

# Heppner Gazette Times

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VISITING after the luncheon at the Kinzua restaurant were members of the Kinzua management and the Heppner chamber. Left to right are Jack Bedford, P. W. Mahoney, and Maurice Hitchcock. Heppner; Maurice Brown, Kinzua general manager; Bob Kennedy, logging superintendent; and Allen Nistad, office manager.



ENJOYING a fine luncheon following a tour of the Kinzua Corporation's big plant at Kinzua Monday are members of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce and Kinzua officials. Over 20 members of the chamber made the visitation and examined the varied operations of the big Wheeler county mill. (GT Photos)

## Chamber of Commerce Tours Kinzua

Over 20 members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce were guests of the Kinzua Corporation Monday for a tour through the mill and operations of the company at Kinzua in Wheeler county. The invitation for the visit had been extended the chamber by Maurice Brown, manager of the operation.

### W. C. Rosewall Named New Mayor Of Heppner

The Heppner city council Monday night accepted the resignation of former mayor Mrs. Mary Stevens and immediately followed that action by electing council chairman W. C. Rosewall to fill the position for the rest of the year.

Mrs. Stevens resigned her post because she has moved to The Dalles, and her letter expressed her thanks to the council members for their help during the year and one-quarter that she served as mayor.

In other action, the council passed to the third reading two ordinances, one concerning the annexation of a small section of territory south of Heppner, and the other governing non-resident photographers soliciting business in Heppner. The ordinance, which will be read for a final time at the next council meeting, establishes an annual license fee of \$250 for non-resident photographers.

The group passed a resolution calling for the changing of the grade of one block on Gale street where the street is to be improved.

#### Hazard Reported

Several letters from Camp Fire Girls and Blue Bird groups calling the council's attention to the hazards of two old unused reservoirs on the west hill above town. The letters stated that the two reservoirs are partly full of water and in a dangerous condition and they asked that the council take action to remove the hazard before some youngster playing near them might be injured or drowned. The council ordered the superintendent to investigate and either fill the holes or drain them.

#### Bridge Work Gaining

City superintendent Vic Groshens reported that the Baltimore street footbridge was nearing completion and that it should be placed in use within a week or so. Work is progressing on the Lovers Lane footbridge and crews will have the new alfalfa street bridge across Willow creek completed this week.

Six building permits totaling over \$25,000 were granted to James C. Lovgren, remodeling, \$2,000; Church of Christ, new parsonage, \$10,000; L. E. Dick, addition to residence, no estimate; James Farley, new residence on Baltimore street, \$12,000; Walter Beckett, garage, \$1,000; Mrs. Grace Nickerson, a sidewalk.

The council spent some time discussing the budget for next year.

Mrs. C. H. Perrott and two daughters of Portland were weekend visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle.

the company's entire sprawling plant and explained its varied operations.

The visitors watched the two band saws in operation which produce 230,000 board feet of lumber a day and viewed the eight-unit dry kilns which have a capacity of up to 300,000 feet a day. A recent installation at Kinzua is a mechanical log barker which was installed to make it possible to utilize what otherwise would be waste timber. The barker is the first stop for logs entering the mill. The removed bark and sawdust is used to fire boilers for power and the waste from the barked logs is then sent through the chipper and into special freight cars to be shipped by rail to the Longview Fiber Co. where it is made into paper. Kinzua salvages 80 units or approximately 4 carloads of chips daily and these chips cannot contain more than one percent bark, the visitors were told.

In connection with the planer shed is the under-cover loading platform and chamber members saw the loading of mixed cars of lumber for the east and midwest. Guides painted out a relatively new product at the Kinzua plant, the paper wrapping and packaging of pine panelling. The panelling is carefully graded, wrapped and labeled and several cars were being loaded with this new product which has received wide acceptance in the lumber trade, especially in the east. By wrapping, the lumber reaches the user in clean, unfaded condition and Kinzua also includes in each package a pamphlet on how to stain or paint the lumber. The packaged product is said to be meeting a demand in the "do-it-yourself" building business.

### Ross B. Perry Dies Suddenly During Visit to County

Rossiter Bartlett Perry, 69, of Portland, and a former resident of Morgan, died May 3 while visiting at his ranch below Ione.

Mr. Perry was in the Merchant Marines and had come off his ship about three weeks ago. He still owned a ranch near Morgan and had come here to see about its operation.

Mr. Perry was born January 4, 1887 at Yamhill, Oregon and had lived in Morrow county until the 1930's. He was a World War I veteran. Services were held Wednesday at the Ione Community church with Rev. A. Shirley officiating. Interment was in the Ione Odd Fellows cemetery.

Surviving are a son Robert, of Portland; two daughters, Mignonette Barkhurst, Myrtle Creek; and Ross Belle Gillette, Bel Aire, Texas; four sisters, Elizabeth Hendricks, Hope Perry, Bess Daniels and Elsie Wythercomb; and one brother Tom Perry, all whose addresses are unknown. His wife and daughter preceded him in death.

Creswick Mortuary had charge of arrangements.

### 2000 NEW ACRES OF STRIP-CROP STARTED IN HEPPNER SOIL DISTRICT

With 1171 acres of strip crop farming completed in the Heppner Soil Conservation district in April, acreage totals for the practice is over 2000 acres this spring, it was announced at a meeting of the district supervisors Tuesday night in the bank building. A total of 7815 acres is now strip farmed to prevent soil erosion in the Heppner district.

Ranchers who completed strip cropping in April were Irvin Rauch, Burton Peck, Elmer Palmer, Harold Peck, Fred Mankin, Paul Heinrich and Tom Harris. Landleveling in April was done

yourself" building business.

The Heppner visitors were taken through a new dry shed which contained about 800,000 feet of lumber and the large dry shed in which is stored over 3,000,000 feet.

Manager Maurice Brown told the group that Kinzua employs about 350 men in its entire operation including woods crews, and that efforts are taken to make Kinzua an attractive place for the family man to make his home. It was pointed out that several of the personnel have been with the company since it

### William G. Cowins, 86, Taken by Death, Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 8 for William Cowins who passed away May 5 at Pioneer Memorial hospital after a lingering illness.

Mr. Cowins was born March 11, 1870 at Muskatinne, Iowa and came west by covered wagon with his parents in 1874. The family lived at Carson City, Nevada for one year then decided to move to Walla Walla. They landed at Eugene, Ore. in the fall of 1875 and lived there until 1878 when they again took up the journey for Walla Walla.

It was on this trip that they were directed to Heppner after a breakdown at Wells Springs where they abandoned the rest of the trip and established residence here.

As a boy Mr. Cowins went with his father who for many years was in the dray and transfer business. He was also engaged with his father in the business of manufacturing soft drinks and ice which was established in 1892. He later followed the carpenter trade for a number of years and was a victim of the Heppner flood in 1903 when much of his property was destroyed.

William George Cowins was married to Una Charlotte Shipley in 1896. She preceded him in death, passing away Aug. 6, 1951.

Survivors are two daughters, Vera Bothwell, Heppner and Lydia Ray of Salem; one son James Cowins of Heppner; a sister Frances Cantwell; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Creswick Mortuary with Robt Becker officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

### Wheat Growers Set Tuesday Meeting

Floyd Root, vice-president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, will give a report on farm legislation at the national level Tuesday evening at the annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers.

The meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange hall starting at 8 p. m. and all members and growers are urged to attend.

### Heppner To Get 1957 Church Conference

The Eastern Oregon Christian church conference was held three days last week at Baker and Rev. Charles V. Knox, pastor of the Heppner Christian church gave one of the major addresses on Tuesday.

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started operation in 1929.

Brown said, "We are proud of our school for the first eight grades and we have an enrollment of 135. Buses transport another 45 to 50 pupils to high school in Fossil.

The plant operates two eight-hour shifts and has an average monthly payroll of about \$206,000.

Following the tour of the mill, dry kilns, shops and other facilities, the chamber members were guests at a luncheon served in the Kinzua restaurant by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams, operators of the cafe.

In the afternoon, some of the group toured the logging end of the operation.

The Heppner tour followed by only a few weeks, similar tours by members of the Fossil and Condon Commercial clubs.

### Quaid Will Valid; Hospital Benefits

Heppner's Pioneer Memorial hospital will apparently receive the \$5,000 left to it in the will of Mrs. Pauline Quaid, member of a pioneer local family, who died last fall at the age of 97.

Mrs. Quaid's will, which bequeathed most of her estate of \$328,000 to hospitals, had been contested by her daughter Katharine Hofen who claimed that her mother was not competent. Circuit Judge William L. Dickson, Portland, ruled Tuesday that the will was valid and that Mrs. Quaid's money should be used for hospitals as she planned.

The will called for \$5,000 to go to Pioneer Memorial hospital, \$1,000 to the Doernbecher children's hospital in Portland and most of the balance of the estate to the University of Oregon Medical school to establish a psychiatric hospital.

Also included in the bequests was the sum of \$500 to St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner to be used for improvements.

### Marvin G. Hughes, Dies in Portland

Funeral services for Marvin G. Hughes, 40, former Heppner resident, were held Wednesday, May 9, at 2 p. m. at the Riverview chapel in Portland. Mr. Hughes was born March 6, 1916 in Heppner and died May 5 at Physicians and Surgeons hospital, Portland, following a long illness.

Mr. Hughes attended the Heppner schools and ranched until moving to Portland in 1942.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lola Hughes, Portland; a small daughter, Maria; mother, Mrs. Grace Hughes, Heppner; three brothers, Elwyn and Matt, Heppner, Homer, Lexington; four sisters, Mrs. Don Bellenbrock, Mrs. Roy Quackenbush, Mrs. Ellis Pettyjohn, all of Heppner and Mrs. Hurley Kohlman, Portland.

Burial was in the Riverview cemetery with Finley's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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## Continuing Rains Bring Up To 2 1/2 Inches of Moisture

### County Schools Budget to be Voted On Next Monday

#### Reduction Seen In Tax Needed

The rural school board stated this week that the total budget for Morrow county schools will be \$68,958.16 less than this year's operating budget which means that Morrow will probably be one of the very few counties in the state which will show a decrease for 1956-57.

The election on the budget will be held in all the school districts in the county next Monday, May 14 from 2 to 8 p. m. Voting place will be the school in each district. The cut will result in a four and one-half mill decrease for the taxpayers of the county over last year's budget. The actual expenditures for next year would have been a little higher than the budget for this year, however the rural board did not allow the individual districts any money under capital outlay, other than money for the future purchase of buses and a small amount for library books.

This year any district desiring to purchase new equipment, which is not a replacement on in most cases pertaining to the building of any project which did not come under capital outlay, such money must be raised by special levy within their own district and nothing is allowed for such purposes under capital outlay by the rural board.

Such procedure resulted in a reduction of the budget, county school superintendent Jack Flug said. Another reason why the budget will show a decrease is due to the estimated receipts and available cash balance which exceeds this year's amount by \$60,761.85. The board has made every effort to keep the school budget at a minimum and still offer the best possible program of education.

The total base of all districts in the Morrow county rural school district for the present year was the \$137,126.15. The law permits the county to increase this by six percent, making the new base for 1956-57 \$145,353.72. This amount subtracted from the total estimated tax levy of \$431,162.96 leaves a total of \$285,809.25 outside the six percent limitation to be voted on by the taxpayers at Monday's election. Last year the amount voted on was \$362,994.97.

Under no conditions, it was pointed out, is a new tax base established, it is merely increased the six percent allowed by law.

### Athletic Banquet Slated Tuesday

The Heppner high school athletic banquet, sponsored this year by the chamber of commerce, will be held next Tuesday evening, May 15 at the Legion hall, it was announced today by La Verne Van Marter, chairman for the affair.

The banquet will start at 6:30 with the mothers of the athletes preparing the meal. A short program is planned with Archie Dunsmoor, football coach at the Eastern Oregon College billed as the main speaker.

The banquet is open to the public and tickets will cost \$1.50.

### County Equalization Board Meeting to Start Next Monday

The county equalization board will hold its first meeting next Monday to hear requests from taxpayers concerning real and personal property taxes for the coming year. The board includes county judge Garnet Barata, Walter Hayes, Boardman, and Frank Anderson, Heppner.

Assessor Harry Dinges reported this week that his office has received many inquiries about taxes for next year especially in view of the recently completed reappraisal program in the county. He pointed out that the Oregon law outlines his responsibilities to the work of establishing fair and equal valuations for tax purposes and that it is his obligation to make every effort to maintain a realistic relationship between assessed and market values, as well as to see to it that proper assessment level exists between the various classifications of taxable property. In his work, he is governed, not only by many laws but also is supervised by the state tax commission whose orders, under present statutes, have the force and effect of law.

Dinges pointed out that the purpose of the equalization board is to hear complaints on taxes before the rolls are extended.

### Shirley Kononen To Head Students

Heppner high school student body elections Tuesday set two new records.

Shirley Kononen was elected the first girl student body president recorded in Heppner high and Shirley's party, the Comet party, was elected on a straight ticket vote.

Elected to assist Shirley in the heading of the school next year were these Comets: vice-president, Vic Groshens; secretary, Laurel Allstott, assistant treasurer, John Brosnan; historian, Janice Beamer, and sgt. at arms, Eddie Groshens.

The Pogo-party, opposing the Comets, consisted of the following candidates: Jay Sumner, president; Dean Connor, vice-president; Mary Stewart, secretary; Helen Graham, assistant treasurer; Phyllis Quackenbush, historian; and Jim Morris, sgt. at arms.

Janet Wright, this year's assistant treasurer, will step into the post of student body treasurer next year.

### Heppner FHA Girls Plan Hobo Day

The Heppner school Future Homemakers of America are planning their second Hobo Day for the year on Saturday, May 19, to raise funds for their organization. Members of the organization will work at various jobs to be paid by the job. The girls will be prepared to do various jobs such as window washing, dish washing, house cleaning, baby sitting, mowing lawns and ironing.

The Hobo Day will actually start on Monday, May 14 and continue through Saturday, May 19 since some of the girls will be able to work after school that week and not on Saturday. Any one desiring extra help is encouraged to call 6-9217 at the Heppner school between 8:30 and 4:00 Monday through Friday, May 14 to May 18.



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE in the art of caring for children was learned last week by girls of the Future Homemakers of America class at Heppner high school when they served as baby sitters to 42 children during the homemakers festival here. Some of the girls are shown here with most of their charges who varied in age from 3 months to 5 years. In charge of the group were Shirley Kononen, Laurel Allstott and Mona Howard. Other assisting were Carole Anderson, Karen Valentine, Ruth and Alice Peterson, Joann Brosnan, Peggy Applegate, Janet Wright, Judy Collins, Marlene and Norma Geyer and Phyllis Quackenbush. (GT Photo)

### "Spouts" Cause Some Damage In Few Sections

Continuing rain Wednesday night added another .15 inch at Heppner to bring the month's total to 1.69 inches, and in Gooseberry an additional .39 inch fell overnight to bring May's total to an even two inches. At the latter point there has been 10.23 inches of moisture since September 1. Leonard Carlson, weather observer, reports.

Weather reports indicate the possibility of more of the same for the next day or two.

Before the ink was dry on last week's story about the lack of rainfall during April, Old Jude Pluvius set out to take care of his oversight with the result that Morrow county has received up to two and one-half inches of rain in the past seven days.

In every case, ranchers were overjoyed to see the moisture come, but during the past four days, storms of cloudburst proportions have caused considerable washing with areas south and east of Heppner taking the brunt of the continuing series of heavy storms.

Rain started falling in Heppner last Thursday and by Tuesday morning had dropped 1.54 inches here. Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry weather reporter checked in 1.61 inches up to Wednesday morning; the Weatherford ranch near Lena received 1.91 inches and at Hardman 2.50 inches has fallen during the week. Reports from the north end of the county showed fairly heavy precipitation also, though in most cases considerably less than in higher elevations to the south and east.

Runoff Heavy Sunday and Monday there were numerous reports of "water-spouts" occurring near Hardman, in the Eightmile area, on Butler creek and in Vinson community near Nye Junction.

The road up Porcupine canyon between Ruggs and Hardman was nearly washed out Sunday by a heavy downpour and several canyons in the Eightmile section deposited a layer of silt over the highway. A spout struck near Vinson Sunday evening covering the area with a layer of rock and littering the road with hail and dirt in several places. Willow creek rose rapidly Tuesday and apparently had reached its peak Wednesday.

John Day Highest Reports coming in Wednesday told that the John Day river was at the highest point ever seen by many residents of the lower section. There was a report that the river, which was loaded with logs and debris, late Tuesday might take out a logging bridge below Spray. The water was said to be within a few inches of the highway in several places. Wire service news reports Wednesday told of heavy rains in the Ochoco and near Mitchell and that the highway between Mitchell and the John Day river was closed by washouts.

The storms have travelled in a belt running east of Heppner along the mountains. Pendleton has reported heavy rains on several days and there have been reports of cyclones and strong storms in the Pasco and Connell, Washington sections.

In most cases the rain has been of the "million dollar variety", which does more to make ranchers happy than anything except \$2.50 wheat. The early storms brought a gentle rain that soaked into drying soils and boosted crop outlook by several bushels. The continuing series of heavy rain squalls have, however, caused some washing in summerfallow and spring seeded fields. Little actual damage has occurred in most of the county however, and the value of the moisture more than offsets any runoff loss.

The daily rainfall record in Heppner was: Thursday, May 3—.41; Friday, May 4—.26; Saturday, May 5—.07; Sunday, May 6—.07; Monday, May 7—.73; Tuesday, May 8—Trace; Wednesday, May 9—Trace.

### FIREMEN RESPOND TO EARLY MORNING ALARM

Heppner firemen responded to a general alarm at 1:30 a. m. Tuesday morning to the Willard O'Hara home on K street. An oil furnace had backfired blowing flames into an upstairs room and filling the basement with smoke. There was no damage.