

## Court house notes

The new parking area just east of the building is shaping up rapidly. Much of the work is being done by road department personnel.

The County Assessor says the stacks of personal property returns that his office received have all been processed. He also stated that all of Heppner's residential appraisals have been completed by the Pendleton firm which was contracted to do the work.

Appraiser Charles Patching is pleased that help has arrived in his office; Thomas Stewart is working there as an appraiser-traine.

In most of the county offices work on department budgets has a top priority at this time.

Dee Gribble is carrying on the work in the Justice of the Peace office. Justice Charles O'Connor is recuperating from eye surgery at his home in Lone.

Pat Wright is substituting for Mrs. Sweeney in the Health Office while "Tiny" is on leave for three months. She has been conducting breast cancer clinics in the county, the next one will be for the Pine City extension group on April 16. Mrs. Wright continues her regular blood

## Services today for C. M. Colley

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, April 10, at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel for Charley Marvin Colley, 68.

Mr. Colley died at his home in Lexington, Saturday, April 5.

He was born June 1, 1906 in Payette, Ida.

He was united in marriage to Ruby Pool in Vale, Oregon on May 5, 1924.

He had been a resident of Lexington for the past 20 years. He was a master mechanic for Morrow County Grain Growers until his retirement in 1964. He was a member of the Nazarene Church.

Rev. G.E. Nikander officiated at the services. Sacred selections "God Will Take Care of You" and "In the Garden" were sung by Carl and Betty Marquardt.

Pallbearers were Ken Reade, Steve Wagenblast, Gene Cole, John Wagenblast, Ed Hunt and Doug Reade.

Concluding services and interment were at the Lexington Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his widow, Ruby, Lexington; a son, Lee Colley, Colfax, Wa.; brother, Laurence Colley, Ontario, Or.; a half-brother, Jesse May, Fruitland, Idaho; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Troedson Scholarship

Mr. Carl Troedson, well known rancher in the lone area who passed away in 1972 established the Carl Troedson Educational Trust Fund as a part of his last will and testament.

Provisions of Mr. Troedson's will established an educational fund to assist students graduating from Morrow County High Schools.

Applications for the Carl Troedson Scholarship Fund will be received beginning Tuesday, April 15.

Graduating seniors who are interested may receive application material from their local school counselors.

A limited number of scholarships may also be available for students presently enrolled in colleges. Students should request application forms from the Morrow County School District office at Lexington.

The number of scholarships available will not be known until April 30.

## Autos, newcomers decline in Oregon

An upward trend each year in vehicle registrations, continuous since shortly after World War II, apparently has been broken in Oregon.

Auto and other registrations declined nearly six per cent from 1,825,962 in 1973 to 1,723,485, Motor Vehicle Division Administrator Chester Ott reports.

The gasoline shortage and the downturn in the economy, which resulted in fewer new car sales, appear to be significant factors in the decrease in registrations, Ott said.

There also appeared to be a decline in the number of people moving to the state. The 101,386 vehicles that came into Oregon in 1974 were about ten per cent below the 1973 figure.

The change from a one-year to a two-year registration system may have also resulted in a surge of registrations late in 1973 for certain classes of vehicles before the two-year registration fee took effect Jan. 1, 1974. This may have

inflated the 1973 registrations at the expense of 1974.

Registration by type of vehicle was down in every category except motor homes which showed an eight per cent increase with 10,103 licensed in 1974; snowmobiles with 4,576 registered for a ten per cent increase; and foreign trailers which stayed about the same, 3,047 in 1974 compared with 3,037 in 1973.

There were 39,059 trucks

registered last year in Oregon, 672 buses, 24,914 farm vehicles, 21,506 heavy trailers, 22,777 light trailers, 64,845 motorcycles, 72,009 travel trailers and 42,771 campers with decreases ranging from less than one per cent for campers to 29 per cent for trucks.

Passenger cars registered last year numbered 1,897,406, a drop of nearly four per cent from 1973.

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## Historical Society has meeting

The Board of Directors of the Morrow County Historical Society met March 31, 7:30 at Lexington and approved the bylaws of the organization drawn up at an earlier meeting by a committee with Don Gilliam as chairman.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be the first Sunday in October and board meetings in December, March, June and September of each year. Standing committees suggested were: historical, museum, memberships, projects, genealogical and bylaws. Charter members will be those joining before the annual meeting in October, 1975. At this time there are 35 family memberships and 23 of these included membership in the State Historical Society.

Locating and marking small outlying cemeteries and graves will be one of the projects of this group and any information of such will be appreciated by Barton Clark, Heppner or Bryce Keene, lone. Histories of the farms in Morrow County still farmed by the descendants of the Homesteaders will be gathered. Anyone having information and wishing to help will contact Delpha Jones, Lexington, 909-8189.

This group went on record in favor of marking the Old Oregon Trail and Well Springs in the Navy Bombing Range. A wagon train retracing the Old Oregon Trail will be at Cecil May 16.

## LIONS TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting of the Heppner Lions Club. The meeting will be held at the Wagon Wheel Cafe at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

All Lions are urged to attend and cast their ballot for the candidate of their choice.

## School Lunch Menu

- HEPPNER HIGH AND HEPPNER ELEMENTARY
- Thurs., Apr. 10—Steamed rice, chicken gravy, cabbage salad, jello, fruit, rolls, butter, milk.
  - Fri., Apr. 11—Soup sandwiches, salad, dessert, milk.
  - Mon., Apr. 14—Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, buttered peas, celery sticks, fruit crisp, milk.
  - Tues., Apr. 15—Beans, vegetable salad, french bread, butter, frosted cake, fruit, milk.
  - Wed., Apr. 16—Pizza, buttered corn, pickled beets, ice cream slice, milk.
  - Thurs., Apr. 17—School's choice.

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NO. 1 IN A SERIES: Questions about the compatibility of Alumax with Oregon's livability

# Are you as confused as I was about the effect of Alumax on Oregon's power supply?

*I looked into it, and frankly, I was surprised at what I found.*



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ALTHOUGH MANY of us have a tendency to pay little attention to anything which isn't directly affecting our own families, neighborhoods or communities, as an Oregonian, I feel Alumax must be of concern to all of us. We each have a stake in the outcome of the decision which determines whether or not Alumax builds their Aluminum plant, because this is a critical issue involving our environment and the future of industry in our state. All the rumors I've heard raised a number of questions in my own mind, so I decided to go directly to Alumax and ask for all the data compiled by the environmentalists and energy authorities relating to the power question. I think you should be interested in what I found.

from private utility companies which generate their own power and no longer buy firm power from BPA.

So far as the other 20% are concerned, or those who receive their power indirectly from BPA through a public or cooperatively held utility, Alumax will still have only a minimal effect. The cost for providing new generating facilities required to produce power for the region is a cost which would have to be met with or without Alumax. BPA is already committed to the building of these plants. Without Alumax, the construction of the new facilities might be delayed at the most for only three months.

**What percentage of BPA's power will go to Alumax?**

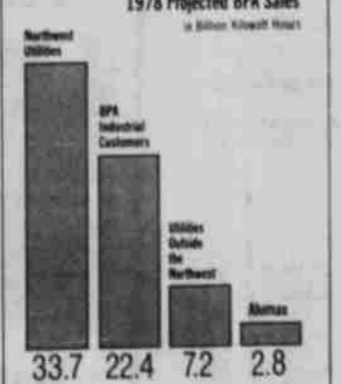
If in 1978 we were to experience a critical low-water year, and there were not enough energy to meet the firm power needs of BPA customers, Alumax could receive as little as .8%. Assuming a good water year, Alumax would still be limited to 3.6%.

The exact percentage of BPA power generating capability made available to Alumax depends directly upon river flow and needs of BPA's public and cooperatively held utilities.



**Will Alumax pay less for their power than the consumer?**

Alumax is an industrial user and as such purchases its power at a wholesale rate directly from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Under the terms of all new industrial contracts, they will pay the same rate as all public utilities. The rate the consumer pays is always slightly higher because of the added costs incurred by the utilities in delivering power to the consumer's home.



**Will the consumer's present electrical rates go up if Alumax is built?**

Alumax, in and of itself, will not affect the consumer's electrical rates. In Oregon, approximately 80% of all residential and commercial consumers are affected in no way by BPA power sales. These consumers get their power directly

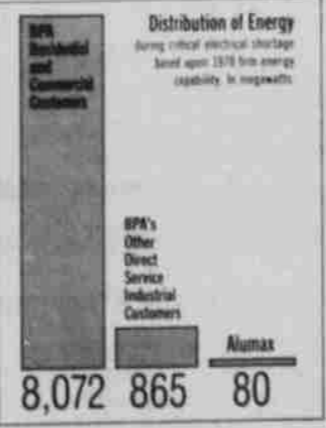
**What happens to the power if Alumax is not built?**

For the time being it would be added to BPA reserves and sold to other industrial customers in the BPA region. In 1982 and beyond, the power would be used to serve

public utility and cooperative customers—of which only 20% are in Oregon and 80% in Washington.

**What will be Alumax's effect during a power shortage?**

Electrical utilities are sold what is referred to as firm power, or what is required to meet peak load requirements for their residential, commercial and firm industrial customers. The power being sold to Alumax is 25% firm, and 75% interruptible, under conditions of extreme power shortages and delays in thermal plants.



**Is the production of aluminum the most efficient use of our Northwest power resources?**

The economic impact of the aluminum industry on the Pacific Northwest has been carefully documented in a recent study by the A. D. Little, Inc. consulting firm. One in every five families has a wage-earner employed in the alu-

minium industry, or an industry dependent upon aluminum. The average annual wages of aluminum workers are 22% higher than the average annual wage for other manufacturing workers in the Pacific Northwest.

Aluminum is universally considered to be an indispensable material for countless consumer and industrial applications. When used in automobiles, trucks or airplanes, it reduces total weight and saves energy. When aluminum is used in insulation, roofing and siding in home construction, it saves heating costs. Another large user of energy. And, probably one of its most important characteristics from an efficiency standpoint is that it is virtually indestructible. It outlasts most other comparable materials by many, many years. When it does finally become scrap, the addition of only 5% of the original energy required to make a pound of primary aluminum can return the scrap aluminum to the marketplace for another long and useful life.

**Will the construction of Alumax keep any other industry from coming into the Northwest?**

No. There is currently energy available for development of the Northwest. However, the future supply of energy depends upon our ability to construct new electrical generating plants. The aluminum industry as a whole has financially assisted in the development of these new generating facilities.

This message from a concerned Oregonian has been published in the public interest.

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