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Wednesday	82	45	—
Thursday	84	48	—
Friday	88	50	—
Saturday	93	55	—
Sunday	91	56	—
Monday	87	48	—
Tuesday	90	53	—

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Kinzua Corp. Mill Slashes Work Week to Four Days

A "draught in lumber consumption" has resulted in curtailing production at Kinzua Corporation's Heppner mill, the company's general manager said Tuesday.

Allen Nistad, head of the firm, said the mill is in its second week of operating four working days instead of five.

Fifty employees are affected by the curtailment, according to Kinzua officials.

Six men, three firemen and three watchmen, continue to work five days a week, Nistad said.

"Our mill, in line with other mills in the Northwest, is curtailing production," Nistad said. "We are on a four-day week at all our mills."

The curtailment is indefinite, the manager said.

Production at the mill, cut 20 per cent by the order, "is more in line with our shipments," Nistad noted.

Other mills throughout the Northwest have closed because of the lack of adequate markets, the company manager said.

"Our workers are part of us," Nistad said. "We owe it to our

workers to keep the mills working."

In making the announcement to workers at Kinzua, Nistad noted present housing demands in the country show an annual need for two and a half million housing starts.

"Starts are down to half that many," Nistad said. He said high interest rates made loans for building hard to get. Apartment building loans are the most difficult to get now, he noted.

At the Heppner plant, invent-

ory had gone up drastically, Nistad said, necessitating the curtailment.

The six firemen and watchmen have their week staggered to allow someone at the mill seven days a week, Nistad said. This is the same as before the curtailment.

Operations will be resumed to full production when shipments deem it necessary, the manager said.

The company's mill at Kinzua has been working on a four-day week also, Nistad said.



WHILE HIS "CUSTOMERS" wait, young Allen Burkenbine, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrie Burkenbine of Heppner, dips out a healthy scoop of ice cream for another free ice cream cone given away by Central Market during last weekend's Sidewalk Bazaar. Young Burkenbine, whose father is the store's manager, was kept busy Friday morning as large crowds and hot weather combined to make the free treat most welcome. Most stores reported good crowds during the two-day event, during which Mrs. Eva Griffith won a Polaroid camera in a raffle sponsored by the Morrow County Jaycees. (G-T Photo).

District School Board of Directors Names Teachers, Lets Bid Awards

Heppner High School officially has a new principal.

Jim A. Bier, a native of Eastern Oregon and for three years the vice-principal of Hermiston Senior High School, received final approval of the Morrow County School District R-1 board of directors at its meeting Monday night.

Bier had earlier accepted the contract, but it was subject to the board's approval.

Three other teachers for the county system were hired at the meeting. In other major business, fuel, bulk gasoline, bus service and contract bus run awards were made, and repair of the gym roof at Lexington was approved.

Besides Bier, teachers hired were Dennis Surmon, to teach band at Riverside High School; Karen McCurdy, to teach second grade at Ione; and William C. McLarty, to serve as counselor and English instructor at Riverside.

Surmon holds a B. A. from Oregon College of Education and will start at a salary of \$6,430. Miss McCurdy has a B. S. from Oregon State University, and will start at \$6,100.

McLarty has B. S. and M. Ed. degrees from Oregon State. He will start at \$8,540.

Bier has two degrees, a bachelor's and master's from Eastern Oregon College, and a master's from the University of Idaho. He will begin at \$12,775 annually.

Bid awards were given to Union Oil Co. for bulk gasoline, at a figure of \$2.28 per gallon at Heppner and Ione and \$2.24 per gallon at Boardman and Irigon.

Paul Pettyjohn Co. of Ione won the diesel fuel award, with a bid of \$1.45 per gallon.

A bid of \$3.92 per 42-gallon barrel delivered won the bulk fuel award for Western Fuel Co., Yakima, Wash.

Pettyjohn also won the anti-freeze award, with a bid of \$1.35 per gallon.

Bus service awards went to Wayne Kuhn's Union station in Boardman, to Lee's Texaco in Irigon and Ione Chevron in Ione.

Four different awards were made on contract bus runs. Bryce Keene, Ione, won the award for the Hoskins-Rhea Creek run with a bid of \$1,800.

Jim Barnett, with a bid of \$4,209, won the award for the Kinzer-Linnell run at Ione.

The Peterson-McElligott run went to Bob Peterson, who bid \$900.

Lois Hunt, who bid \$3,185.12, was awarded the Huber-Jepsen-Harrison run.

The directors authorized Keller's Roofing, Hermiston, to fix the roof at the district office in Lexington. The firm bid \$475. The gym is used for supply storage and by children during the winter months.

The board also decided to close the bridge over Hinton creek near the bus sheds in Heppner to vehicle traffic, allowing only pedestrian traffic.

In the superintendent's report, the directors heard Ron Daniels report on a bill passed in the last legislature that changes the title of superintendent to county clerk. Daniels now has the clerk title, but the duties will be retained by Mrs. Gail McCarty, who becomes deputy clerk.

Daniels also told the board of problems encountered at Riverside High School with the un-

derground irrigation system there. New board chairman Jack Sumner appointed himself, Irvin Rauch, Gerald Peck and Max Jones to meet on the problem.

A sand blow problem at the school has been turned over to the contractor, Daniels said.

In other action, the board: —designated the deputy clerk to be bookkeeper and sole signer of district checks.

—authorized personnel to order surplus property equipment.

—designated Mahoney and Abrams, Heppner, as the district's attorneys.

—designated the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the First National Bank of Oregon as district depositories for 1969-70.

—authorized the superintendent to apply for federal funds for summer programs and impact legislation funds.

—authorized a contract with Weatherill, Weatherill and Morrison as district auditors.

—authorized Daniels as the budget officer for 1970-71, and

—authorized the deputy clerk to borrow up to \$100,000 as needed.

Princess Janet Next for Honors

New to the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court, but well known by many residents of the county, is Princess Janet Palmateer of Ione. She has appeared with the court the past two weeks, replacing Joyce Howton, and already feels much at home with Queen Sheila Luciani and other princesses on the court.

Princess Janet will be honored at her own dance Saturday evening, July 26, at the fair pavilion, and invites her many friends to join her there. She is sponsored by Willows Grange of Ione.

Music for dancing will be furnished by the Spring Rain combo of Pendleton, from 9:30 to 1:00.

The attractive bright-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer has been enjoying a busy summer on the ranch of her parents north of Ione. There she has developed her talent in her favorite sport, horseback riding. She has been a member and leader of the 4-H riding club in Ione, and is a member of the Wranglers Riding club and served as pennant bearer.

For two years, 1967 and 1968, Princess Janet had the honor of being a princess on the Arlington rodeo court, and in her second year rode with the court in the Portland Rose Parade.

In public appearances she rides her favorite sorrel quarter horse, "Flicka".

The honor princess has attended grade and high schools in Ione, and graduated there with the class of 1968. She was a popular leader in school activities, and for three years was cheerleader. She entered Eastern Oregon College in La Grande last year and as a freshman was selected a varsity cheerleader.

Janet plans to return to EOC for her sophomore year and is enrolled in secretarial science courses.

Besides her parents, her family includes a younger brother, Ronnie.

Last of the princess dances, on Saturday, August 2, will honor Sherri O'Brien, and the Queen's Coronation and Dance for Sheila Luciani will be August 9. Rodeo dances are scheduled August 22 and 23.



PRINCESS JANET PALMATEER

County Fair Board Seeks Caretaker

With Morrow county's annual Fair and Rodeo less than a month away, the Fair's Board of Directors is in search of a caretaker.

That was one of the subjects discussed at the board's monthly meeting Monday night.

The caretaker would replace Wayne Harsin, who has submitted his resignation.

Other items discussed by the board will be brought before the rodeo board at the August meeting.

Firemen Find No Fire

Heppner's Rural fire department spent an hour Monday night looking for a fire but couldn't find one.

Sanford canyon rancher Bob Mahoney reported smoke on Ridge road on top of Heppner Flat about 8:45 p.m., but two pickups and the rural fire truck which went to the scene found no flames.

One pickup and the truck stayed out for an hour, then returned when they were satisfied there was no fire.

Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said the smoke Mahoney saw was from the Kinzua mill at Heppner, which sometimes hangs in canyons, causing alarm when it is seen.

Morrow county's grain harvest will reach its peak in about a week, with yields improving as higher elevations are harvested.

That's the situation this week, according to Morrow County Grain Growers' grain division manager Riley Munkers.

"We're getting going good all over," Munkers said Tuesday.

"Lexington is going real strong."

Yields are improving as more wheat is delivered to the Lexington elevators, Munkers said, after less satisfactory yields in the North Lexington area.

"We hope the average there will be 18 bushels per acre," he said. At Lexington, early reports show an average of 23 to 26 bushels per acre.

The county's first full-fledged

E-O Newspaperman To Visit Chamber

Jim Eardley, managing editor of The East Oregonian in Pendleton, will be the guest of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting next Monday.

Eardley's topic will be "How the Daily News Gets in Print." The meeting is at noon in the Wagon Wheel dining room.

potato harvest, at least in recent years, will get underway Monday at the Nelson-Tucker ranch in the county's north end.

The new date is four days earlier than previously planned, according to co-owner D. O. Nelson. Nine truck drivers will be employed to haul the potatoes to Hinkle for processing, Nelson said.

Defolating of the crop has been completed, thus clearing the way for the harvest.

Harvest will continue in the North Lex area for another two

to three weeks, Munkers said, but the area has passed its peak. One man will handle the load at the elevator there, instead of two.

Over 19,000 bushels of wheat were taken in at Lexington Monday, in addition to barley, Munkers said. At Ione, the cutting is just getting started.

Early deliveries of wheat have started at Ruggs, Munkers said, with preliminary reports showing good yields. Some farmers were expecting an average of 30 to 35 bushels per acre in that area, he said.

Little Leaguers Lose Pair

Failing to hold on to early leads, the Willow Creek Little League All-Stars dropped two games in the Little League district tournament in The Dalles last week.

The local crew fell prey to Jefferson County, 16-3, Saturday, after losing to Deschutes 12-4 on Thursday.

In the Saturday contest, Willow Creek led 2-0 through the third inning, but the Madras team scored three runs in the third to go ahead. Willow Creek tied the game up, but gave up three more runs in the fourth

and 10 in the fifth for the final margin.

Greg Christopherson and Joe Rietmann combined for the pitching chores, with Howard Green and Ray Curnutt doing the catching.

In the earlier contest, the local team stayed ahead 4-2 until the fifth, when Deschutes went ahead to stay. Willow Creek came back with a single tally in the sixth, but it was to no avail.

Jerry Gentry and Robby Eckman did the hurling for Willow Creek in the contest, with Green behind the plate.

Daniels Tells Chamber of School Law Changes

Two of over 600 bills passed by the 1969 legislature that affect schools in the state were explained Monday at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce by School District R-1 superintendent Ron Daniels.

The two bills approved were House Bill 1458, allowing changes in the existing Basic School Support Fund law, and Senate Bill 77, which provides for reorganization of Intermediate Education Districts.

The House bill, according to Daniels, increases the basic support funds by \$20 million. This will give Morrow county schools \$23,000 more annually than the existing law provides.

The second major change the bill provides is the reduction of

He said a major consideration the dollar amount set aside for the growth account of the basic support fund.

At present, some \$500,000 is carried over from this fund, and the new law would allow more distribution of funds in the year they were appropriated.

The bill also reduces equalization funds from the present level. Since Morrow county schools receive no equalization funds, this change also benefits the county system.

Daniels told the Chamber the original bill had also provided for a phase-out of state reimbursement for transportation funds, but that several superintendents had testified against the section, and that it was withdrawn.

School District R-1 receives from \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually for transportation, so this section's deletion also benefitted the county schools.

The Senate Bill, Daniels said at the meeting, provides for reorganization of the IED districts.

At present, Morrow county buys services from the Umatilla county IED, and the new law places the two counties in one district.

District R-1 directors can petition to remove Morrow county from the district, however, Daniels said.

"The Board of Directors is going to take a close look at the services available and the cost of going into the district with Umatilla county," the superintendent noted.

would be the fact that Morrow county has one-fourth of the land in Umatilla county, but only one-tenth the number of pupils. Thus, the local county share would be greater per pupil than would be Umatilla county's share.

The matter will be discussed, he said.

Speaking on district operations, Daniels said the district's auditor is now auditing the books. The district expects a \$32,600 balance from the 1968 fiscal year.

He also told of remodeling being done at Ione Elementary school and at Heppner Junior High school in an effort to bring them up to complete state standards.

Sweeney's 'Hizzoner'

Heppner has a new mayor, but he won't stay that way for long.

City Council chairman Jerry Sweeney is acting mayor while the real mayor, Bill Collins, takes a vacation in Kansas.

Collins is expected to return by August 1. Meanwhile, register your complaints with Hizzoner Sweeney!