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Only Charcoal Business in Oregon Now Producing in Valley on Dick George Rd.

Additional Kilns Expected to Employ 50-100 Men Here

A charcoal-producing kiln located just off the Dick George Road, the only such kiln in the state of Oregon, has produced two experimental batches and is expected by its owner, E. W. Morris, to be the start of a business which will employ 50-100 men here in the Valley within 12 months.

Elated over his first results, Morris plans the construction of more kilns throughout the Valley which will be expected to collectively produce about three tons of charcoal daily. Morris's trial kiln will produce about 1600-pounds weekly.

With unlimited sources of waste hardwood at his disposal, Morris has already been assured of a ready market both in small quantities within Josephine County and in quantity amounts in San Francisco.

PROMPTED BY WASTE

The great wastes of the local logging industry started Mr. and Mrs. Morris on the charcoal venture, their first experience with the production of this popular fuel and food.

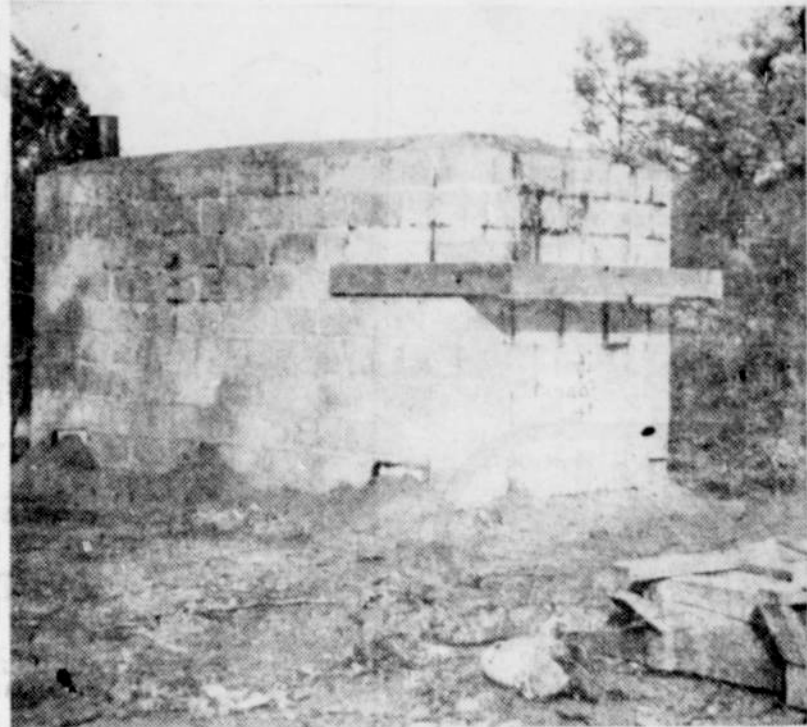
Morris first contacted Ranger Harold Bowerman relative to an industry which would make use of forest wastes three years ago. Bowerman referred him to the state department of forestry which furnished necessary information. Morris completed his first kiln on his place just off the Dick George Rd. after putting aside savings from his selective logging business. Additional aid has been given him by resident soil conservationists.

NEXT AT BROEFFLE'S

The next kiln is planned on the Clyde Broeffle place where Morris has been promised oak and madrona free for cleaning it up. Probably two men will be employed to care for the kiln and on the side to make fence and hop poles, another of his many sideline ventures. In addition to such offers of hardwood, his selective logging business will net him a steady supply of wood for the kilns.

The production of a batch of charcoal is a lengthy process, taking from seven days from the time the kiln is loaded until it has cooled sufficiently for removal of the finished product.

A 6'x6'x16" concrete block cub-



This is the experimental charcoal kiln built by E. W. (Jiggs) Morris on his place just off the Dick George Road. —SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PHOTO

icle, a charcoal kiln is loaded full with two cords of seasoned, four-foot lengths of wood through a 40 by 72-inch opening. After this door is sealed with mortar, a fire is built in a fire box at the opposite end which creates a draft and provides a chimney for the burning to be done inside.

250-300 DEGREE HEAT

The sealed-in wood is ignited with pitch sticks through a three-inch square opening on either side of the kiln. These firing ports are closed after nearly two hours which brings the inside temperature up to 250 to 300 degrees, sufficient for starting the coaling process.

Burning is controlled by the opening and closing of 4-inch square air inlets on the four corners.

About 36 to 40 hours are necessary to completely turn the wood into its lighter form of charcoal. An additional five days are required for cooling.

KILN COST \$500

The kiln used for the two experimental batches, of which Morris is rightly quite proud, was built at a cost of about \$500 including his labor.

County retail outlets for this Valley-produced charcoal include

Illinois Valley Hardware in Cave Junction and Rogue River Hardware and Tardy's Feed and Seed in Grants Pass.

Previous supplies were usually shipped into the county from Mexico, Camas in central Washington has the nearest kiln.

Charcoal brings from about \$50 to \$60 a ton for quantity sales to distant markets and up to about \$180 a ton in small quantities in local markets. Softwood charcoal brings an inferior price and is in lesser demand.

USES OF CHARCOAL

Charcoal has a host of uses—some of the major ones being for uses as fuel in stoves, sports burners and barbecues, as well as for fertilizer and in poultry and stock feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris came to the Valley from Nevada about six years ago. They have two sons, one about to be released from the Navy and the other on his way for duty in the army in Korea.

Morris worked in mills, mines, the woods and at the refrigeration business before starting his selective logging business which is his main interest. He recently purchased a second cat as the most recent addition to his logging enterprise.

Cougars Edged Out in Last Game 21-20; Barton, Pickle Selected As All-Stars

Final Gun Finds Cougars on Del Norte 2-Yard Line Friday

A shortage on seconds cheated IVHS's football squad from notching a victory for their last game of the season as the clock ran out in the fourth quarter while the local eleven was on Del Norte's two-yard line, the game ending 21-20.

On the bright side of the local football picture was the naming of end Mel Barton and tackle Orlen Pickle this week to the J-D-J league all-star team. The mythical team was chosen by J-D-J coaches, the list compiled by the Medford Mail Tribune.

Barton tied for second in the amount of place votes, receiving 10. Bob King of Crater was high with 12. Warren Cook and Stan Campbell, Cougar backs, were named on the second all-star team.

After Friday night's game, end Mel Barton's sticky fingers had won him first place scoring honors after trotting over the goal line for ten touchdowns, which with two extra points, gave him a total of 62 for the season.

The Cougars kept pace with the Crescent City squad Friday night but failure to make one extra point cheated them of a tie. It time had allowed but one more play possibly another six points would have been added to the IVHS side of the score with the ball on the two-yard-line at the final gun.

Warren Cook romped for a 60-yard run on the game's second play and the first IVHS score. The familiar Campbell-to-Barton passing combination accounted for the second TD in the second quarter.

A 30-yard pass to Reineoehl in the second half followed by a Campbell-to-Barton heave for the extra point ended Cougar scoring for the game and for the 1952 season.

IV ended the season with two wins and three losses for league games. In non-league games their only win was one over the Grants Pass JV's and two games in the loss column.

Treasure Hunt Plans Completed

Monday Is Deadline For Merchants to Enter

Final arrangements for the annual Valley Treasure Hunt were made by Cave Junction merchants meeting together at Manchel's Monday night.

Frequent appearances on Cave Junction streets by Santa will once again occupy the spotlight of this Christmas feature.

Participating merchants will be announced in next week's NEWS and the rules of the hunt, which are similar to those last year, will be available at local stores in the form of handbills.

Monday, Nov. 24, was set as the deadline for local merchants to enter the contest which will begin Dec. 1.

At Monday's meeting Vivian White of Trehearne's was appointed treasurer of the hunt. Merchants can sign up and obtain tickets from Mrs. White before Monday.

Jim Champion of Champion's Variety will handle the drawing of tickets the three days of the actual hunt, Dec. 22, 23, and 24.

Nickerson Elected Prexy Of Conservation Group

Illinois Soil Conservation District Chairman Ray Nickerson was elected to the office of president of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation districts which met Nov. 13 and 14 in Baker.

Nickerson as vice-president presided over the 1952 convention in the absence of the president who was unable to attend due to an injury. The 1953 convention will be in Bend.

Police Court News

The following cases were heard in Justice Court during the last week:

R. B. Slagle, Selma, over-width load, \$10 and costs; Keith D. Huffman, Grants Pass, no operator's license, \$2.50 and costs; Allen Reynolds, Cave Junction, insufficient binders, \$10 and costs.

Watch That News Deadline Next Week!

With Thanksgiving falling on Thursday, the usual publication day of the NEWS, it will instead be printed Wednesday in order to get the papers into the Friday mail as usual.

News and advertising deadlines will advance one day, with no news being accepted after Tuesday noon. Correspondents and others with news for the Nov. 28 issue are urged to submit it by Monday evening if possible to insure its publication.

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Large Group Enjoys Skating Party

Smog forced the postponement of the November 5 skating party sponsored by the juniors to Monday, November 17. Ninety tickets were sold for the affair and two busses were used to transport skaters to the rink.

In the future, skating parties will be held the first Wednesday of every month.

Lucille Pritchett Crowned 1952 Football Queen

Adding the extra touch of a kiss, Captain Orlen Pickle crowned Lucille Pritchett as Football Queen for 1952 at the Homecoming Dance last Friday night. Virginia DeMersseman was chosen as Senior princess while Treva Lee Allen was Junior princess.

Juniors Select Play To Be Given in December

"Professor, How Could You?" has been chosen as the Junior Play, which will be presented December 16. It is a comedy in three acts by Anne Coulter Marters. The cast includes Mae Bowerman, Dick Masters, Christine Duncan, Bill Smith, Mary Taylor, Don Warren, Joan Yandell, Ko Krauss, Roberta England and Joe Spalinger.

It will be directed by Mr. Robert Farrand.

European Travels Retold By P.E. Teacher

In an assembly Thursday, Nov. 13, Miss Hazel Peterson related the first part of her European trip which she made last summer. This talk, illustrated with color slides, included the part from New York to England, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries. Slides taken at the Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, and other countries which she visited will be shown at a future date.

Lettermen Initiated Into I.V. Club

The boys who have earned letters during the baseball and track seasons last year and football season this year were initiated into the I.V. Club Wednesday evening with full honors. This initiation must be endured before those earning letters are admitted to the Letterman's Club.

Boys being initiated include: Earl Reineoehl, Jim Smith, Rudy Smith, Jim Hemmingway, Nathan Harper, Larry Maurer, Gary Tyler, Don Warren, Al Laborde, Jim Scott, David Arnold, Bob Wade, Joe Spalinger, George Bell and Ray James.

WEATHER

Weather as compiled by the Illinois Valley Weather Station for the weather Nov. 10 through 16 is as follows:

Nov.	Temp.			Humidity		
	High	Low	Avg	High	Low	Rain
10	47	36	84	83		.21
11	44	38	85	81		.22
12	48	40	87	84		.20
13	41	37	86	84	1.18	
14	51	31	86	46	1.07	
15	48	31	86	50	None	
16	46	33	86	70	None	



S. CLIFFORD SPARKS Grants Pass Daily Courier Photo

S. Clifford Sparks Funeral Monday

Funeral services were held at the Cave Junction Community church Monday at 11 a.m. for S. Clifford Sparks, president of the Bank of Illinois Valley, who died following a short illness Nov. 13.

Mr. Sparks had been a Valley resident since 1950 when he was called from Medford where he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business, to organize the local bank and become its first president.

His successor has not yet been obtained by the bank's board of directors. Mr. Sparks was born in Camp Cook, S. D., Dec. 16, 1898, and attended high school in Baker, Mont. He continued his education at Hamlin university and at the University of Southern California where he studied law.

A veteran of World War I, Sparks has been engaged primarily in the banking business in the west, being a former employee of the First National Bank of Portland and cashier of the Bank of Sweet Home. He had formerly been engaged in the banking business in Montana and California.

Surviving are his widow, Martha E. Sparks of here; his father, Horace W. Sparks, Absarokee, Mont.; and his sister, Eula Goe, South Gate, Calif.

Rev. Paul Kroon conducted the Masonic funeral services which were under the direction of Hull and Hull Mortuary. Music was furnished by Mrs. A. N. Collman and George Marth. Burial followed at Laurel cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers announced for the funeral were: Gene Thorn-dike; assistant manager, First National Bank, Medford; Allen Terry, manager, United States National Medford; Robert Nielson, manager, U.S. National Grants Pass; Charles Newland, manager, First National, Grants Pass; Robert Harris, assistant manager, U. S. National, Grants Pass; Charles Pack-er, assistant manager, First National, Grants Pass.

Shoe Store Grand Opening Nov. 29

After a shortage in the available supply of shoes has delayed for several weeks the grand opening of Deal's Shoe Store, that event has definitely been set for Saturday, Nov. 29.

Two shipments of shoes and house slippers are expected by the middle of next week which will bring the local store's stock up to a point expected weeks ago, by the owners, Betty and Bill Deal.

Watch for next week's advertisement on the special opening event at which a free pair of shoes will be given away, refreshments served and treats given to the kiddies.

Belt Lodge Tomorrow

There will be a stated meeting of Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. and A. M. at 8 p.m., Saturday Nov. 22 in the Masonic Temple in Kerby. The annual election of officers will be held at this time and the E.A. degree will be exemplified.

All members are urged to attend and visiting brethren are invited.

High School Field to Get Final Topsoil

The Illinois Valley high school football field will receive its final loads of topsoil this weekend before planting next spring, principal Donald Barnes said this week.

With weather permitting, coaches Wes Peters and Stan Smith will truck the dirt in from the Illinois Valley Dairy farm. The Dairy also is furnishing a truck and loader for the weekend.

Technical assistance on the proper crown for the field and in the selection of fertilizer and seed is being given by Mel Rigdon of the local soil conservation office.

Girl Scout Fund Drive Starts in Valley Nov. 24

A goal of \$400 has been set by solicitors for the Nov. 24-25 drive for funds for the Girls Scouts in the Illinois Valley area.

Adult scout committeemen will undertake the soliciting for the three local groups of Brownies, Intermediates and Seniors.

Ruth and Jack Wilson gave the drive its sendoff with the first check.

Budget needs for the scouts cover the expense of the directors, and the various standing committees.

Former Resident, Walter Doney, Dies Nov. 19

Long-time former resident of the Valley, A. Walter Doney, died in St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, Ore., Wednesday evening, Nov. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Doney had moved to Hermiston, Ore., recently. He had been ill with virus pneumonia. Further details were not obtainable at press time.

ON DISPLAY

A shotgun to be given away by the IVHS student body can be seen on display at Caldwell's Valley Sporting Goods.

City Water Department Requires Two Special Meetings in Past Week

Future water department expansion occupied the time of the city council and water officials last week when they met Friday night and again Sunday informally.

Friday Watermaster Art Drews was authorized to crib up the city pump to raise it above the high water level of the Illinois River to avoid the flooding problem of two years ago.

Raising the pump will be a temporary measure as the council is still in favor of moving the pump to the Cave Junction side of the river obtaining the future supply from either the river or a well on this side. A letter from sanitation engineer Wm. Morton discussed at the meeting favored the latter course.

The council decided to use a different method of tapping water mains in the future for more permanent installation. A 'saddle' will be clamped on before the pipe is bored, strengthening the connection.

Mayor Salvage, Councilman Sherier and Watermaster Drews met with the Ira Halls Sunday afternoon to make recommendations for the water installation planned by the Halls for the house they now have under construction.

As a result of the meeting, the Halls decided to make use of city water which they will pipe through two-inch pipe 600 to 700 feet from the intersection of the city pipe line and the Old Stage Road.

Mayor Fred Salvage announced this week that Josephine County has agreed to pay \$10 a month as the portion of the rent of the Legion hall used as an office by Valley JP, Wm. Sease.

Home from Vacation

Miss Cecily Hawk, daughter of Mrs. A. N. Collman, arrived home Sunday after a stay in Los Angeles.

4-H Clubs Present Work Tonight

Between 20 and 25 youngsters will be receiving awards for their year's work in tonight's (Friday) 4-H Achievement Program at the high school at 7:45. The public is invited.

Bob Murdock, county extension agent, and Barbara Watt, assistant to Extension Agent Rispah Douglas, will both be on hand for presentation of the awards and pins to members of about ten Valley clubs.

A Home Extension unit will furnish cake and sandwiches as part of the evening's refreshments.

4-H clubs for the coming year will be organized at the meeting, and any boy or girl wishing to join a club is asked to bring his or her parents to the program.

Freshmen Give Sock-Hop For Student Body

"Sock-Hop" will be the theme for tomorrow (Saturday) night's freshman class party for the student body at Illinois Valley high school.

The "sock-hop" will be dancing in socks to music provided by records, from 7:30 to 11:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

Vern Larson, freshman sponsor, and Stan Smith will attend the hop.

Board Meets Today

Regular meeting of the advisory board and supervisors of Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district will be this afternoon (Friday) at 1:30 in the Legion hall.