

Columbia Basin lists increases

The fiscal year purchases for Columbia Basin Electric from BPA for the year ending June 30, 1976 reached just over 120 million kilowatt hours. The increase of 13.75 per cent was up from 105,504,000 kwhs the previous fiscal year. The approximately 14.5 million kwhs increase was the largest fiscal year increase in the history of the Coop.

Basin Electric was far behind the 19.3 per cent average rate of increase of all Cooperatives in the BPA service area. While electric heat conversions, irrigation expansion and other electric utilization continues at a record pace, the Oregon Department of Energy has been attempting to establish formulas showing state electrical consumption forecast at a growth rate of 1.5 per cent.

"I've been looking for an excuse," Wallace McRae, retired Blue Mountain Community College President and legislator, told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, "to renew my acquaintances with friends and hecklers. I'm glad to be here."

McRae entertained the Chamber at their Monday noon luncheon at West of Willow in Heppner.

McRae, who retired from the legislature in 1974, talked to the chamber about retirement and what that stage in life has done for him.

McRae said he "dislikes, personally, mandated retirement programs. I know both sides," he said, noting that he was forced because of age to

retire from BMCC. But McRae was happy about retirement, adding that people should "plan for it." He did. He wanted to find something "constructive and satisfying," something that he could use his education on. He found it.

The legislature was exciting, he said, but he was "regarded as a state employee" and was not eligible for retirement benefits if he stayed in the legislature. He retired in 1974 for the financial benefits.

Along with doing some consulting since his retirement, which took him and his wife to Pago Pago in American Samoa to instruct, he has also taken part in Institute of Education and Leadership, a

Retirement

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national institution to help explain the function of the legislature and education. McRae is one of 37 persons across the United States and the only person from Oregon involved in the program. Showing the chamber what retirement has done, McRae

related trips that IEL has provided for meetings with "side benefits." Last year their meeting was in Boston, a day before the World Series began, and he was able to see that. This year, the meeting was in Austin, TX. McRae and his

wife, Phyllis, saw among other parts of the largest Lonestar State, the Lyndon Baines Johnson library at the University of Texas and the LBJ ranch.

Keeping his talk related to retirement and travel, McRae also told the chamber of his long awaited trip to Scotland, where he and his wife spent 64 days and saw 16 countries.

The pair from Pendleton traveled 21,000 miles and saw seven seas. Their journey took them to London, Paris, Scandinavia, and finally to Scotland.

McRae spent four days with family he had never known before in Scotland and saw the house his father was born and raised in.

At St. Andrews, one of the

oldest golf links in the world, McRae enjoyed his favorite sport in beautiful weather.

McRae said there was "great similarity between problems observed" including inflation, taxation, government... "all the same type of problems."

McRae said that Americans should be "optimistic" because we have "more opportunity." Despite foreigners' lack of space, McRae said he saw nationalism and was "amazed." He said small countries were not going to give up their identity.

McRae said he would recommend retirement.

"I didn't like the idea, but I wasn't going to fight it. I've had a good time since I've retired."

4-H offers new opportunities

New opportunities from Wilderness Snow Survival to Fashion Group Career Days are being offered to Morrow County 4-H'ers and are being met with excitement and enthusiasm.

New projects areas such as the wilderness snow survival, cross country skiing, number 1, You...plus many more, have excited a lot of people, according to Mike Howell, extension agent.

The 4-H opportunities also list the following upcoming events:

Dec. 8—Blue Mountain College Tour and Swim Party—All 4-H members, leaders and parents are invited to tour Blue Mountain Community College and then enjoy a swim

in their new pool, with a pizza party to follow.

Dec. 11—At Your Level—This is a four-county leader training designed to help all leaders in the various aspects of the 4-H program.

Dec. 29—Horse Management Workshop—A workshop designed for all 4-H members, leaders and other interested persons. Subject matter to be covered will include: Basic Principles of Foot Care; Internal Parasites; Equine Health Program; reproduction; nutrition; and horse psychology.

Feb. 4-7—Washington State University Veterinary & Beef Science Center Tour—A tour designed for high school age 4-H members and leaders of

the W.S.U. Vet School and multi-million dollar beef research center. Other sites of interest will include the National Appaloosa Horse Center, Dairy Center at University of Idaho, plus other sites on both campuses.

Feb. 19—Fashion Group Career Days—To be held in Portland with all interested older girls and boys invited to attend. A bus will be taken. Career Days offers youth a chance to learn about fashion career options in design, retailing, manufacturing and media.

Apr. 1, 2, and 3—State Wide Camp Counselor Training—To be held at the State 4-H Center in Salem.

As you can see, there is

plenty of room to grow in 4-H for those who are willing to take the time. More information on these events or

about the 4-H program can be obtained by writing: Morrow Co. Extension Office, Box 397, Heppner, or call 676-9642.

HHS grad joins Washington law firm

James D. Monahan has been voted in as a partner to the law firm of Dow, Lohnes and Albertson in Washington D.C. Monahan graduated from Heppner High School in 1956. He graduated from Portland University in 1961. After three years in the U.S. Air Force, he attended Georgetown Univer-

sity, graduating in 1968. Before he was employed by Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, he was a law clerk under Federal Judge Chas. McLaughlin. James and his wife, Judy, have two children: Michael, 6; and Amy, 4. He is the son of Jim Monahan and the late Camilla Kilkenny Monahan, Heppner.

Brothers charged

A brother duo from Hood River was arrested last week after causing a ruckus at two of Heppner's lounges.

Robert Allen Walter, 28, and his brother, Michael Eugene Walter, 18, both were charged with disorderly conduct at Cal's Lounge, Tuesday evening. About 45 minutes later, both were charged with resisting arrest at Buckman's Tavern.

At Buckman's, Robert Allen was also charged with a second count of disorderly conduct while Michael Eugene was charged with purchasing liquor by a minor at both Main street places.

Both pleaded guilty last week. Robert Allen was sentenced to 14 days in jail; his brother, Michael Eugene, was sentenced to 21 days.



Why is this paper small?

Why is this paper so small and last week's big? Well, I'll tell you. It's advertising.

Each week, the Heppner Gazette - Times wrestles with itself, trying to find room for all the news that takes place in the area. If the editorial staff here had the space, we would be covering Irrigon and Boardman like a blanket, the way we try and cover this Heppner - Ione area.

But advertising dictates to us. Most small community weeklies, like Heppner, try to maintain a 55 per cent advertising to news ratio. Some larger weeklies try a 60 - 40 route.

Most dailies work on a 70 per cent advertising to 30 per cent news hole.

Because this paper is the county newspaper and we are trying to cover a wide area of people and places, we try to keep that 55 per cent. That way, we can keep our doors open too.

The Gazette-Times is happy that advertisers are using the Gazette-Times for their businesses and products. We hope that others may follow suit.

The more advertising we get, the more support. And the more support, the bigger the paper. In our case, the bigger the paper, the better.

We're simply trying to put out a product for you, the people of Morrow County. And we appreciate your continued support.

Keep it up and we will too.

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Letters

Can't understand

Editor:

I cannot understand why you are not printing the Irrigon news. Irrigon is in Morrow County and the Gazette-Times is supposed to be the official Morrow County paper.

Why should Irrigon people subscribe to the paper if there is no Irrigon news?

Frances Rose Wilson

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Wilson is the Gazette-Times correspondent in Irrigon. The Gazette-Times is the official

newspaper of Morrow County. Each week, due to lack of space that is regulated by advertising, the Gazette-Times is forced to leave out much news, including news from Heppner, Ione, Irrigon, Lexington and Boardman. In an attempt to remedy this situation, the Gazette-Times and Hermiston Herald have opened a bureau office in Boardman to represent the north end adequately. A telephone number has not been established in the Boardman office yet, but will be and will be printed in this paper soon. wcp)



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