

Area socked in by icy fog

Partly cloudy skies greeted some of the southern portion of Morrow County for the first time in three weeks Wednesday while electric company crews continued to remove ice from power lines in the Condon area of Gilliam County. Tuesday, more than 80 to 85 persons were at work

supporting Columbia Basin Electric Co-op crews in the area. The continual fog coupled with heavy ice buildup interrupted services of television, telephone and power as fog persisted for nearly three weeks in portions of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

In Condon, schools were closed and the Heppner based Co-op moved to shake power lines free. Four to five inches of ice would build up on lines in the space of one night.

Dave Harrison, Co-op manager, moved from the Heppner office to Condon to direct

the work of the various crews. "This is the fourth time this year for line shaking," Harrison said. "Most say it is the worst they have seen. Others say something like this occurred about 35 years ago."

Users were without electric service while power was

turned off to allow ice removal from the lines. Others in isolated areas experienced up to three days without power due to broken power lines.

Harrison said the bulk of the work was expected to be completed by Wednesday. The situation has been such that the lines required ice removal

every other day in the Condon area.

According to Pendleton forecasters, the lifting of fog experienced in some areas Wednesday may only be temporary as the high pressure system associated with the fog conditions is relatively static.

WEATHER	High-Low
Wed., Feb. 2	30 25
Thurs., Feb. 3	29 24
Fri., Feb. 4	33 25
Sat., Feb. 5	30 26
Sun., Feb. 6	32 27
Mon., Feb. 7	31 26
Tues., Feb. 8	34 28

No measurable precipitation.

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Neighborhood Center finds new home

The Neighborhood Center, headquartered in Heppner, is moving this week from the Gilliam-Bisbee Building by Dick Sargent to the old Howell Market location next door to

the Heppner City Hall. The move came about due to the purchase of the Gilliam-Bisbee Building by Dick Sargent of the Coast-to-Coast Store in Heppner. Remodeling

for the new Coast-to-Coast Store location is already underway.

A major difficulty encountered in the move centers around the program of meals

for senior citizens supplied from the Center in both Heppner and Ione. Since the move was not contemplated in time for budget allowances, the Center faces the need for development of new kitchen facilities to provide the four meals it now serves each week.

Pat Brindle, who directs activities of the Center, said kitchen development costs have been estimated at about \$2,500. Community response has already come in the form of several offers to help with the task of moving and promises of financial or other assistance from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner Church of Christ and All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Shop work has been volunteered by members of the Heppner High School shop class under Ed Hiemstra. Kinzua Mill has offered to donate necessary lumber.

Other activities affected by the move include meetings of the Area Agency on the Aging, project council meetings, and visitation of the Social Security representative. These activities will also operate from the new Center location.

Both the GED, high school equivalency program, and the Adult Basic Education program, toward a high school diploma, are carried on at the Neighborhood Center.

The Neighborhood Center has been located on the ground floor of the Gilliam-Bisbee Building for ten years.



Icy fog, called hor frost, is pretty, but a time consuming nuisance. Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative units have been cleaning lines to save a power outage during the last few days throughout the area. (Gazette-Times photo)

Community theatre group planned for area

A meeting of persons interested in forming a community theatre group in Heppner has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in Room 6 of the high school.

Michele Portmann, high school math instructor, said that six plays will be reviewed at the Monday meeting.

The six plays are in the field of mystery and drama and

were selected for review by a group of Heppner residents who have already shown interest in building a community theatre organization.

After review of the six plays, people attending the Monday session can take part in selecting a play for production.

Once a play has been selected, a date will be set for

tryouts. Persons wishing further information or those who wish to participate in community theatre, but will be unable to attend the Feb. 14 meeting, may call Michele Portmann and register their names for future involvement. The high school number is 676-9138. The Portmann residence number is 676-5114.

Fair open Aug. 23

Drought to be discussed at special growers meet

A special meeting for area wheat growers is scheduled in Pendleton Feb. 18 to answer questions concerning the best farm practices under present conditions of dry weather and droughts, the Oregon Wheat Growers League reports.

The session is being planned by Dr. Norm Goetze, Oregon State University Extension agronomist. He will provide

information concerning steps in handling summerfallow, when to re-seed, when to decide to let a stand go, and best varieties for withstanding unseasonable dry weather.

The meeting will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Pendleton at the Indian Hills or the Harvester. Final selection of the meeting location is to be announced next week.

The League noted that the Pendleton Branch Experiment Station, which has been keeping moisture records for 48 years, reports the lowest year ever on their record. Dr. Chuck Rohde, plant breeder, said the previous low was four inches from September into early February. This year the total at the station has been only three inches for the same period.

Dates for the 1977 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo have been finalized. This year's open class Morrow County Horse Show will be held Sunday, Aug. 21, prior to the official opening of the fair. All exhibits will be taken in on Monday, Aug. 22. The fair officially opens Tuesday, Aug. 23, with exhibits being released Friday morning, Aug. 26. The first rodeo show will be Friday evening, Rodeo shows will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 and 28.

The theme for this year's fair and parade is "Happiness Is."

One hundred eighty-three volunteers attended the appreciation dinner sponsored by the Fair Board at the West of Willow restaurant, Saturday evening, Jan. 29.

Three individuals were given special recognition. Hazel Bauman was honored with a special plaque and a plant for her years of service as the caretaker of the fair buildings. Leanne Rea was honored with a plant for her contributions to the fair committee. Don Evans was presented with a gift certificate for his years of service on the rodeo committee and continued help with the rodeo.

Paul Hisler was elected chairman of the Fair Board for 1977. He will assume his duties at the Board's meeting, Monday, Feb. 14, at the West of Willow restaurant, at 7:30 p.m.

Membership and committee assignments have been completed by the Rodeo Commit-

tee for the 1977 show. Bob Mahoney is chairman of the group. Bob Montgomery is vice chairman and livestock director. Secretary of the group is Dennis Doherty. The other directors are Stan Kemp, court; Merlin Hughes, prizes and concessions; Lyle

Lowe and John Gochner, tickets and parking; Lee Padberg, grounds; Bob Van Schoiack, barns and races; Susie French, publicity; and Max Hellberg and Lee Ansotegui.

The Fair Committee is preparing the premium book for

print. Almost all superintendents have been selected by the committee for the fair, but if there is anyone else who would be interested in being a superintendent or who would like to help with the fair, they are asked to contact fair secretary Liz Curtis.

Chairman of the Fair Committee is D.O. Nelson. Vice chairman of the group is Mike Conley and Delpha Jones is secretary. Other members of the committee are Dick Sargent, Phyllis Piper, Alvin McCabe, Millie Rauch, John Mollahan and Marv Clarkson.



Volunteer workers remodel the upstairs part of the Heppner Elks' Lodge in preparation for the 51st annual celebration, slated for later this month. The big room will be used for lodge and other civic activities. (Gazette-Times photo)

County fair dates finalized

City to purchase fire truck

The Heppner City Council in session Tuesday night considered a petition from citizens regarding pedestrian traffic on Gilmore Street, ironed out further details on a 20-year franchise agreement with the electric cooperative, and approved the application of funds for the purchase of a mini-pumper fire truck for use

by the city and the rural fire board.

The Council accepted a petition from more than two dozen residents who seek a solution to the pedestrian traffic problem on property below Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Part of the problem expressed by residents is

continual traffic of school children and young adults across private property in the area. The Council is investigating several possible solutions to the problem.

In other action, the Council and representatives from the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op moved closer to agreement

on details of a 20-year REA Franchise Ordinance which faces final approval late this month.

A low bid of \$1,037 was accepted from Lott's Electric for updating and additions to electrical wiring at the city hall and shop. The Council also approved an application for grant money to continue a city-county service and assistance agreement for land use planning in the amount of \$5,710.

It was reported that a budget committee meeting will be held Feb. 22 with an eye to presenting a final city budget by Mar. 1.

The Council approved purchase of a 1975 model fire truck. The city will put up half of \$24,000 to purchase the mini-pumper and related extra equipment. The unit is a quick response rig. Half of its cost will be paid by the rural fire board.

The city also completed annexation of property near the high school. The parcel includes about 31 acres.

Ione voters asked to OK \$100,000 bond

Legal voters in Ione will be asked Feb. 28 to authorize the sale of \$100,000 in bonds to procure funds for improvement, reconstruction and extension of the city water supply system.

The polling place for the election will be at the Ione City Hall and the polls will be open

from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28.

Passage of the measure to allow the sale of Ione water improvement bonds will not only allow for improvement, reconstruction and extension of the water system, but will provide adequate and more equitable distribution of water, according to city officials.

The Ione City Council adopted the resolution calling for the water improvement bond issue Monday by unanimous vote, according to Mayor Robert Drake.

Clerks for the election will be Margaret Morgan, chairman, Edith Matthews, Laurel Cannon and Helen McCabe.