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Heppner Mill Sale to Kinzua Said Near

Negotiations are currently in progress for the purchase of Heppner Pine Mills, Inc. by the Kinzua Corporation, owners of the Kinzua mills at Kinzua and extensive timber holdings in Wheeler and Morrow counties, it was announced late Wednesday by Paul Koenig, manager of Heppner Pine.

While all arrangements for the sale have not been completed, Koenig said it appeared that agreement on all points will probably be reached by this weekend and a complete announcement story of the sale released at that time.

Assurance was given Wednesday by Maurice Brown, resident manager for Kinzua Corporation, that the Hepp-

ner Pine mill will continue to operate. He was in Heppner Wednesday discussing the sale terms with Koenig and assuring employees that the probable new owners plan to continue the operation of the entire mill here.

A sizeable amount of Kinzua's timber lies closer to Heppner than it does to the Kinzua mill in Wheeler county.

Kinzua Corporation is owned largely by a group of stockholders in Seattle and Heppner Pine Mills is owned by Maurice Hitchcock, White Swan, Washington, and Dant and Warnock, Inc., Palo Alto, California. Hitchcock and Dant purchased the Heppner mill in December 1954 from Orville Smith and P W Mahoney.

Equalization of Rural, City Power Rates Possible

Elimination of the difference between rural and urban residential service electric rates may result from the proposed revision of Pacific Power & Light Company's rates now being reviewed by the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner, it was reported Wednesday.

At the close of eight days of the PUC's cross-examination of power company witnesses, a spokesman for the company stated Pacific Power would be agreeable to the elimination of the difference if the commissioner finds that the two groups of consumers should be served at the same rates.

Rural consumers in eastern Oregon and Oregon coast counties now pay about 35 cents a month more for residential service.

The latest public sessions before a PUC board of examiners in Salem were another step in the exhaustive investigation being conducted by the state regulatory authority into Pacific Power's request for rate increases averaging 14.5 percent to meet the rising costs of doing business. The company had presented testimony to the three-man board last April in support of its request. The PUC staff later will present testimony to the examiners before the commissioner makes a decision.

The questioning during the latest PUC sessions concerning the company's record construction of power dams for generating electricity to serve Oregon, its contracts for purchase of large blocks of power from the Priest Rapids project on the main Columbia River, and its need for increased revenues to offset the cumulative effect of inflation on its operating and construction costs.

Lutherans Attend League Convention

The Heppner Luther Leaguers of the Hope and Valby Lutheran churches attended the fall Luther League convention at Hermiston last Saturday and Sunday.

Those attending were Karen Lundell, Marlene and Bobby Fetsch, Diane McCurdy, Jeanne and Judy Schmidt, and Cheryl Hartman. The Rev and Mrs John Rydgren attended on Sunday.

Mrs Henry Krebs and Mrs Bill Marshall of Arlington visited last Friday at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Lowe.

Robert Abrams flew to Seattle last weekend to attend the Stanford - Washington University game.

John McRoberts was in Heppner Thursday evening and stayed at the Alex Thompson home.

"YOU NAME IT, WE'VE GOT IT," SAY RUMMAGE SALE DIRECTORS

The Heppner Civic League will hold its annual fall rummage sale Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17 at the Bruce Motors showroom.

The sale will open at 8:00 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis, with all items priced and displayed.

A large assortment of both winter and summer clothing has been sorted and where necessary cleaned through the courtesy of the Heppner Cleaners.

Buyers will also find venetian blinds, steam iron, radios, kitchen clock, curtains, toys, books, dishes, vases, double spring and mattress, a washer and dryer plus many other items.

Washing and ironing to insure freshness of stored clothing was done by Mrs George Stillman, Mrs Robert Hopper, Mrs Jack Ployhar, Mrs Jack Van Winkle and Mrs George Rugg.

Clerking for the sale will be Mrs Bill Labhart, Mrs Bob Flatt, Mrs Andy Van Schoelack, Mrs

Robert Hopper, Mrs Del Jordan, Mrs Jim Norene, Mrs Jack Ployhar, Mrs Tom Hughes, Mrs Bud Marshall, Mrs George Stillman, Mrs Wallace Wolff, Mrs L L Robbins, Mrs David Eckman, Mrs Robert Abrams, Mrs Marion Green, Mrs Jim Wilhelm, Mrs Ed Wilson and Mrs Elmer Berry.

Paul Jones Heads Farmers Union

The Farmers Union met Tuesday evening at the Clarence Rosewall home in Heppner.

Rosewall and Al Lamb gave a report on Senator Humphreys recent visit in Pendleton. Seven members of the Farmers Union attended the luncheon there. County judge Oscar Peterson gave a report on a state taxation committee meeting that he attended recently in Salem. This was followed by a discussion on taxes.

Paul Jones was elected president, succeeding Al Bunch, who retired after two terms as president and he was the initial organizer of the local in Morrow county. Other officers elected were Paul Brown, vice president and Betty Brown was retained as secretary.

Among a group that left Wednesday for the Farmers Union convention in Salem were Mr and Mrs Al Lamb, Mr and Mrs Alvin Bunch, Mr and Mrs Max Barclay, and Mr and Mrs Paul Jones. Barclay is the voting delegate at the convention, from Morrow county.

The next meeting will be held at the Newt O'Hara home in Lexington on November 10.

McKenzie Ordination Service Slated

The ordination of Rod McKenzie, pastor of the Ione Community church will be held on Wednesday, November 4, it was announced this week.

The special service will be held in the evening and will be preceded by a dinner at the church.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE BOOSTER NIGHT

The annual booster night of the Rhea Creek grange will be held at the grange hall Saturday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

A card party will be held for all members and their friends. There will also be a reception at 7:30, honoring Mr and Mrs Ben Anderson, who have been grange members for 36 years.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mrs Harold Laird and Miss Marguerite Glavey, Heppner teachers, attended the annual fall conference of the International Reading Association held recently in Portland.

2 Heppner Students At FFA Convention In Kansas City

Al Osmin and William Rill left by train Saturday morning for Kansas City, Mo to represent the Heppner FFA chapter at the national convention.

Al, son of Mr and Mrs A L Osmin, is a senior at Heppner high and is the president of the Heppner FFA chapter.

William, son of Mr and Mrs L H Rill, is a sophomore at Heppner, and is the chapter treasurer.

Both boys were elected by the local chapter members from their activities in FFA and their outstanding supervised farming programs.

They will attend meetings and visit different points of interest. They will return this coming Sunday.

This trip was made possible by help from the Heppner Elks lodge, the Heppner IOOF lodge, the Heppner Pine Mills, Morrow County Grain Growers, and the Heppner high school student body.

Early Tax Payments Bring Money Rolling In To Sheriff

Sheriff and tax collector, C J D Bauman said Wednesday that over \$130,000 in 1959-60 taxes had already been received at the county tax office. This is a near record for early payment.

The tax statements were mailed about two weeks ago and the deadline for first payment is not until November 15, Bauman said. The total tax billing was just over \$1,000,000.

Many counties have not yet mailed out statements, while Morrow has already received nearly one-sixth of its payments.

Merchandise Lost To Ione Burglar

The Melena Building Supply Store at Ione was burglarized last Friday night and owner Melvin Melena reported to police and sheriff C J D Bauman that about \$200 in merchandise was stolen.

The building was entered by cutting through a panel in a rear door and opening the lock.

A wide assortment of merchandise was taken including numerous tools and small appliances such as electric mixers, frying pans, coffee makers, etc.

Police are continuing their investigation.

Mrs Robinson Heads Women Golf Group

The women of the Willow Creek Country Club met Thursday morning, at the home of Mrs P W Mahoney, for a coffee hour and a business meeting.

Mrs Creston Robinson was elected president of the organization for the coming year and Mrs Richard Meador, secretary-treasurer. Outgoing officers are Mrs Mahoney, Mrs Raymond Ferguson and Mrs Charles Collins.

INJURED IN WRECK

Lester Wyman of Ukiah was hospitalized with a knee injury Friday when the car he was driving collided with one reportedly driven by Charles Monagle. The accident occurred about 15 miles east of Heppner on highway 74.

Mr and Mrs Monagle were also hospitalized with injuries.

FOR SALE CHEAP-ONE GREAT BIG MIXTURE OF GRAIN

Someone bent either on vengeance, or with an extremely odd sense of humor, was the cause of a conglomeration of seed wheat, grass seed, barley and pellets at the Newt O'Hara ranch at Lexington.

The unknown party, or parties, cut with a sharp knife, every sack of piled grain, grass seed, barley and pellets and opened bins of feed barley so that all the various grains ran out into one big unusable mess in O'Hara's barn. The many sacks of treated seed wheat was so badly mixed with the other grains and seeds that most of it is not even fit for cattle feed.

The loss has been estimated at several hundred dollars. The damage was discovered

Wheat Growers Make Plans For Fall Meeting

Meeting last Thursday evening, the executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association made plans for their annual fall meeting, which will be held November 10. It will be held at the Lexington Grange hall, as in the past several years, beginning at 9:30 A.M. announces N C Anderson, county extension agent and secretary of the association.

With the many active projects now under way through the Oregon Wheat Growers League and with problems facing the wheat farmer it is expected that participation in this year's annual fall meeting will be great. In order to be better informed on these situations, officers and standing committeemen will attend a special workshop sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League to be held in Pendleton, October 22. During the day chairmen of the domestic wheat utilization, production and land use, wheat disposal and market development, federal agricultural programs, taxation and legislation and youth activities committees will learn of the many new developments on a state and national scope which they can take to the county meetings for discussion and action. The nomination committee composed of Frank Anderson, Heppner; Henry Baker, Ione; and Tad Miller, Lexington was selected to present prospective candidates for the offices of chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the coming year. A number of valuable door prizes and a noon luncheon are again being planned as "attendance-getters."

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School Building Study in Offing

Members of the Morrow county school board Monday night made plans to visit all schools in the north end of the county on October 27. The members recently toured all the buildings in the southern part of the county to acquaint themselves with present and future needs and facilities.

Recently the board appointed all the members of the various community school advisory committees on a special building committee to study the plant needs in the various areas, and at its Monday night meeting agreed to place several community residents on each of the committees. It was felt that inasmuch as the advisory committees are composed of residents of a combination of districts, that individual towns should also have representation on the building committees.

These committees will be selected in the near future.

Thai Educator To Visit Here

Mr Nal Yanyong Charanyananda, education director of Surind province, Thailand, will visit Morrow county high schools during the week of October 19 to 23. Mr Charanyananda is visiting the United States under the sponsorship of the Asia Foundation of San Francisco.

The National Education Association suggested he visit Morrow county as one where he could study a county-wide school system in an agricultural area. He is also interested in vocational programs in the various schools. Surind province has about 530,000 people and 96,000 school students.

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NO PARTY, but plenty of attention was accorded Mrs Ellen "Grandma" Rieth Monday on her 103rd birthday. She has been a resident of the Northwest for 99, and of Morrow county for 34 of those years. (Photo by Echo Palmateer)

"Grandma" Rieth Celebrates 103rd Birthday Monday

"Grandma" Ellen Rieth celebrated her 103rd birthday very quietly Monday, Oct 12 at the home of her daughter, Mrs Paul O'Meara, Ione, with whom she has made her home for the past 34 years.

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October 12, 1856 at Neosha, Missouri and crossed the plains in 1860. She was married to Eugene Rieth Sept 7, 1875 and lived in Pendleton. They had three daughters and one son. Those still living are her daughter, Mrs O'Meara in Ione and her son, F J Rieth of Harrington, Washington. She has nine grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Grandma Rieth recalls much early day history of this area and of the troubles with the Indians. The town of Rieth near Pendleton was named for her husband and his brothers, Jacob and Joseph Rieth.

Farm Census Plans Readied in Oregon; 400 Workers Needed

One of your neighbors soon may be knocking at your door in his role as farm census taker. About 300,000 census takers (enumerators) are being hired by the Bureau of Census to help gather information from farmers in their area. Oregon will need about 400 to take this count of the state's second most important industry, Marion D Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College, reports.

Edward G Bates, Eugene, and Homer E Rainey, Bend, have been named field assistants for the 1959 census. Bates will direct 20 crew leaders and 271 census takers in Western Oregon this fall, and Rainey will be in charge of 10 crew leaders and 118 census takers in Eastern Oregon.

Census taking will start October 28 in eastern counties and Nov 11 in western Oregon areas. Enumerators will be hired by local crew leaders in early October.

Each enumerator is assigned to work in his locality. His job is to help record all important facts about agriculture. To do this, he will visit every home in his district that has any farming operations and get information from the person in charge. Enumerators first receive 12 hours of special training in census definitions, use of questionnaires, map reading and interviewing.

Who can become a census taker? Among other qualifications, an enumerator must be a citizen at least 18 years of age with a high school education or its equivalent. He must pass a test, be able to conduct interviews, have a knowledge of farming, have a car available and live in the rural area near his assignment. His most important responsibilities are to collect accurate information and to keep it confidential.

When crew leaders are chosen, their names will be announced in local newspapers so persons interested in becoming enumerators can apply to them.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

A Civic League meeting will be held Monday, October 19 at the home of Mrs Bud Collins, 535 N Main Street.

Mr and Mrs Paul Koenig and Mr and Mrs Bill Turner went to White Swan the first of the week on business.

Hunting guests over the weekend at the Howard Cleveland home were Al Conser and Ted Mesch of Portland.