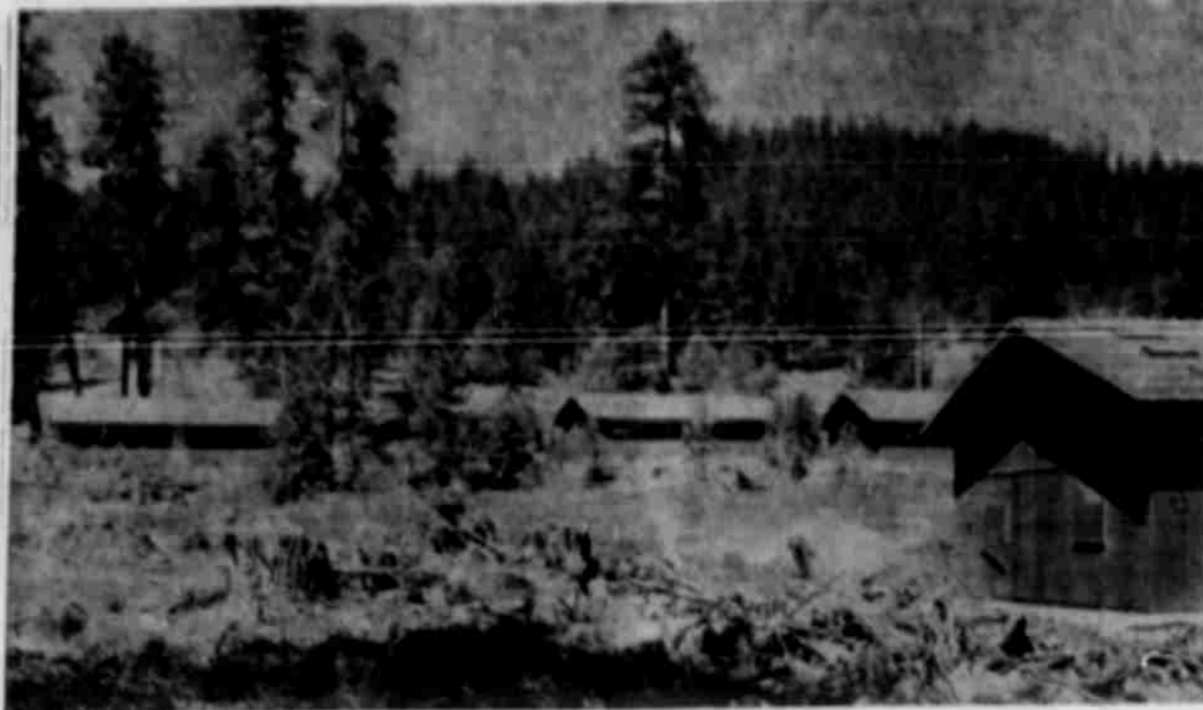




SPACIOUS INTERIOR of the large garage building at Tupper work center, now nearing completion, is shown in this picture. The structure will be large enough to shelter eight vehicles. (G-T Photo)



A GENERAL view of new construction at Tupper work center shows three of the barracks buildings and a corner of the big garage (right). Not visible in the photo is the guard station, living quarters for guard in charge of the center. The present cookhouse and other existing buildings add to the forest community. (G-T Photo)

Tupper Buildings Near Completion As APW Project

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U. S. Forest Service. When the Ditch Creek fire hit three years ago, it was almost bursting at the seams.

The present project is done cooperatively through the Area Redevelopment Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce and the U. S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service.

When Dick Schoof of Pendleton, contracting officers representative for the U. S. Forest Service, visited Tupper Friday on an inspection trip, Perryman confirmed that he was pointing for August 28 as the completion date.

Sub-contractors who have been working on the job and rushing to get their parts done are Lott's Electric of Heppner, wiring and electrical; Trainer Plumbing and Heating, Hermiston, plumbing and heating; Earl Jones, Pendleton, painting; and Howard Keithley, excavations.

Lott's Electric and Wally Green did the work on the water system that comes from a spring 1400 feet from Tupper and feeds the work center via a 25,000 gallon storage tank. The system serves all buildings and provides fire hydrants so that no structure is more than 150 feet from a hydrant. The system is capable of handling 40 gallons per minute for four hours without interruption.

The guard station, which will house the guard in charge of the work center, and the barracks are modern in every respect. A type of plywood, called "Texture 111" is used for the rustic exterior. Interior finish is of plywood, spatter painted. Vinyl tile will cover floors over sheathing sub flooring, and asbestos shingles cover the roofs.

The barracks buildings, 40x26 feet, are composed of three main rooms, the largest designed as

living quarters for eight men, another room to accommodate two men, and the shower and washroom.

Oil furnaces are installed in the barracks buildings and heat is piped to the various rooms. In the guard station, electric heat is used. Schoof explained that the electric heat for the one building can be considered as "free heat" because the work center seldom reaches the minimum charged to serve the center at its remote location.

Despite its woodland setting, Tupper has virtually all the comforts enjoyed in town, many of them made possible by the electrical service from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. Perryman pointed out that construction of the buildings would have been considerably more costly if electricity had not been available to operate power equipment used by the contracting firms.

Each of the buildings that will be used as living quarters is served by a septic tank and drain field.

The garage provides 2400 square feet of space, about one-quarter of which will have a concrete floor as a 20x32 service and lubrication area. This portion may be enclosed, but front of the rest of the structure will remain open.

Also provided in the development is a loop road that will be built by the Forest Service through the work center at a cost of about \$3500. The Forest Service will also do much of the landscaping around the buildings.

Perryman, who has been in the contracting business since 1948, having gone to Pendleton from Quincy, Wn., lives on the job in a house trailer, as do the four who are working for him, including two sons. The painters and their wives, too, have been living at the job.

Schoof, charged with the responsibility of seeing that the project is done and completed as per specifications, has kept an eagle eye on the construction and is pointing towards the final acceptance on August 28. The civil engineer is a graduate of Kansas State.

Ranger W. S. (Sam) Miller of the Heppner Ranger district says that when the work is completed, plans will be made for a public open house at Tupper.

Another big project underway on the district is that of grading and applying crushed rock to 7.9 miles of road, formerly owned by Kinzua Corporation, which was purchased by the Forest Service. This is the main Kinzua Road that runs east of highway 207 towards Tupper. Contract on the job was let at \$54,000 which includes scarifying, reconditioning and applying the crushed rock. Lee Philpott of Eugene has the contract and the work is now in progress.

Tupper may not be exactly a city in the forestlands, but it would seem fairly certain that it could fall some hunter, breaking into the open after beating through the brush of the forest, will rub his eyes in disbelief when he sees the modern structures in this isolated setting.

Gonty, Peterson Soon Identified In Paper Contest

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Gonty leased the business from the father who died in 1940. In 1941, the Gonty's bought out Ed's brother, Tom, who had inherited a half interest in the store. Ed and Eleanor have been operating the business ever since. It is one of the oldest in Heppner, although Ed believes that his business neighbor, Thomson, Bros., exceeds Gonty's by a number of years.

Ed Gonty was born in Heppner, graduated from Heppner High school and has lived here all of his life. The Gontys have four children, Raymond, 27, a city policeman in Seattle, Wn.; Virginia (Mrs. Terry Blevins) of Ukiah, who with her husband operates Terry's Chevron Station; Tom, 20, and Douglas, 9, both living at home. The Gontys have five grandchildren.

Like Gonty's, Peterson's Jewellers was started by the father of the present owner, J. O. Peterson, originally from Montana, came to Heppner from Pomeroy, Wn., to open the jewelry store here in 1928.

The store was first located where Heppner TV and Carl Spaulding are now located.

Randall did chores in the jewelry store as early as the age of 10, working after school and evenings. He learned watchmaking under his father and went to trade school at North Idaho Junior College, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for a year. He also took a year of academic studies there, and then went to Whitman college for two years.

In 1959, Randall assumed operation of the store. By that time he had served a hitch in the army, 1954 to 1956, in Germany. His father died in 1960.

Gonty has been active in many community and civic affairs, being a long time member of the city council and president of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Elks lodge and of the Morrow Gem and Mineral Society, a director of Heppner TV and active in many more groups and organizations.

Peterson has been a member of the Odd Fellows since 1921, and is a member of the Elks. He is first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and served several years as the chairman of the merchants committee. He has been active in the Arbuckle Mountain Ski club and is a member of the Morrow county Gem and Mineral Society. Peterson is chairman of the Rodeo parade this year. In the professional area, he is a director of the Oregon Jewelers association.

Four Teachers Given Contracts

Four teachers have been submitted contracts in the Morrow county school system, virtually completing the faculties of the schools in the district, according to Mrs. Beverly Gunderson, clerk.

Gordon Meyers of Joseph has been hired as lone High school football coach and will come with two years experience. Jack Loyd will teach shop under a new arrangement. It had been expected that the football coach would handle industrial arts but Meyers is not qualified in this field.

Mrs. Glenda Richards of Portland has been offered a contract as librarian at Heppner High school, Mrs. Gunderson said.

Mrs. Wanda Najjar of Jardine, Mont., has been offered a contract for girls physical education in Heppner elementary school. She has three years teaching experience.

Mrs. Annabel Damon, formerly of Honolulu, T. H., has been offered a contract to teach English and girls physical education at lone High school. She has had four years teaching experience.

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DICK SCHOOF (right), civil engineer and contracting officers representative for the U. S. Forest Service, from the Pendleton office of the Umatilla National Forest, confers with Leonard Perryman, contractor on progress of the \$60,000 construction project at Tupper work center. (G-T Photo)

Larry Cook Named To Justice Post

Larry Cook, Sr., Saturday received notice from Governor Mark Hatfield of his appointment as Heppner justice of the peace, beginning as of September 1. He was recommended for the position by the county court.

Cook began serving in the office Tuesday on pro tem appointment by the court, since his predecessor, Oliver Creswick, was given two weeks vacation and technically his resignation is not effective until September 1.

'Babe's Blue Ox' Coming for Fair

'Babe's Blue Ox,' a huge steer that is three-quarters Holstein and one-fourth Shorthorn, will be at the county fair on Wednesday, according to Don Robinson, fair committee chairman and livestock superintendent.

The steer weighs more than 2500 pounds and stands about six feet tall. He is owned by Dan Follett of Follett's Pioneer Meat Co., Hermiston.

File cards and guides, 3x5, 4x6 and 5x8 at the Gazette-Times.

Demo Convention Calls Al Lamb

Al Lamb, who was elected a delegate to the Democratic national convention from Oregon's second congressional district, will leave Sunday from Portland for the convention in Atlantic City, N. J. The convention opens Monday.

After departing by air from Portland at 8:15 a.m., he expects to arrive in Atlantic City about 8 p.m., he said. He will be going a little later than most delegates from Oregon and will miss the state's caucus, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Twenty-four are in the Oregon delegation, and 24 alternates are listed.

Lamb will make the trip alone. His wife, Mrs. Lamb, decided not to make the trip after she watched the Republican convention on TV, her husband said, thinking there is too much turmoil and hubbub.

The Heppner delegate said that he has been bombarded with letters recently, principally over the controversy on the Mississippi delegation.

Accommodations are crowded in Atlantic City, and Lamb will share his hotel room with a man from Portland representing television station KATU-TV.

Following the convention he expects to go to New York City for a few days at the World's Fair. He plans to return to Heppner September 1.

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