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Kraft Subsidiary Contracts 7000 Acres Timberland

Agreement Reached With P. P. & L. to Furnish Power

With contracts for 7283 acres of timberlands and agreement reached with Pacific Power and Light company to furnish all the electrical power they would require, prospects were enhanced this week for location here of a branch plant of Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company, subsidiary of Kraft Cheese company.

J. Logie Richardson, local agent of the company, this week reported closing timber deals with owners in amounts as follows: Chas. McDevitt, 3343 acres; Zetta Brosnan, 160 acres; Garnet Barratt, 640 acres; Percy Hughes, 1330 acres; Ola L. Jones, 600.75 acres; Howard E. Pearson, 700 acres; Chas. B. Cox, 160 acres; U. S. National corporation, 320 acres.

Two thousand more acres are under process of negotiation. Of the amounts under contract, abstracts and certificates of title are being prepared by Heppner Abstract company.

H. E. Leash and Leonard Kraft, officials of the company, gave word by telephone communication with Mr. Richardson yesterday that they would be in Heppner next Wednesday.

In connection with the power agreement, Ray P. Kinne, local P. P. & L. manager, has released the following statement:

"Pacific Power and Light company is prepared to meet any power requirements of the proposed Kraft box factory.

"For a large power load such as has been under discussion, the Heppner area enjoys the same low rate as any other point on the company's system. Power costs for a plant using 150 horsepower or more would be the same here as in The Dalles, Pendleton or other communities of larger size.

"The company now has ample capacity to meet all normal requirements and stands ready to make any additions or changes to meet the demands of a new industry.

"We are anxious to do everything possible to assist in the development of new industries and payrolls, because the growth of our own business depends upon the progress of the community."

The Dalles Elks Sending Delegation

The Dalles Elks have chartered a bus to send their degree team and accompanying delegation of members for the annual Washington Birthday celebration of Heppner lodge 358, next Saturday. The degree team will preside at induction of a class of 25 new members at the afternoon ceremonies, beginning at 2:30.

Coincident with the afternoon lodge session, ladies of Elks will be entertained at Masonic hall at bridge, pinochle and Chinese checkers. In the evening ladies and men will join at the Elks hall for the annual Washington birthday ball at which the lodge is acting as host, without charge, to all members.

INSURANCE CLOSING DATE SET

Anyone wishing to make application for crop insurance on their spring seeding must do so before March 1, according to notice received from the Federal Crop Insurance corporation. Anyone who will be seeding his entire 1939 wheat allotment in the spring is eligible to sign an application. Interested persons should call at the county agent's office within the next two weeks and contact the county crop insurance supervisor.

Heppner Takes West Division Title

By tipping the Condon Blue Devils 30 to 23 in Friday night's decisive league tilt, the Heppner high school Mustangs obtained undisputable possession of the western division title of the Upper Columbia Basketball league. The Mustangs gained an early lead over the Blue Devils. Slight as this lead was, they managed to hold it throughout the game, even though Condon threatened to overcome it in the last few minutes of play. Heppner's league games now read five wins to one loss, the loss being to Arlington. Had the Mustangs not won this Condon game, it would have been necessary to play off with the second-place holders, Fossil, who have 4 wins and 2 losses.

Willis, Condon center, was high point man for both teams with 10 points but closely behind were Heppner's Coxen and Applegate with 9 points each. Score at the half was 19 to 6, Heppner's favor. In a preliminary game, the B squad kept their undefeated record intact by taking Condon's B squad 20 to 12.

Line-up:

Condon 23		Heppner 30	
Burns T. 5	F.....	2 Drake	
Shannon 2	F.....	9 Applegate	
Rattry	F.....	1 Wray	
Willis 10	C.....	6 Barratt	
Burns	G.....	9 Coxen	
Holland	G.....	Aiken	
Currie 4	G.....	H. Crawford	
Smith 2	G.....	3 Morgan	

Western division standings:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Heppner	5	1	.833
Fossil	4	2	.666
Arlington	2	4	.333
Condon	1	5	.166

Play-Off Game Set for Hermiston

The western division champions, Heppner, will meet the eastern division champions, Umatilla, on the Hermiston court, Tuesday, Feb. 21. Umatilla, with a record of 15 wins in 17 games, will be strong contenders, and probably are slightly favored to win; however, the Mustangs announce themselves in tip-top condition and are looking forward to Umatilla's defeat. All Heppner people are extended the invitation to accompany the team to Hermiston. Don't forget, Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Hermiston high school gymnasium for a game of champions, to decide the championship of the inter-divisional combined Upper Columbia Basketball league.

County Nurse Ends Six Weeks Service

Miss Althea Stoneman, part-time county health nurse, expected to leave within the next few days after completing six weeks service in which time pre-school child and infant conferences were held for the entire county. Fifty-nine examinations were made in the course of the conferences.

Last of the conferences were held this week at Hardman and Ione with nine examinations at Hardman and eight at Ione. Fine cooperation was received from local committees throughout the conference series, Miss Stoneman reports. For the rest of the year she will be engaged in Wheeler and Gilliam counties.

Earl Blake Buys Heppner Flat Farm

A \$23,600 real estate deal this week saw the transfer of the Newt O'Hara farm on Heppner flat to Earl Blake of Ione. The farm involved is considered one of the best wheat farms in the section.

Mr. Blake, who has farmed in the Ione section for many years, will take immediate possession, while Mrs. Blake and the children will remain in Ione until the end of the school year, according to Mrs. Blake who was in the city yesterday morning.

Forest Show Boat Brings Educational Feature Monday

Lions and Public to Have U. S. Service Lectures, Pictures

George E. Griffith, in charge of education and information with regional office, U. S. Forest service, and his assistant, L. G. Jolley, will bring a "Show Boat" program to Heppner next Monday. Both men will speak at the Lions noon luncheon and in the evening Mr. Jolley will present lectures and pictures at the Elks hall under sponsorship of the lodge. The evening presentation will be free and an invitation is extended to the public.

At the noon luncheon the men will have "Green Gold" as their subject, presenting economic values of forestry and conservation of particular interest to business men. A number of local people have heard these men speak and it is upon their recommendation that the local service club and lodge have arranged for the meetings.

In the evening Mr. Jolley will present a lantern slide talk on "Forestry and Human Welfare," and will show three reels of sound moving pictures, two reels entitled "Winter Wonderland," and one reel, "Fire Weather." The motion pictures in sound are the best the speakers have ever been privileged to have with them. A diversity of subject matter will add to interest and variety.

The slide talk will be illustrated by some of the speakers' best lantern slides and will deal with the multiple use values of the forest as related to conservation and wise use of soil in the interests of community stability and human welfare.

The entire evening program will last not more than an hour and a half and it is assured that everyone who attends will find it informative and entertaining.

Business men of the community have been extended an invitation to attend the Lions noon luncheon, whether or not they are members of the club.

District Oddfellows Coming Feb. 25th

Oddfellows of district 12, comprising Umatilla and Morrow counties, will stage their annual convention here Saturday, February 25, when it is expected representatives of all I. O. O. F. lodges of the two counties will be represented to bring one of the largest fraternal assemblages of the year to this city. John J. Wightman and Lee Howell of Heppner are president and vice-president, respectively, of the district organization.

The day's session will include a lodge meeting beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon featured by a contest in initiatory degree work. The complete program had not been released, but it was promised that plenty of entertainment would make the occasion enjoyable for all Oddfellows who attend.

NEIGHBORS ELECT

Neighbors of Woodcraft elected officers for the ensuing year, Monday evening, as follows: Anna Brown, past guardian neighbor; Doris Gaily, guardian neighbor; Elma Hiatt, advisor; Rose Howell, clerk; Clara Sprinkel, banker; Ada Cason, magician; Nettie Flower, attendant; Kathleen Gentry, captain of the guards; Roy Quackenbush, flag bearer; Melba Qpackenbush, inner sentinel; A. J. Westhoff, outer sentinel; Letha Rippee, musician; Marguerite Chapin, Mabel French, Josephine Mahoney, managers; Lorena Quackenbush, correspondent; Iris Slavin, senior guardian; Madge Bryant, installing officer.

SCHOOLS TO GET PATRIOTIC SHRINES

Heppner and Ione Masonic Lodges Sponsor Presentations; Sweek and Johnson to Speak

The sesquicentennial celebration this year of formation of the constitution of the United States will be emphasized in Morrow county next Tuesday and Wednesday. On those days Heppner and Ione Masonic lodges will make presentations to schools of their respective towns of shrines displaying facsimiles of the four sheets of the constitution and declaration of independence, a sheet with portraits of the signers and their signatures in facsimile, each covered for protection.

Judge C. L. Sweek of Pendleton will present the Heppner shrine at the school gym-auditorium at 2:30 p. m., under sponsorship of Heppner lodge No. 69. Bert Johnson, county judge, will present the Ione shrine at the school there under auspices of Ione lodge No. 120, next Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Public invitation is given for each presentation.

In addition to Judge Sweek's presentation here, there will be musical numbers by the band and school groups. J. O. Turner, W. Vawter Parker and John J. Wightman are members of the local lodge presentation committee.

In addition to Judge Johnson's address at Ione, the school will present a George Washington program.

Making these shrines available to schools of their towns is undertaken by the lodges to stimulate and perpetuate consciousness of posterity in the remarkable documents that have formed the basis for America's greatness. The shrines are so constructed that the various facsimiles may be removed for study, lending themselves to use in the classroom.

Leading Morrow, Umatilla Teams Clash

What is expected to be the hottest casaba tilt of the year is scheduled for the Ione floor Saturday night, announces Fred Hoskins, manager of the Ione townies. That night Domestic Laundry or Pendleton, Umatilla champions, will meet the best team Morrow county can produce. Only the one game will be played and it will be over in plenty of time for those who wish later to attend the Elks ball, said Hoskins.

For the fray, Hoskins will assemble the star players of the county which will naturally include many of the Ione squad with a season record to date of nine games won and two games lost. Domestic Laundry enters the game with a record of nine wins and one defeat for the season. They took decisive title to the Umatilla leadership Tuesday evening by defeating Milton, leading contender, by the score of 63-30. Hoskins said that should Morrow county pull out on top Saturday night, a return game will be played at Pendleton and in case of a tie a third tilt will probably be arranged for the Heppner gym.

Mrs. Lulu Jones Injured in Car Mishap

Mrs. Lulu Jones of this city received a broken leg when the Earl French car in which she was riding left the road and turned over about three miles below Lexington Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. French escaped with bruises and Burley Pennington, third occupant, escaped uninjured.

MANY HEAR EVANS

Many Morrow county people were in Pendleton last Saturday afternoon to hear R. M. Evans, head of western division of the wheat section for AAA, discuss the future program. Reports brought back indicate that Evans emphasized accomplishments of the AAA to date, upheld necessity for its continuance, but did not give much enlightenment upon the exact steps to be taken.

County Asks Bill To Secure Waters of Mack Smith Ditch

Act to Clear Title to Valuable Asset Being Set at Salem

Frank Alfred returned this morning from Salem with report that a bill had been introduced in the senate providing for diversion of Ditch creek into Willow creek through the Mack Smith ditch as desired by the county court to give it right to accept and maintain right-of-way, the water so diverted to be treated as Willow creek water. Alfred said passage in the senate seemed assured but that letters should be written to Representatives Fatland and French to impress importance, as work of the session is crowded with major bills and the short time remaining might cause it to be lost in committee.

A bill pertaining to the local situation was what Alfred had in mind when he first went to Salem last week. A general bill was substituted after conferring with the state engineer and as this later ran into complications, Mr. Alfred returned to write the bill specifically affecting the local situation, which is now before the senate.

Special legislation to protect Morrow county's interest in the Mack Smith ditch is being promoted at Salem by Frank Alfred, district attorney, who spent five days at Salem last week and returned again Monday evening to help formulate the necessary bill. Alfred told of the importance of this legislation at the Monday noon Lions luncheon, when he received promise of cooperation from the service organization in establishing rights to the ditch which brings water from the headwaters of Ditch creek into Willow creek at flood season each spring.

Morrow county now has no legal right to the water which was originally diverted by city of Heppner through a small pipe, and later, when the pipe became stopped up, by Morrow county with assistance of the SCS. It is expected to secure the water to users, as Willow creek water, to be distributed under existing water rights.

The water brought through the ditch each year was estimated by the speaker to be worth thousands of dollars to lower creek farmers in irrigating alfalfa fields. Though the ditch does not run water in the dry season, Alfred said that by using it to soak the ground thoroughly at time available the water table is held up throughout the dry season. He and Tom Wells, assessor, both said that the water obtained through the Mack Smith ditch had probably been the salvation of many farmers in the two years it has come through and that it had held up assessment values of the creek bottom lands.

Point of legality was recently raised when the U. S. Forest service asked that someone be named to receive permission for the ditch's construction. When it was found that no division of government had such right under existing law, steps were taken immediately to have the legislature act. Alfred said that wholehearted cooperation is being given by the offices of state engineer and attorney general. He expected to have suitable legislation ready for presentation soon upon his return to Salem. A bill that had received the state offices' okeh before he left Salem had been found to contain flaws, making his return to the capital Monday necessary.

Alfred said that the Ditch creek water normally belonged to the John Day watershed, but that no need was present on that watershed for the water for irrigation and that no opposition was likely to arise from that source. All legislators

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