

President McCrae Explains Need

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If the program is underway by June 30, 1968.

"If nothing is done, this money will revert to another institution," McCrae said.

Bond Issue Proposed

The board has proposed a \$1,250,000 bond issue which would actually reduce the annual levy a "little bit" this year because it would cancel the current serial levy. The bond issue, however, would extend over a 20-year period. Election on the issue will be held in the two-county district on April 2 at the usual polling places for county school elections in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Another reason why the directors are anxious to build this year is that construction costs are continually increasing, the president said.

"They are climbing at the rate of some 5% per year," he added.

He said there are no plans for construction in the physical education areas at this time and the cultural complex would be the final phase of the board's construction program.

"Any future building plan would be dictated by the future program," he said.

The army in Pendleton is used for physical education, and this is a good facility, McCrae declared. The college rents its use for its physical education program.

The new building would offer beginnings in art and music, something for which need has been felt and expressed.

Budget Holds Line

President McCrae said that this year's operational budget remains very nearly the same as for 1967-68, the tax increasing only about \$9,000.

"Our directors are very aware of the increasing burden on taxpayers," he said, pointing out that they had worked hard to "hold the line" and did a good job of doing so.

While instructional costs will be up considerably and fixed charges (mainly due to social security and retirement) will also be up, additional resources

Klenke Announce Birth of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klenke of Forest Grove announce the birth of a daughter, born February 27, at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. The little girl has been named Erika Lee and weighed 7 lb., 13 oz. at birth.

Mrs. Klenke is the former Carlene Rhea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rhea of Lexington. Klenke is head of the English department at the high school in Forest Grove.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rhea and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Klenke of Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Rhea traveled to Forest Grove over the week-end, to visit and meet their new granddaughter at the Klenke home, where they were joined by the George Klenkes.

have come to offset the increase. "The legislature did a real fine thing operationally for us," McCrae said. "They increased our per pupil contribution"

This, coupled with added tuition from greater student enrollment, virtually offsets the total increase of some \$100,000 in the budget, closing the gap to the approximately \$9,000.

Budget for the Blue Mountain College district is printed in this paper on pages two and three of section 2.

Abrams Commended

McCrae expressed appreciation of the work of Bob Abrams of Heppner as director on the college board since its inception and to Homer Hughes of Lexington for his work on the budget committee. He also complimented Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High school for his "fine work" with the college's adult program.

The president said that BMCC is undergoing an accreditation program, and that the college will be visited for accreditation on May 9 and 10. This is an important step for the institution, he pointed out.

Other guests at the meeting were Coach Bob Clough and Captains David Hall and Bill McLeod of the Heppner High basketball team. Coach Clough told of plans for the district tournament and displayed the trophy that the team won as co-champions of the western division, Greater Oregon League.



MARGARET MARKS

Margaret Marks Yet to Discover Africa's Animals

Margaret Marks, who graduated from Heppner High school and is now living in Buea, West Cameroon, Africa, while her father, Les Marks, formerly of Condon, is serving there in a civilian capacity, has not yet found any evidence that Africa is the "dark" continent, she writes in a letter to the Gazette-Times.

"Cannibals, wild beasts and teeming jungles is the American concept of Africa," she writes. "When I decided to take out a year from Oregon State University and join my parents in Africa, I wasn't sure just what to expect."

"I have been in West Cameroon, Africa, for three weeks now (letter was written February 16) and have seen no evidence of this being the 'dark' continent. No cannibals in sight and the wildest beast I have seen was a rabbit."

"Our home is in Buea, West Cameroon. To refresh your geography, the continent of Africa is 2 1/2 times larger than the United States. West Cameroon is south of Nigeria on the west coast of Africa. It is the English-speaking state of the Republic of Cameroon. The other state, East Cameroon, is its French-speaking counterpart."

"Buea is located 3,000 feet up Mt. Cameroon, which looms up an additional 10,000 feet right out our living room window. It is an active volcano, which last erupted in 1959."

"The Atlantic Ocean is only 20 miles down the mountain and has miles of uncrowded beach, warm water, breakers, and brown sand. The brown sand is a product of the volcano."

"For recreation there is a club nearby with tennis courts, swimming pool and a golf course. Horses are also available for riding."

"Despite the fact that Buea is only five degrees from the equator, our weather is perfect so far. We are in the middle of the dry season with warm days, not hot, and cool nights."

"Our home is quite large with mahogany floors and furniture. In fact, we burn mahogany in our fireplace. It is their 'trash' wood here."

"The Cameroonians are very friendly and quite hospitable. They have a country that has so much potential and they are beginning to realize it."

Prindle Presides Over Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Prindle returned February 25 from Eugene where they attended the 30th annual session of the Oregon Logging Conference, February 21-24, at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

Prindle, who has served the past year as conference president, presided over the meeting. Reported as a highly successful conference, registration reached a record total of 1700 members, which exceeded by at least 100 any previous attendance. The Oregon organization has the largest membership of any logging conference in the Northwest. Equipment manufacturers and dealers supplied interesting exhibits of the latest in logging machinery, valued at \$7,644,000.

Succeeding Prindle as president for the coming year is Clifford Bryden of Roseburg. Prindle will continue to serve on the board of directors of both Oregon and Pacific Logging conferences.

Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. Prindle left for San Francisco where they attended the Western Wood Products conference, and he served as a panel member.

Among those from this area who attended the Oregon Logging Conference held in Eugene February 21-23, were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Crisp, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Griffith.

A fashion show and luncheon were provided as entertainment for the ladies while the conference was in progress. While in Eugene, they met and visited with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stovall.

Mrs. Wallace Ellison, mother of Mrs. Davis, stayed with the three Davis children at their home during the absence of their parents. Mrs. Ellison returned to her home in John Day soon after the return of the parents.

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Ione Young People Enjoy Sunday Outing At Skiing Resort

IONE—Following a 7:00 a.m. church service in Ione, led by Mrs. Henry Krebs whose message was based on the Charlie Brown comic strip, members of the high school and junior high classes went skiing at Spout Springs on Sunday, February 18.

Those students enjoying the trip were Brock Linnell, Chuck Nelson, Kristin Nelson, Terry Cannon, Sue Jepsen, Christine McCabe, Victor Klinger, Scott Wilson, Jane Krebs, Clint Krebs, Kathy Cannon, Bill Jepsen, D-Ann Barnett, Christina Lindstrom, Gregg Wilson, and John Rietmann.

Others taking cars and going with the group were Mrs. Krebs and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rietmann and Joe, Bill Tews, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cannon and Arlene, Ronnie Palmateer, Rollo Crawford, Bob Jepsen and Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom. Other local people seen at Spout Springs that day were Mr. and Mrs. Don Linnell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett, Rick, and Dick Snider.

Guest speakers at the family night supper on Monday evening, February 19, were Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hanlin who have been serving as missionaries in the South Pacific Islands of Micronesia. The Deaconesses were hostesses for the potluck supper and decorated the rooms with the February holidays in mind. A very good crowd attended the program which was illustrated with slides taken by the Hanlins.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

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Those who received medical care, and were later dismissed, were the following: Troy Cook, Heppner; David Parton, Kinzua; Kathryn Hoskins, Heppner; Penny Shepherd, Heppner; Tom Marlatt, Heppner; and Veva Tesch, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Plocharsky, Heppner, are parents of a third daughter, born Monday, March 4, weighing 8 lb. She has been named Paula Joan, and joins two sisters, Carolyn and Janet, and a brother, Steven. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Perkins of Plymouth, Conn., and Mrs. Stanley Plocharsky of Bristol, Conn.

Two Persons Held For Circuit Court

Judge William Wells will be in Heppner Friday for a circuit court session, according to Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk.

Two persons are in the Umatilla county jail for alleged parole violations, and their cases will be heard Friday. One is Patricia Barker who was on parole on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property. This was in connection with burglary of guns at the Irvin Rauch place last year.

The other is Gordon Griffin who was on parole on a charge of knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check.

The grand jury is also scheduled to convene prior to the circuit court session to consider cases, Mrs. Parrish said.

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