

O joy! Another federal bureau!

Cong. Al Ullman announced today he is designating a five-county area in Oregon as a special district for economic development. These counties will include Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler, and have been designated as the Eastern Central Oregon Economic Development District.

According to Ullman, the district is now eligible for federal financial assistance in

planning and carrying out projects and programs which will help create jobs and stimulate long-range economic growth.

Pendleton, Hermiston and the Boardman area have been singled out as "growth centers" necessary for a development district.

EDA officials said here that regional cooperation will be a vital element in stimulating economic growth.

Mitchum resigns

David E. Mitchum, program director for the Mental Health Services for Morrow County, has resigned effective July 31.

He said he had accepted a position as a civilian counselor working with Army personnel at Ft. Lewis, Wn.

For the past 18 months he has been in charge of the Umatilla-Morrow County Mental Health Services for Morrow County. His replacement has not been named.

Mitchum's resignation of June 10 expressed regret at having to leave. However, "I am going to a situation which I consider an improvement for Karen and myself, a situation which fits into our overall plans for our lives in the years to come," he said in his resignation letter to the Morrow County Court.

4-H SUMMER CAMP IS JULY 11-14

The dates for the 4-H summer camp have been set for July 11-14 at Cutsforth Park.

New classes, crafts, games, movies plus other fun camp activities will be offered this year. To attend one must be a 4-H member and be 9-13 years of age. 4-H youth 15 years and older are needed for camp counselors. Cost for the camp will be \$10. Anyone interested in attending may contact the Extension office.



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The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is still actively seeking volunteers in the Heppner area.

The program began last year with a federal grant from ACTION which is the granting agent for Peace Corps, Vista, RSVP and many other volunteer programs. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Umatilla and Morrow counties is administered through Blue Mountain Community College.

The program itself is designed to encourage retired adults age 60 and over to become involved within their community through volunteer services at non-profit organizations or agencies. RSVP provides coordination of the volunteer and an agency where the volunteers' skills will be most useful. Also transportation, or reimbursement for transportation to and from the volunteer assignment, is provided. Another added feature of the program is that the volunteer will be fully insured while volunteering.

Marilyn Thomson, director of the program, has been trying to locate people in the Heppner area to volunteer in many needed areas such as hospital friendly visitors, library aides, meal deliveries for the Heppner Hot Meal Program, and an entertainment aide for the hot meal program. These are just a few of the many needs in the community where volunteers' talents could be utilized.

There are already 13 people volunteering for RSVP in the Heppner area.

If anyone is interested in helping out from one hour to many hours per week, the name should be left at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, phone 676-5873. Or write to RSVP, 414 1/2 SW 13th, Pendleton, Ore. 97801. The phone number in Pendleton is 276-3311.

Arthur Dalzell, lone, is a patient at Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, recovering after a June 14 operation for a perforated esophagus. He is expected to be hospitalized until the end of this week and would appreciate hearing from friends.

Columbia Basin has completed projects

A major meter installation check and meter testing program has been completed by Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

Most large irrigation pumps and most small commercial accounts were checked. A meter man was hired to help on the project and instruction has been given to key employees of Columbia Basin. The co-op estimates that \$15,000 in "lost" annual revenues have been recovered by this project. Not a single fast meter was found in the lone, Heppner, Lexington or Condon areas. Only two meters slightly fast beyond the 2 percent limits were found in Fossil.

Another major project has nearly been completed with several new line capacitor installations and relocation of others, according to Dave Harrison, manager.

Ten new capacitor installations were made and eleven installations changed in location or capacity. This equipment helps in many ways—it levels voltage, raises voltage at end of lines, levels effect of large motors starting up, cuts system losses on lines which saves money by cutting down on power purchased by coop but used or lost in distribution to the members location.

Harrison said.

Another recent maintenance project completed was inspection and maintenance of 41 line voltage regulators throughout the area by a service man from Allis-Chalmers and a coop lineman.

Yet another project, nearly completed, is installation of 25 or 30 line reclosers on the lines to result in fewer people affected by outages and also help in location of line faults.

Police arrest three

Clayton James West, 16, lone, was cited by Heppner City Police for violation of the basic speed law, June 9. He was fined \$11.

Jackie Papineau, 55, Lexington, was cited by Heppner Police, June 6, for failure to yield the right of way. She was fined \$17.

David Alldritt, 21, Milwaukie, Ore., was cited by Heppner City Police, June 13, for driving while under the influence of liquor. Alldritt appeared in justice court and pleaded not guilty to the charges. He will appear later for trial.

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Arthur Smith claimed

Arthur Henry (Honky) Smith, 77, lifetime resident of the community, died Thursday, June 13, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

He was born Dec. 31, 1896 in Heppner, the son of Arthur and Sara Ann Smith. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Elks Lodge BPOE No. 358.

Graveside services were Monday, June 17, 10 a.m., at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery with the Rev. David Blackaller of All Saints Episcopal Church officiating. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include two nephews, Merlyn and Arthur Smith, Portland; and a niece, June Cox, Madras.

Hartmut Karl of LaGrande was a weekend visitor of family and friends.

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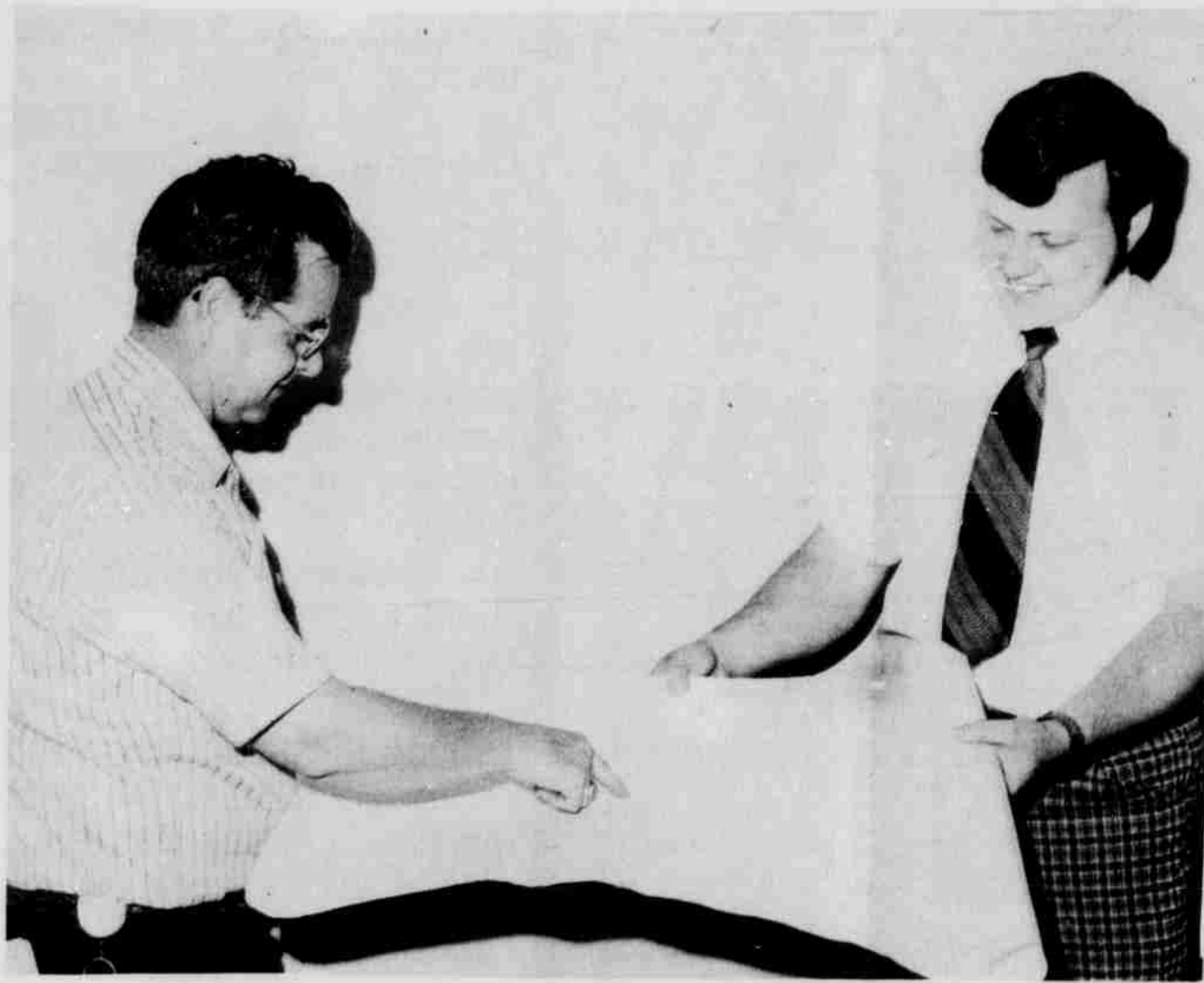
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