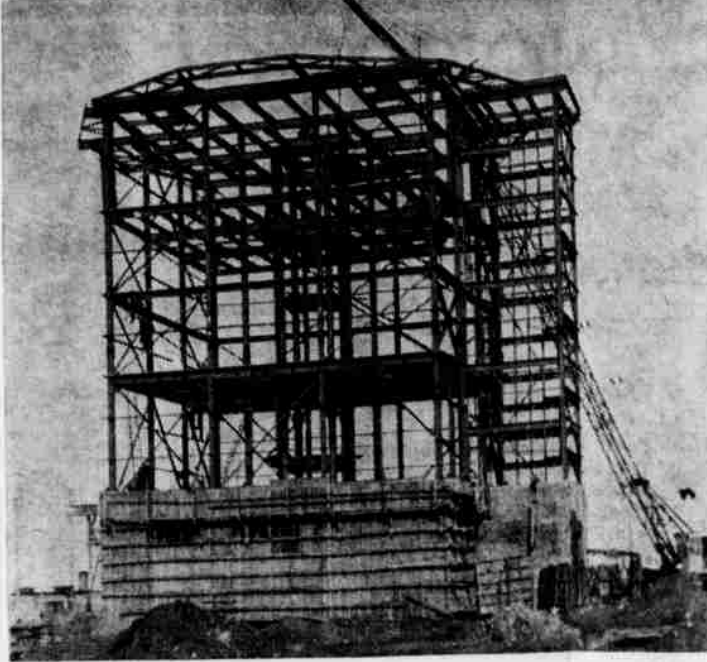




CONSTRUCTION continues on the FPS-27 radar tower at Condon Air Force Station. The tower has reached the fifth floor level which will house the radar antenna in a bubble shaped dome enclosure. The Jen-Mar Construction Company of San Diego, Calif., holds the contract for construction of the tower.



FIVE FLOORS of steel framework show the stage of construction on the FPS-27 radar tower at Condon Air Force Station, in November, 1962. At this stage, the tower was ready to be covered by structural siding.

## New Radar Tower Rises At Condon Air Station

Construction began on June 19 on the new FPS-27 radar tower at Condon Air Force Station of the Air Defense Command. It is stated to be the only radar of its kind in the area.

However, a few other FPS-27 radar towers are being constructed in the zone of interior, with a few presently operational.

The FPS-27 radar is a long range radar system and will replace the present system at Condon AFS.

At this date, the project has reached the fifth floor level (63 feet). This is the level which will house the radar antenna in a bubble-shaped dome enclosure. At ground level, 3341 feet above sea level, the tower, when completed, will rise 108 feet making it the highest point in the area.

The first floor consists of structural steel and insulated siding. The antenna's four legged base and support structure will sit on a base of 67 cubic yards of cement. The first four floors will be serviced by a hydraulic lift elevator.

According to the Inspector of the Army Corps of Engineers, Farlin J. Sahli, "Everything thus far is going according to schedule."

The only problem encountered up to this time concerned the sinking of a shaft for the hydraulic elevator. Water was

struck at a depth of 40 feet and had to be pumped clear of the shaft.

An unusual note on this incident is that approximately 1000 feet from where the shaft was sunk is a well giving the station its water supply. The well had to be drilled 1215 feet deep. Yet both holes, one for the elevator, the other for the well, were drilled from the same starting altitude, 3341 feet above sea level.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District Office, contracted the project for the Air Force. The Jen-Mar Construction Company of San Diego, Calif., holds the contract for construction of the tower.

According to Maj. Richard F. Solomon, 636th Radar Squadron

## Meeting Set to Revive Sports Club

Some five years ago Morrow County had an active organization composed of sportsmen and women of the community, known as the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers. Its purpose was to sponsor crow and magpie contests, porcupine contests, and other events for the youngsters in the county. Two or three local meetings a year, prior to the Game Commission meetings in Portland, gave the county a voice in game problems and management.

With cooperation of landowners on Willow Creek a reserved fishing area for "Kids Only" was sponsored. Planting of extra big trout by the Game Commission made this most popular with the younger set, who walked from Heppner and often beat the most ardent fisherman to his limit. Through the work of officers and membership of a club such as this, the Game Commission assured Morrow County its share of fish plantings.

It is anticipated that a 100-yard rifle range could be developed for targeting and sighting in guns for deer season.

One of Morrow county's greatest resources is its vast recreational area.

Cooperation between sportsmen and landowners is of prime concern to all, especially with increased fishing and hunting pressure here.

Commander, "When operational, the new radar system will substantially increase this installation's effectiveness and capability to carry out its role in the air defense system of the United States."

Dr. L. D. Tibbles, one time president of the original club, has consented to conduct the first meeting, Wednesday evening, March 20, 7:30 p. m., in the court room at Morrow County Court house. This will be an organizational meeting, with election of officers for 1963. Representatives from Lone, Lexington, Hardman, and other communities in the county are urged to attend. Youngsters from "6 to 60" are invited to help in planning for spring and summer recreation.

A wildlife movie will be shown. It is anticipated that a very small membership fee, 25c for children or \$1 per family, will be necessary in order that letterhead stationery and supplies may be purchased.

Prizes and various types of contests will be discussed. Many ex-members will remember the enthusiasm of the youngsters in collecting porcupine noses in the past, not to mention the vast collections of crow and magpie eggs, presented for the final count.

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