

First National Granted \$80,000 Permit

Building permit for the remodeling and expansion of the First National Bank at a cost of \$80,000 was granted by the Heppner city council at its meeting Monday night.

Plans for the structure, which will include the building now adjoining and occupied by Cal's Tavern, were placed before the council. Wesley V. Korman of Pendleton is architect and McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton was listed as contractor.

No formal announcement has been made by the First National Bank of Oregon on its plans, although the reconstruction job has been talked for a number of years. John Venard, branch manager, is on vacation, but Jim Wishart of the staff said that no announcement has been made and expressed surprise that the application had been presented to the council.

As shown by the architect's plans, the present space will be retained and remodeled. The lobby and work area will be moved to the space adjoining, and the main entrance will be in the part now occupied by the

tavern. It will also include a bookkeeping area, lunch room and rest rooms. In the space now occupied by the bank will be officers' rooms, conference rooms, vault and other facilities.

A night depository will be provided at the corner of the additional portion of the building.

Space behind the structure is shown as a blacktopped parking area.

In considering the application, the council discussed the need for an alleyway through

the block behind the bank and other buildings in the block. The thought was expressed that development of the parking lot might make access by fire truck difficult in case of fire emergency.

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Columbia Basin Annual Meeting Set at Condon

Representative Al Ullman, Congressman from Oregon's second district, will be the speaker Thursday, November 16, at the annual meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Manager Harley Young announces.

The meeting will be at Memorial Hall, Condon, with registration starting at 11 a.m. Congressman Ullman is scheduled to speak at 1:45.

Some minor time changes have been made from the announced program, Young said Tuesday. The luncheon, originally announced for 12:30, will be served at 12:15, and the regular business meeting will start at 1 p.m. instead of the previously announced 1:15.

The printed program in the annual report and financial statement booklets, which have been mailed to all members, is now 15 minutes off on the luncheon and the meeting times because of the change, Young said. He asked all to note the changes.

Four directors are to be elected. For Fossil city director, W. H. Stelwer, incumbent, and Robert Misener are on the ballot for the one position; for rural director at large, Dick Krebs, present director, and D. O. Nelson are on the ballot for one position; Elmer Palmer, incumbent, and Allen Hughes vie for a second position; and Jack Hynd, incumbent, and Paul Tewes are running for the third position.

Walter J. Jaeger of Condon is president of the cooperative, Krebs is vice president and Hynd is secretary-treasurer. Holdover directors include Kenneth J. Smouse and Raymond Lundell, both of Ione; Dick Wilkerson, Walter W. Wright and Randall Peterson, all of Heppner; Virgil W. West of Arlington; and Ernest Lear of Condon.

Ballots for the election have been mailed with the annual reports. These may be returned to the cooperative by mailing in the double envelopes provided, one of which is self-addressed. In lieu of mailing, they may be brought to the annual meeting.

After registration at 11 a.m., a movie will be shown until lunch time at 12:15. At the annual meeting, starting at 1 o'clock, will be the president's report, secretary-treasurer's report, and manager's report, as well as the election of directors.

Congressman Ullman has not announced a title for his talk, Young said. After appearing at the meeting, he will leave for appointments in other cities.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day, most of them being electrical appliances.

The luncheon, free to members and guests, will be served by the Order of Eastern Star of Condon.

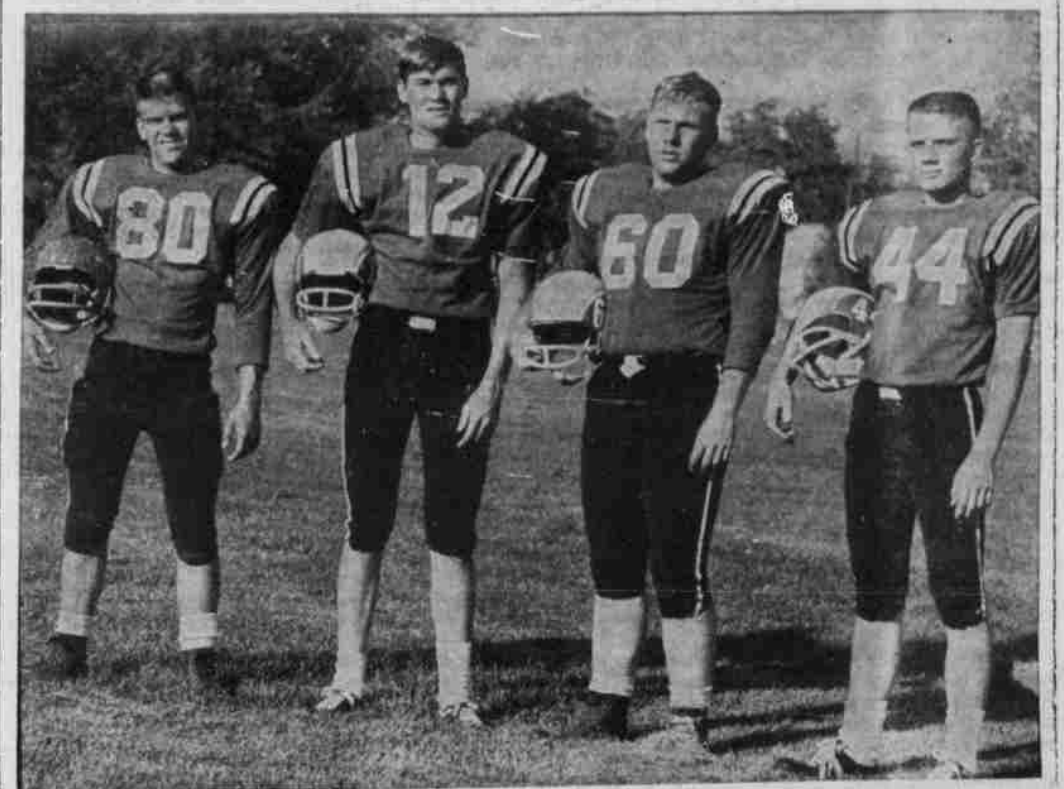
Office to Close On Veterans' Day

Office of the Gazette-Times will be closed Saturday, November 11, which is Veterans' Day.

Central Market and Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply are also announcing in this paper that they will be closed. Some others have indicated they will be closed but still others have stated they plan to remain open.

Public offices will be closed, but since this holiday falls on a Saturday, most of them would be closed anyway.

There is no special observance planned here for Veterans' Day, but a good contingent of football fans will go to Prairie City to see the district championship game between the Panthers and the Cardinals of Ione High.



FOUR IONE HIGH senior football players will be in competition Saturday at Prairie City when the Cardinals play Prairie City for the district 8-man B championship. From left are Kerry Peterson, Chris Lovgren, Chuck Nelson and Neal Christopherson. (Lloyd Johnson Photo).

Council Discusses Site For Landfill City Dump

Discussion of a landfill city dump site for the City of Heppner was one of the principal matters of discussion at the regular meeting of the city council Monday night.

Mayor W. C. Rosewall said that he had found a site 2.4 miles from the city hall that seemed to be ideal for the purpose. Previous efforts to find a new dump site close to town had been unsuccessful.

He said that the location seemed to be ideal and is on property of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham. The mayor said that the owners were reluctant to sell the property for that purpose but finally set a price of \$1000 per acre for the 11 acres involved.

It is not visible from the highway and lies between two rather steep hills. It would seem to lend itself to a landfill dump, which has been strongly recommended by the State Sanitary Authority. In such an operation, garbage and refuse is kept covered by dirt and land involved can eventually be reclaimed for cultivation or other uses.

It prevents blowing of paper and trash and because the garbage is covered, the area is kept free from rodents.

Since the Willow Creek dam project was authorized by Congress, the city has had feelers out for other dump sites because when the dam is built, the present dump can no longer be used. It also has been the source of criticism and problems because of trash blowing on to nearby property. The state has notified the city several times that the present site is unsatisfactory.

Several councilmen felt that the price was exorbitant because value of the land was estimated in the neighborhood of \$30 per acre. The mayor said, however, that he felt that the use for which it would be put was a factor to be considered, and that the asking price was high because the owners were reluctant to sell and would rather that the city found a location somewhere else.

Other property owners contacted in the past year or so have refused to consider having a dump on their property. It was brought out that some are not familiar with the landfill method. At other cities, where landfill is in operation, some owners are anxious to devote their property for the use because the landfill levels it and makes it desirable for ultimate cultivation.

Mayor Rosewall said that tests on the possible site showed soil

depths ranging from three feet to nine feet.

The matter was left open for further discussion at a later time, and it was decided that the state sanitarian would be asked to look over the property to determine his opinion on the site.

Takes Firm Stand

On two other matters that has occupied attention for some time, the council took a firm stand.

It was reported that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hager had not responded to a letter from the city on October 14 requiring them to hook up a trailer house and shop to city sewers. The Hagers have contended that they had reached an agreement with a city official a number of years ago that they would not be required to make the hookup because of the necessity of pumping into the sewer at a higher elevation.

The city letter of October 14 pointed out that no record of such an agreement could be found and that if it were made by a representative or representatives of the city outside of official action by the council, it would be an illegal act.

The council took the position Monday night that the Hagers must comply with the ordinance if the city is to expect anyone to comply with its statutes.

City Attorney Bob Abrams was requested to proceed with legal action, filing complaint with municipal court if it is determined that the sewer hookup has not been made.

Permit Denied

Application for a permit by Mr. and Mrs. John Hill to keep poultry and rabbits on their place near Hope Lutheran church once more was denied by the council.

A three-man council committee went to the Hill place after they appeared at the October council meeting contending that they were being discriminated against.

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WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of November 1-7 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	59	46	—
Thursday	59	21	—
Friday	52	26	—
Saturday	44	20	—
Sunday	45	21	—
Monday	48	24	—
Tuesday	55	27	—

Ione High Ready For Prairie City In District Game

"We're as ready as we'll ever be."

This was the word from Coach Gordon Meyers of the Ione High school league champion football team as the Cardinals prepared for the district 7-B championship game at Prairie City on Saturday, November 11. The contest starts at 1:30 p.m.

The coach said that his squad will be intact for the game, and Jim Swanson, end on offense and linebacker on defense, will be back in action after suffering a bone fracture in his hand earlier in the season. Eddie Sherman, one of the ace backs on the club, is troubled with an ankle injury sustained sometime ago, but this is not expected to impair his action to a great extent.

The fourteen Cardinal gridmen who compose the team and the coaches will leave Saturday morning for the rather long trip to Prairie City.

The Panthers will have the advantage of a home field, and Coach Meyers said they outweigh the Cardinals. But that does not daunt the Redbirds.

The team that went through its league season undefeated has been practicing every day at Ione. On Friday, the Cardinals topped a team from Heppner High in a scrimmage contest, 37 to 21. The game was played without kickoffs before a good-sized crowd. Heppner played without its seniors in converting to the 8-man ball.

"This was a real good scrimmage," Meyers said.

The coach scouted Prairie City and said that the club will outweigh Ione on both offense and defense. He, however, was unsure about their speed. The Cards may be able to top them in this department.

The Panthers have seven seniors on their club, and so they would appear to be a little more experienced than the Cards.

But the Ione team, which came on stronger with each game through the season after getting a slow pre-season start, is known for its spirit and determination. This, coupled with the natural ability of some fine players and good coaching, may bring the district championship to Ione.

A victory in the Veterans Day clash would move the Cardinals into the statesemi-finals. They would play Pine-Eagle at Halfway on Saturday, November 18.

In the upper division of the state bracket, Prospect plays the Oregon School of the Deaf for the right to meet Dufur.



THE OLD BATH HOUSE at the Heppner swimming pool went up in flames last Thursday. After razing the building, the debris was burned against the concrete wall that was on the swim pool side. Many years ago, this was a power house that served Heppner. (G-T Photo).

Enlarged MCGG Reviews Year at Monday Session

At the first annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers since its merger with Lexington Oil Cooperative 315 persons enjoyed a champion beef dinner served by members of the Willows Grange in the county fair pavilion here Monday evening.

The group heard reports from Harlan McCurdy, Jr., manager, on the financial status of the cooperative and from President Walter Jacobs. Carl Franklin of Portland, director of merchandising for Pacific Supply Cooperative, spoke briefly, and Teresa Harshman, local and area winner of the soil and water conservation districts' speech contest, gave her address.

All four directors whose terms expired this year were reelected after Paul Brown, chairman of the nominating committee, had placed their names in nomination for new terms. They include Al Bunch, Gene Majeske, Larry Lindsay and Lewis Halvorsen.

Five elected as associate directors are A. R. Crawford, Bob Jones, Roger Palmer, Lee Palmer and Keith Rea.

At a directors' meeting following the annual meeting, Jacobs was reelected president, and Bunch was chosen vice-president, succeeding Halvorsen. Larry Lindsay was reelected secretary and McCurdy was reelected treasurer and manager.

Employees and personnel of the grain, petroleum and machinery divisions of the expanded cooperative were introduced during the meeting by the manager. He also introduced a number of guests who were in attendance.

In his report, Jacobs told of the merger and of operations since that time, saying that it is going smoothly and successfully. He told of the plans to start construction by February 1 of a new dock on the river for Patterson Ferry elevator. The old dock will be replaced because of the forthcoming rising of the Umatilla reservoir behind John Day dam. The new dock, entirely the obligation of the cooperative because it extends into the navigable stream, will cost approximately \$59,000.

The meeting was opened for discussion, but this evoked little comment from the members, being limited to a few questions and suggestions about accounts receivable and products that might be offered by Morrow County Grain Growers.

McCurdy reported that grain sales of MCGG for the year ending May 31 totaled \$3,773,256.99 and cost of grain sold was \$3,741,216. Warehouse earnings were \$27,829, bringing gross operating income to \$59,869. Administrative expenses were \$46,801, leaving \$13,067 as net operating income.

Assets of the grain division as of May 31 were \$1,425,229 and a balance sheet for the combined operation—MCGG and Lexington Oil Cooperative shows assets at \$1,641,336. Total liabilities are listed at \$96,709.

Franklin said that the marketing division of Pacific Coop ended its best year in history in July, for the region, being up \$12 million. However, sales now are down about 7% from a year ago, due mainly to a lack of rain that affects farmer purchases.

He expressed appreciation to all for their support in the region.

Franklin told of plans for data processing that will be es-

tablished by the cooperative. It will be equipped to handle records of all member cooperatives (Continued on page 8)



RALPH LEE BENGÉ

Ralph Bengé Dies In Auto Accident

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 7, at the United Church of Christ in Condon for Ralph Lee Bengé, 27, who was killed early Saturday, November 4, in an automobile accident near Florence.

Born January 23, 1940, in Pendleton, Ralph attended grade and high school in Condon and was a 1958 graduate of Condon High school. He received a bachelor of science degree in education from Eastern Oregon College in La Grande in 1962. After teaching in a Hood River school for two years, he returned to Eastern Oregon College for a year of post graduate work and then transferred to Blue Mountain Community College where he received a degree in civil engineering in 1967.

Since June of this year, he has been employed by the U. S. Forest Service in its engineering department at Gardiner, Oregon.

He was a member of the Riverside Community Church in Hood River and the Heppner Lodge of BPOE No. 358. Much of his spare time was devoted to sports. He was an avid skier and bowler.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Devin of Condon, and Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Bengé of Heppner; a sister, Lynn Marie McDonald of Omana, Neb., three step-brothers, Boyd Devin, Pullman, Wash., Glenn Devin of Myrtle Creek; Michael Bengé, with AID in Vietnam; one step-sister, Mrs. Matt Hughes of Heppner, and grandmother, Mrs. Lena Padberg of Portland.

Rev. Richard Trotter of the United Church of Christ officiated at the service. Mrs. Van Rietmann sang, accompanied by Mrs. Glen Aylsworth at the organ. Burial followed in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Pall bearers were Jack Downs, Tacoma, Wash.; Matt Hughes, Heppner; Bob Colby, Hood River; John Kirkpatrick, Salem; Don Bettencourt and Bob Brehaut, both of Condon.

Work Starting On Swim Pool

Work is well underway on the reconstruction of the Heppner swimming pool and construction of a new bath house. The old bath house yielded to a heavy tractor operated by Don Grossmiller last Thursday and was a pile of rubble in a space of two hours. The remains, except for concrete walls, were then burned on the site.

Concrete walls were broken into chunks and hauled to the reservoir site where they will be used for fill work on a repair job there, Vic Groshens, city superintendent, said.

Bob Zaklan, superintendent for McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton, said that two men were due Wednesday to start work on footings for the new bath house. Block layers and others to do plumbing will then arrive to continue with the work.

The "new" pool is financed by a \$110,000 bond issue voted by Heppner residents and sold to the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Ekstrom Bulls Sweeping Honors

Super Husker E 332, polled Hereford junior bull calf of Herb Ekstrom and Sons, Ione, continues to sweep honors at shows in California after making a similar fine showing at shows in Oregon.

The bull last week won first in the Pol-O-Rama in Sacramento after taking first at Beef Week at the California State Fair. Previously, he won first in the junior class at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland and was first in the Oregon State Fair. He was the grand champion bull at the Morrow County Fair.

He is scheduled for showing at the Great Western in Los Angeles starting Friday, November 10, with Charles Ryan of Hat Creek, Calif., taking him on the circuit on behalf of the owners.

Meanwhile, a winter bull calf of the Ekstroms', Super Husker E 321, won first at the Pol-O-Rama.

The two bull calves paired to take second as a pair at Beef Week, and this brought the greatest satisfaction to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom said. The grand champion bull in the show, paired with another, placed fifth among the pairs.

The Ekstroms attended the California shows, being gone for two weeks, but returned before a scheduled Cow Palace show was to take place in San Francisco. They have not heard the outcome of this.

Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom will leave Friday for Salem for the Oregon Polled Classic. Don Robinson of Heppner also will show stock at the Classic.

Attending the Washington State—University of Oregon football game in Pullman on Saturday were Gene Pierce and son, Greg, of Heppner.

Pfc. Pierce, who has been home on a 30-day leave from military service in Vietnam, will leave Friday from Portland for an additional six months voluntary duty overseas.

Pierce to Return To Overseas Duty