



Big Scoop

Groundbreaking for Kinzua Corporation's \$4.5 million expansion took place last week—not with the traditional shovel but with earth movers. Standing left to right, Sandy Stuchell and Harry Kennison of the Heppner mill, and Harry Stuchell, David E. Wyman, David C. Wyman and Jim O'Donnell, major shareholders in the firm.

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CBEC contracts approved

The Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op has approved a contract with the WICO Construction Co. for line improvements in the Fossil and Condon area.

WICO submitted the low bid among nine bidders for the three improvement projects. WICO's bid of \$58,083 compar-

ed to the highest bid recorded of \$109,865.

WICO had previously done line repairs for CBEC during the February frost storm of this year.

One of the projects in the contract involves continuation of the City of Fossil line, with rebuilding and primary line

voltage conversion. According to CBEC officials, some of the Fossil downtown area will be rebuilt and improved.

Another project will be the removal of 15 miles of 50-year-old line from Gwendolen to Mayville.

The third project contracted for was a major improvement

for the area west of the old Radar Base. In that area, 4.4 miles of line is to have a wire changeout and six poles will be added in the longest spans. Approximately one and three-quarters miles of overhead line will be replaced with underground line in a tough problem area.

Boardman Celebrates Harvest

by lavon starr

Stylized Seed Spitting



In excess of 1,000 people lined the streets of Boardman Saturday to view that community's sixth annual Harvest Festival parade. Eldon Shannon, a Boardman resident for the past 50 years, presided over the festival as grand marshal.

Harvest Festival veterans commented that never until this year had they seen perfect weather for the event since it was first contrived through an advertising campaign by Boardman Beacon publisher Jim Havnaer. The event is now sponsored by the Boardman-Irrigon Lions Club.

Some 45 units participated in the 11 a.m. parade that wound through the streets of Boardman. Twenty-two trophies were given out.

Winners included Mounted Courts: first, Morrow County Rodeo Court; second, Irrigon Pee Wee Rodeo Court, and third, Tri-Cities Raceway Court.

Marching Units: first, Umatilla High School; second, Riverside High School. This was the first year the parade featured any marching units.

Commercial: first, Sabre Farms; second, Shareky and Marks Potato and Fertilizer, and third, U.S. Navy.

Service Organizations: first, Boardman Eagles; second, Child Development Center, and

third, Boardman Lions.

Civic Groups: first, Boardman Girl Scouts; second, Morrow County Historical Society; and third, Boardman Community church.

General: first, Mel Bozarth and family, Hermiston; second, Ann Austin, and third, Columbia Basin Model-A Ford Club.

The sweepstakes float was entered by Sabre Farms, Boardman.

The farm produce auction ranged from a load of Boardman Ready Mix gravel, which sold for \$77, to Eastern Oregon Farms' alfalfa pellets.

Winner of the watermelon eating contest for ages four through seven was Murrey Starkey, Boardman. Joe Tatone downed his melon in record time, beating serious contender Ron Bereit, to win the adult division.

In seed spitting, Rolf Prag shot the greatest distance, beyond the measuring sheet, to an estimated 25 feet. Scott Carlson wound up in second place with 18 feet and Everett Westmoreland was third at 14 1/2 feet.

Winners of the events received watermelons and potatoes donated by Oregon Potato, Inc. and boxes of french fries from Gourmet Foods.

Probably the most jubilant festival contestant was Carroll Donovan, Boardman, who scored a hole in one on the 18th hole of the Harvest Festival Golf Tournament.



State marks 4-H week

September 18 kicks off a state-wide celebration of 4-H week with special activities planned for Morrow County 4-Hers and leaders.

Using the theme, "Room to Grow," the week will feature promotions, organization meetings and membership

drives designed to spread the word about what 4-H has to offer to young and old alike.

Four-H members and leaders will be on hand Monday, Sept. 19, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Heppner to demonstrate some of their skills and express their

appreciation for the Chamber's support.

North Morrow leaders and members will gather at A.C. Houghton School, Irrigon, for a 4-H family night on Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m. with potluck dinner and special program by members. This

will be the time for enrolling for membership in clubs for

the coming year, as well as time for leaders to volunteer and learn about 4-H activities.

Look for more 4-H news of interest in next week's Gazette Times.

LaVerne Van Marter, Sr. memorial services today

LaVerne Van Marter Sr., a long-time resident of Heppner, died here Sept. 12. He was 87.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Elks Temple with the officers of BPOE 358 officiating.

Cremation services were held Tuesday, Sept. 13 with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Born April 1, 1890 in Kentucky, Mr. Van Marter moved to Portland in 1907 and later attended the University

of Oregon Medical School. A football injury sidelined his medical career but Mr. Van Marter went on to graduate from the U of O in 1912.

He worked for the Forest Service for some time in Oregon, Washington and Alaska before settling in Heppner where he began work in the forest industry.

Mr. Van Marter later owned and operated a farm machinery sales outlet in Heppner for John Deere, International and Allis Chalmers equipment,

continuing in that business until he was 80.

Mr. Van Marter is remembered for his involvement in community affairs, starting with the Heppner little-pro baseball team in the 1920's. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce for five years and is a Past Exalted Ruler of BPOE 358, of which he was a lifetime member. Mr. Van Marter was also an honorary life-member of the Willow Creek Country Club.

Mr. Van Marter is survived by his only son, LaVerne Van Marter Jr., and three grandchildren, LaVerne Van Marter III, Marie Lane and Paul Van Marter, all of Heppner.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

The family wishes that anyone wanting to make contributions do so in Mr. Van Marter's name to the National Elks Foundation in care of BPOE 358, Heppner.

News Briefs

Area welcome planned Sept. 22

All newcomers to the Heppner area are invited to attend an informal get acquainted session scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

The session, intended to welcome all new residents to the area, is being co-sponsored by the Heppner Soroptimists, the Heppner Ministerial Assn. and the Chamber of Commerce. Soroptimists will handle the registration and will distribute numbered name tags donated by the First National Bank of Oregon, Heppner branch, for drawing prizes.

Cookies and punch will be served by the Ministerial Assn., comprised of ministers from the community churches. The Heppner Merchants will provide gift certificates and will have product items for display and distribution.

Not so new residents are invited to come and help welcome the community's recent arrivals.

Rathbun resigns

Patrolman Doug Rathbun, a member of the Heppner Police Department for the past 2 1/2 years, will be leaving his post as of Sept. 21.

Rathbun and his family are

bound for Sweet Home where Doug will begin work on that city's police force. Rathbun is scheduled to begin his duties as patrolman on the 10-man force on Sept. 26.

Selection narrowed

Boardman city officials are now in the final stages of selecting a public safety officer to handle police duties in the city.

The selection has been narrowed to three candidates and references are now being checked with an announcement expected later this

month. According to City Hall officials, the public safety officer will perform police patrol and investigation as well as take steps toward the initiation of a formal police department for Boardman.

The officer will also join the volunteer fire department.

Gunn joins First National

Scott Gunn has been named operations officer of the Heppner branch of First National Bank of Oregon. He succeeds Stephen Van Buren, who has been transferred to the Madras branch as operations officer.

Gunn, a graduate of Oregon State University, joined First National Bank as a management trainee in 1976, and was assigned to the La Grande branch.

Van Buren joined the bank in 1975, soon after graduating from Washington State College. He was assigned to the Waverly branch in Albany as assistant operations officer in 1976, and was promoted to operations officer at Heppner



Scott Gunn

later in the year.

Inland Bank names Lovgren

Chris Lovgren was recently named branch manager for the Inland Empire Bank in Boardman. He replaces Mike Conley who left the position last month to go to the Security Bank of Montana.

Lovgren, 28, is expected to begin his new duties next month after completing a training program at Inland. He is a graduate of Lone High School and grew up in the Lexington area on his father's farm.

Lovgren started his banking career about seven years ago with First National Bank. He plans to move to the Boardman area with his wife Bev and son Matthew, from Herm-



Chris Lovgren

iston where he has spent the past five years with First Federal.