

# Sifting through the TIMES

With Justine Weatherford

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Calvin L. Sweek to succeed Fee; Governor Meier appoints local attorney judge for Sixth District. Mr. Sweek expressed gratification about the news while regretting that the appointment will necessitate removal of his residence to Pendleton where the bulk of the duties connected with the

office are located. James Alger Fee, Jr., was recently appointed federal judge at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweek have both been leaders in the Heppner community where they have lived since 1915 and the prospect of their leaving was the occasion for expressions of regret on every hand. Gas and oil are sought at

Wells Springs. Artesian water and gas are present near the new test hole to be dug on the hill. The Wells Springs Oil and Gas Company, John A. Hartke, president, has leased 30,000 acres surrounding the site; Hartke along with Fred Nicholson, driller, and Louis Padberg is selling stock in the enterprise. Easter Sunrise services will

be conducted by the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, the Christian Endeavor of the Church of Christ and the Young People's Fellowship of the Episcopal Church up on the East Hill around the cross that the young people have erected there. The services will begin at 5:39 a.m. Sunday morning. Spring freshets that caused

rivers all over the northwest to rise rapidly and many to reach a flood stage combined with a heavy downpour of rain the first of this week to cut Heppner off from rail and highway transportation service to and from the west. A two-day accumulation of mail came through this morning (Thursday) causing congestion in the local post office.

The Star Theater opened to the public last evening after a two-day shutdown for the installation of new "talkie" equipment and improvement of its acoustical properties.

The walls of the theater were relined with smooth-surfaced wallboard to cover the rough surfaced plaster that had the effect of deadening sound.

The new equipment, using direct film control of sound accompaniment to the pictures, is a big improvement over the old equipment using disc reproduction, says B.G. Sigsbee, manager. "The Prodigal" a late popular picture, was used for the initial showing and will be shown again tonight.

April 15 is the date set for presentation on "The Wishing

Well" operetta by the chorus class of Heppner High School under the direction of Miss Charlotte Woods, instructor. The cast has been selected and rehearsals are already well under way.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

An attorney general's opinion given this morning eliminated the need for voting for one county office which it had been thought would have to be filled this year. State Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton advised District Attorney Bradley Fancher that regardless of when a county clerk is elected, it is for a full, four-year term. It had been thought that Morrow County Clerk Bruce Lindsay had been elected for just two years to fill out the unexpired term of the late Charles Barlow, and that voters would have to choose again this year for a full term. The ruling, however, gives Lindsay another two years in office.

A two-and-one-half month's series of weekly nurses aide training classes will be conducted at Pioneer Memorial

Hospital starting this week. It is announced by Jack Angel, hospital administrator. The classes will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings and anyone interested is urged to take the training course. Registered nurses will conduct the classes and there will be no charge.

Heppner Mayor Mrs. Mary Stevens has proclaimed April as Cancer Crusade month and urges residents to send in contributions early to help the quota be first to reach its goal for the sixth consecutive year.

Joe Tatone, Boardman mayor, urges residents to keep in mind and prepare for a potential flood condition, possibly in the month of June. A very dangerous situation exists in the volume of snow banked in the mountains and if cool weather conditions hold this snow until early June, or until there is a sudden warm period, the result may be a much greater flood than that of 1948. Most of the city of Boardman could easily be caught in a destructive lake of water. There is no protection

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## BMCC board votes not to renew probationary employees for 1981-82

BMCC President Ronald Daniels was the bearer of unpleasant news at the college's regular board meeting Wednesday evening. Within his presidential report he informed the board of anticipated reductions in state and federal funding levels. The impact to the college could well mean a reduction in revenue sources amounting to as much as \$116,660 to \$200,000.

Because of the possibility of that shortfall the board, on the advice of the college's legal counsel, voted not to renew contracts for probationary employees for the 1981-82 year. When the college has received voter approval of its operating levy and has firmer figures regarding the reduced state and federal funds, the board will consider rehiring the probationary employees, according to a BMCC news release.

On a more positive note the board was informed of the cooperative efforts of Eastern Oregon State College and BMCC in Morrow and Umatilla counties. EOSC's President Rodney Briggs presented an overview of the EOSC outreach programs and regional research projects. He especially noted the cooperation they have received from the BMCC administration in their efforts in off-campus activities.

In other action the board: -was reminded that an all college open house will occur on Sunday, April 12, beginning at 1 p.m.

-gave final approval of a contract with Barber-Coleman Company in the amount of \$77,895 for installation of an

energy management system on campus.

-adopted a policy on parliamentary procedure for conducting board meetings.

-accepted an agreement for cooperation between the Oregon State Employment Division and the college to provide for the operation of a branch office of the Employment Division on the BMCC campus. The agreement provides that the Employment Division would provide work study placement service; a placement service for in-school students and provide graduating students with placement assistance through the inter-area placement system and other facilities of the Oregon State Employment Division.

-Accepted the resignation of Dick Masters, director of Placement and Indian Education, effective June 30, 1981.

Architect Jim Lynch informed the board on his progress on construction plans for a instructional support services building. In past action the board had asked Mr. Lynch to prepare a plan at a reduced price level for board consideration.

At the next regular meeting a comparison sheet will be presented showing the differences between the two building plans that have been presented with accompanying cost estimates so the board can better judge the differences between the two plans.

Related to Mr. Lynch's efforts to date, the board agreed to pay the sum of \$10,000 in full settlement for work conducted to date. The payment was made for services which were outside the scope of his existing percentage fee schedule.

## Water outlook not quite so bad as '77

Most precipitation measurement stations in Oregon are recording all time lows. According to the Water Resources Department, however, Oregon's water supply is much better this year than it was in the drought year of 1977. Not only is the present snowpack measurement equal to Oregon's total snowpack of 1977, but estimated future season streamflows for representative Oregon streams are up 31 percent to 45 percent over 1977.

Water supplies for most Oregon waters dependent on stored water will be adequate, although some reservoirs will not fill completely because of expected low streamflow this spring and summer.

Below-normal streamflow forecasts are not generally as poor as during the severe shortage in 1977 due, in part,

to adequate soil moisture received as a result of fall rain and a relatively wet December. According to the February 1 report, "Water Supply Outlook for Oregon," issued by the Soil Conservation Service and Water Resources Department, Oregon streamflows are expected to be 58 percent to 80 percent of their 15 year average as compared to the 13 percent to 49 percent forecasted in February of 1977.

Regionally, the Columbia Basin's heavy precipitation in December provided above average storage in the Upper Columbia reservoirs for power generation and other uses. The flow of the Lower Columbia River at The Dalles, is forecast for 78 percent of normal for the year, compared to 57 percent in February 1977.

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