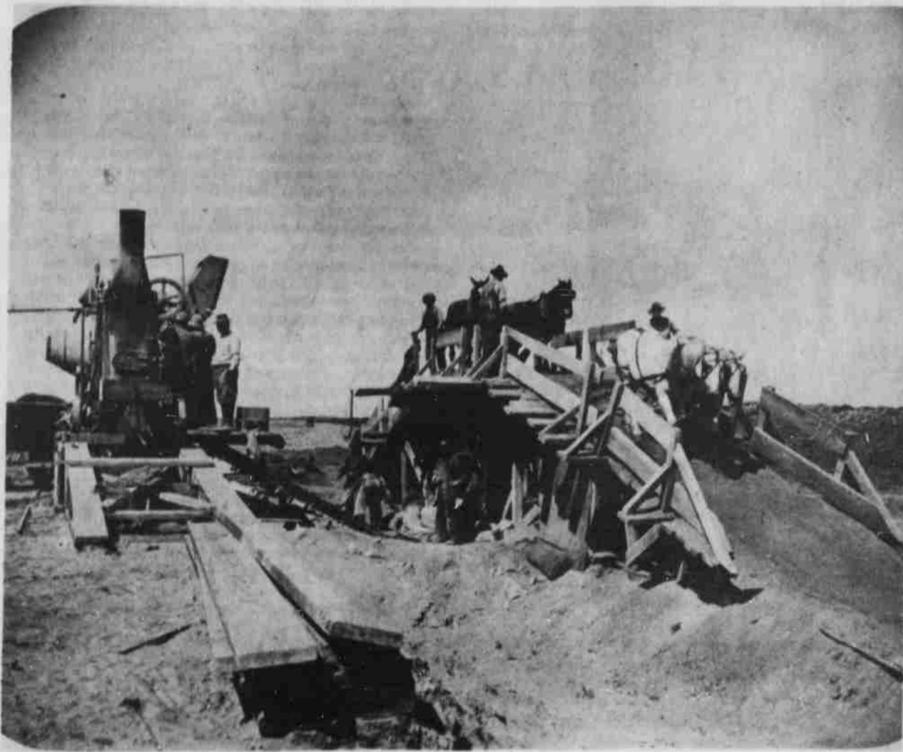


THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Vol. 92, No. 37

Heppner, OR, Oct. 30, 1975

15c



Mixing concrete the hard way. Teams of horses on the right are hauling gravel and depositing it at the bottom of the wooden bridge. The gravel is taken to the mixer and dispensed by the cart. According to reports the concrete was used to construct the west end bridge near the Irrigon area. (Courtesy of Warren McCoy)

Community honors Dr. L.D. Tibbles

Over 275 people attended the retirement dinner for Dr. L.D. Tibbles last Wednesday night at the Heppner High School Cafeteria. Dr. Tibbles retired from active practice after serving the community for 41 years.

Dr. Tibbles graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, MO, and came to Heppner in 1934. He has been active in civic affairs during his practice, having served as a city councilman, and later as mayor of Heppner. He was president of the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Lions International. He was also a volunteer fireman for 20 years.

He helped organize Little League baseball in Heppner and served as plate umpire for 15 years. He was honored for serving the past 40 years as medical assistant to the athletic program at Heppner High School.

He was recently selected General Practitioner of the Year by the Oregon Chapter of the college of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery at a convention in Sunriver.

In appreciation for his many contributions to the community the keys to a new 1975 Bronco were presented to Dr.

Tibbles by Dr. Wallace Wolff, purchased by residents of the community. Dr. Tibbles also received a ceramic plaque inscribed Tibbles Country, showing Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam Counties, the areas the doctor has served since 1934. The plaque was made by Betty Feves, Pendleton.

A decorated cake depicting an outdoor scene showing a man fishing in a stream adorned the table, as Dr. Tibbles is an ardent fisherman. A bouquet of red roses also decorated the head table, a gift to Mrs. Tibbles whose birthday was the following day.

Dr. Wolff, acting as master of ceremonies for the occasion remarked, "The students of Heppner High School will dedicate their year book to Dr. Tibbles in appreciation for his many services."

Dr. Wolff praised Mrs. Tibbles for the many evenings she has spent alone eating meals, missing social engagements and activities while the doctor was away on call.

After receiving a standing ovation from the crowd, Dr. Tibbles addressed the crowd, saying, "I asked the committee if I had to make any long speeches and they said no, and that bothered me, so I have nothing to say except thanks to everyone."



DR. and MRS. L.D. TIBBLES

Columbia Basin to host 31st annual meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Coop. will be held at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds, Fossil, November 6 beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Last time the meeting was held in Fossil the crowd was the largest to attend an Annual Meeting of the Cooperative.

Registration for voting is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. A roast beef dinner will be provided by the Coop. and will be served by the Methodist ladies of Fossil.

The members will vote either by mail or at the meeting to elect 4 directors. In addition two bylaw revisions are to be voted on. One bylaw change would change the manner of the date of selection of the Nominating Committee each year. The second bylaw

change would call for a revision in Director Districts and would reduce the size of the Board from 12 to 9 members. It would eliminate the confusion of the present bylaws as to which Directors should be elected "at large."

President Van Rietmann will preside over his first Annual Meeting. Other board members are: Walter Jaeger, Condon; Dick Krebs, Cecil; Paul Tews, Ione; Kenneth Smouse, Ione; Herb Wright, Fossil; Kenneth Wright, Ruggs; Elmer Palmer, Heppner; Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; Randall Peterson, Heppner; Floyd Anderson, Olex; and Paul Jaeger, Condon.

The Columbia Basin Electric Coop. was incorporated 35 years ago—Sept. 18, 1940. The Coop. now serves 3010 square miles in portions of 5 counties. The Annual Report of the

local utility shows income of \$1,352,413 and a margin above expenses of \$336,790.51. The gross income increased 20 per cent over the 1974 fiscal year and the margin increased 60 per cent over that of 1974. Net investment of the corporation was 7.5 million as of June 30, 1975.

There is no guest speaker scheduled for the meeting. President Van Rietmann will give a brief report for the Board of Directors. Manager David Harrison will give his 20th report as manager to a rural electric coop. Annual Meeting by use of a colored slide presentation. Secretary Treasurer Paul Tews will tell of the audit and financial condition of the corporation. Entertainment will be provided by a musical group from the Wheeler County Schools.

Hayworth injured

Arthur Douglas Hayworth, Cecil, sustained minor injuries in a single car accident early Saturday night.

According to reports, Hayworth was north bound on Hwy 74 when he swerved to miss an animal in the roadway. As his vehicle went off the pavement onto the shoulder of the road he lost control of his car. As he tried to right the vehicle, it careened to the opposite side of the roadway coming to rest on its top.

Hayworth was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, given emergency treatment and released.



Jernstedt files for re-election

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt, R-Hood River, filed with the Secretary of State's Office for re-election to Senate District No. 28.

Jernstedt will be seeking a third four-year term as State Senator representing the areas of Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman and Wasco Counties and portions of Clackamas, Linn and Marion Counties.

Prior to entering the Senate in 1969, Jernstedt served two years as a State Representative.

Jernstedt is a soft drink bottler and lives in Hood River.

Oregon Cattlemen to convene

The 62nd annual Oregon Cattlemen's Association convention will be held in Baker, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. More than 600 cattlemen, their wives and CowBelles throughout the state are expected to attend the convention. The annual CowBelle convention will also convene in Baker at the same time.

One of the most important topics to be discussed at the meeting will be livestock financing for 1976, with a panel of leading financial lenders giving their opinions. Moderating the panel will be Ronald Tangvald, vice president, Federal-Intermediate Credit Bank. Panel members will include: Grant Perry, senior vice president First

National Bank; John Sergerstrom, president, Pendleton Banking Company; and Jack Hert, farm program specialist, Farm Home Administration.

Speakers at the convention will include: Ken Monfort, Greeley CO, owner and operator of the world's largest cattle feeding operation; Allan Sedgwick, vice president in charge of sales, Texaco Oil Co.; Dr. William Sherman, nutritionist research director, from the National Livestock and Meat Board, Chicago; Don Woodard, president, National Association of Wheat Growers; and Gordon VanVleck, president of the American National Cattlemen's Association.

MCGG to host annual meeting

The Morrow County Grain Growers will host their annual dinner Monday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion.

Manager Larry Mills will give a financial report to the board of directors. Following the reports, officers and directors will be elected. Board members whose terms expire are: E.H. Miller, vice president; D.O. Nelson, director; Roy Martin, director; and Gary Grieb, director.

Norman Goetze, extension agronomist with the Oregon State University, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Goetze received his master degree at Oregon State College in chemical weed control. He obtained his doctorate degree at Purdue University in teaching and turfgrass research.

Petition to amend state constitution discussed

"Corporate farming is not that great a problem in Oregon at the present time, however, now is the time to deal with the problem to protect family farms," said Olga Nelson, administrative assistant to W.C. Harris, master of the Oregon State Grange. Nelson made the statement speaking before the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

She told of the various farm organizations now working to place the petition on the ballot to amend the Oregon constitution.

The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new Article to be known as Article XIX and to read:

Section 1. As used in this Article:

(1) "Agricultural land" means land used for farming.
(2) "Authorized farm corporation" means a corporation whose shareholders do not exceed five in number, whose shareholders are all natural persons or estates, whose shares are all of one class, and whose revenues from rent, royalties, dividends, interest and annuities do not exceed 20 per cent of its gross receipts.

(3) "Farming" means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops; livestock or livestock products; poultry or poultry products; milk or dairy products; or fruit or other horticultural products. "Farming" shall not include the production of timber or forest products or the use of timber lands for pasture nor shall "farming" include a contract whereby a processor or distributor of farm products or supplies provides spraying, harvesting or other farm services.

(4) "Family Farm" means an unincorporated farming unit owned by one or more persons residing on the farm or actively engaging in farming.

(5) "Family farm corporation" means a corporation founded for the purpose of farming and the ownership of agricultural land in which the majority of the voting stock is held by and the majority of the shareholders are persons or

the spouses of persons related to each other within the third degree of kindred, and at least one of the related persons is a person residing on or actively operating the farm; and none of whose shareholders are corporations. However, a family farm corporation shall not cease to qualify as such under this Article by reason of any devise or bequest of shares of voting stock if such shares are transferred to an ownership permitted by this Article within five years.

Section 2. No corporation shall engage in farming, nor shall any corporation, directly or indirectly, own, acquire, or otherwise obtain an interest, whether legal, beneficial or otherwise, in any real estate used for farming. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) A bona fide encumbrance taken for purposes of security.

(2) A family farm corporation or an authorized farm corporation.

(3) A farm operated for research or experimental purposes, provided, that any commercial sales from such farm are only incidental to the research or experimental objectives of the corporation.

(4) Not to exceed 100 acres of agricultural land operated by a corporation for the purpose of raising breeding stock for resale to farmers or operated for the purpose of growing seed, nursery plants or sod.

(5) Land owned and farmed by an educational, religious or charitable non-profit corporation on the effective date of this Article, or such land leased for farming purposes by such corporation to a family farm, family farm corporation, or authorized farm corporation and without limitation or condition as to production or sale of products from the land.

(6) Agricultural land acquired by a corporation other than a family farm corporation or authorized farm corporation for immediate or potential use for nonfarming purposes. A corporation may hold such agricultural land in such acreage

as may be necessary to its nontarm business operation. However, pending development of the agricultural land for nontarm purposes, such land shall not be used for farming except under lease to a family farm, a family farm corporation or an authorized farm corporation and without limitation or condition as to production or sale of products from the land.

(7) Agricultural lands acquired by a corporation by process of law in the collection of debts; or by a procedure for the enforcement of a lien or claim thereon, whether created by mortgage or otherwise. However, all lands so acquired must be disposed of within 10 years after acquiring an interest therein, and land so acquired shall not be used for farming during the 10-year period except under a lease to a family farm, a family farm corporation or an authorized farm corporation and without limitation or condition as to production or sale of products from the land. The 10-year limitation period shall be deemed a covenant running with the land against any corporate grantee or assignee or the successor of such corporation unless that grantee, assignee or successor is otherwise qualified under this Article to engage in farming.

Section 3. The legislature shall adopt by law filing requirements for corporations engaged in farming or proposing to commence farming in this state after January 1, 1977, whereby information required for the enforcement of this Article shall be available.

Section 4. If the chief law officer of the state has reason to believe that a corporation is in violation of this Article, the chief law officer shall commence an action for appropriate relief, including divestiture. If the court finds that the lands in question are being held in violation of this Article, it shall enter an order so declaring and order divestiture and any other appropriate relief. Any corporation owning such land prior to the effective date of this Article shall have a period of

10 years from the date of such order to divest itself of such lands. The 10-year limitation period shall be deemed a covenant running with the land against any corporate grantee or assignee or the successor of such corporation unless the grantee, assignee or successor is otherwise qualified under this Article to engage in farming. Any lands not so divested within the time prescribed shall be sold at public sale in the manner prescribed by order of the court. Any prospective or threatened violation of this Article may be enjoined in the manner provided by law.

Following the reading of the proposed amendment, Nelson answered questions by the members, however, she stated that she was not a lawyer and could answer any questions to the best of her ability, however, the answers were not to be taken legally. At this point, chairman Harold Kerr asked the membership to refrain from asking any debateable questions of Nelson, as the Chamber was only interested in obtaining facts and a corporate farm representative would be given equal time to present his views to the Chamber Nov. 10.

Questions asked by the members were: What effect will corporate farming have on small business in the area? Nelson replied, "Corporate farms do not support small local merchants, small businesses should be allied with small farmers."

Nelson also explained the amendment does not contain a "grandfather clause", stating "Although the 'grandfather clause' was discussed to great length, a limitation of 10 years was thought to be more effective."

Asked why the initiative was intended as a constitutional amendment, Nelson replied, "A constitutional amendment becomes basic law and it can be changed only by a vote of the people."

Next week the Chamber of Commerce will have Bill Sheirbon, service worker for the Morrow County Childrens Service Division as guest speaker.