

# Nistad Says Allowable Cut Key to Industry Growth

Allowable cut of federal timber controls potential growth of the wood products industry in Eastern Oregon. Allen Nistad, general manager of Kinzua Corporation, told members of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday. But despite a shortage of logs that has confronted the industry, he said Kinzua Corporation "will remain here as a permanent industry with a keen interest in the welfare of our employees and the local communities in which we operate."

As our rural population shrinks in number, we are being asked by all of these friends if we are ready to expand our operation and provide new industry and new jobs for the people who prefer to live and work in Eastern Oregon. Most of these people are aware of our dependence on Forest Service timber sales and realize that in recent years our operations have been curtailed to meet the allowable cut of federal timber in the area. In 1961 we shut down our night shift at Kinzua, and last year we reduced our day shift operation at Kinzua from 9 to 8 hours.

Industry Eyes Smaller Logs  
The potential for expansion lies in a projected review of the allowable federal timber sale volume for this area. It is hard to believe there is a shortage of logs when you cast your eyes upon solid mountain range stands of timber just east of Heppner. The problem has been that the allowable cut is based on old growth timber stands and does not include the heavy stands of reproduction. This was due to industry's inability to use the smaller material.

Faced with this continued shortage of old growth timber, operators combined with machinery equipment to develop new lighter machinery for logging second growth timber and processing it at their plants. Planning committees on the county level have conducted research into the prospects for commercial thinning. Our plant at Heppner has conducted carefully controlled runs of 12" to 16" diameter logs to determine the effect on lumber grades and mill production. While our production dropped sharply and lumber grades were reduced to common grades instead of shop and select, it still appears that some improvements can be made in our sawmill to accommodate this material, and we have asked the Forest Service to consider sales of this material on the Heppner Ranger District. By combining material of this type with our own stands of old growth timber and the allowable cut of federally owned old growth timber in this area, we will be able to continue our sustained yield program and assure continued development of our mills at Heppner and Kinzua.

The Grant County planning commission has published a report showing that for every 17,500 acres thinned, an in-

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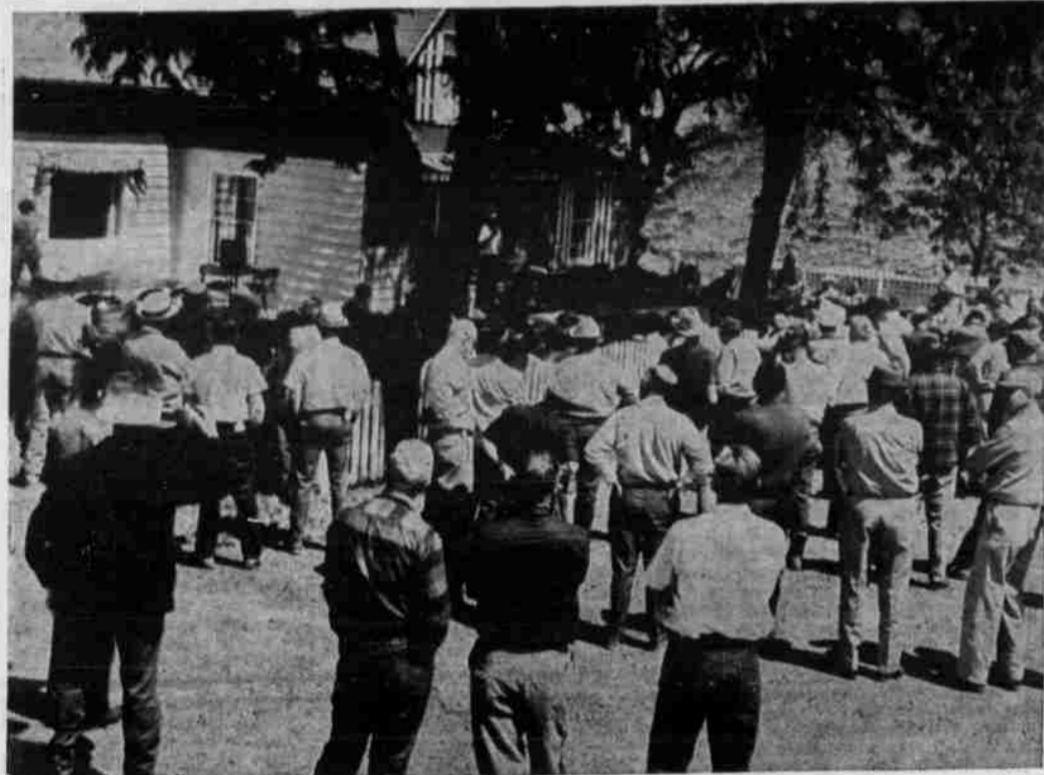
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SOME 200 PERSONS gathered at the Louis Carlson ranch last Wednesday at the annual State Conservation Field Day sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the John Deere Co. Carlson, chosen State Conservation Man after winning the county title last year, is visible at the right of the trees as he addresses the crowd from the porch of his home. (Picture courtesy East Oregonian by Virgil Rupp).

### Conservation Day Proves to be Perfect

From any angle, it was a perfect day. That's the report on the annual state Conservation Man of the Year Field Day which was held at the Louis Carlson ranch, 17 miles from Ione in the Valby district, last Wednesday. The Carlsons, winners of the state honor after their selection for the county conservation award last year, were "perfect" hosts; the weather was "perfect"; the food was served "perfectly" by the Willows Grange with Paul and Helen Pettyjohn of Ione providing for the free lunch; and everyone having anything to do with the event did a "perfect" job.

Probably a number of other towns were also represented by those who neglected to sign the book. Rain which fell the day before nicely settled the dust, and a nice bright day, with little wind, smiled on the crowd. They assembled around the Carlsons' home about 10:30 for the opening remarks with Bob Rietmann, president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers League, as master of ceremonies. Louis Carlson gave a short address of welcome and John Welbes, executive vice president of the Oregon Wheat League spoke on behalf of the Conservation Man selection committee on behalf of Charles Forman, winner of the state award the previous year, who was unable to attend because of illness. Ralph Richards represented the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district in a talk, and Don Robinson, representing the sponsoring John Deere Co., also spoke. Bill Hulse of Dufur, president of the Oregon Wheat League, also extended his congratulations to the Carlsons and spoke briefly.

At lunch time, the buffet was spread on two tables with two lines forming, and all were

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### Reitan Serves Lutheran Church

Mark Reitan of Richland, Wn., arrived in Heppner last week to assume pastoral duties at the Hope and Valby Lutheran churches during the summer months. Reitan attended school at California Lutheran college in Thousand Oaks, Cal., and more recently Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he has completed one year of studies. He will remain in Heppner throughout the summer and is replacing the Rev. Donald Pederson who recently moved with his family to Minnesota.

### Parents Decide To Expand PTA, Include Students

On May 27, 1968, a group of parents met in the high school cafeteria to discuss school issues and possible methods of improving our school program. The problem of communication between parents, students, and teachers was viewed with the idea that "Communication Takes Three"—parents, students, and teachers. A suggestion was made to the parents that the present PTA be expanded to the PTA (Parents, Teacher, Student, Association) and that this organization devote its meetings to frank and open discussions about problems of concerns, such as academic pressures, draft, college admissions, drinking, drugs, grading systems, popularity, sex, cars, school programs, and policies affecting student conduct.

Eight parents agreed to serve on a committee to begin preliminary steps to form such an organization. On the committee are Mrs. Jim Bloodworth, Earl Ayres, Mrs. Ernest McCabe, Mrs. Bob Jensen, Mrs. Garry Tullis, Mrs. Bud Marshall, W. W. Weatherford and Mrs. Bud Peck. This committee felt that a meeting should be scheduled this summer for all parents to discuss the formation of a PTA. In addition to this organizational meeting, the committee has prepared a questionnaire for parents and students about the revision of the student handbook. This questionnaire will be distributed at this meeting and discussions will be presented about the present handbook and areas of revision.

This meeting has been scheduled for June 26, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

### Getting Warmer

Temperature reached a new high for the season this week as the mercury hit 93 degrees on Sunday and on Tuesday with an 86 on Monday sandwiched in between. Rain didn't make an appearance this week. Don Gilman, official observer, reported that one night the temperature dropped to 38 degrees, that last Wednesday. Official report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	72	38	—
Thursday	70	43	—
Friday	74	45	—
Saturday	82	46	—
Sunday	93	55	—
Monday	86	55	—
Tuesday	93	54	—

### County Budget Aims at Economy; Some Costs Up

Although the Morrow county budget committee stressed economy in preparation of the 1968-69 county budget and the emphasis was to keep all non-essentials out, some costs will be increased by about \$28,000, going from \$318,014 to \$346,137. County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday that while the budget is within the 6% limitation and will not require a vote of the people, it is close to the 6% limit. "All offices were told to hold their requests to a minimum," the judge said. The fact that budget resources, other than taxes, are down by about \$50,000, is a big factor in the increase in the tax levy. Resources for 1967-68, other than taxes, were \$134,114. Those estimated for the coming year are placed at \$384,682. Actually, total budget requirements and general fund requirements for the coming year are both figured at less than those

for the current year. Total of all funds for 1967-68 is \$723,915 as compared with \$706,529 for the coming year. The general fund is down by just about \$300, going to \$245,514 for the coming year as against \$245,831 for the current year. Highlights Given While it is difficult to write in detail of all the county department's expenditures, following are some of the principal changes in the coming year's budget: It provides for a county watermaster, adding \$5000 to the budget. This was approved after the request was made by farmers for the service. Salaries of county officials were raised on the average of 4% to 5%. Several will receive raises of \$300 per year, including the sheriff, from \$6900 to \$7200; the clerk, from \$6900 to \$7200; the roadmaster, \$6900 to \$7200; and the judge, \$7800 to \$8100. The county treasurer's salary has been increased to \$5100



WAVING A GREETING to herald the coming of Fair and Rodeo season are the queen and princesses of the 1968 royal court in Morrow county in their first group photo. In the center is Queen Bernice Matthews of Ione. From left are Princesses Kathy Hinton, Boardman; Marcia Jones, Heppner; Sue Greenup, Lena; and Sheila Luciani, Lexington. Nice backgrounds for photos of the court were found at the Orville Cutsforth and Ed LaTrace places. (G-T Photo).

### Barbara Gribble Leaves by Airplane To Wed in Greece

Barbara Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble, whose scheduled departure was somewhat delayed Monday morning, finally got off the ground on the first leg of her journey to the beautiful capital city of Greece—Athens. Barbara, whose marriage to Airman First Class Larry Michael Derrick of Baker was to be performed this week in the Air Force Base Chapel in Athens, left Pendleton at 7:30 a.m. Monday. Her original flight scheduled to leave at 6:15 a.m., developed a leak in the oil line, and a Spokane flight was re-routed to pick up Pendleton passengers bound for Portland.

The late start from Pendleton gave her approximately five minutes to disembark from one plane in Portland, collect her baggage and catch her jet flight to New York, where she had a five hour layover. Her parents expected that she would be met in New York by Teresa Monahan who is currently there visiting relatives. She was scheduled to arrive at her destination about 3:45 p.m. Tuesday after brief stops in Paris and Rome to take on passengers. Barbara's mother explained that baggage was not really a problem on the trip as she was allowed only a mere 33 pounds of baggage, which meant that she took few personal possessions. The newly married couple will remain in Greece to live for the next two years while Derrick completes his term of military duty with the security police of the U. S. Air Force. At first they had planned to be married in July but later decided on the earlier date. Airman Derrick attended the University of Oregon prior to entering service. He spent two years with the Air Force in Korea before being assigned to Greece.

### Engineer, Court On Chamber Agenda

Dave Hall from the office of the State Engineer, Salem, will be the speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday in the Wagon Wheel Cafe. He will speak on the proposed Rhea Creek water project. On the ensuing Monday, July 1, Queen Bernice Matthews and princesses of the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo court will be guests of the chamber with Mrs. Archie (Dimple) Munken, chaplaine, also a guest.

### 2 New R-I Directors To Take Office July 1

When July 1 comes there will be two new members on the board of directors of the Morrow county school district. Dr. Wallace Wolff who was elected a director in the May 6 election will succeed Dr. L. D. Tibbles, representing the Heppner zone VII and Jerry Peck of Boardman will become director from zone I.

### Forest Service Sets Fire School At Tupper Center

Annual fire school for the southern half of the Umatilla National Forest will be at the Tupper Work Center on the Heppner Ranger District Monday through Thursday, June 24-27. W. S. (Sam) Miller, Heppner district ranger, announces. Some 100 men from the Dale, Ukiah and Heppner districts will take the training. These men comprise the personnel who will be working as lookouts, wardens, and other crew members for the Forest Service this summer. V. J. Hughes of Pendleton, who heads the fire staff, will be in charge of the training and Ranger Miller and Loren Luore, fire control officer here, are making arrangements.

The Heppner district is host for the guard school and instructors come from all the districts involved. In the past, state police have also participated in the training, and they have been invited to take part again, Miller said. Mrs. Elsa Leathers will once more serve as head cook for the men.

Most of the personnel for the summer has been hired, Miller said. Majority of the men are local but some come from more distant points. Lookouts haven't taken their stations as yet, but will go on duty after the fire school. Condition of the woods is drying again after the recent rains dampened the forests. Miller said that lack of heavy snows during the winter kept logs and other matter from getting soaked through, so that it will not take as long to bring on hazardous fire conditions when hot weather hits full force.

ular meeting in Lexington Monday night in order to be considered for a custodian-bus driver position at Riverside. His resignation is to be effective June 30. Later at the meeting he was hired for the new position upon recommendation of the advisory committee, beginning in the new budget year. Peck operates the Richfield service station at Boardman. He was recommended for the position by the advisory committee in the north end of the county, and the board appointed him with the term to start July 1.

In reorganizing the board for the coming year, Don McEilligott was re-elected chairman, serving his second year, and Maxwell Jones was elected vice chairman.

Announcement was made of the resignation of two teachers from the school system. Armin Freeman, counselor and special education teacher at Heppner Elementary school, resigned to accept a position elsewhere, and Paul Herbst, coach at Riverside, resigned to take a position as counselor and head basketball coach at Elmira.

Three Vacancies Remain Supt. Ron Daniels said that only two social studies positions and one first grade teaching position remained to be filled in the county. The two in social studies are at Heppner High and Riverside, and applications have been received for these positions. The first grade position is at Ione.

Daniels also said that 13 applications have been received for the position of district clerk, from which Mrs. Alice Vance has resigned.

On arrangement with the directors, Daniels will screen the applicants to three, after which the board will choose the clerk. Considerable discussion centered on the street between the junior high and elementary buildings at Heppner which poses a hazard to children crossing it. Daniels said that he had discussed the matter with Mayor W. C. Rosewall, who pointed

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### Survey Underway On Rhea Project

A crew of four men started work Monday on a preliminary survey of the proposed Rhea Creek water project. Dave Hall from the State Engineer's office, Salem, has been in Heppner working on arrangements prior to the survey.

The survey is funded through the Small Watersheds Act and it will seek to estimate water and sediment yield, do geological study work and check on possible sites for a dam. It was expected that the crew would be here about a week for the first part of the survey and then will return off and on at later periods.

Sites will be checked from Sanford Canyon on up Rhea Creek, Hall said. Request for the study was made by interested ranchers in 1965. The Rhea Creek project is proposed as multipurpose with irrigation, flood control, recreation and other benefits. If surveys should determine it feasible, a water control district would eventually be formed under the Small Watersheds Act.

The government would pay all the cost for the flood control feature and about half of that for irrigation and recreation, Hall said. Hall is scheduled to speak on the project at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday, June 24, in the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

### Rodeo Adds Event For Novice Riders

Novice bronc riding has been added to the list of rodeo events for the evening program on Saturday, August 24, the rodeo committee announces. This event is designed for young men just starting in the sport of rodeoing, including those going to college, as at Blue Mountain Community College. This event is sanctioned by the Northwest Rodeo Association, and will have a purse to be donated by an interested sponsor. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman of the Heppner Gazette-Times will give a silver trophy buckle to the winner. Charles Daly, vice chairman of the rodeo committee, states that some of the easier bucking horses will be selected from the rodeo stock for this event.