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The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo are often pooh-poohed as "small town" shows - but that's just not so.

They may be small in size or attendance, but they're definitely not small in energy or warmth or enthusiasm. In fact in these categories they out-distance by far many of the so-called "big-time" events.

Those who promote and organize the fair, rodeo and parade, supervise events or exhibits, take care of the animals, judge the contests, provide food for the hungry, enter prize cows, cakes, jars of pickles, ride bulls, clean up the mess when it's all over and, indeed, come out to look, admire, smell, feel and taste deserve more congratulations than they often times get.

Another fair and rodeo week chronicled in the Gazette-Times - another job well done.

**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

Columbia Basin needs rate increase

To the Editor:
Letters and articles regarding Columbia Basin's rate problems have lived up the pages of the local papers of late and will probably continue to do so as energy costs keep rising.

There can be no question that Columbia Basin needs a substantial rate increase and mostly for the following reasons:

1. BPA wholesale rate to Columbia Basin up over 50 percent on July 1.
2. Increased cost of labor and supplies.
3. Decrease in consumption by about 5 percent for the first seven months of '81 as compared to the first seven months of '80. Overhead costs do not go down as KW consumption declines. The KW that are sold need to be higher to pay these fixed costs. However, in the long run conservation of electricity will pay off by reducing the need for expensive new thermal plants.

4. Ice storms over the past several years had an aggregate cost of over 3-4 million dollars. Burial of conductor is not the answer we had hoped it would be. The line needs to be 42 inches deep and the cost through rock is prohibitive. Also, corrosion problems on underground are severe for reasons not fully understood by electrical engineers.

This rate increase is very difficult for people on low and fixed incomes to absorb. However, because the service charge remained at \$6 per month, anyone using smaller amounts of electricity will get a lower percentage increase. A residential consumer will using 500 KW per month gets a 27 percent increase while the large all electric home using 4000 KW will have an increase of 51 percent. Columbia Basin's new rate is \$6 per month service charge and 3.25 cents per KW while the present PP&L rate has a \$3 service charge and a KW charge of 3 1/2

cents in summer and just under 4 cents in winter when heating and lighting needs increase.

Different rates to different classes of consumers is a major bone of contention, particularly as they affect the large irrigators. In the beginning Columbia Basin had only rural residential customers and of course they were all charged the same rate. At that time the goal was to sell as much electricity as possible in order to maximize income. When irrigation came along, rates were established that were lower than residential rates because large users could be served for less cost per KW. This concept applies to industry whether they are using electricity, gas or coal. As deep well irrigation increased, about a fourth of Columbia Basin's income now comes from this load. The large irrigators are concentrated in the north east portion of the service area and their cost of service is lower per KW than the cost of serving the residential load which has many long distribution lines serving only a few customers in many areas. For the first seven months of '81 the revenue per KW from irrigation was 2.09 cents per KW and from the residential class was 2.7 cents per KW or a difference of about 25 percent per KW. The question now in many people's minds is whether that difference is justified.

Cost of service studies do not agree and as Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stated in a rate case, "Cost of service analysis is an imperfect science." I was not comfortable with the Miner and Miner study paid for by Columbia Basin because it did not seem to recognize fully the economy per KW of serving a large load. I particularly had trouble with their study when they used the Rugg substation to analyze large irrigation line cost allocations when there isn't one deep well center pivot system fed from that substation. The largest motor is 100 horse power whereas there are a number of pumps in the 500 horsepower class served out of substations in the northeast area.

When the rate compromise was reached by the two

**Weddings
McCabe - Biddle**



Mr. and Mrs. John McCabe

John Edmund McCabe and Sonja Rae Biddle were united in marriage in a 2:30 p.m. ceremony, August 8 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, Marion Biddle, wore a white lace, floor length gown, trimmed with satin ribbon along the skirt. The high-collared bodice was trimmed with a deep V of lace. The long sleeves were trimmed with pearl buttons. She wore a finger tip veil which fell from a small headpiece of seed pearls.

Maid of honor was Ginny Estes, Heppner. Bridesmaids were Susan Gray, Kennewick, Wash. and Shelly Biddle, sister of the bride, Heppner. They carried peach roses with baby's breath surrounded by lace and ribbon.

Jennifer Doherty, niece of the groom, of Wilsonville was flower girl. The attendants wore peach sundresses trimmed in satin ribbon and lace.

Candle lighters were Dallas Harsin, Heppner and Jim Doherty, Wilsonville, both brothers-in-law of the groom.

Best man was Leonard Hanna, Heppner and ushers were Dallas Harsin and Jim Doherty.

Wedding music was provided by Carly Drake at the organ and Ella Mae Green sang a solo (her own composition) and accompanied herself of the piano.

A reception was held in the church basement. Pam Doherty, Wilsonville, and Lisa Harsin, Heppner, both sisters of the groom, served the five layer cake which was decorated with peach colored roses, white hearts and topped with two white doves.

Laurie McCabe, Dayton, sister of the groom, served punch and Jean Ball, aunt of the bride served coffee. Janette Piper attended the gift table and Laurie McCabe attended the guest book.

After a wedding trip to the Oregon Coast, the couple resides in Heppner.

**Engagements
Mortimore - Campbell**



Andrea Campbell and Roger Mortimore

Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Campbell invite you to share in the ceremony uniting their daughter Andrea and Roger F. Mortimore on Saturday, September 12, 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. A reception will follow the ceremony.

**OBITUARIES
Grace Leathers**

Funeral services were held for Grace M. Leathers on Monday, August 31 at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel in Heppner. Concluding services and interment were at Lexington Cemetery.

Mrs. Leathers, 76, died Tuesday, August 25 at her home in Lexington.

She was born Oct. 30, 1904, at Vale, to Rex and Nellie (Brown) Marquis.

On June 2, 1928, she and Vernon "Gus" Leathers were married in Portland. They owned and operated the V&G Tavern at Lexington for about 20 years. Her husband died in 1974, and Mrs. Leathers sold the business in 1976.

She was a Women's Army Corps veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Leathers was a member of Gold Beach Chapter No. 161, Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include her

mother, Nellie Blanchat, Pendleton; daughter Jane Richards, Gold Beach; three brothers, Claude Marquis, at Ontario, and Robert and Jack Marquis, of Vale; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Ritualist Services were by Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32 Order of the Eastern Star.

Paul Vorvick was guitarist and Michelle Gellerson soloist.

Casket bearers were Del Piper, Morris McCarl, Noel Harshman, Pat O'Brien, Pat Cutsforth and Pete Schwarzin. Honorary Bearers were Sam Johnston, Bill Padberg, Fritz Cutsforth, Floyd Borman, Earl Papineau and Maynard Seefeldt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital fund, at Heppner.

Joanna B. Rauch

Joanna Bertha Rauch, who had lived most of her life in Umatilla and Morrow counties, died at the Good Samaritan Center on Aug. 23. She was 87.

Mrs. Rauch was born in Wisconsin on July 18, 1894. She was married in Pendleton in 1915 to Fred Rauch, and they lived on a wheat farm near Echo and later on a farm near Lexington. She moved to Hermiston five years ago. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two sons, Fred Rauch of Chattaroy, Wash., and August Rauch of

Karla Alexander

IRRIGON - Karla Joan Alexander, 30, died Monday at Kadlec Hospital, Richland, Wash. Mrs. Alexander was injured in an auto accident last week near Umatilla.

Born at Ellensburg, Wash., Dec. 22, 1950, she had lived at Irrigon for the past six years. Before that, she lived at Goldendale, Wash.

Mrs. Alexander worked as store manager of the McNary Shopperia.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon J. Kerns, Goldendale, Wash.; her mother, Norma J. Overton, Hermiston; sons Tony and Tyson, both of Irrigon; brother Zane Kerns, Vancouver, Wash.; and sister Vickie Bloom, Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, with burial at the Echo Cemetery. Burns Mortuary was in care of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lutheran Braille Workers of the Trinity Lutheran Church memorial fund.

Inaccurate info

To the Editor:
There has been a lot of inaccurate information concerning the activities of the Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. It is impossible in any letter form to speak to each of the inaccuracies being circulated.

The board of CBEC examined rate structures proposed by a firm of rate engineers hired by them (Columbia Basin) and an independent firm of rate engineers. These respected professionals were asked to present a proposal.

At the last board meeting this proposal was presented. The rates recommended by the engineering firms were then adopted by the board.

The rates have now been submitted to REA, bills have already been sent, and the increased income is badly needed by the Co-op.

Brok P. Tucker

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Voltz - Keithley

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Keithley, Heppner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Brian Voltz, Heppner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Haberstro, Rolla, North Dakota.

A November 21 wedding is planned.

Cannon - Fulleton

Mr. and Mrs. Roise Fulleton of Echo announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Becky Fulleton, to Dave Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Cannon of Bell City, Louisiana.

A December wedding is being planned. The date and place have not yet been selected.

The prospective bride attended Heppner High School and graduated her senior year from Pendleton High School. She attended Blue Mountain Community College for two years where she was with the rodeo team and then spent three years at California State University in Fresno where she was with the college rodeo. She is a professional barrel racer and does some substitute teaching in area schools.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Bell City High School and attended the University of Tennessee and Louisiana Tech. Mr. Cannon is a professional calf roper on the rodeo circuit.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was obtained at the Morrow Co. Clerk's office from Jeffery Scott Dunn, LaGrande and Susan Kay Nerdahl, Heppner.

'A visit to India' to be presented in lone

"A Visit to India" will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin on Friday evening at 7 p.m. September 7, at the lone United Church. The slide show will be in four parts on successive Friday nights with the following schedule:

Sept. 7 - Part I, 7 p.m.; Sept. 11 - Part II, 7 p.m.; Sept. 18 - Part III, 6:15 p.m. following a 5:30 potluck dinner; and Sept. 25 - Part IV, 7 p.m. The presentation is open to all people interested in taking an arm chair trip to India.

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