

**Nuclear Site  
Hearing Friday**

All persons interested should attend the public hearing this Friday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Riverside School on the feasibility of placing a nuclear power plant adjacent to the naval bombing range at Boardman. The State Nuclear and Thermal Energy Council will hold the hearing.

Portland General Electric Co. has asked the council to make a decision on the feasibility of putting a plant at the north-eastern site at Carty Canyon so it can proceed with its application to build there. PGE filed an intent a year ago in February. Efforts continue to find another site for the Navy Bombing Range.

There will be a second public hearing in Portland on Jan. 15.

**Plan to Attend.**

Among those planning to and may testify are Dick McElligott, Merlin Hughes, D.O. Nelson, Barton Clark, Louis Carlson, Henry Gantenbein, Ken Turner, LeRoy Gardner, Bob Drake, Judge Paul Jones.

Gar Swanson, Dewey West, Chester Wilson, Ed Hoefl, Ralph Saylor, Les Tinhoft, Stafford Hansell, Jack Sumner, Jerry Sweeney, and Harold Kerr.

**North Country  
Movie Soon**



Adventure is an everyday occurrence for rugged outdoorsman Jeff Graham. The new Rainbow Adventure Films release NORTH COUNTRY which presents Graham's exciting real life adventures in the majestic Alaskan back country, will show Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the Heppner High Cafeteria from 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

NORTH COUNTRY, filmed entirely in Alaska, presents a one year period of woodsman Graham's life as he lives in and experiences the remote Alaskan wilderness. A solitary figure, Graham lives off the land he loves; hunting only out of necessity and trapping just enough beaver, fox and muskrat to pay for what little he needs from civilization. Also serving as an occasional guide, he treks through spectacular back country which displays wildlife seldom seen or photographed by man.

All of the characters in NORTH COUNTRY are real Alaskans whose unusual lives are presented as they are actually lived. Behind the camera is director-photographer Ron Hayes who has lived in Alaska for close to 20 years. A skilled photographer with experience as a bush pilot and guide, he knows Alaska well. In NORTH COUNTRY he has masterfully captured both the land and the people.

Bruce Bergstrom who has been here over the holidays visiting his folks expected to leave Monday for a new base. He thinks he will be in Idaho about six months and then expects to be transferred to Thailand. His address is: AMN Bruce D. Bergstrom, FR. 541629239, HQ 347 CSGP, Mt. Home AFB, Ida. 83648.

**DUANE STEERS HOME**  
Duane Steers stationed at Moffit Field, Ca. was home for the Christmas holidays with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steers and Nola.

Christmas dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steers and Mrs. Pearl Steers. Duane was in Guam on Dec. 27.

**REPORT DEADLINE**  
Aliens in Oregon who have not filled out alien address report forms are reminded that Jan. 31 is the deadline to do so. Forms are available at post offices.

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# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Rah Rah Rah-Rah-Rah, Mustangs!



MUSTANGS Open League Season against Condon here Friday evening. JV's play at 6:30 and the Varsity at 8:15. They will go to Umatilla Saturday evening for their second League game.

Varsity front row left: Coach Naffziger, Greg Green, John Boyer, Allan McCabe, Ken Eckman, Dale Hedman.

Back row: John Myers, Floyd Wilson, Mike Bergstrom, Dave Eckman, Rick Drake, Jim Cutsforth, mgr.

## Government Hurts Electric Co-Op Consumers

(Editorial)

Perhaps this will be known as the winter of crisis. Our rural areas in this country have greatly benefited from low cost electricity provided by the electric co-ops, often referred to as REA's.

As you have probably read recently, the Administration, through the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, has announced an end to low cost loans for electric line construction for Rural America. A new and more costly plan of guaranteed and insured loans is to be effected. This is being placed in effect under the Rural Area Development Act of 1973. (A lot of us were led to believe this would be a beneficial Act for us in the rural areas).

Rural Electric Coops under the Pace Act of 1944 provided loans at 2 percent. The plan is to do away with this. It is our opinion this is a reflection of considerable misunderstanding by the Administration.

The reasons for the R.E.C.'s being in business are to supply service where the commercial companies said they couldn't, due to low density of residents and low income. And to supply service where the commercial companies would not provide service. And, lastly, to raise the standard of living and eliminate drudgery in rural areas.

We NEED to get the action of the Administration reversed or it will cost all of us a substantial amount of money.

The job of the Rural Electric Coops is not done. They must continue to rebuild facilities and add new lines for additional services. In order to do their job, the coops need low cost loans. Rural coops only serve 2.3 customers per mile of line and receive only about \$750 annually per mile in revenue. This compares to 20 or more customers per mile for the commercial companies, and about \$7500 annually per mile in revenues. So, we can all see how difficult it is for Rural Coops to operate on the same philosophy as the commercial companies.

It is now obvious that the guaranteed loan rate could run 8 to 9 percent, compared to the present 2 percent on new construction. This comes on top of large rate increases threatened by Bonneville Power.

We were led to believe the Rural Development Act was intended to stimulate rural areas. Somehow it has been twisted around by the Administration to work additional hardships on the rural areas.

The Administration's drastic action amounts to a repeal of the Rural Electrification Act by executive action! All of us in the counties served by Columbia Basin Electric are part owners of the Co-op; stockholders, no less.

The Co-op program has enabled rural residents to become first class citizens enjoying the conveniences and help of electricity, and has contributed mightily to our food production capabilities. And the REA program has become a showcase of success, the envy of the entire world.

We submit that if America is going to rebuild and revitalize its rural areas-if it's going to eradicate the poverty and decay now impeding rural economic growth-it must have a healthy ongoing rural power supply system represented by the rural electric systems.

We are hoping the Administration will reconsider this drastic and precipitous decision.

### What Can We Do To Help?

Now is the time to act-to come to the aid of Rural America. It is up to each of us to take matters in our own hands to correct this erratic act of the Administration.

Please write your legislators now. Sen Mark Hatfield, Sen. Bob Packwood. Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Rep. Al Ullman, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

## Run The Colorado With Cutsforths

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth will show slides of their last summer's trip down the Colorado River at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday at the Wagon Wheel.

**BILL SCHLICHTING HOME**  
Bill Schlichting, stationed at LeMoore Naval Air Station near Fresno was home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schlichting.

For the final weekend of his leave, he was joined here by Brad Lechman of St. Louis, Mo. They flew back to their base together.

Bill has become interested in photography while he's in the service.

## WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec
Wed	32	20	
Thurs.	30	11	
Fri.	28	17	1.0
Sat.	18	2	
Sun.	13	0	
Mon.	11	-1	
Tues.	13	-5	0.3

Snow for this period 2.7 inches.

## Grain Market

White Wheat	2.73 1/2
Red Wheat	2.72 1/2
Barley	73.50

## Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Willow Creek Dam Now Available

For Public Review

The Walla Walla District of the Corps of Engineers has prepared a draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Willow Creek Lake which would be located near Heppner, Oregon. The project would include a rock and earth dam which would create a lake at the junction of Willow Creek and Balm Fork. Also involved would be stream channel modification through the City of Heppner.

Authorized by the Congress in the Flood Control Act of 1965, the project would be developed

for the multiple purposes of flood control, irrigation, water supply, downstream water quality, recreation, wildlife, and fishing.

The draft environmental statement is currently being reviewed by Federal, State and local government agencies as required by Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Review by public comments from the public are also invited. After the Corps of Engineers considers all comments received, the environmental statement will be re-

vised as may be required and then filed with the Council on Environmental Quality as a final environmental statement.

Copies of the draft environmental statement may be obtained upon request by writing the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla, Building 602, City-County Airport, Walla Walla, Wa. 99362.

## The Music Man This Sunday

The Jaycees first movie will be shown this Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School. The Music Man has changed-dated with Cat Ballou to be the first show. This comedy has been around awhile but is hilarious. Robert Preston gets in and gets out of so many situations because he really doesn't know anything about music or music instruments. He's a smooth salesman though and does a bang up job of selling instruments to all the kids in town that eventually sees the formation of a band that does the old town proud.

### RUGGS LINE POLES GOING UP SOON

Columbia Basin Electric Coop continues to update lines to provide a better service to customers. A big project they hope to complete before irrigation time next summer is the 11 mile improved line to Ruggs and the sub-station at Ruggs. The line has been designed for any potential increase in that area.

In talking about the improvements, Dave Harrison, Manager said, "This should provide better service voltage wise, up and down Rhea Creek and south. It should also give better reliability as it will eliminate long feeder lines in that area." The 150 poles required for the 11-mile stretch are on site and have been framed. Almost all of the holes have been shot. Crews expect to be setting poles in about a week.

## Hospital

Admitted: Jeff Marshall, Heppner; Mark Angell, Heppner, admitted & dismissed: Jim Dunbar, Lexington; Martha Stockton, Spray; Clarence Bloomfield, Lexington; Laurence Schoonover, Lexington. Dismissed: Craig Angell. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Craig of Fossil are parents of a baby boy, Christopher Scott, born Jan. 5 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 3/4 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Marler and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Elder, all of Fossil. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Presley, Burns. The little boy has a brother, Mark age two years.

## Morrow Traffic Deaths Drop, '72

14 Oregon counties had fewer traffic deaths in 1972 than in 1971. Morrow recorded a decrease. We had 5 deaths in 1971 and 2 in 1972.

Wheeler County has had no traffic deaths for two years.

## Bus Drivers Help at Scene of Mishap

Mrs. Harold Kerr and Cindy enroute to Portland Friday slid on a slick spot and hit the center guard rail. The mishap occurred on the other side of The Dalles.

The two passengers were only shook up. They received instant assistance from two Greyhound bus drivers of east bound and west bound busses. They put out flares, offered to take them into Pendleton or The Dalles and gave them wrecker information.

The two Heppnerites chose to go back to The Dalles where they called Mr. Kerr at a meeting in Boardman. He arrived at the mishap just as the wrecker did.

## Heppner Clearance Sales

Heppner merchants are offering bargains here this weekend. There will be free parking in Heppner for the big event. Come on over and take a look for yourselves. They are making room for new merchandise which is on the way. You will note from ads inside that there are many items priced from one-third to one-half off. So.....now's the time to take advantage of the low prices.

## Roads & Grazing Fees in National Forests are Concerns of Chamber

Randall Peterson will represent the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at the Nuclear Energy Council hearing at Riverside High School Friday at 1:30. As many others who can be urged to attend the hearing.

Roads

At Monday's Chamber meeting O.W. Cutsforth said he had visited with Mr. Rudolph of the Umatilla National Forests on the roads being built in the National Forest. He had been told that there wasn't enough time at a regular chamber meeting to explain the program. Mr. Rudolph suggested the Chamber sponsor an evening meeting where they could explain the roads program. He suggested the last of February or the first of March. The Chamber will consider an evening dinner meeting.

Orville went on to explain that they would also include information on Wilderness Areas, Kelly Prairie, Tupper Butte and Hell's Half Acre. He said "The County Court and others have been working on Hell's Half Acre and have been told that the Forest Service has voluntarily withdrawn timber sales and building roads into the Half Acre." He noted that there were 21 areas in the state that have been frozen against any further

developments but that Hells Half Acre is not included in these. Hell's Half Acre contains only 2nd growth timber and it is included in the Willow Creek watershed.

Judge Jones said the county had received several copies of the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Willow Creek Lake which would be located near Heppner. The project would include a rock and earth dam which would create a lake at the junction of Willow Creek and Balm Fork. Also involved would be stream channel modification through the City of Heppner. Copies of the draft may be obtained upon request by writing the district Engineer U.S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla, Building 602, City-County Airport Walla Walla, Wa. 99362.

**Livestock Growers President**  
Merlin Hughes president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, gave a brief resume of the Livestock Growers programs. There are 100 members, 11 directors and they are associated with Oregon Cattlemen and the National organization. They subscribe to Cattle Fax a device whereby members can be informed sellers and building roads into the Half Acre." He noted that there were 21 areas in the state that have been frozen against any further

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## Conservation Funds Gone

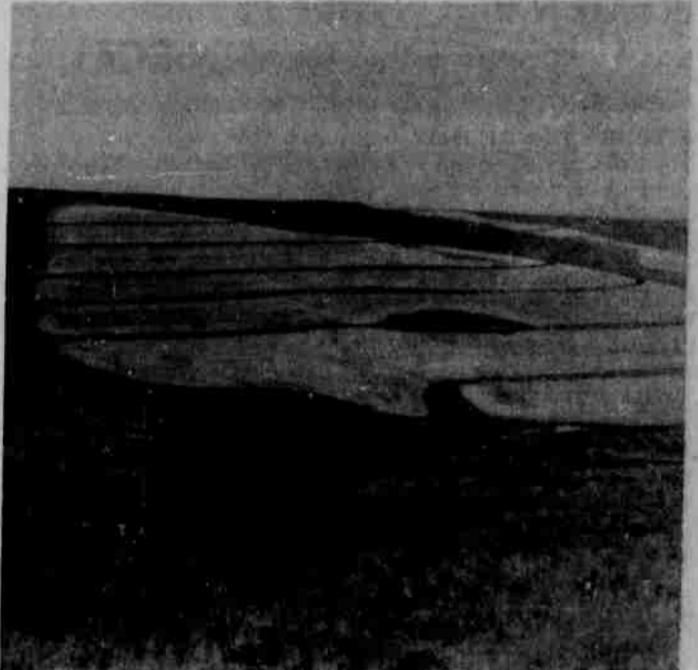
Diversion ditches and terraces, silt and sediment retention dams, grass seeding and strip cropping, and other erosion and flood control work will be stopped, if action of the federal office of Management and Budget is allowed. Not only have funds been impounded for conservation work by this move but the value of the program seems to be questioned.

The concept of cost-sharing between private land holders and government rather than mandatory edict has been quite successful in accomplishing good land use and conservation. Much work gets done that either couldn't or wouldn't be done without economical and technical support from the ASCS and SCS. Recent environmental concern points out that much is yet to be done.

"To interrupt, let alone completely remove funding that makes possible this country's battle to hold down soil erosion and sedimentation is short sighted," stated Ken Turner, chairman of the Morrow SWCD.

"Conservation work is never finished," district conservationist, Dale Boner pointed out. "In spite of all the work done in the past, diversion ditch construction is less than 20 percent completed in the County," he estimates.

The Morrow SWCD suggests that Farmers and concerned individuals write to their legislators, letting them know of their feelings about the value of conservation and the Rural Environmental Assistance Program.



A Morrow County wheat field with a complete diversion ditch system. Farmer - ASCS cost sharing under the Rural Environmental Assistance Program has made projects such as these feasible. Bottom photo is Shobe Canyon watershed.



## Mustangs, Beat the Blue Devils Friday