

# Columbia Basin Notes Good Year, Plans for Future

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a nice electrical gift. Four directors were reelected on votes submitted by mail as well as those cast at the annual meeting. Reelected were W. H. Steiwer, Fossil city director, and three rural directors at large, Dick Krebs, Elmer Palmer and Jack Hynd. Other nominees were Robert Misener, Fossil; D. O. Nelson, Allen Hughes and Paul Tewis.

Manager Young reported that the cooperative had had no serious line trouble for the past two or three years. Minor problems from lightning were the only difficulties encountered in the year ended.

### Loan Pending

He said that a loan application is now pending to the Rural Electrification Administration. Funds from the loan would be used for several purposes, including a new line from Bonneville Power to Condon to provide better service there, a new substation for Condon, and a new headquarters building at Heppner.

The new transmission line would be located along the highway, he said. As to the building, the plan is to put "everything under one roof." With the present crowded facilities, posed to the weather he said, Wes Korman, Pendleton, is the architect working on the project.

The manager said that a lot of work had been done in considering a site for the building. Decision has been made to construct it on the substation site where the co-op owned 2½ acres and has acquired additional property with highway frontage to bring the total to approximately five acres.

Other plans include construction of a new rural substation in the area of Fossil and one in the vicinity of Olex.

### Growth Experienced

"We've experienced a reasonable growth in the past year," Manager Young said. "We're beginning to see a big change in the operation of the system."

He told of one rancher who has planted 160 acres of Kentucky blue grass and realized an income of \$200 per acre as compared with \$26 per acre that he previously received on wheat.

He also told of growth of irrigation and prospects for continued growth. The well at the Nelson-Tucker ranch north of Lexington is producing in excess of 3,000 gallons per minute.

"We were scrambling to get service to the 45½ horsepower motor," Young said. The well will irrigate 1400 acres of wheat, going as far as three miles from the well and supporting 540 irrigation heads.

The manager reminded the members that at the time the cooperative took over the Pacific Power system the pledge was made that there would be no increase in rates to any customer.

"We have maintained this policy," he said. However, with the Pacific Power schedules, the cooperative finds that it has four different residential rates.

### Rates Studied

"Late in 1966 we began a study on the rates but hit a problem on the R-4 schedule from Pacific Power," he said. In reviewing the rates, the goal was to reduce 1c per KWH, but it was found that some people were "stuck in a middle block" with the result that some might see a minor increase in such a change.

"We didn't like this, so we backed off," Young said. He reported that the cooperative is now working on one rate for all residential customers, but he

said that no change will be made for at least several months.

Members will soon receive capital credits statements. These amounts will eventually be returned to members but not for a few years, Young said. Primary goal at the present time is to pay off some of the "double debt"—that to Pacific Power and to the Rural Electrification Administration. The PP & L debt will be paid off in 3½ or 4 years, he said.

### Legislation Discussed

Alderman, who has worked for cooperatives for 14 years and prior to that time was associated with Bonneville Power Administration for a number of years, discussed pending legislation as it affects cooperatives. "Something is doing almost every year in Congress on cooperatives," he said.

Alderman said that two of the cooperatives' largest cash expenses are interest to the Rural Electrification Administration and money paid to Bonneville for power supply.

"Some say that the rural electrification job is now done—that everyone has electricity," he said, "but this is not strictly accurate. Systems have to be added in order to meet growing needs."

The speaker said that in the Northwest are fortunate in that we can buy power from Bonneville at the cheapest wholesale rate in the country.

Alderman also spoke briefly on the controversy over the high or low dam on the Snake River.

### 'Pretty Good Year'

In summary, he said that "Rural electric coops 'ain't mad at nobody' this year, since it has been a pretty good year."

A by-law amendment was explained by Attorney Herman Winter and was approved unanimously.

While the crowd took virtually all space at the tables in Memorial hall with the number well over 200, the voting delegates present numbered 121. Others were spouses and guests.

Among guests introduced were Harold Eakin, president of the Oregon Rural Electrification

Association; Dale Casey, Pitman Manufacturing Co.; Harold Cantrell with Bonneville Power Administration at Walla Walla; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halvorsen, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole of Harney Electric Co-op; Burns; Ray Wooley of Hermiston and Arthur Allen of Boardman, Umatilla Electric Co-op; Robert Welty, engineer; Earl Schmidt of Pasco and his son, Joe, just back from Vietnam where he serves with the Air Force.

President Jaeger made the introductions and also introduced the board of directors: Kenneth Smouse and Raymond Lundell; Jones; Dick Wilkinson, Walter W. Wright, Elmer Palmer and Randall Peterson, Heppner; Earnest Lear, Condon; W. H. Steiwer, Fossil; Dick Krebs and Jack Hynd of Ceeli; and Virgil West of Arlington. Most of them were present.

Manager Young later in the program introduced all employees of the cooperatives who were present.

Floyd LaRue of Condon was introduced and extended a welcome, and Rev. Potter gave the invocation.

Patty kept the meeting going at a lively clip with his witty remarks and reminiscences of the "old days" in Condon. Typical of his observations was: "A hippie is a hippie whose had it."

Harmonizing in the men's trio were Forrest Jones, Ed Morgan and Carroll Holland.

### Illness of Father Takes Privetts East

Mrs. Bill Privett and her son, John Privett, have recently returned from Noble, Mo., where they were called by the critical illness and later death of Mrs. Privett's father, Hardy Frazier, 79 years of age.

Services for Frazier, who suffered from acute leukemia, were held in Noble at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 15.

The Privetts made the round trip by United Airlines, leaving from Pendleton November 10, and returning November 18.

# Thanksgiving

## UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Heppner Christian Church

Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, 1967 8 p.m.

- ORGAN PRELUDE . . . . . Mrs. J. O. Turner
- CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Rev. Melvin Dixon
- HYMN ("Come Ye Thankful People") No. 404
- RESPONSIVE READING . . . . . Rev. Al Boschee No. 507 ("Thanksgiving")
- PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Rev. Earl Soward
- CHORAL ANTHEM . . . . . Led by Arnie Hedman (Combined Christian & Methodist Choirs)
- THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION . . . . . Fr. Raymond Beard
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . . Rev. Melvin Dixon
- OFFERTORY PRAYER & THANKOFFERING
- DOXOLOGY
- READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES . . . . . Rev. Al Boschee (Colossians 1:1-17)
- VOCAL SOLO: . . . . . John Maatta, Jr. ("We Come Unto Our Father's God")
- SERMON . . . . . Rev. Dirk Rinehart
- HYMN ("Now Thank We All Our God") No. 402
- BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE
- ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Thanksgiving offering will be used for Community activities of the South Morrow Ministerial Association.

Mrs. Elwayne Bergstrom and Mrs. Bruce Griffith were in Portland Monday and Tuesday of this week to attend meetings held at the Sheraton Hotel in behalf of the March of Dimes. The two women will be co-chairmen of the Mother's March, to be held in Heppner in January. Mothers will then march to collect money for this annual campaign to combat birth defects. Mrs. Len Ray Schwartz is general chairman of the March of Dimes for Morrow county.

## HOSPITAL NEWS Sewing Club Meets

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and are still receiving medical care, are the following: Mary Cox, Heppner; Rose Collins, Hardman; Evelyn Howe, Kinzua, and Charles Stout, Heppner.

Those who received medical care, and were later dismissed, were the following: Karole Shirley, Kinzua; Jackie Papineau, Lexington; Ann Robison, Spray, and George Smith, Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Dyer, Mayville, are announcing the birth of a daughter, weighing 7 lb., on Thursday, November 16. She has been named Amy Rachel and joins a brother, Howard. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dyer of

The Nimble Thimble Stitches 4-H club held their meeting November 15 at the home of Mrs. Albert Wright. Dianna Wright, Sherry Massey and Sandra Palmer helped Jeannette Stone learn how to use the sewing machine. Mrs. Wright helped Kristi Hagewood and Trisha Van Schoiack with their head scarves and slippers. Our next meeting will be December 6. Sandra Palmer, reporter

Mayville: Mrs. Bill Crawford, Fossil; Simon B. Barker, Condon, and Mrs. Mary M. Barker, Portland.

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