

## Cattlemen elect officers

Malheur County rancher, Bert Hawkins, Ontario, was elected president of the 3200 member Oregon Cattlemen's Association in Baker last week. He replaces Ernie Davis, Haines, who served two years as the state Association President.

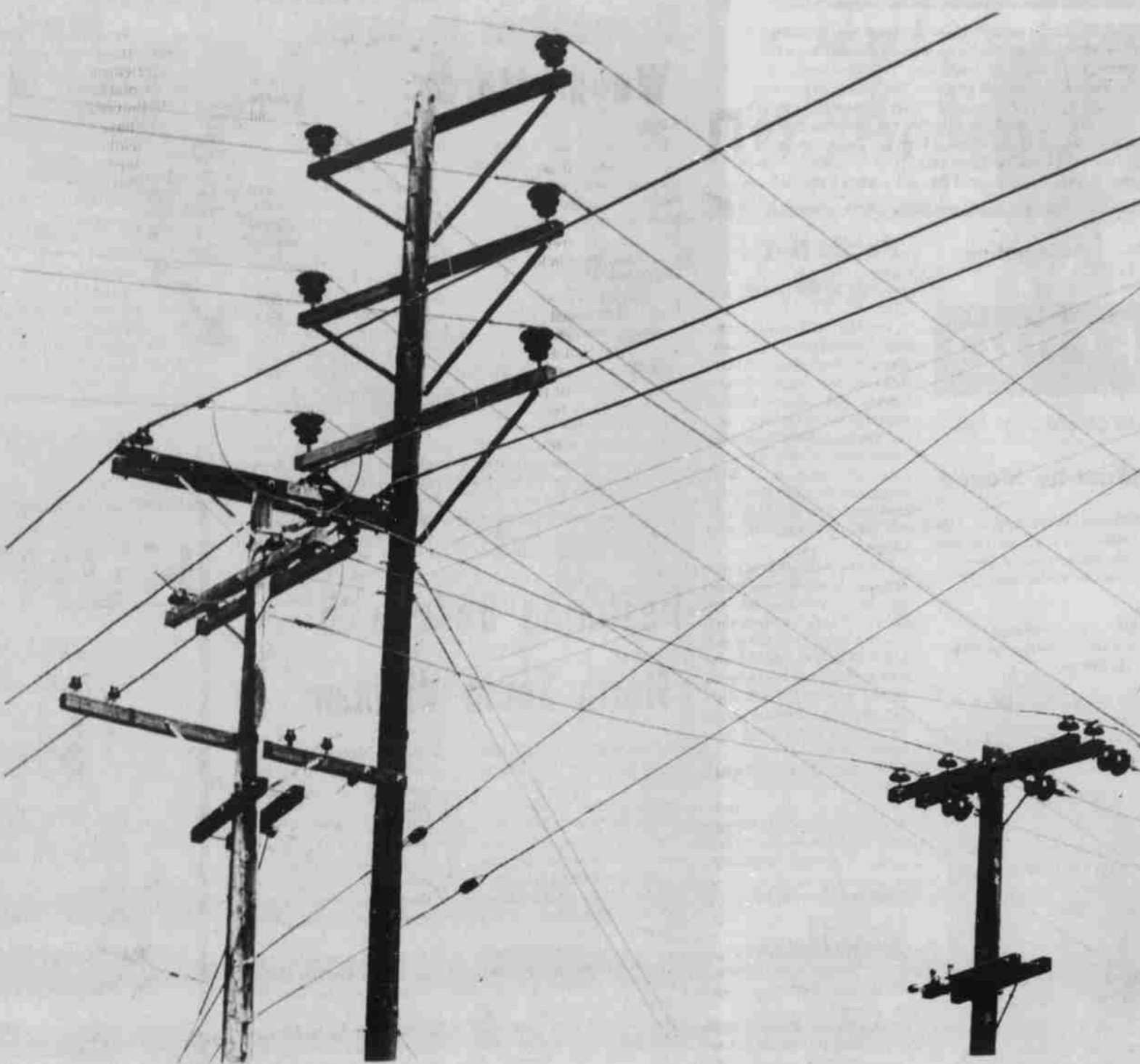
Replacing Hawkins as first vice-president is Bill Ross, Jordan Valley.

Other new statewide officers elected were second vice-presidents: George McGee, Riley; Reid Johnson, Wallawa; and Carol Rhoads, culver. Coos County rancher and former state senator Sam Dement, Myrtle Point, was elected the association treasurer.

Association second vice-presidents who will complete their final year of a two year term are Martin Howard, Prineville; Dalton Straus Central Point; Ray French, Heppner and Roger Dumdli, Dayton. Re-appointed executive vice-president of the Association was Donald Ostensoe, Portland.

Mrs. Ted (Elizabeth) Hyde, Bly, was elected state Cow-Belle President replacing Mrs. Don Bradshaw. Newly elected first vice-president of the BowBelles is Mrs. Paul (Martha Jane) Jacobs, Haines.

29 resolutions were passed during the three-day meeting last week. The newly elected Cattlemen's president stated in a press conference that, "The voice of agriculture is weak and fragmented. All farm and commodity groups must work more closely together both at the legislative front and with consumer groups." Hawkins also stressed that membership in organizations like the Cattlemen's Association must be strengthened in numbers and soundly financed so that industry business may be conducted on a county, state and nationwide level.



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## Co-op meeting

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well as picking up "lost" revenues in load balancing and in recent meter testing programs. The irrigation usage and Kinzua Corp. growth has helped our revenue picture.

President of the board of directors, Van Rietmann said, "Although the increase in power went up 7 per cent during the past fiscal year there has been only a slight increase in the amount the customer pays. The average bill amounts to \$19.31 per month. In New York City the electric rate is 10 times greater than ours, perhaps that is one reason New York is going bankrupt."

He spoke of the dramatic reduction in line loss stating it is presently about 7 per cent. Previously it had been 17 per cent and the customers weren't getting a good return. Electric consumption increased 13 per cent and while many other companies were cutting down during the energy crisis, our consumption went up.

Rietmann told the members of the plans of the board of directors to participate in nuclear plants.

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He spoke of the problems geothermal plants are having, namely, locating hot water, leases, drilling, desalting, mineral problems, and the need for fresh water to maintain the plant.

"Solar power is a long way off," said Rietmann and it will probably be another century before solar power is a reality.

"There are many people who believe nuclear power might be dangerous, however, there has not been a major accident within the past 30 years. This is due to the increase in regulations," said Rietmann. "People will not tolerate a reduction in power and they should support construction of nuclear plants," concluded Rietmann.

Employees with perfect work records for the past year were Dave Harrison, Dan James, Doyle Key and Jim Prock, all of Heppner. Bill McDowell, Condon and Elmer Sams and Bill Gentry, Heppner, lost only two days during the year.

## Traffic deaths may be lowest in years

Chances are excellent that Oregon's traffic death toll for 1975 will be the lowest in about 11 years.

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Division reported that deaths through October totaled 469—71 fewer than for the first 10 months last year.

If the approximately 13 per cent reduction holds up for the remaining two months of the year, officials said the 1975 death toll could be as low as 562. Oregon has not had a traffic toll below 600 since 1964 when 578 were killed.

The division said 45 deaths were reported in October, four more than October a year ago but still one of the lowest October tolls in recent years.

What happens during the last two months of the year, particularly to pedestrians, will be critical in determining the final toll, officials said.

Last November and December 34 pedestrians were killed in Oregon traffic. If the pedestrian record improves and other traffic deaths remain about the same, a toll below 600 seems to be assured.

## Ronald Black nominated Heppner Mustangs beat Wasco 19-6

Ronald Black, vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Riverside High School has been nominated to receive the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Mr. Black was nominated for the degree by the Oregon FFA Association and the nomination was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors which recently met in Alexandria, VA. The Honorary American Farmer Degree is the highest honorary degree presented by the FFA.

This year 92 teachers of vocational agriculture have been nominated to receive the degree during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Black has been a vocational agriculture instructor for 32 years. During that time he has made outstanding contributions to the State FFA Organization through his leadership and the accomplishments of his local FFA members.

Each year at least 50 of the 11,500 teachers of vocational agriculture in the nation are awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The degree is awarded on the basis of points scored by a teacher for his accomplishments as a vocational agriculture instructor, FFA Advisor, and as a participant in professional vocational agriculture teacher's organizations.

Teachers are awarded points for each student they supervised in earning state and national FFA awards. Teachers also receive points

for serving as officers and committee members of the National Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association and for their participation in national meetings of the FFA and other professional associations.

Mr. Black is one of 2 vocational agriculture teachers from Oregon to be nominated for the Honorary American Farmer Degree this year. He plans to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO, Nov. 11-14 where he will be presented the degree pending final approval of the nomination by the student FFA delegates who must vote on all honorary presentations of the National FFA organization. The degree is presented during the Thursday afternoon session of the Convention.

### KEGLERS KORNER

Gardner's Men's Wear lost 4 games to Central Market, while Coast to Coast won 4 games from Peterson's Jewelers and Morrow County Grain Growers won 3 games from Fiesta Bowl.

Ann Melland, Coast to Coast, took the honors with a high individual game of 213. Ineta Canton, Peterson's, won the honors for a high series with a 586. She also bowled games of 206 and 203.

League Standings	Won	Lost
Central Market	28 1/2	11 1/2
MCGG	28	12
Peterson's Jewelers	21	19
Coast to Coast	18	22
Gardner's	15 1/2	24 1/2
Fiesta Bowl	9	31

The Heppner Mustangs won their last Columbia Basin Conference league game as they defeated the Wasco County Redsides 19-6 Friday night at Maupin.

Wade Padberg scored the first touchdown for the Mustangs as he scored from the five yard line in the second quarter. The PAT failed.

In the third quarter Mustang Carl Christman scored on a 34 yard pass play from quarterback Dave Allstott. Again the PAT failed, giving the Mustangs a 12-0 lead. Later in the same period Wade Padberg scored as he took a screen pass from Allstott and ran 40 yards for the TD. Clayton Wilson added the extra point for a 19-0 lead over the Redsides.

The Redsides lone score came in the final period on a 13 yard pass play, Jeff Woodside to John Ball. The try for the two point conversion failed.

First downs, (H) 11, (WC) 6; net yards rushing, (H) 135, (WC) 8; net yards passing, (H) 180, (WC) 58; fumbles (lost) (H) 5 (4), (WC) 3 (2); penalties (H) 60, (WC) 35.

Individual performance by the Mustangs: David Allstott completed 7-12 passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns, with no interceptions; Wade Padberg had 13 carries for 78 yards, he caught one pass for 40 yards and scored two touchdowns and intercepted one pass and returned it 30 yards; Carl Christman caught 4 passes for 129 yards and a

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