



DOUG RATHBUN, new Heppner police officer, is a graduate of the Oregon Police Academy and has been in police work for the past eight years. He began his law enforcement career in Gaston where he also served as chief of police for one year. He later served as chief of police for Powers, a position he held for seven years. He resigned his position as chief of police for Umatilla after having served for a six-month period. He is married and the father of two daughters and one son.

**Hardman news**

**Benefit raises \$410 for John**

Saturday night saw the Good Neighbor Policy in action, Hardman Style, as the Hardman Opry House again opened its doors for a benefit dance.

This dance, given to help defray medical expenses of John Ekstrom, drew people from near and far. People came from as near as next door and as far as Kennewick, Wa. It was a stomping, hollering, fun-filled crowd, typical of a Hardman benefit.

The music was pure country-western with just a touch of Irish thrown in. Dick Gorham and the gang, regular players at Hardman, contributed most of the music. Bill Ayers made a pleasant guest appearance and the evening also boasted a duet by a couple of young performers, Wanda Riley and Todd Gorham.

Mixing with the music was the tantalizing aroma of spaghetti being prepared in the kitchen. This along with other foodstuffs was generously contributed by local business people and was appreciated by both members of the community center and the hungry dancers.

After the eating and dancing was over and dancers and

band had departed, the old Opry House once again sat in ghostly silence, but not before a total of \$410 had been collected and set aside to help a neighbor.

Since December 1974, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board has prohibited sex discrimination in making mortgage loans. One effect is that the combined income of both husband and wife must be considered in granting mortgage loans. The lender cannot prejudge what might happen in the future. For example, the lender cannot disallow the wife's income on the assumption she might decide to quit her job. The FHLBB also rules that it is discriminatory to require a single woman with a steady job or income to obtain a co-signer for a mortgage loan when single men are not subjected to this requirement.

People once believed that the stone known as jacinth could protect them from plague.

**Sale will aid local swim team**

Heppner Swim Association, a group of parents, has taken over the rummage sale formerly held by the kindergarten parents.

The sale is planned for April 25-26 at the fairgrounds. Money made from the sale will go to supplement a swimming coach's salary and for new equipment.

Although rummage is being picked up weekly, the association still has need for more.

A swim association organizational meeting is planned for April 9, 7:30 p.m., at the old library room in City Hall.

Any interested person or parent is welcome to attend. The association is seeking more children for the swim team.



"To think I once asked for that hand in marriage!"

**MUSTANGS TO OPEN BASEBALL SEASON**

The Heppner High School Mustangs will open their 1975 baseball season with a double-header against Wahtonka at The Dalles this Friday. The first game of the double header starts at noon.

A complete list of the Mustangs' spring sports schedule will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

Oregon Pilots Association, Umatilla chapter, will hold a dinner meeting, Saturday, March 22, at the Tapadera banquet room in Pendleton. The social hour is at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting is to plan an activities calendar for the year.

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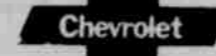
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