

Petitioners Seek to Form North Irrigation District



HERE ARE SOME of the Chamber of Commerce members who toured Kinzua Corporation's mill here Monday as a National Forest Products week highlight. From left are the Rev. Kenneth Robinson, Kamer Schmidt (partially hidden), David Potter, Mrs. Avon Melby (with camera), Joe Baile, Ken Marshall (in safety hat), tour guide, LeRoy Gardner, Ed Dick, the Rev. Al Bosch, Glenn Brown, the Rev. Mal Brown, George Higgins, Ed Gonty, Jack Locke, and Bob Henry. The group is watching loading of chips into railroad cars. (G-T PHOTO).

Twenty-two signers of a petition published as a legal notice on page 4, section 2, of this issue of the Gazette-Times ask the Morrow County Court to take steps necessary to call an election for the formation of the North Morrow County Irrigation District.

Included in the group are Rex Ellis of Pendleton and Oscar Peterson of Ione, who said sometime ago that they were taking steps towards the formation of such a district and were having an engineering survey made to determine the feasibility of their plan.

Peterson is temporary chairman of the group. Only his name is published in the public notice as temporary chairman. While there are 22 names on the petition, Peterson said that there would be more before it will be presented to the county court.

Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday that he had not been approached and that no petition

had been presented to the court. Before an election may be called, he said, it will be necessary to determine that the petitioners represent a majority of the landowners in the district described in the petition and that other legal qualifications are met.

Names on the petition are Rex Ellis and Nona Ellis, both of Pendleton; Oscar Peterson of Ione; Frank Doherty and Mary Doherty of Portland; Garnet M. Snider, The Dalles; Maxwell C. Jones, Robert Smith, Mary Isabelle Jones, Joy Smith and Ethel M. Ebert, all of Irrigon; Dewey W. West, Jr., Joseph M. Tate, J. H. Alexamair and Emmett O. McKenzie, all of Boardman; James H. Sturgis, Clark Key, Frank Warren, Arnold Broat and C. W. Ruddell, all of Hermiston; and Ernest W. Christopherson and Henry Baker, both of Ione.

The petition states that each of the signers holds title to lands in the area described and

that the lands are within the boundaries of Morrow county and are susceptible to irrigation from a common source.

The petitioners ask that the court approve a \$2500 bond, "double the probable cost of organizing such district," that the court make and enter an order establishing and defining the boundaries of such irrigation district, determine whether the requisite number of owners of land within such proposed district have petitioned, and that the court pursue to call an election for the district.

Meanwhile Judge Jones said that he has an appointment to meet with the attorney and engineer representing the group of Portlanders and others who have filed under the Desert Entry act for some 17 sections of BLM land in north Morrow county. The appointment was tentatively set for Friday, November 5. This group is entirely separate from those petitioning for the irrigation district, and

the interests of the groups appear to be in conflict.

A meeting has also been scheduled with representatives of the Oregon Employment Service to determine, for the Portland group, how many workmen are available in the area, the judge said. This meeting is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 2. The Portland group had announced plans to develop the BLM lands for irrigation, as well as to acquire private lands in the development, and to construct processing plants for potatoes and alfalfa.

They were previously quoted as saying they would need at least 200 workmen on their project. The judge also said that he is tentatively scheduling a meeting of the county planning commission, the Port of Morrow and the county court for Wednesday, November 3, at 8 p.m. in an attempt to determine the best interests of the county in connection with the use of the north Morrow lands.

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Town to Go Crazy For Promotional Event Next Week

Crazy Days will come to Heppner on Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, according to Bob Henry, chairman of the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Businessmen and their clerks will compete for a \$5 prize to be given to the one judged to be wearing the funniest costume. "Ridiculous" bargains will be offered by many stores, and a number will have free prizes for the shopping public, according to present plans.

Parking meters will be hooded on Saturday, November 6, so that all may shop without worrying about being parked overnight.

Henry said that most stores in Heppner will be taking part in the event. "They're going crazy!" he declared.

It is hoped that everyone will have such a good time and enjoy the bargains offered so much that, from this start, the merchants will present Crazy Days as an annual feature. Just as Sidewalk Days during the summer is developing into an annual event after two successful stagings.

Merchants who plan to advertise in the Gazette-Times for Crazy Days are asked to have material ready early to cooperate with the staff in giving it proper publicity and advertising.

Copies of the papers will be sent to all boxholders in the Spray, Monument and Kinzua areas.

Goblins Advised To Do Haunting On Sunday Evening

Trick or treaters who make the rounds Saturday night, figuring that they will make two nights of Halloween this year, should change their plans—they might get tricked instead of treated.

Mayor Al Lamb, following the recommendation of Gov. Mark Hatfield, said that the youngsters should hold their Halloween fun to one night and it officially falls on Sunday night, October 31.

Mayor Charles O'Connor of Ione concurs in the matter. A number of residents have asked whether Halloween would be observed on Saturday or Sunday night. This is the word from the officials, and residents are advised that if youngsters are abroad Saturday night, they should not be given treats.

One church group of youngsters is making plans to seek donations of food for the needy instead of treats for themselves.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of October 27-28 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	76	37	—
Friday	72	36	—
Saturday	69	42	—
Sunday	76	40	—
Monday	69	35	—
Tuesday	69	38	—
Wednesday	62	48	.01

'Beat Sherman!' Mustangs' Cry At Homecoming

"Beat Sherman!" This will be the chant of the Heppner High school cheerleaders and students as they lead the Homecoming buildup for the big game with Sherman County here Friday night at the rodeo grounds.

Game time is 8 p.m. but afternoon homecoming activities will start at 4:15 at the grounds when students and alumni assemble there prior to their bonfire and rally.

Carrying the momentum of a surprise rout of Burns last Friday, 26 to 6, the Mustangs hope to continue to blaze a trail among the league's formidable opponents when they meet Sherman.

The Moro team currently has a record of 3-1 in league play, losing only to Wahtonka. If the Mustangs could upset them, and if, at the same time, Madras could upset Wahtonka, the western division could end in a 4-way or 5-way tie for first, depending upon the outcome of the Burns-Grant Union tilt, also.

Coach Bob Hastings' squad of Huskies has had a fine season with just the one loss to Wahtonka, 6 to 0, and they certainly will demand an outstanding effort before yielding here. But Coach Jim Potter says his boys are ready and would love to end the league season with this victory.

Leading the Sherman attack are two excellent backs in Ken Smithee and Kent Thomas. They will be pitted against such Heppner standouts as Tim Driscoll, Jim Doherty and Ken Morgan. Heppner's line has done a fine job this season, with Mickey Kindle, Mark Murray, Dave Gray and others sparking on tackling and defensive maneuvers. Sherman has the reputation of having the most speed in the league.

Competing for queen of the Homecoming festivities are three seniors and two juniors. Seniors are Tricia Farley, Jean Healy and Barbara Gribble. Juniors are Pam McCabe and Verina French. Selection of the (Continued on page 8)

NERVE CENTER of a sawmill operation is the sawyer's cage. Things were humming at the Kinzua mill here when this picture of Glenn Smith, sawyer, was taken. He controls the carriage, determines the cut from a log, and activates machinery to send logs to the carriage and turn them to desired position. Chamber of Commerce members viewed him at work Monday on their tour of the plant.

Chamber Members Impressed With Efficiency of Kinzua Plant

Even those businessmen who have lived in Heppner for years had their "eyes opened" when the Chamber of Commerce toured the Kinzua Corporation operation here Monday in observance of National Forest Products week.

They were impressed with its efficient automation and the skill of the men who run it. Even those who were familiar with the plant but had not been through it for some time were surprised at improvements made. These contribute to the reputation that the operation enjoys as being one of the most efficient in the state.

Some 25 of the Chamber made the tour with Ken Marshall as guide. They were fascinated with the speed with which logs were sawn at the head rig, the barked logs being loaded automatically to the sawlogs on the carriage which is operated by a shotgun feed. Nerve center of this operation is the sawyer who is responsible for getting the best cut out of a log and who, from long training, acts with split-second timing to keep production at a fast pace. It is said in the industry with considerable truth that the sawyer can "make or break" a sawmill.

On the job at the time of the tour was Glenn Smith, day sawyer. Eddie Gunderson takes the second shift and Ray Papineau is relief sawyer.

Lumber Dried in Kiln
Whisked away from the carriage on a system of live rollers, most of the cants go through an edger, where again the operator must set the saws in the machine instantaneously to get the best cut. The rough lumber proceeds down to the green chain where men take it away and stack it, to be hauled eventually to the dry kiln.

Marshall explained that the kiln, which is a building some 140 ft. by 80 ft., can accommodate about 300,000 board feet of lumber with more than 50,000 feet in each of six cribs. Temperatures can be varied with the maximum used being 170 degrees. That in the process of drying Monday was heated to 140 degrees and will stay in the kiln for 144 hours. Five rows of steam lines cross the

kiln and fans are used to keep the heated air circulating.

One of the most absorbing parts of the plant to the visitors was the planing operation. All of the lumber processed at this plant is planed. Unlike the sawmill proper, the planer operates only one shift, while the mill is currently on two shifts.

Going into the planer as rough lumber, the Kinzua prod-

President Signs Bill Including Willow Creek Dam

President Lyndon Johnson has signed the public works authorization bill which includes the Willow Creek project, wire services reported Wednesday.

The bill authorizes a total of \$38 million in projects for Oregon, and the Willow Creek project is listed for nearly \$7 million.

Before any projects in the bill can be planned or built, funds must be appropriated by other legislation. Total of all projects authorized in the bill comes to \$2 billion.

Area Conservation Contest Tonight

Area contest in the conservation speech competition will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the multipurpose room of Heppner High school, Kenneth Turner, local chairman, reminds the public.

Mark Brown will represent the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, having won the local contest here last week with his talk on Wildlife Management in a Soil and Water Conservation District.

Six different conservation districts in the area are eligible to be represented tonight. Trophies for the winners will be given by Lexington Implement Co. and Bi-County Chemical Company. The public is invited to attend.

Al Ullman Plans For Heppner Visit

Congressman Al Ullman has announced plans for an appearance in Heppner on Sunday evening, November 14, according to Al Lamb, Morrow county Democratic committee chairman.

Congressman Ullman plans to hunt for elk in the Heppner area Saturday, November 14, after arriving Friday, November 13. He will be a guest in the Amanda Duvall home through Sunday.

He will speak at a potluck dinner at the county fair pavilion on Sunday evening with the dinner beginning at 8 p.m. A report on the session of Congress just closed and an explanation of some of the accomplishments as they affect the area will be given in the talk.

Congressman Ullman is also scheduled to speak at the annual meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative later the same week.

Annual Meeting Of Grain Growers Due November 8

Annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., will be Monday evening, November 8, in the county fair pavilion, Heppner, Paul Jones, president, announces.

On the business agenda is the election of directors and reports from the president and Al Lamb, manager. General discussion will also be held on association policies and plans for the future.

Rhea Creek Grange will serve the dinner in banquet style at 6:30, the beef course being from the grand champion 4-H steer at the county fair this year.

Valuable door prizes will be given, consisting of packages of another prize steer. No outside speaker is planned for this meeting in order to reduce the time of the program.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday

Remember that hour of sleep you lost when you set your clocks ahead an hour last April?

You can get it back this week-end when daylight savings time goes off in Oregon.

The 1963 legislature established the last Sunday in October as the time to revert to Pacific standard time. Thus, when residents go to bed Saturday night they may set their clocks and watches back an hour.

Ministers might advise their congregation to leave them as they are. Thus, when church members get up for morning service, they would arrive in time for Sunday School in many of the denominations!

Official time of the change is 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

Rummage Sale Doors Open Friday Morning

Doors of the former Tryco building will be opened to the public Friday morning, October 29, for the first day of the semi-annual Civic League Rummage Sale. It will continue through Saturday.

Sorting and pricing of the large assortment of articles will be completed by committees by sale time. The public is urged to take advantage of many good bargains. Proceeds are used to help supply materials and equipment for use in the local kindergarten, sponsored by the Civic League women.

Mrs. R. B. Rice Feels Like 'Queen for Day' At Reception Sunday on 90th Birthday

By HELEN SHERMAN

A memorable afternoon was experienced by Mrs. R. B. (Laura Lee) Rice on Sunday when she greeted her many guests who called at the Episcopal parish hall to congratulate her on her 90th birthday.

Arrangements for the reception had been planned by a group of her close friends and neighbors and she graciously welcomed each of the 98 persons who came and signed her guest book. Two close friends in Pendleton could not attend, but remembered her with phone calls.

She expressed the feeling several times during the happy afternoon that she felt like a "queen for the day." At the shoulder of her pink print afternoon dress she proudly wore a white orchid corsage, a gift of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Rice, and 6-year-old granddaughter, Roberta Lee, who came from their home in Seattle for the day. Another granddaughter, Mrs. Richard (Eleanor) Obenaus of San Francisco, Calif., was unable to be present.

Actual birthdate of Laura Lee Cobb was October 23, 1875. She was born in Columbus, Mo., the daughter of E. W. and Helen B. Cobb. Of the family of three sisters and one brother, only her brother, Edward Cobb of Kansas City, Mo., is still living.

She came to Oregon in 1907 and on June 24 of that year was married to Robert B. Rice, who died April 15 of this year at age 92. They came to Morrow county to homestead near Lexington, moving later to another ranch south of Lexington, and then into Heppner at the time of his retirement. Both were active in church and civic work. Mrs. Rice had taught school in Missouri and Nebraska for 10 years before coming west, and then was called to do substitute teaching in the Lexington and Heppner schools. She has always had a love for music, and even now is instruct-



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS were extended Mrs. R. B. (Laura Lee) Rice at a reception Sunday honoring her on her 90th birthday.

ing three beginning piano students, "to give me something to do," she explained. She is a past member of the Eastern Star and of the Lexington Grange, but still keeps an active membership in the Episcopal church.

A large pink and white cake, topped with a smaller one in heart shape, centered the reception table. Decorations included a tiered floral arrangement of pink and white rosebuds in silver container and encircled with pink tapers. Cutting and serving cake were Mrs. Evelyn

Farrens and Mrs. Betty Hamilton, with Mrs. A. D. McMurdo and, at a later hour, Mrs. Farrens pouring tea and coffee. Presiding at the guest book was Mrs. Amanda Duvall.

Mrs. Robert Benson served as general chairman, with Mrs. Bob Abrams, Mrs. John Pfeiffer, Mrs. Jack Loyd, Mrs. Farr, Mrs. McMurdo, Mrs. Hamill and Mrs. Duvall as hostesses. She was visited by friends from Ione, Lexington and Heppner and coming from Herrton were Mr. and Mrs. Ju Rauch.