

Columbia Basin annual meeting is Nov. 1

The annual membership meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will be held Nov. 1 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Registration is to begin at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. A ham and scalloped potatoes dinner will be provided by the co-op and will be served by the Rhea Creek Grange.

The meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m.

President of the board of directors is Walter Jaeger, Condon, who has served on the board for 23 years. He will give a brief progress report to the membership. Paul Tews,

lone, secretary-treasurer, will make a few comments concerning the recently completed audit and the financial condition of the co-op. Other members of the board are: Dick Krebs, Cecil, vice-president; Kenneth Smouse, lone; Herb Wright, Fossil; Walter Wright, Hardman; Elmer Palmer, Heppner; Floyd Anderson, Olex; Paul Jaeger, Condon; Randall Peterson, Heppner; Dick Wilkinson, Heppner, and Van Rietmann, Ajax. Wright is retiring from the board and is to receive recognition at the meeting for his years of service.

Entertainment will be provided by a 50-member choral group and a special instrumental group from Heppner High School. Vince Slatt, president of CFC, will be the guest speaker.

Columbia Basin Electric purchased 5 1/2 million kwhs less the past fiscal year as compared to the previous fiscal year of operation. Columbia Basin was only one of four co-ops in the entire BPA service area which had a decline in kwh purchases the past fiscal year, due mainly to conservation efforts. In spite of less kwh purchases, the

co-op management was able to increase dollar sales by nearly \$50,000.

Many new programs were initiated which resulted in decreasing line losses. One of the major programs was an extensive meter maintenance program. Revenues reached \$1,123,432.53 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974. The total investment in plant facilities reached \$6,848,652.

Manager David Harrison will present his third report to the membership and this is his 19th report to an annual meeting of rural electric members. The report will be a colored slide presentation.

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Dam gets 'stay of execution'

Cong. Al Ullman's office told the Gazette-Times Tuesday afternoon that the House Public Works Committee by voice vote has approved a bill reauthorizing construction of the Willow Creek Dam.

The bill is expected to come before the full House for a vote some time after the election recess, although no firm date has yet been set.

"I want to make it very clear," Ullman said, "that the bill may face a strong challenge on the floor because the U.S. Corps of Engineers has given it such a low rating in terms of costs and benefits."

According to the Public Works Committee, the bill will be called up on the "suspension calendar," a parliament-

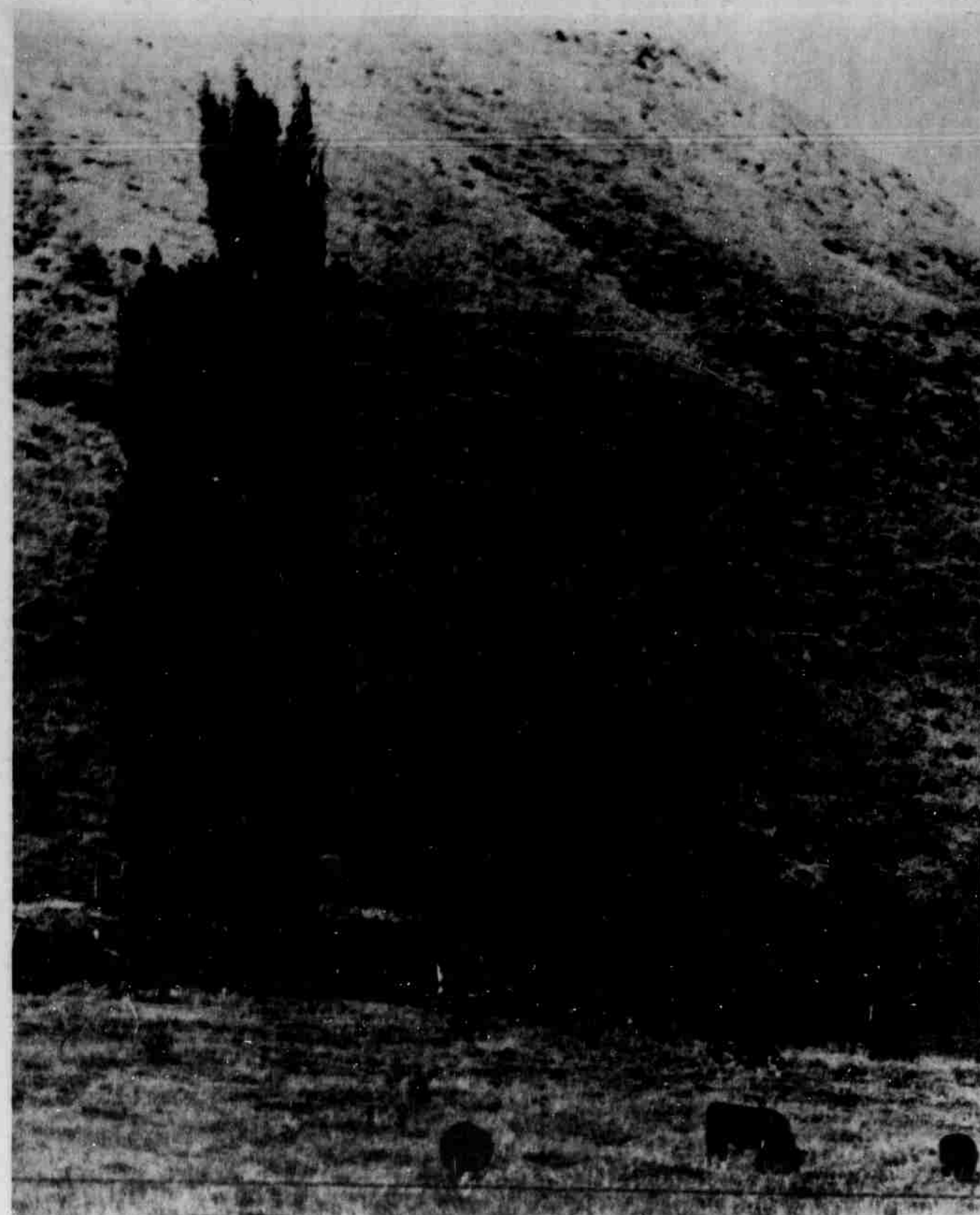
tary procedure used to expedite business in the House.

Ullman noted that approval of this project requires not just a majority, but consent by two-thirds of those present and voting.

Originally authorized in 1965 as a multi-purpose storage facility for flood control, recreation, water supply and irrigation, the dam was given

added impetus by flooding in 1969 and 1971.

Ullman said he made a special plea for funds after the administration budget failed to include the dam, and Congress did appropriate \$450,000. As a result of changes in dam design and community needs, the Corps of Engineers elected to secure reauthorization of the project.



A typical fall scene in Morrow County's farming area. This photo was taken along Balm Fork.

Kinzua shuts down for boiler repair

"Kinzua Corporation will be shut down for at least 30 days," Howard Carrels, plant superintendent, told the Gazette-Times Monday.

Contrary to many rumors, Kinzua is not having any marketing problems, Carrels said. "This is a case where the tubes on the boilers went out and they have to be replaced." The decision to replace the tubes was not of Kinzua's choosing, but of the insurance carriers.

"We tried everything possible to retain the tubes, but

they continued to leak water, and would have only caused further damage to the boilers," Carrels explained.

The tubes went awry last Tuesday, and since then they have been dismantled and sent to Pennsylvania by air freight where the patterns will be duplicated, and as soon as one is fabricated it will be shipped to Heppner for installation.

There are 15 tubes that must be replaced, and Kinzua hopes to complete the project in 30 days, allowing 15 days for

fabrication and 15 days for installation.

Carrels said the boiler was built in 1929, and has been moved three to four times. If a new boiler were to be installed it would mean a layoff of employees for five or six months.

"It is unfortunate that the boiler went out at this time, but we operate solely on steam, and we must make the necessary repairs," said Carrels. "We tried everything possible to retain the tubes until the regular summer

layoff next year and then replace them, but the insurance company refused to allow us to operate under those conditions, leaving us no alternative but to close the plant down."

"Many rumors have been circulated that Kinzua is in trouble marketing its wood products. But this is not the case. If this were true we would not use the boilers as an excuse for shutting down, but would advise the workers of the problem and the reason for the layoff," said Carrels.



Don Evans, outgoing chairman of the Morrow County Rodeo Board for the past two years, has served a total of six years on the board. Evans was honored at a recent dinner. Other members whose terms expire this year are Jerry Dougherty and Pat O'Brien. Their successors will be named at the next meeting of the rodeo board in November.

Local share of national debt is \$10,725,000

(Special to the Gazette-Times)

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—How much of the money that the federal government collects annually from residents of Morrow County, via the tax route, is needed to meet the interest charges on the national debt?

How much will the local population be forking up during the current year, through their income taxes and through excise and other taxes, as its share of these interest charges?

The answer is—approximately \$650,000. That is their share of the carrying costs alone. It will not reduce by a particle the debt itself, which has now reached the awesome total of a half trillion dollars.

For the nation as a whole, the present cost of carrying this debt is nearly \$30 billion a year, the latest figures show.

Related to the average family in Morrow County, it means that some \$440 of the amount being collected from them annually by the government is to pay the interest on the debt.

The debt ceiling has been raised frequently in recent years, chiefly to cover deficit spending. President Ford has asked Congress to help eliminate such deficits in the future by reducing governmental expenditures.

Since 1960, according to the Treasury Department, the interest on the national debt has soared from \$9.2 billion a year to the present level of \$30 billion.

The net effect for Morrow County families is that they are paying more than three times as much in carrying charges as they did then.

Just how large these interest costs have become may be realized by comparing them with the outlays for

other governmental operations, as detailed in the 1974 budget.

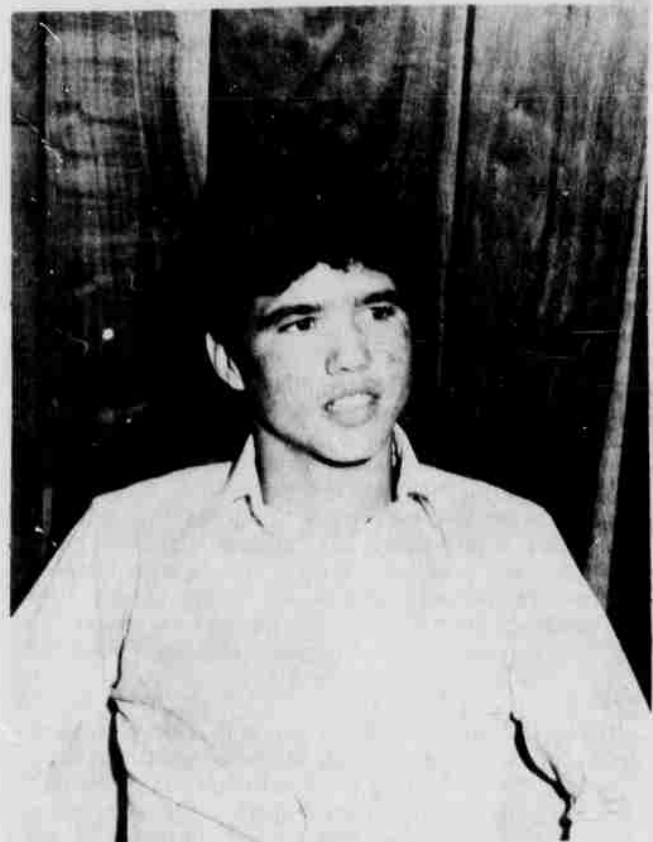
The \$30 billion required for interest this year is three times more, for example, than the government is spending for education and manpower training combined.

It is more than four times the amount that is being spent in the field of health care and

five times as much as is going into general revenue sharing.

The only way to wipe out this burden would be to pay off the debt of \$495 billion, which is practically impossible and is seldom suggested.

Morrow County's share of the repayment, based upon local incomes and population, would be more than \$10,725,000.



BRUCE YOUNG

Bruce Young, Eagle Scout

Bruce Young, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Young, Heppner, will receive the highest award in the Boy Scout movement Saturday night when he receives his Eagle Scout award at the Elks Temple.

Bruce will be the first scout to receive this award in the Heppner area within the past 20-30 years. He has been in scouting for five years, is interested in the outdoors and plans to study wildlife management in the future.

He is a freshman at Heppner High School, and is quarterback and defensive linebacker for the JVs.

His hobbies include backpacking, hunting, camping, and other outdoor activities.

The Court of Honor will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Ervin Williams, president, Blue Mountain Scout Council, will be the keynote speaker.

The dinner honoring Bruce Young is a potluck, with the meat, hot rolls and Dixie cups being furnished.

County 4-H tops in the state'

"Morrow County has the second largest amount of youngsters enrolled in 4-H activities in the entire state of Oregon," Mike Howell, Morrow County Extension Agent, told the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Howell was referring to enrollment on a per capita basis, and there are presently 427 youngsters enrolled in various activities throughout the county. A few years ago Morrow County ranked number one in the state with an

enrollment of nearly 70 per cent of the youngsters.

"4-H is open to everyone, and in most instances youngsters help other youngsters, and adults help both adults and youngsters, and in some cases adults learn from the youngsters, but mainly 4-H is just having fun," he said.

He cited cases where youngsters went to 4-H camps for their first time away from home and some of them complained of having stomach aches, while others shed a few tears at the thought of being away from their parents. "This all changed in just a short time," he said, as the youngsters learned that a 4-H camp was a place to have fun and enjoy oneself.

4-H in Morrow County is recognized as being adventuresome, as Morrow County was one of the first to pioneer ski clubs for youngsters during the winter months. Some of the other subjects offered 4-Hers are bike safety, creative arts, toile painting and small animal raising.

This was the first year for bike safety, and youngsters

had a chance to learn proper bike handling through intricate tests while riding their bikes. The program ended with a 20-mile ride from Ruggs to Lone.

Mrs. Tullis told Chamber members they could be proud of two young women from Morrow County, Anita Davidson and Karen Richards. Anita recently returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., after being chosen 4-H representative from Oregon. Karen Richards, Irrigon, will go to Chicago in December to attend the National 4-H Congress, a reward for her outstanding work in 4-H.

"When two youngsters from Morrow County, whom you have known since they were little tikes, win national honors for their participation in 4-H, and you realize the small part you have had in helping them achieve this goal, it makes the entire 4-H all the more worthwhile," Mrs. Tullis said. "And," she added, "you know that 4-H is alive and well within the county."

Program on drugs

Last spring a drug education program was sponsored in the Heppner community by the staff of Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Because of continuing interest in the subject the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee will sponsor the same type of program on Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., at the Heppner Elementary School multipurpose room.

Resource people include Dr. Rich Panzer, psychiatrist; Dr. Betty Brunette, psychologist; Dick Takai, drug and alcohol specialist; and Bea Jean Takai, R.N.

carnival rides at the fair and ascertain what kind of outside entertainment is available.

The idea of having a Craft Village at the fair, in which local arts and crafts people could display and sell the items they make, was favored.

Improved ways of displaying the rabbit and poultry section of the fair was also



MIKE HOWELL

1975 fair, rodeo dates are set

Dates for the 1975 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo were set at Monday night's Fair Board meeting.

Next year's dates are Aug. 19 through Aug. 24.

The board met jointly with members of the Fair Committee to evaluate the 1974 fair and set plans in motion for the 1975 fair. Fair committee members decided to take

more decisive action this coming year by assigning specific responsibilities to each fair committee member and up-dating membership on the committee.

Suggestions were made that there be more entertainment featured at the fair in terms of local and outside talent. Mike Howell said he would look into the possibility of having a few