

Columbia Basin to Let Contract On New Power Building Soon

Bids on the construction of a new multipurpose building for Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative in Heppner have been called for this week, and it is expected to let the contract in about three weeks, Harley Young, manager of the cooperative, said Monday.

The new structure, which will house offices of the utility, as well as house crew quarters, equipment storage and other facilities, will be located near the present substation just off the highway near Gray's Union Station.

Cost of the building is estimated at \$200,000. It will have a total of 13,000 square feet and will be of brick or stone exterior and of concrete construction.

Richard Meador is currently in the process of leveling the site, and a large rock mound was blasted recently to make room for a roadway to the site.

The structure, for which Wesley V. Korman of Pendleton is architect, will be 72 feet wide and 141 feet long. It will be on two levels with the lower level housing general offices, reception area, line superintendent's and engineers' offices, conference room and other facilities.

Crews quarters and service quarters will be on an upper level. Inside and outside docks will also be provided.

The new structure will provide adequate space to house the staff of the expanded utility and will fill the need for storage space for equipment, much of which has had to be left outside to this time. The present structure, on Main street, was in use prior to the expansion of the utility when the systems of Pacific Power and Light Co. were acquired several years ago.

Young says that he hopes that the new building will be ready for occupancy by December 1.

Every effort will be made by the cooperative to find a tenant for the present building who will contribute to the business economy here, Young said.

Abrams Takes Oath As BMC Board Head

Robert B. (Bob) Abrams of Heppner took the oath of office Tuesday morning as chairman of the board of directors of Blue Mountain Area Education District (Blue Mountain Community College) at a special meeting in Pendleton.

He was administered the oath by Mrs. Vern Dale of Helix, outgoing chairman.

Abrams has been a member of the board of directors since the inception of the district on July 1, 1962, and is serving his second term, having been re-elected as a director on May 3, 1965. He has been nominated for chairman at previous times but declined.

As chairman, his first duty

was to sign bonds that are to be delivered to the U. S. National Bank as low bidder on the issue that will finance construction of a third building on the community college campus. The bond issue is for \$1,250,000.

The bonds were approved for the building by voters at a special election for the district, which comprises Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Wallace McCrae, president of the college, said that the directors were pleased with the favorable interest rate on the low bid, which has an effective rate of 4.56%.

Plans for the third building, which will include a library, classrooms and many other facilities to round out the educational offerings, are now in the hands of potential bidders, and opening of the bids is scheduled for August 7.

"We're holding our breath that costs haven't gone up so much that we don't have to leave something out," McCrae said.

Kinzua Corporation Buys Ant Hill Sale

Kinzua Corporation was the successful bidder on the Ant Hill timber sale on the Heppner Ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest, according to Wright T. Mallory, forest supervisor.

The estimated volume of 23,600,000 board feet sold for \$586,398 and was appraised at \$886,272. The sale lies in Grant county in the Indian Creek drainage about 41 miles southeast of Kinzua.

Final prices per thousand board feet by species were \$29.28 for ponderosa pine and \$19.77 for Douglas fir and other coniferous species.

In other recent sales of the national forest, Harris Pine Mills bought 26,600,000 board feet on the Ukiah district 10 miles southeast of Ukiah, for \$575,077; Georgia-Pacific Corporation bought 5,800,000 board feet on the Dale Ranger district for \$127,000, nine miles south of Dale; Boise Cascade Corporation bought 1,030,000 board feet in the Eagle Springs sale on the Walla Walla district for \$39,081.50, 21 miles north of Elgin; E. M. L. Lumber Co. Inc., bought 1,940,000 board feet of lodgepole pine in the Andies Prairie sale, 15 miles north of Elgin, for \$3,889.20; and E. M. L. Lumber Co. also bought the Griffin sale on the Walla Walla district for \$568,850, consisting of 12,100,000 board feet about 56 miles northeast of Walla Walla.

Willow All-Stars Make Triple Play But Lose Contest

Willow Creek Little League baseball team from Morrow county equalled The Dalles, its opponent in district playoffs at The Dalles last Thursday, in the number of hits but lost the game, 11 to 5. This eliminated the home all-stars from the tournament.

However, they completed the only triple play ever made in the district playoffs. It came when Charlie McElligott, shortstop, took a batted ball, tagged a base runner at second for the first out. McElligott then threw to Johnny Boyer, catcher, who nipped a runner coming from third. Boyer then tossed the ball back to McElligott, who picked off the runner trying to make second.

The Willow Creek All-Stars had five hits, same as their opponents, but errors, principally in the fourth inning, proved their undoing.

Doug Gunderson pitched for the Willow Creek team. Coach Lindsay Kincaid said that he was proud of the performance of the boys and said that they did a very good job.

The Willow Creek All-Stars' opponents were the American entry from The Dalles.

Parents and supporters going to the game included Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid, Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Mrs. David McLeod, Mrs. Jim Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Mei Boyer, Mrs. Jimmy Prock, Mrs. Fritz Cutsforth, Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mrs. Louis Carlson, Mrs. Don Peterson, Mrs. Bill Rietmann and Mrs. Bob Rietmann.



ROBERT B. ABRAMS

(Courtesy East Oregonian)

Gillnet Fishing Trial Set Here

Date of August 15 has been tentatively set in Justice Court of Lowell Gribble for a jury trial of Anthony Hoptowitz, member of the Yaluma tribe, who is charged with fishing with gillnets in a prohibited area.

Hoptowitz was cited to the justice court here by state police on July 9 when two gillnets were found in the Columbia River near the Patterson Ferry on the south bank. One salmon allegedly was in the nets.

A special season for Indian fishing was provided by the state from the Bridge of the Gods at Cascade Locks to the mouth of the Deschutes River but did not permit fishing above that point.

Hoptowitz was acquitted of an illegal fishing charge a few years ago.

Barratt Praises 'Old Home Town,' Boosts OSU Beavers on Visit Here

As athletic director for Oregon State University, Jim Barratt's first loyalty now probably must be for "Beaverville," but he still qualifies as No. 1 Goodwill Ambassador for his old home town of Heppner.

The effervescent Mr. Barratt, here with his wife, Dorothy, for a brief visit with friends and relatives Sunday and Monday, was called upon for an impromptu talk at Chamber of Commerce Monday. His words provided music for the ears of home folks and Beaver fans for a half hour.

"It is the greatest of all experiences to be raised in a small town like Heppner," he said and declared that there have been many changes since he left here in 1946, all of them good.

"The park is a beautiful change," he said. "The whole town seems dressed up more than it used to be. It is a prettier town than ever before."

He had played a round of golf on the Willow Creek course and praised the condition of the course, saying that its greens are as good as most courses serving cities of 100,000 or more. He said that it was surprising what the country club members were doing with the course on a limited amount of money.

OSU Knows of Heppner

"People at Oregon State University know about Heppner, and I think Heppner knows about OSU," Barratt said, pointing out that he is such a rooter for his home town that all 36 members of the Beaver athletic staff brings his attention to any items that they see concerning Heppner.

Turning to Beaver athletics, Barratt said that Oregon State



JIM BARRATT

is expected to have one of the nation's best college football teams this fall, but that its track team is also outstanding. The basketball squad, too, will be stronger than last year, being composed of all veterans.

He said that he was "most proud" of OSU's colorful football coach, Dee Andros, who directed the team to such an outstanding season in 1967, coached the West All-Stars to victory over the East All-Stars this summer, and is now being selected for numerous honors.

The Beavers will have 26 lettermen back on their football team this fall, being led by Quarterback Steve Preece, veteran from last year. They will miss Jess Lewis, all-American tackle, who made the Olympic

team in wrestling and thus will not be able to compete in football.

Barratt said Oregon State athletes have better grade point averages than the average for all men of the college, going 2.6 as against 2.55.

"We believe in getting an education first, and athletics second," he said.

The athletic director told of the big budget under which men's sports operate at Oregon State, declaring that "it is big business." One of the reasons for the high cost of football is the two platoon system, which adds \$100,000 per year in cost of the sport, he said.

With its larger receipts in football due to the fine record of the Beavers, more is being done in the way of support. For instance, 130 members of the Beaver marching band will be flown to the Stanford game and this will cost \$6000.

The Beavers expect large crowds to all their home games this year, including the opener with Washington on October 5, Arizona State on October 19, UCLA at Portland on November 9, and University of Oregon on November 23. All will be at Corvallis except the UCLA at Portland.

Away games on the OSU schedule include Iowa, Utah, Kentucky, Washington State, Stanford and USC.

Television Pays Off

The Washington game will be televised nationally. Televised games mean a great deal to the coffers of the teams, he said, since the networks pay very well to show them.

Football games for Oregon



PRINCESS KATHY HINTON

Saturday Dance To Fete Kathy

Third in this year's series of summer dances will honor Princess Kathy Hinton, attractive 5 ft., 5 in. blonde daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Hinton of Boardman, who is representing the Boardman Tillium club on this year's fair and rodeo court.

Music for the dance which will be at the fair pavilion, Heppner, Saturday, July 27, will be furnished by The Henchmen, popular Heppner combo, with dancing from 9:30 to 1:00. The dance next Saturday night will be held in honor of Princess Sheila Luciani.

Princess Kathy has had a busy summer working as a waitress at the Nomad Cafe in Boardman, and keeping up with travels and riding appearances with Queen Berniece Matthews and other princesses in the court.

The 17-year-old princess graduated in the spring from Riverside High school, where she was a very popular and active student. She was a member of the National Honor Society, at the same time serving her school as a cheerleader and participating in many of its club activities. She was student body secretary her senior year, after being a member of the student council for two years. Active in sports, she was a leader in the Girls' Athletic Association.

Much of her talent in horseback riding, her favorite sport, developed through the years that she lived with her family in the Ukiah area, where she was a member of the Evergreen Riding Association. She helped

her grandfather, George Hinton, on his ranch and took part in cattle drives in the mountains. She has been an active member of 4-H livestock, sewing and cooking clubs.

With her family, Princess Kathy moved to Boardman to make her home at the beginning of her sophomore year in school. Her family includes her mother and father, and two younger sisters, Judy and Georgia, who also enjoy riding.

For her court appearances this summer, Kathy rides a favorite family quarter horse, "Babydoll."

Princess Kathy is saving her money earned this summer to help toward school this fall. She plans to enroll at Atlantic Airline Training School in Los Angeles, where she will receive instruction in either ground work or as a future airline hostess.

Liquidation Sale Brings Response

Liquidation sale at Van's Variety is bringing a good response from shoppers, Mary Van Blokland, operator of the store, states. First crowds more than met expectations, she said.

The sale, being handled by Inter-State Sales and Liquidators Co. with Dale Bennett of Portland here to conduct, will continue for no more than another two weeks.

It is tentatively planned that the store will reopen at a later date with emphasis on sewing and craft needs.

Pilot Rock Man On Game Board

James W. Whittaker, 50, of Pilot Rock, was appointed to the Oregon State Game Commission last week by Governor Tom McCall. Whittaker succeeds Wayne E. Phillips of Baker, who died recently.

Reappointed to a second 5-year term was J. Pat Metke of Bend, past commission chairman. Metke, long-time Bend civic and business leader and insurance executive, is a former member of the Oregon legislature and represents the state at-large on the commission.

Whittaker, a prominent Pilot Rock wheat and cattle rancher served for three years as chairman of the Wildlife and Recreation Committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and was co-chairman of the Rancher - Sportsmen Relations Committee. He is also an active member of the Oregon Wheat League, served as a school board member, a member of the city council and as a member of the Umatilla County Parks Commission.

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Harvest Yield Seen About Same as '67

Indications at the moment are that Morrow county's grain harvest will have an average yield quite similar to the crop of 1967. This is about 2/3 of a normal yield.

Gene Winters, Morrow county extension agent, said that at the present time he would predict the county's average yield this year at some 19-20 bushels per acre of wheat. A normal yield is about 23-30 bushels.

He said that it is not measuring up to expectations that were prevalent after the May rains. "We thought the rains might

have helped more," he said, "but the recent hot weather hurt, no doubt."

Winters said that the hot days, which ranged well over 100 degrees, may have cut the production in some fields between three and six bushels to the acre in the southern part of the county. "If the grain had advanced farther, it might have gotten through," he said, "but it was still pretty green and tender in some parts of the county."

The county extension agent said that some fields are running very poor, some poor and some fair. Oftentimes the fields with north slopes are found to be fairly good but those with southern slopes are ranging to very poor because of the drier and hotter conditions.

Nevertheless, the test weight on the grain continues to run surprisingly good, he said.

Riley Munkers of Morrow County Grain Growers said Tuesday that grain is being received at all of the cooperative's elevators in the county.

North Lexington, which will be tapering off soon because it serves the part of the county that is first to harvest, took in 17,000 bushels of wheat on Monday. The best day was 25,000 bushels.

Certificates Go To 52 Swimmers; 3rd Session Set

One hundred thirteen swimmers participated in the second session of Red Cross swimming lessons which were completed July 19 and 52 completed requirements for their certificates, Stuart Dick, instructor, said.

Registration for the third session will be Monday, July 29, from 11 a.m. until noon and the classes will run through August 9.

Adult swimming and lessons began at Heppner's municipal pool on July 23 and will run through August 9 for the hour of 9 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Those who received certificates for the second series of swim lessons are as follows:

Beginners—Ron Schwarz, Bill Van Schoiack, Sandy Bennett, Mike Orwick, Connie Follensbee, Charlie Follensbee, Janice Healy and Maureen Healy.

Advanced Beginners—Mark Piper, Joan Warren, Mike Rasmussen, Kathy Marshall, Eric Clow, Steve McLeod, Patricia Van Schoiack, C. J. Balfe, Rogene Balfe, Bill Kenny, Jim Kenny, Brenda Lebbie, Rebecca Stillman and Judy Bennett.

Intermediates—Debora Palmer, Donna Palmer, Ron Ward, Kathy Kenny, Kimee Lu Haguewood, Kevin Haguewood, Kathy Wolff and Tom Wolff.

Swimmers—Bobette Jones, Sherri Wilson, John Healy, Mary Ayers, Kristy Haguewood, Kellwayne Haguewood, Mary Healy, Joan Healy, Mike Smith, Marty Smith, Molly Pierce and Barbara Palmer.

Nice

Weather in the high 70's and low 80's marked the week with 27 inches of rainfall coming Friday in a brief storm. The Heppner area was not buffeted by the high winds that hit Pendleton and other areas on that day.

Don Gilliam, weather observer, reports that July rainfall is now exactly the average for the month at .33 inch. If a bit more comes before the end of the month it will be the first time any month has exceeded the average in a long, long time.

Complete report for the week:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	81	52	—
Thursday	87	47	—
Friday	85	53	.27
Saturday	78	48	—
Sunday	82	47	—
Monday	78	46	—
Tuesday	83	45	—

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK JULY 21-27 1968



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WITH MAJOR dams now completed on the Columbia River along Oregon's north boundary, the series of vast slack water reservoirs offer a great outlet for recreation. Morrow county's northern boundary fronts on the new Lake Umatilla. Warm summer days bring out crowds in increasingly greater numbers to enjoy boating, skiing, swimming and other sports. This picture was taken above McNary dam where hundreds spread along the shoreline to enjoy a warm calm day in and near the water. Most of the people in this picture are from the Heppner area. (G-T Photo).