

# Annual Columbia Basin Electric Meeting Points Up Growth of Irrigation

A substantial increase in power load resulting from "tremendous" irrigation developments in the county was stressed by Harley Young, manager, as the highlight of the year when he gave his annual report to the some 200 persons present at the annual meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Inc., last Thursday in the fair pavilion here.

Young said that the co-op's total connected horsepower for irrigation as of this date is 193, an increase of almost 100 horsepower over the previous year when the total stood at 2184. In 1964, the horsepower for irrigation accounts was figured at 1464.

Total kilowatt hours used in irrigation sales has gone from 1,267,000 KWH in 1963 to 2,875,777 in 1967, Young reported, and revenue from this source has climbed during the same period from \$21,116 annually to \$39,942. Number of irrigation accounts (active and idle) now stands at 227 as compared with 156 in 1964.

**Richmond Speaks**

Young's report was one of the highlights of the meeting which presented H. R. (Russ) Richmond, administrator of Bonne-

ville Power Administration, as principal speaker. He used slide illustrations to tell of the Northwest-Southwest power intertie. Richmond also discussed the fast accelerating power needs, the tremendous growth of load, requirements for the future, and the possibility of thermal nuclear plants for development of power.

Wayne Leathers of Monument, the inimitable master of ceremonies, brought humorous breaks to the heavy business end of the meeting with his great store of anecdotes and jokes that kept the crowd laughing.

Walter Jaeger of Condon, president, explained how the cooperative voluntarily contributes to the counties in which it operates in lieu of taxes under an agreement made at the time the exchange was made with Pacific Power Company. The cooperative contributes an amount to the counties equivalent to what the private utility would have paid, he said.

**Building Need Told**

The president also told of the need experienced for a new building to provide room for the staff to work. He said that the building, now under construction

in Heppner, will mean savings because of the fact that equipment and personnel can be centrally located. The structure, financed under a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration, is expected to be completed in April.

Attorney Herman Winter was called upon to give an explanation of the treatment of capital credits as applied to income taxes.

Secretary Jack Hynd read last year's minutes and gave proof of mailing notice of meeting to the members of the cooperative, as provided by the by-laws.

**Directors Chosen**

Four directors were chosen, two of whom were reelected and two elected for the first time. Paul Jaeger was elected as Condon city director and will replace Ernest Lear on the board. Floyd Anderson was elected in Zone 1, North Gilliam county, and will replace Virgil West.

Reelected were Walter Wright of Hardman for the South Morrow county position, Zone 6, winning over Archie Bechdolt, and Walter Jaeger for the South Gilliam county position, Zone 2, winning over Jack Rieser. Hold-over directors are John R. (Dick) Krebs, vice president, of Cecil;



**HARLEY YOUNG**, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, told of the great gains in power from irrigation at the annual meeting of the cooperative here last Thursday. (G-T Photo.)

Jack Hynd, also of Cecil, who is secretary-treasurer; Kenneth J. Smouse and Raymond Lundell, both of Ione; Dick Wilkinson, Elmer Palmer and Randall Peterson, all of Heppner; and W. H. Steiwer, Sr., Fossil.

Prizes were given to a number of those attending, some going to those who had come the longest distance, others to those who were the oldest members present, and some as just door prizes. Four 100-watt light bulbs were given to each member present.

Registration started at 11 a.m., followed by a motion picture. Lunch was served at 12:30 by the Rhea Creek Grange, and the meeting started at 1:15.

**Year Was Bustiest**

In his report, Young said that the last year's operation was one of the busiest ones since the cooperative was organized in 1948. No serious service problems were encountered, a condition that was aided by favorable weather conditions.

To meet the growing load, principally caused by irrigation, Columbia Basin will relocate a transformer from its Jordan substation near Ione to the Sandhollow area, he said. This will provide nearly seven times the

capacity that the co-op presently has there.

When the cooperative was first established in 1949 the total substation capacity was 1,800 KVA, he said. This has grown to 26,000 KVA at the present.

"In addition, in the Sandhollow area, we have designed our lines and facilities to double the voltage on the distribution system that serves this area," Young said. "This will increase the capacity of these lines by three to five times. We are not even certain this will meet requirements longer than the next five years."

**Hard Decisions Faced**

Continuing on irrigation, Young said, "Your board of directors and myself have faced some real hard decisions regarding irrigation loads, such as these that have occurred in this area."

He pointed out that the water resources board "looks at some of these deep wells with a considerable amount of skepticism," adding "if the rancher makes the investment of drilling the well and installing the irrigation system, then the cooperative is obliged to provide

electrical service as he needs it. The only problem we have faced is that we have just not been able to keep up with the growth as we would have liked to."

The manager said that the cooperative has had to defer some of the construction that it hoped to accomplish during the past summer. Applications are on hand for service to recreational areas—Cutsforth Park and Allison—Wright Memorial Park above Hardman. In addition, other developments will require service, such as Earl Blake's development on the north fork of Willow Creek and Orville Cutsforth's project at Penland Prairie, Young said.

Treasurer's report of the cooperative showed electrical revenue for the year of \$702,509 and total expenses of \$567,509, leaving an operating margin of \$135,000, which will be assigned as patronage capital. This is a decrease of \$2,939 from the previous fiscal year.

Included in the total expenses were \$66,725 in interest and \$41,892 paid in taxes. A total of \$216,620 was paid on the principal of the long term debt notes.

## List of Prizes Climbing For Christmas Opening

Prizes worth more than \$500, including a portable color television set, are already offered by Heppner merchants for Christmas Opening this year, and more prizes are expected to be added through the coming week.

Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, merchants chairman, states:

Christmas Opening will be held here on Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30. Santa Claus will arrive at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 30, and there will be treats for all the children who come to see him.

At 4:30 p.m. on the same day—Saturday—merchants will draw for winners of prizes offered by their individual stores. The prizes will average about \$10 in value, and as of Tuesday, 13 merchants had announced their prizes.

The color television set will not be given away until Saturday, December 7, at a drawing at the main downtown corner at 3:30 p.m.

**Prizes Announced**

Merchants who have announced their store prizes to date are as follows: Edma's Apparel, \$10 gift certificate; Gardner's Men's Wear, Pendleton woolen sport shirt; MilLadies, sweater; Van's Creative Crafts, Christmas arrangement; Cal's Richfield, five gallons of gasoline; Central Market, 12 lb. turkey; Gonty's, transistor tape recorder; Jack's Motel and Service Station, five gallons of gasoline; Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, one gal. Spred Satin paint and one quart Spred Latex enamel; Gazette-Times, \$10 cash; Peterson's Jewelers, anti-tarnish silver dish; J. C. Penney Co., \$12 nylon blanket; and Murrays Rexall Drug, \$10 gift certificate.

The Christmas Window Guessing Contest, held during the past seven years, will not be held this year.

To compete for both the individual store prizes and for the color television set, a person need only go to the store, beginning Friday, November 29, and sign a slip for the drawing.

**Chance on All Prizes**

He may enter the contest at any or all of the stores. If he registers at all participating stores, he will have a chance on the prizes at all of them.

A person may register only once in each store. When he registers for the individual store prizes, he also is automatically

## E. Markham Baker Dies in Arizona

E. Markham Baker, 65, well known Ione rancher, died unexpectedly in Mesa, Ariz., Monday evening, November 18, following an apparent heart attack. He was attending a social gathering with his wife when he was stricken, then failed to respond to medication when taken to the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker had been in Arizona only a short time, where they have been going for the past several winters to enjoy the warmer climate. They were residing at the Holiday Village mobile court in Mesa.

The body is to arrive at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston Thursday morning (today). A memorial service is planned for Friday, November 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ione United Church of Christ. Interment will be in the Hermiston cemetery that afternoon, with graveside services at 4:00 p.m. The body will lay in state at Burns Mortuary until 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Marjorie; one daughter, Mrs. Don (Mardene) Larsen, Wenatche, Wn.; two sons, Ronald of Hermiston, and Dwayne of Sunnyside, Calif., and seven granddaughters. Also, two brothers, Kedrick Baker, Deer Park, Wn., and Everett Baker, Seattle, Wn.; and three sisters, Gertrude Baker, Everett, Wn., Juanita Jensen, Vancouver, Wn., and Aileen VanBuren, Walla Walla, Wn.

## Froggy Weather

Chilly and foggy weather settled in this week, with the highest temperature recorded at 47 degrees last Thursday. Low was 31 degrees Sunday morning early. Another .54 inch of rain came during the week to bring the month's total to 2.17 inches, well exceeding the normal of 1.44 inches, according to Don Gilliam, official observer.

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**BARTON CLARK**, president of Morrow County Grain Growers, will have an important meeting at the fair pavilion Monday night.

## Grain Growers' Annual Meeting Slated Monday

A. E. VanWinkle of Spokane, vice president of the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., at the fair pavilion here Monday night.

The meeting will start with dinner at 6:30 p.m., prepared and served by the Willows Grange. Champion 4-H beef will be a part of the menu and door prizes to be given through the evening will also consist of champion beef.

The talk by VanWinkle will be one of the program highlights of the meeting. He is brother of Jack VanWinkle and of Mrs. Herman Green of Heppner.

Business session of the meeting will be conducted by President Barton Clark and Harlan McCurdy, Jr., manager. Clark was recently elected president by the directors to fill the vacancy left when Walter Jacobs moved from the county.

Several directors will be elected and other business will be transacted at the meeting.

Sara Miller, Heppner High school senior who won the local conservation speech contest, will give her talk at the meeting, and Wayne Daggett, assistant manager of North Pacific Grain Growers, is also scheduled for an appearance.

Financial report of the cooperative will be presented and general discussion of association policies and future will be held.

## Cemetery District To Elect Directors

Ione-Lexington Cemetery District will elect two directors at an election on Monday, December 2. Voting will be held at the Ione City hall between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Candidates on the ballot for a three-year director term will be Carl Troedson, and for a two-year term, Roy A. Lindstrom.

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## Cardinals Roar To Semi-finals

Ione High school's 8-man football team roared through Crane, 73 to 7, on Ione Memorial Field Saturday, and the Cardinals will play Huntington in the state B-8 semifinals at Ione Saturday, the game starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Huntington contest is one of two remaining games that the Cardinals must win to bring to reality the dream of a state championship. But they know that the Saturday game will be the toughest of the year, and they will have to be at their best to top the team which, like themselves, has an undefeated record.

Just four teams are left in the state title picture—Ione, Huntington, Arlington and Mohawk. The latter two will compete Saturday at Mohawk in the other game of the semi-final round.

Coach Gordon Meyers' Cards hold an early season victory over Arlington, but if the Honkers should win and the Ione team should emerge over Huntington, it would bring a "neighborhood" final game to Ione on the ensuing week for the state championship.

**Crane Didn't Quit**

As the score shows, Ione had little trouble with Crane, although the visitors "played pretty good" as coach Meyers put it, and they didn't give up.

As with other opponents, the Cardinals hit them with a bolt of lightning early in the game and had them reeling from the start. On the first play from scrimmage, Eddie Sherman took the ball and ran 79 yards to score for Ione with two fine blocks by Frank Halvorsen and Earl Pettyjohn paving his way.

In all, Ione tallied 11 touchdowns and seven extra points in the game. Sherman scored six touchdowns, of which two were on passes, and ran one

## Churches to Unite Thanksgiving Eve For Special Service

Plans for the community Thanksgiving service were made at the November meeting of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association, sponsors for the annual program.

People of all faiths are invited to attend the united service on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 27, at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene, scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Rudolph Mensch, pastor of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches. It is planned to have music provided by combined choirs of the Methodist church and Ione United Church of Christ.

This is the third successive year for the evening service, a change from the previous tradition of worship on Thanksgiving morning. Services were well attended at the First Christian church in Heppner last year.

All people in the surrounding areas are urged to attend and join together in a service of thanksgiving.

## Fiddler Contest Entries Expected from 3 States

Entries in the Morrow county Jaycees' second annual Old Time Fiddlers contest are expected to come from three states—Oregon, Washington and Idaho—according to information from Al Osmin and John Privett of the Jaycees.

Sixty entry forms have been sent out to prominent fiddlers throughout the northwest for the contest which will be in Heppner on Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30.

The event will be held under joint sponsorship of the Eastern Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and the Jaycees.

Posters have been designed and drawn by school students in a contest to publicize the event, and Kathleen Bartlett has been judged first place winner. Her

## Exhibits Featured at PTA

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## Property Tax Collections Reach \$1,348,458

Morrow county property taxpayers had their 1968-69 tax bills 79% paid by the November 15 rebate deadline, Mrs. Elvira Irby, tax deputy in the office of Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, said Tuesday.

Percentage-wise this was slightly behind last year when 82% of the roll was collected by the deadline. But in cash received, it is ahead of last in the county is higher.

When the deputies had processed payments sent by mail, postmarked November 15 or earlier, together with those received in the courthouse by the deadline, the total figure came to \$1,348,458.58. Job of processing the mail through November 15 was completed by Tuesday. Last year at the same time, a total of \$1,171,000 was collected.

Morrow county's largest taxpayer now is Pacific Gas Transmission Company, whose check for \$105,421.19 was received in time to receive the rebate.

Second largest taxing utility here is Union Pacific Railway Company which paid \$60,731.49.

The Oregon Veterans Administration paid \$33,429.61 for state lands leased to The Boeing Company, and the company paid taxes of \$16,657.53 for its improvements on the leased lands.

Pacific Northwest Bell was another big utility taxpayer with \$24,101.47. Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., a cooperative, paid \$22,249.04 in taxes.

Some private corporations also ranked high in the list, exceeding some of the utilities, but these figures were not released.

Mrs. Irby said that the individual with the highest tax bill in the county was one who paid \$13,313.47. His name was not divulged.

Total to be collected on the 1968-69 roll was \$1,698,327, and after the November 15 deadline only 21% remained to be collected. Quite a number of taxpayers elect to pay quarterly, and first quarter payments are included in the total collected from those who paid by the deadline. Some others paid half or three-quarters by the deadline.

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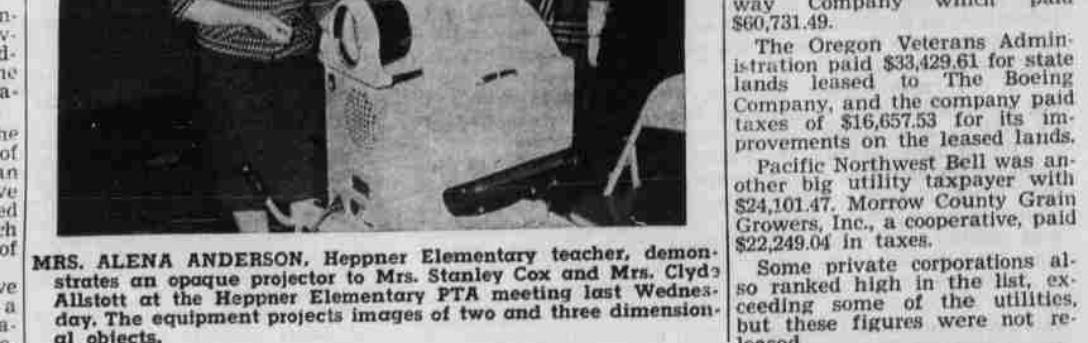
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**MRS. ALENA ANDERSON**, Heppner Elementary teacher, demonstrates an opaque projector to Mrs. Stenley Cox and Mrs. Clyde Allstott at the Heppner Elementary PTA meeting last Wednesday. The equipment projects images of two and three dimensional objects.

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