENELOPE FOSSEY

Riverside High First To Name Honor Seniors

BOARDMAN—Michael Vernon Smith has been chosen valedictorian for the 1966 graduating class of Riverside High school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Irrigon. Mike is president of his class this

year, and has served as a class officer many times during his high school days. He has earned many honors in the Riverside chapter of FFA, and is its president this year. Mike has also been very active in sports, playing both football and basketball. He plans to attend Eastern Oregon College at La Grande and work toward a major in chemical engineering. His grade point average was 3.70.

Fire in Cold Deck Battled at Mill

Fire in the cold deck of logs at the Kinzua Corporation mill Wednesday morning was the reason for the city fire alarm at about 7:30 with nine men of the fire department responding.

The fire was in the log pile at the southeast end of the log pond, according to Fire Chief Charles Ruggles.

Men at the mill got at the fire quickly and had 2 1/2" hose lines throwing water on it when the city firemen arrived. The firemen needed only to stand by, since the millmen quickly brought it under control.

"They did a beautiful job of it," Chief Ruggles said. "They had their own equipment on it and were really looking after it."

The city department had been summoned at the early stages when it appeared that the fire might get out of control. Stacked logs burn fiercely because of the draft they create by the manner in which they are piled.

Damage in this instance was limited to burning bark off a few logs. Origin of the blaze is unknown, the chief said.

Services Slated For Good Friday

Good Friday services will be from noon until 3 p.m. at the First Christian church, Heppner, on Friday, April 8, the south Morrow county Ministerial association announces.

Seven ministers will participate, again using the Seven Last Words for their successive messages. Special music is planned throughout the continuing service.

Members of all faiths are invited to attend the inter-denominational service.