

Rainfall damage reported over wide area

More than 1 1/2 inches of rain sent silt and water rushing down streams and ditches, covering many fields and roads, and washing out parts of planted wheat fields in south Morrow County Monday morning.

In the Sand Hollow area, ranchers experienced many soil erosion problems. The Don Evans ranch reported dirt covered many acres of land, ditches and the road.

The road near the John Ledbetter ranch in Black Horse Canyon had over 6 inches of silt. Graders were dispatched Monday morning to remove the silt.

In Porcupine Canyon, south of Ruggs, water ran over the road causing parts of the county road to be washed away.

Soil erosion was experienced along the banks of Shobe Creek, Balm Fork and

Willow Creek towards Lexington.

Rojce Fulleton and Archie Munkers both reported rain had washed top soil from their planted wheat fields.

Diversion ditches saved many fields from losing their valuable top soil and curbed soil erosions, according to Don Bellamy of the SCS office.

Rain caused Mrs. Erda Pieper, Lexington to become "house-bound" as mud filled

her driveway.

Along Butter Creek, the Gordon O'Brien ranch received extensive soil erosion damage with the rain washing top soil from the planted wheat fields.

A neighbor, Mrs. George Currin, reported that the rain flooded roads along Little Butter Creek.

In Heppner, Mrs. Darlene Arrington told the Gazette-Times the creek that runs

along Chase Street was higher than she had ever seen it.

"I can't believe this is the same stream where a rattlesnake could crawl on its belly in the summer," Mrs. Arrington said.

As the result of the rain Monday many of the fields in the county were at or near holding capacity.

"Further rain could cause erosion damage and possible crop damage."

Zenz trial in Turkey postponed

The scheduled Dec. 7 trial of two Oregon women being held in a Turkish jail for trial on charges of smuggling narcotics across the Turkish-Syrian border has been postponed, it was learned here last week.

The two women are Kathy Zenz and Jo Ann McDaniel. Miss Zenz is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heinrichs of Heppner, who have been in contact with state and federal

officials in an effort to have the girls released.

The two are part of the "Antioch Seven" which received wide publicity in the United States following their arrest. The women have been held in jail for the past year although four other women involved have been released and returned to the U.S. Only one man, who admitted his guilt and testified that he induced the six women to

assist him in the smuggling without their knowledge that they were driving vehicles in which narcotics were sequestered, has been sentenced. The two have consistently maintained their innocence. If found guilty they face life imprisonment in Turkey.

The Heinrichs received a telegram last week advising them of postponement of the trial until Dec. 28.

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Application filed for nuclear plant

Portland General Electric Co. last week filed an application with the state for construction of a 1,250-megawatt nuclear plant at Pebble Springs, on land recently purchased from Krebs Bros. near Arlington.

The company has decided not to build the nuclear plant on the Carty site near Boardman because the Navy has not been able to locate another site for the bombing range adjoining that site. PGE prefers the Boardman site because of the potential for providing warm water irrigation to surrounding agricultural lands. There is little possibility of providing such irrigation at Pebble Springs. Another factor in the company's choice of the Carty site is the fact that the preliminary

engineering work there has already been completed.

PGE plans to use the Carty site for a conventional fossil-fueled power plant, however; but may still go nuclear if the Navy makes a definite commitment to abandon Boardman by 1980-provided that decision is made by May 1.

The Pebble Springs plant, similar to the one nearing completion at Rainier, is expected to cost \$650 million, and should be completed in 1981. It will use a 1900-acre cooling reservoir with water furnished from the John Day Dam pool on the Columbia River.

Firemen's Ball at Boardman

set for Dec. 22

The first annual Firemen's Ball of the Boardman Volunteer Fire Department will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 22, 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Boardman Grange Hall.

Included in the \$2.50 per person admission price is the chance to dance to live music and enjoy refreshments.

Proceeds from the affair will be used to buy needed firefighting equipment for the 30-man department headed by Larry Phillips, fire chief.

Hoof and Horn

The Hoof and Horn Livestock club met Dec. 12 with President Rhonda Sargent presiding.

The plans and agenda for the coming year were outlined by the leaders.

The Herdsmanship plaque which Clarks received last month was given to Cantins.

Cathy Palmer gave a demonstration on "preparing a farrowing pen," and Jackie Mollahan gave a demonstration, "How to control a pig with a cane." Dick gave answers to crossword puzzle on different livestock breeds.

The 4-H Christmas party began with an auction with Mark Sargent as auctioneer.

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