



IT'S A LONG way up to the 6x6 ft. cubicle atop the metal lookout tower at Tamarack Mountain. There are 137 steps (by count of David Creswick, lookout) from the ground to the top of the 105 ft. high lookout. (G-T Photo)



C. R. (CHUCK) McLEAN, fire control assistant of the Heppner district, U. S. Forest Service, demonstrates use of fire stick in determining burning hazard. Sticks (hanging at left) are kept in open air and weighed for moisture content. Those weighed at Madison Butte in this photo show moisture content of 11 per cent. Danger is considered critical when moisture is below 5 per cent, but wind and other factors enter in. (G-T Photo)



MEMBERS of the U. S. Forest Service fire suppression crew work in close cooperation in digging a fire trail with pulaskis and shovels. An 8-man crew, using three shovels and five pulaskis, can build about 1000 feet of 32-inch trail per hour. (G-T Photo)

Farm Reappraisal Work Gets Start

Bob Fielder, who will assist on farm reappraisals through the Morrow county assessor's office, arrived here Tuesday to start work on the job.

Earl Sorensen, farm supervisor for the State Tax Commission, spent Wednesday in the assessor's office to assist Assessor Rod Thomson and Appraiser Bill Johnson lay plans for the reappraisal which is expected to take about two years to complete.

Johnston, who has completed reappraisal of urban and commercial properties, will now assist on the farm work.

Fielder and his wife have moved to Heppner from Umatilla county where he engaged in similar work.

Sorensen was here only for the day. He will divide his time between Gilliam, Morrow, and probably Wheeler counties, as well as several counties in the Willamette Valley.

Heppner Ranger District is Largest 'Farm'

(First in a series on the Heppner Ranger district, Umatilla National Forest).

By WES SHERMAN

Largest sprawling wheat and cattle ranches are typical of Eastern Oregon but the largest "farm" in this part of the state grows timber on 194,271 acres. A crew, ranging from 14 persons in winter to 53 in summer, manages and supervises this farm for its owner, Uncle Sam. Every citizen is a "stockholder" and every person enjoys the benefits accruing from its multiple uses.

It is the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest which encompasses the western spur of the Blue Mountains. It adjoins the Ukiah district on the east and extends some 38 miles, as the crow flies, to the western edge overlooking the John Day basin. At its widest point, north

and south, it is some 20 miles deep. One of its northernmost points is Black Mountain, in the northeastern portion, and in its southernmost part, jutting down in a central section, is Bologna Basin.

Portions of three counties—Morrow, Wheeler and Grant—are within its boundaries. In addition to the lands under national ownership, the district includes 30,656 acres private owned of which approximately 20,000 acres are property of the Wheeler Timber company, a subsidiary of the Kinzua Corporation. Most of the remaining land is owned by local stockmen and is used in conjunction with other privately owned lands or Forest Service permits for grazing.

This national forest is important in the life of every individual residing near it. Timber from forest sales, based on an

allowable cut of 20.6 million board feet per year, feeds sawmills that provide payrolls for many families and help stabilize the local economy.

The district provides the watershed from which springs the life-giving streams that run north to the Columbia River and south to the John Day. They furnish water for domestic use, recreation and irrigation.

Wildlife—elk, deer, bear, mink, beaver, raccoon, bob cats, coyotes and even cougars—find a habitat here, and an estimated 6500 hunters annually come into the district.

Families find recreation in this national forest—camping, fishing, skiing, picnicking—and it furnishes a cooling outlet for many on hot summer days.

Its whole area is divided into grazing allotments, furnishing summer range for 37,654 ani-

mal months use of sheep and 4,563 animal months use of cattle.

Many residents find lesser uses for the national forest. It has been the scene of some coal mining activity, now deemed unprofitable, but it remains as the hunting grounds for rockhounds looking for semi-precious stones, especially in the Opal Butte area.

The Heppner district is one of six districts in the Umatilla National Forest which encompasses a total of 1,570,880 acres. Of these, 1,389,739 acres are in national forest lands. Other ranger districts are Dale, Pendleton, Pomeroy, Ukiah and Walla Walla.

Responsibility of administering, supervising, managing and protecting the Heppner district is vested in W. S. (Sam) Miller, ranger, who was assigned here

in March, 1961, after serving in the Dale district for 1½ years. Miller has been with the Forest Service since 1951 and also worked in the Burns area before coming here.

In the district organization, under the multiple use management plan, the work is divided into four principal areas, each served by an assistant ranger:

Resource assistant, Ray Williamson, who supervises and directs all resource and related activities, including timber, wildlife, range, watershed, recreation, lands, and state and private forestry practices.

Fire control assistant, C. R. (Chuck) McLean, who supervises and directs the fire control organization, conducts surveys and gives reports on fire control needs and problems, plans and directs

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School's Start Set; Teachers Needed

Opening date of school in Morrow county is Tuesday, September 3, office of Wayne Brubacher, county school administrator, announces. This is the day after Labor Day.

With the start thus just about a month away, six teaching positions are yet to be filled. Of these, there are good prospects for one or two of the positions, but there are no applications for some of the others.

Those yet to be filled are these: Heppner High school mathematics teacher, Heppner High school English and Spanish teacher, Heppner elementary first grade, Heppner elementary fifth grade, Lone High school girls' physical education and English, and A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, seventh grade.

Teachers of the system will meet for a workshop on August 28, and pre-registration and meetings in the various school buildings will be on August 29. A teachers' work day is set for August 30.

Meeting date of the August meeting of the school board has been moved from the regular date of Monday, August 12, to next Monday, August 5. Among items on the agenda will be the hiring of bus drivers, janitors and cooks, and a discussion on transportation.

A special meeting was held last Thursday night at which time the new administrator was introduced and routine matters of business were discussed.

The Brubachers have rented a home near the old high school and expect to move this weekend.

Police Checking Kinzua Robbery

By MRS. ROBERT KELSO

KINZUA—State police are investigating a robbery last Wednesday night at the Kinzua Pastime. Entry was gained through a window of Jeffmore Hall and then through a door into the restaurant that adjoins the Pastime. The safe was blown open with an explosive forced through a small hole in the door, shattering the cement liner. The force was such that one end of the bar was moved about sixteen inches.

Missing from the safe was about \$455 and a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver belonging to Ray Cody. Nickels were scattered over the floor and a bottle of whiskey was missing. The thief also consumed a bottle of beer while about his work.

The robbery was discovered about 4:30 a.m. by Cleve Robbins who entered the restaurant to prepare his breakfast. He called Ray Cody who manages the Pastime for Chas. Thomas, who called police. The thief was apparently looking for the large amount of cash used to cash draw checks but the money had not been brought from the bank.

Wrights, Kinzua To Give Leases For 25-Acre Park

A new park in Morrow county will be established soon through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and the Kinzua Corporation, cooperating with the county parks committee, Judge Oscar Peterson said.

The 25-acre park will be located at the confluence of Chapin and Rock creeks on the southwest side of highway 207 just north of the Chapin Creek Guard Station.

Keenly interested in development of the park, along with other groups, is the Rhea Creek Grange which has appointed a committee to work on the planning and development of it. On the committee are Ray Wright, John Bergstrom and Judge Peterson.

Two members of the county parks committee, Chairman Orville Cutsforth and Mrs. Walter Wright, met with the Grange committee and Allen Nistad of Kinzua Corp. Friday to discuss plans for the park.

The Wrights have given a 99-year lease to 11 acres that they own in the park site, and Nistad indicated that Kinzua will also give a lease to the 14 acres there that the corporation owns. This will be done after a survey is taken and a complete description is given.

Areas for rest rooms and other facilities will be designated. The same interested leaders will meet as soon as this survey is completed and make plans for a minor creek channel change on the site and other developments.

Through the auspices of the Rhea Creek Grange, a work day is tentatively set for about September 1 when the group will start to make actual park developments. Others will be invited to assist at that time.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	77	47	—
Friday	81	51	—
Saturday	91	50	—
Sunday	84	42	—
Monday	84	43	—
Tuesday	81	43	—
Wednesday	76	42	—

Paper Adds Extra Cash Prize

An extra money-making offer was announced today for boys and girls in the Heppner Gazette-Times subscription campaign. The publishers stated that a \$10 cash prize will be given to the worker who turns in the most points on new subscriptions during the next two

report periods, Saturday, August 3, and Wednesday, August 7. A large announcement ad in this issue gives complete details of this new prize offer.

Names of boys and girls working for the bike and cash prizes are listed on this page with phone numbers included. This

will enable people to choose their favorite and contact them by phone to place their new or renewal subscription.

Response of old and new subscribers to the youngsters' quest for subscriptions has been gratifying thus far, as they avail themselves of the opportunity to pay while the campaign is on and help one of the workers win a valuable prize or cash commission. Subscribers are also anxious to pay before the subscription price rises to \$4.50 per year.

The campaign gained momentum rapidly this week, and the management has urged all workers to do their best from now until the deadline, Saturday, August 17.

The salesman finishing the campaign with the highest vote score will receive the grand prize—Schwinn Corvette bicycle plus \$50 in cash, or cash alternative of \$120. The worker in each of the geographical districts finishing the campaign with the most votes in his own district after the grand prize has been awarded will receive district capital prizes—\$50 Schwinn bikes plus \$20 in cash, or \$90 cash alternative, and the next two runners up in either district will receive bike and cash prizes as well. All workers who do not finish among the major award winners will receive cash commissions.

Here Are The Heppner Gazette-Times Super Salesmen

Listed below, alphabetically by district, are the youngsters working in the Gazette-Times subscription campaign. Phone numbers are listed and subscribers are urged to contact their choice of workers as soon as possible to insure credit will be given on their subscription order. Campaign ends Sat. July 17.

- District One (Heppner, City)**
- Gimbel, Rieky—676-9247
 - Green, Kelly—676-9435
 - Healy, Jerry Mike—676-9929
 - McLeod, Bill—676-5573
 - O'Brien, Sherri Lynn—676-9602
 - Pratt, Kevin—676-9909
 - Smith, Amanda—676-9725
 - Stillman, Randy—676-5844
 - Stockard, Billy—676-9684
 - Struckmeier, Earl—676-5515
 - Van Scholack, Jimmy—676-9167
- District Two (Outside Heppner)**
- Asher, Valerie—Spray—637-2554
 - Bowman, Vic—Kinzua—768-2478
 - Boyer, Jimmy—Monument—WE4-2295
 - Buchanan, Bobby—Irrigon—922-3681
 - Halvorsen, Frank—Jone—422-7107
 - Higel, Gary—Boardman—481-2510
 - Lane, Steve—Lexington—989-8109
 - Townsend, Sue—Jone—422-7215
 - Vinson, Alvin—Lexington—989-8492
- "Your subscription—new or renewal—can mean 1st prize for your favorite worker."



PRINCESS SHARON DONOVAN

Dance to Honor Princess Sharon

Princess Sharon Donovan, sponsored by the Boardman Tillamook club for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court, will be honored at the third of the princesses' dances Saturday night in the fair pavilion, starting at 10 p.m.

A senior at Riverside high school this coming year, the 17-year-old blue-eyed light brown-haired Sharon is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Donovan, who have lived in Boardman the past four years. Before that they lived in Pendleton, where Sharon was born.

Princess Sharon will ride her own horse, a half Arabian chestnut mare, "Rason," a gift to her from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell of Pendleton four years ago. Sharon has always loved to ride, and before she had a horse of her own, rode every chance she had.

She has been active all through her high school years, serving as class secretary during her freshman and sophomore years, was carnival princess her sophomore year, and secretary of the student body her junior year. She was on the annual staff two years, and has played volleyball all three years. In her senior year she will be treasurer of the student body, cheer leader, and president of the G.A.A.

Princess Sharon is also president of her 4-H Riding club, and has belonged to a 4-H sewing club. She has been an honor student all through high school.

When she lived in Pendleton, she was a member of a swimming team and taught private lessons. She received her junior lifesaving badge at 13 years of age. She has also been a member of the school band, and the pep band for two years. She works at a local drive-in during the summer months. Sharon's hobbies, besides riding and swimming, are dancing and reading.

She is a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Boardman. Princess Sharon has a sister, Beverly, who will teach school in Portland this coming year, and is a life guard this summer at Hideaway Springs.

Leonig's orchestra will play at the Saturday night dance.

Over 500 Prizes Expected to Go To 4-H Youth

If history repeats itself, there will be over 500 premiums paid out to Morrow county 4-H boys and girls for exhibits and contests at this year's county fair, says Esther Kirmis and Joe Hay, county extension agents.

A look at last year's clerk books show that there were: 80 4-H clothing exhibits, 22 4-H foods exhibits, 17 4-H knitting exhibits, 2 child care exhibits, 7 woodworking exhibits, 1 4-H archery exhibit, 4 food preservation exhibits, 3 rock-hounding and 7 garden and flowers.

The livestock division showed 53 beef animals, 38 sheep, 18 dairy, 21 hogs and 29 horse entries.

Taking part in contests and events were 51 in Home Economics judging contests, 19 in 4-H demonstrations, 72 in Livestock showmanship and 29 in Horse showmanship.

The 1963 Morrow County Fair will be held at the Heppner fair grounds from August 19 to 23.