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New Lumber Mill To Start Here Soon

Trial operation of a new Heppner mill, United Studs, Inc., is expected to start this weekend, it was revealed by Spencer Tolley, one of the incorporators of the plant.

The mill, which is located on the site of the former Black Mountain Lumber Company on Hinton creek will incorporate the former mill operated by Earl J. Blake and a new scragg mill which is now being built. The plant will produce only stud lumber, 2 by 4's, eight feet in length. The Blake mill, mill site and timber holdings were purchased by the new organization which is composed of Tolley, Virgil Carpenter, both of Milton-Freewater; Robert Jose, Mary Klug and Frank Souther, all of Yakima. The group has incorporated for \$100,000.

In addition to the Hinton creek mill, United Studs has purchased a 12 acre tract just west of Heppner from Edward D. Clark and this week started construction of a planer on the site. This fall it is planned to move the mill to the Heppner location.

The mill will cut an average of 50,000 board feet a day and the planer will have a capacity of 150,000 feet a day. Land leveling and construction has started on the planer, but it will be some time before this section will be in operation, it was said.

To Employ About 30
The combined plant and logging operation, which is being contracted by C. E. Lynch of Heppner, is expected to employ about 30 men at the start with the possibility of more later. The company already has purchased or contracted sufficient timber to assure at least 3 to 5 years of operation and negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of considerably more stumpage. The plant will utilize salvage and small timber of a type not usually logged by other types of operations.

Chipper Going In
Tolley also revealed that the company is installing a barker and chipper at the mill which will be another step in utilizing a larger portion of the entire tree. All slab and much scrap will be chipped and sold for the manufacture of pulp or similar type products.

All the members of the new company are stockholders in construction firms with headquarters in the Yakima area. Carpenter is manager of the sawmill operation.

Water Resources Committee to Hear Regional Report
There will be an important meeting of the Morrow county water resources committee Wednesday, June 6 at the courthouse at 8 p. m., committee chairman Neut O'Hara announced this week.

Marion Weatherford, Arlington, chairman of the regional committee, and Ted Watson, engineer for the Oregon Water Resources board, will be here for the meeting.

O'Hara and Weatherford will give a report on the regional committee meeting which was held last week in Pendleton. All committee chairmen and interested persons are urged to attend.

Thomas C. Beymer, Native of County, Dies at The Dalles

Thomas C. Beymer, 68, a resident of Morrow county for over 60 years, passed away May 27 at The Dalles. Services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Lexington Christian church with Rev. Norman Northrup officiating. Interment was in the Penland cemetery at Lexington.

Mr. Beymer was born Feb. 22, 1888 at Eightmile and moved to Lexington in the early 1900's. He lived in that area until 1952 when he moved to The Dalles. He was married to Sylvia Booher at Ione June 28, 1908.

Surviving are his wife Sylvia; daughters, Mrs. Vern (Audrey) Hanna, Lyle, Wn.; Mrs. William H. (Lucille) Massey, Houghton, Wn.; Mrs. Ralph (Hazel) Bissett, The Dalles; Mrs. William (Wilma) Brokaw, Mercer Island, Wn.; Mrs. Frank (Florence Ann) Shannon of Portland; 16 grandchildren, eight girls and eight boys; and two brothers, Fred Beymer, Klamath Falls; and Arthur (Petie) Beymer of Portland.

Ione Graduation Exercises Held Wednesday Night

Commencement exercises for the Ione grade and high school were held in the school cafeteria Wednesday evening May 23 with Francis B. Nickerson, executive secretary of the high school college relations department of the state system of higher education as the main speaker.

For the services the processional was played by the school band and the recessional by Mrs. E. M. Baker. Rev. Wilfred McKay gave the invocation and benediction and the school chorus provided musical numbers as did Karen Lundell with a piano solo.

Valedictory addresses were delivered by co-valedictorians Ernest Drake and Anna Jepsen and the salutatory by Gerry White. High school diplomas were presented by Lloyd Howton, chairman of the board to Gary Brenner, Carolyn Crabtree, Ernest Drake, Anna Jepsen, Lindsay Kincaid, Judy Mason, James Pryse, Robert Pryse, Keith Rea, Wayne Rietmann, Jean Ann Swanson, Gerry White and Alvin McCabe. Donna Peterson and Darlene Drake were correspondent students.

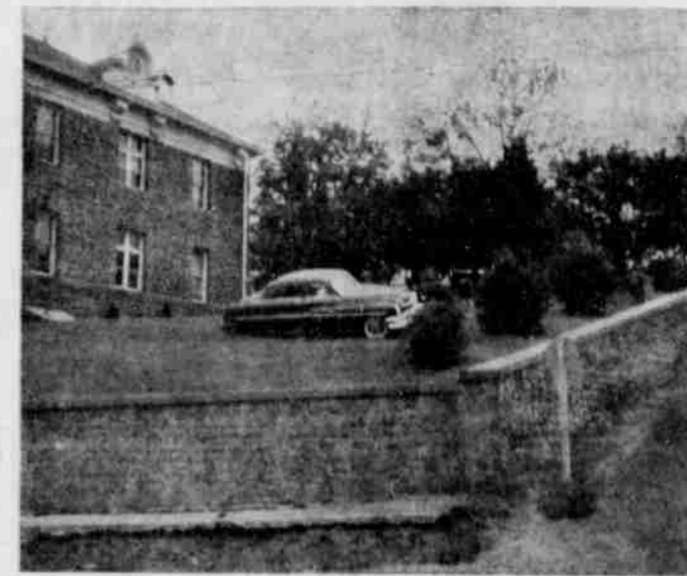
Superintendent Phil Newitt presented the following awards: music, Ernest Drake; band, Gary Brenner; sports, Ernest Drake; typing, Jean Ann Swanson; vocation and shop, James Pryse; Science, Wayne Rietmann; citizenship, Bill Salter; citizenship and names on plaque, Anna Jepsen, Alvin McCabe and Drake. Awards for being top students, Ernest Drake, Anna Jepsen and Gerry White.

The following scholarships were announced: Gary Brenner, alternate to OSC; Judy Mason to Pacific University; Gerry White, alternate to Portland State; Jean Ann Swanson, Eastern Oregon College. Ernest Drake and Miss Jepsen each received a \$200 Elks scholarship to the college of their choice and she has a nurses scholarship pending.

Grant Rigby presented eighth grade diplomas to Ralph Akers, Mary Emert, Grant Rigby, Jr., Karen Lundell, Harry Swart, Melvin Martin, Linda Heimigmer, Ronald Esteb, Harold Rietmann, Phil Emert Jr., Brenda Kay Townsend and Robert Akers.

Superintendent Newitt gave awards to Karen Lundell for music and to being top in the class, to Phil Emert Jr. for placing second and to Ralph Akers for athletics.

A reception followed the exercises with Mrs. Earl McCabe in charge and other members of the P-T-A assisting. Mothers of the members of the graduating class poured and served the punch.



NOT FREE PARKING—Two Condon Air Force men found last Saturday that parking on the courthouse lawn was an expensive proposition. The two, Ralph G. Giltner, 23 and James J. Dillon, 22, got stuck on the front lawn after they had driven to the jail parking lot to visit two buddies who had been locked up earlier in the evening. City officer Dean Gilman found the car and the two men and marched them the 100 feet to the jail where they spent the rest of the night. The following morning they pleaded guilty to being drunk in a public place and were each fined \$50 and \$4.50 costs plus a \$6.00 towing charge.

Hereford Man New Ione School Head

The Ione school board revealed this week that it has named R. H. Woodroof of Hereford, Oregon as superintendent of the Ione schools for the coming year.

Woodroof has his B. A. and M. S. degrees from UCLA and was with the Los Angeles city schools for three years before coming to Hereford where he was superintendent and principal of the high and grade schools for one year.

He is married and has two children and will move his family to Ione in about two weeks.

He replaces Phil G. Newitt who leaves shortly to become superintendent of the Sunset Valley school near Portland.

Donald Brostrom has been hired as 8th grade teacher to replace Wayne Pierce who resigned. He is a graduate of the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and has taught in a school near Dallas. He and his wife and one child will move here in August.

Sumner New Manager Or TAL at Ellensburg

James Sumner, an employee of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co at Heppner since November, 1954 left early this week for Ellensburg, Washington where he has taken over as manager of the company yard there.

Sumner's place here has been filled by Bob Williamson of Heppner who was recently released from the armed services.

Storm Brings Rain, Power Outages

The heaviest thunder storm of the year hit Morrow county Wednesday evening following a Memorial day holiday that was hot and still and saw the mercury climb into the high 80's.

The storm struck Heppner about 7 o'clock and knocked out power on two occasions for over two hours. The first outage came just as the storm hit when lightning struck a P. & L. power pole on south Court street burning off lines. Heppner was dark for an hour and 40 minutes before the break could be repaired. Earle Lexington and many ranches between there and Heppner were dark for a short time.

About 4 a. m. there was another 20 minute outage caused from a lightning strike somewhere in the Hermiston or Pasco area.

Month's Rain Heavy.
A considerable amount of rain and some hail accompanied the storm. Heppner getting 19 inch and the Gooseberry area recording 53 inch. The added moisture gave Heppner a total of 2.13 inches for May and Leonard Carlson at Gooseberry has checked 2.59 for the month.

There were some reports of hail during the storm but Thursday morning no wheat damage claims had been filed with local insurance agents.

Telephones also suffered during the storm but damage to these lines was thought to be minor.

Ranger Tells of Long Range Forest Management Plans

Heppner forest ranger Vic Kreimeyer spoke and showed a film on National forest timber resources review Monday noon at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Kreimeyer explained how the review of federal, state and private timber was made and how the facts obtained aided the service in timber management. He said the program was set up for long range planning of forest resources and predicted that within 50 years the tendency of the lumber industry would be to swing back to the south and east as forest resources there grew back up.

He said that the biggest problem in forest management was not in the state or national forests, but in the small privately owned plots of timber which contain a big portion of the country's remaining timber resource. Continuing changes in industry, Kreimeyer said, will increase the percentage of use of timber in the future, pointing to the use of chips in pulp and fiber board products.

Americanism Awards Go to Graduates

The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary Americanism essay award medals and prizes were presented to winners at the eighth grade graduation exercises last week by John Snyder, instructor.

The winners were, for girls, Connie Anderson, first; and Carol Anderson, second. For boys, Thomas Driscoll, first and Mickey Van Scholack, second. The essays were judged by a committee outside the local unit.

Five County Students To Graduate From Oregon State June 4

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Five students from Heppner and surrounding area will receive degrees at Oregon State college's 87th annual commencement June 4.

They are Kenneth Jackson Turner, bachelor's of agriculture; Philip Conway Smith, bachelor's degree in forestry; both from Heppner. Merle Keith Tannehill of Boardman will receive a bachelor's degree in agriculture; and Ray Gerald Anderson, also of Boardman, will receive a master's of education degree. Ione student John Lawrence Bristow will receive a bachelor's degree from the school of business and technology.

OSC will confer 1106 degrees this year, including a record 68 doctor's degrees, 179 masters degrees, 858 bachelor's degrees, and one professional civil engineering degree. Six students will get two degrees.

President A. L. Strand will confer the degrees and deliver his annual class message at the commencement program.

The exercises will be held in the coliseum, starting at 10 a. m. to assure maximum seating for relatives and visitors.

As part of the commencement program, 166 graduating senior men will be commissioned as reserve officers in the air force, army, navy, and marine corps.

DEER AND ELK HUNTERS FIND 1955 SEASONS GOOD IN NORTHEAST OREGON

Oregon hunters proved to be deadeys during the 1955 deer seasons. Final tabulations of the kill show a whopping total of 134,089 deer taken setting a new record for the state.

Hunters reported taking 82,136 bucks and 48,955 antlerless deer during the general season. Controlled hunts produced 2,743 animals while 252 were taken by bow hunters. A total of 230,588 nimrods participated, also a record, and enjoyed a 59 per cent success.

In the past, hunters in Wallowa county enjoyed the best luck where 76 per cent of the 5,377 nimrods who hunted there reported bagging an animal. Reports show a total of 4,085 deer were taken of which 2,733 were bucks.

Hunters in Wheeler county were second on the list with a 74.5 per cent success reported by 6,853 hunters. Of the 5,107 deer taken in Wheeler county, 3,054 were bucks.

Third was Harney county where 9,639 hunters reported bagging 7,066 deer of which 5,086 carried antlers. Success among these hunters was 73.3 per cent.

Other counties where luck ran high include Baker county where 72.3 per cent of the 7,854 hunters were successful. Grant county where 14,749 hunters enjoyed a 72. per cent success, and Malheur county where 71.6 per cent of the 5,157 hunters bagged an animal. Low Oregon county was Clatsop where 2,490 hunters reported taking 663 bucks for a 26.6 per cent success ratio.

Local Elks Attend Clinic Dedication, State Convention

Representatives from the Heppner Elks lodge attended dedication ceremonies May 30 of the children's eye clinic in the new University of Oregon medical school hospital in Portland.

The clinic, founded in 1949 by the Oregon State Elks association for needy children, has finished moving into new quarters in the teaching and research hospital.

Attending from here were secretary Jack Bailey and Jack Van Winkle of the OSEA's committee for visually handicapped children.

Speak was Edgar W. Smith, Portland civic leader and former chairman of the state board of education.

At the ceremonies the Heppner lodge presented the clinic with a check for \$500.

Following the dedication the Elks went on to Seaside for the state convention being held there May 31 to June 2. In addition to Bailey and Van Winkle, other Heppner Elks who are attending the convention include La Verne Van Marter Jr., exalted ruler; Del Jordan, John Hartman, William Labhart, Alton Yarnell, Lowell Gribble, Everett Keithley, Glenn Ward and Harlan McCurdy Jr.

Also at the convention are the Elks trap team composed of P. W. Mahoney, George Snider, Dale Brown, Harvey Smith and Luke Bibby.

Kinzua Pays \$99,000 For Forest Timber At Tuesday Sale

In one of the largest national forest timber sales in recent years held Tuesday at Pendleton, Kinzua Corporation paid \$99,000 for 3,300,000 feet of Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and western larch timber located in the Burnt Cabin creek drainage, 9 miles northeast of Spray.

The timber all lies within the Heppner ranger district of the Umatilla national forest and is located in Wheeler county. The pine brought \$37.75 per M; the fir and larch \$9.40 per M.

Another smaller sale of timber on Shaw creek east of Heppner is planned later this year.

Aspirants for School Board Posts Must File by Petition

Voters of school district No. 1 were reminded this week of the coming election of two school board members and the requirement that names presented must be by petition signed by at least 25 voters and filed with the school clerk at least 10 days prior to the election.

Two positions will be open, one for five years and the other for a one-year term. The election will be held at the annual school meeting on June 18.

Weekend Wrecks Put Seven Persons In Hospital

Four separate accidents over the past weekend, two of them occurring Saturday night near Spray, put seven persons in the Pioneer Memorial hospital, three with serious injuries.

Forrest Burkenbine of Heppner suffered the fracture of two vertebrae in the lower back when his car went off the road about two miles east of Spray on the John Day highway early Sunday morning. According to reports, he apparently went to sleep at the wheel. He is reported in good condition but will be confined with a body cast for about two months.

Four persons, all from Kinzua or that immediate area, were brought to Pioneer hospital by ambulance and state police early Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding went off the road about one mile east of Spray. This accident occurred at approximately the same time as did Burkenbine's.

Most seriously injured of the four was Keith Madden, 28 who suffered severe facial lacerations and compound jaw fractures. His condition is reported as fair.

Gary Stumper, 15, suffered a broken back in the same wreck. He is reported improving and will be confined for some time. Elva Louise Nelson, 19, suffered concussion and facial lacerations and Kay Flack, 19 had severe lacerations and shock. All are still hospitalized.

The accident occurred in Wheeler county so no detailed report was made here.

Sunday night Phoebe Whitney of Condon received a cerebral concussion, broken jaw and lacerations as a result of a car accident in the Condon area. She is being treated at Pioneer hospital, but no information on the cause of the accident is known.

Tuesday afternoon Avery Shown of Irrigon was admitted to the hospital after being found unconscious in his overturned car near the top of the mountains on the Heppner-Spray road. He was brought here by a passing motorist and his injuries are not thought to be serious.

Boardman Phone Modernizing Set

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—Congressman Sam Coon announced that the Rural Electrification Administration today approved a loan of \$539,000 to the East Oregon Telephone Company at Pilot Rock.

This new company plans to buy out the Independent Telephone Company at Pilot Rock and the Boardman Telephone Company. Additional facilities will be constructed to serve 550 new subscribers in addition to the 750 receiving service from the present companies.

It is planned to provide dial service to those present subscribers who have magneto phones.

Memorial Day Pioneer Picnic Attracts Crowd of Over 160

Over 160 visitors and local residents gathered at the fair pavilion Wednesday for the third annual Pioneer picnic and a day of visiting with old friends.

Master of ceremonies for the short program was J. O. Turner, vice president of the Pioneer association. Main speaker was county judge Garnet Barratt with several other former residents giving short talks. Musical numbers were given by Cheryl and Karen Lundell, Mrs. J. O. Turner and Norman Peters.

Harold Becket, chairman of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district, told of the progress made during the year in rehabilitating the cemetery and the plans for the future.

New officers for the coming year were elected by the group. They are Mrs. Charles Becket, vice president and Mrs. Roy Nell, secretary. They will name a president shortly.

This was the third meeting of the organization and more than half of those present were former residents of this area who now live elsewhere.

Mrs. Walter Barger and son Wally of Gresham were visiting last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins.

Mrs. Mabel Chaffee and Mrs. Ethel Zeimantz spent four days in Portland the first of last week.