

Port Commission continues negotiations with operating engineers despite local opposition

By Donna Schmidt

After nearly two hours of discussions in a special executive session called by the Port of Morrow November 6 the commission announced it plans to continue negotiations to locate the Operating Engineers joint apprenticeship and training committee here.

Gourmet Brands, the port's principal tenant and Boardman's largest employer petitioned the Port Commission "to rescind or cancel any agreement it may have made with the Operating Engineers," because the company views the location of any union-sponsored facility here a would be threat to the plant's non-union atmosphere as well as other employers in the community.

The petition, signed by Gourmet management personnel and several local businessmen stated Gourmet Brands has endured many efforts by unions to organize the plant's employees during the past ten years and that Operating Engineers has participated in organizational activities.

Past elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) show a majority of Gourmet employees have not supported organized labor at the plant.

In the most recent election last December employees defeated attempts by the United Steelworkers and the United Food and Commercial Workers to organize the plant by a two to one margin.

During open session at the meeting Ed Harper, a former union representative and training director for the Union's training program told the commission the Operating Engineers are not a processing union nor do they represent food processing employees. Harper said he has assured Gourmet Brands the training school will not be involved in "any union activities, labor problems, or anyone's problems."

Francis Wicklander, business manager and financial secretary for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701 has never participated in any organizational activities to organize Gourmet Brands. "We're here to try to provide training for our people," he said. "We're definitely not here to try and organize anybody."

Steve Jay, a Local 701 member and Boardman resident said the training school is trying to locate in this part of the state because of the climate to train and retrain members. "We're not a threat to any of the processors. Our principal concern is construction."

Jay added that it was "a chance for the area to collect money from other parts of the state."

Although Operating Engineers Local 701 has not participated in union activities to organize Gourmet, Harper and Wicklander did not deny that other Operating

Engineers locals may have in the past.

In a phone interview Harper reiterated that the training program does not participate in union activities and would not be used as a base camp for organizational activities by the union.

"We're a training trust," Harper said. "We are not involved in union activities and cannot be used for organizational activities." Harper explained that the training trust is governed by a board of six people, not by the union. Harper said the board is made up of three union members and three members of the Association of General Contractors of America. The Association of General Contractors is an organization of contractors that use union labor. "We are not controlled or dominated by the union," he concluded.

Wicklander said funds to operate the training trust came from the Operating Engineers union and from the Association of General Contractors. The trust also receives some monies from federal programs such as CETA (a federal training program).

Port commissioners approved a motion to enter into a 20-year lease

agreement with Operating Engineers Local 701. Every five years the commission would review the lease agreement, the purpose of the school and its intentions. If the review is found acceptable one fourth of the land would be deeded to the training trust.

Gale Grill, warehouse manager for Gourmet Brands and Boardman Mayor, said he feels a toehold by the union, any union, in Boardman would be a threat. Grill said he feels the presence of the training school could be used as a back door for other unions who want to organize the labor force in this area. "People in this day and age don't need third party intervention to settle their disputes," he said.

Grill stressed he was speaking as a citizen and not as a representative of the City.

Jim Heimbecker, plant manager for Gourmet Brands said he still has concerns about the training school locating here.

"I'm disappointed the commission got to where they are today before investigating to see what the community and tenants felt about the situation that disappoints me. As far as where this subject ends, I guess we'll see."



Steve Rhea (left) models a night gown and robe from Gardner's Men's Wear while Gail Burkenbine narrates and Wayne Wilgers looks on.

Night night...

By Avon Melby

Soroptimist Club members were receiving favorable comments Monday on the gift and style show the club sponsored Saturday. They were also happy that a larger attendance than in past years assures more funding for scholarships and charitable

donations by the club.

Marian Brosnan, Heppner, won the Santa Claus and bag full of gifts sponsored by the club.

Kellie Boyer, Lexington, was the lucky winner of the rhodolite garnet gem stone donated by Peterson's Jewelers.

Artifactory tables still available

Tables are still available for the 15th annual Artifactory to be held at the Morrow County fairgrounds, Heppner, on December 1, sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Arts and crafts from area people will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Soups by Sandi will be served by Sandi Carlson Richardson of Bend, along with her favorite breads.

A.A.U.W. will have beverages

Jaws Beware

There may be a giant octopus, 100 feet or more across, lurking in the deep waters off Bermuda, reports International Wildlife magazine. Scientists believe that a Bermuda fisherman attracted a huge predator when he began using special traps to catch foot-long shrimp and two-foot crabs. Damage inflicted upon these traps have led scientists to believe that it may be the work of a giant octopus. Jaws beware.

Evangelist to speak



John Leon

John Leon and the Rev. Jeff Lucas will sing and preach at the Christian Life Center at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 and at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24.

Leon, an evangelist and recording artist has ministered in churches, at conventions, camp meetings, and seminars, and has appeared on Christian radio and TV.

Lucas, an evangelist and pastor has been the main speaker at conferences and conventions.

The public is invited to attend any or all of the services.

Church elects officers at meeting

By Justine Weatherford

At their yearly church business conference on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9, the members of the Heppner United Methodist Church elected congregational officers and conducted other business. Central District Superintendent the Rev. Joe Walker, Bend, presided. This annual Charge Conference followed a potluck dinner which church family groups enjoyed.

Following a review of 1986 accomplishments and a presentation of the church's mission plans, certified lay speakers Al and Jean Brazell told of the work they have been involved with and will continue. A brief memorial service for church members who have died during the year was conducted by Rev. Don Boyce and Superintendent Joe Walker.

The principal responsibility of the day was the election of church officers. Al Brazell was named lay leader; Bob Kahl became chairman of the administrative council with Debbie Koffler as council secretary and Fay Pierce became lay delegate to the Oregon-Idaho Conference with Gene Pierce as alternate delegate.

Bob Kahl and Bob Krein were chosen to join Rita Hedman, Steve Rhea, Ernie McCabe and Shirley Connor as trustees and Steve Rhea and Verne Batty are joining Doug Drake, Cindy Green, Bob Kahl and Peggy Fishburn on the pastor-parish relations committee. The committee for nurture and membership care which is now combined with the worship committee includes Marianne Kahl, Joy Krein, Jean Brazell, Carley Drake, Mary Jean McCabe, Arnie Hedman, Peggy Fishburn and Molly Rhea. The finance committee members are Debbie Koffler, Sharon Harrison, Gene Pierce, and Mary Jean McCabe.

Elected to the nomination committee were Lorena Jones and Harriet Pierson who join Mary Jean McCabe, Marianne Kahl, George Koffler and Gene Pierce. The members-at-large committee includes Earl Fishburn, Lois Hunt, Geneva Matthews, Jan Strober and Ida Farra. Through next June Peggy Fishburn and Patti McAlpin are church school superintendents. Pat Hyatt is serving as communion steward and Justine Weatherford as church historian.

Ione schools list honor roll

Ione schools have announced the following honor rolls for the first nine weeks grade period:

"A" Honor Roll
Seventh Grade-Nancy Morter and Amy Pointer. Ninth Grade-Melissa Rowell and Amy Wagenblast. Tenth Grade-Michelle Papineau, Twelfth Grade-Christopher Rea and Candi Rudisill.

"B" Honor Roll
Seventh Grade-Brandi Ball and Kari Morgan. Ninth Grade-Jo Linda Cupps, Mary Cupps, Jim Davison, and Linda Morter. Tenth Grade-Brian Ball, Jill Nelson, and Angie Rudisill. Eleventh Grade-Karla Davison and Dick McElligott. Twelfth Grade-Robert Adams, Patty McElligott and Deena Hams.

Community Calendar

Legion and auxiliary list December events

Heppner Post and Auxiliary No. 87 of American Legion will hold a joint fun-night at the Heppner hall this coming Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Bingo and cards will follow.

A baked food sale at the Heppner Post Office will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26.

December 13, members will have a Christmas meeting and party at the Riley Munkers home, 7 p.m.

The legion and auxiliary will

donate to the Neighborhood Center toward Christmas baskets.

Donations have been sent to Christmas cheer, Veteran's hospital at Walla Walla, Washington, and other funds. Shipments of books and puzzles were given to the Veterans Domiciliary at Medford for activities and gift items sent to the Veteran's Hospital at Roseburg for the annual gift shop there.

Lions to sell citrus fruits Dec. 13

The Heppner Lions Club in conjunction with the Soroptimist Club will be selling oranges and grapefruit door to door on Saturday, Dec. 13, announced club President David

Sykes.

The fruit sale is an annual money raiser with proceeds to be used toward community projects.

Degree of Honor lists year-end events

Members of the Degree of Honor Lodge met at 8 p.m. Nov. 11. Members are having a food sale in a corner of the Heppner Post Office Nov. 21 beginning at 9 a.m.

November 25 at 6 p.m. member families and invited guests will gather for a Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Members were asked by

President Betty Tanner to bring a main dish, salad or dessert.

December 9 Mary Bryant will host the lodge Christmas party at her home.

Mrs. Bea Clausen State Director has set February for inspection and installation of new officers for 1987-1988.

New leadership team members trained

Last year, Morrow and Umatilla Counties joined the Family Community Leadership program. Sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation, the leadership development of primarily women is carried out in Oregon through a partnership with Oregon Extension Homemakers.

A team of women including volunteers Claudia Hughes, Charlotte Carpenter, and Birdine Tullis, Extension Staff, were given extensive training along with team members from Umatilla County.

This year, new Morrow County volunteers Marlene Currin and Cindy Osterlund have attended training and join the team.

The FCL program is designed to encourage and train people to become more involved in issues fac-

ing their local communities. Last year's two-county team assisted a number of groups with leadership training as well as in goal setting and handling conflict.

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