

Kinzua Favors Balanced Use of Forest Lands

This is the talk given by Allen Nistad at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday noon.

Kinzua Corporation wishes to explain its position on the current Forest Service study of roadless areas. Twenty percent of the total lands within the National Forests of Oregon and Washington are included in this category. We enclose a brochure showing existing limited use areas in Northeastern Oregon and listing the undeveloped areas. We do not object to the Forest Service proposal to add eight Eagle Cap additions, totaling 58,830 acres, to the Eagle Cap Wilderness area of 221,056 acres. Other Wilderness areas in Northeastern Oregon are the Anthony Lakes study area and the Hells Canyon-Seven Devils area. Starting in 1964, the National Wilderness system has grown to approximately ten million acres.

Locally, the Umatilla National Forest has 21 areas under study, totaling 500,900 acres. This is 36 percent of the Umatilla National Forest. The Texas Butte and Kelly Prairie areas are listed but have not been named for study as Wilderness areas. We want to give you the economics of these two areas and our recommendations for development.

Texas Butte is a 11,600 acre parcel containing 10,735 acres of commercial forest land and 161 million board feet of timber volume. It is included in the Texas Butte Planning Unit and is presently receiving local study.

Kelly Prairie is a 10,000 acre parcel with 8,550 acres of commercial forest land and 85.5 million board feet of timber volume. The entire area is in the principal forest resource zone of the Heppner Ranger District.

These two areas are an important part of the Heppner Ranger District and contribute heavily to the allowable annual timber harvest of approximately twenty million board feet. Elimination of the two areas, by their inclusion in any national study, would mean a 20 percent reduction in the allowable annual timber harvest - or four million board feet. We have computed this loss to mean the elimination of 36 jobs in the local area - a payroll loss of \$360,000.00. Based on current stumpage payments, Morrow County's forest receipts would be reduced \$35,000.00 each year. In addition we compute the loss of 28 more jobs by reduction of plywood, particle board and paper byproducts from lumber production.

IN MAKING OUR RECOMMENDATION, we want to review our recent activities in forest management. We recently announced a watershed development program for 3,500 acres of Kinzua's forest land on Butte Creek, above the town of Fossil, Oregon. For two years, City, County, State and Federal agencies will assist us in studying and measuring quantity and quality of water flow, grazing capacity, game habitat and use, timber growth and recreational use. Following the study, the area will be logged in strict compliance with the Oregon Forest Practices Act, that has had the input of industry, local citizens, federal and state agencies, regarding the latest forest management techniques and environmental safeguards. Areas containing heavy brush cover for game habitat will be left undisturbed. Following logging, the entire watershed will receive further thinning, reseeded and stream improvement work. All temporary roads will be reseeded and taken out of use. Campgrounds will be provided at entrances to the area and the balance of the land will be closed to camping. Results of the project will be carefully monitored and reported to the public.

For the past two years, we have been cooperating with the State Forestry Department and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Morrow, Grant and Wheeler counties in range rehabilitation work, water development programs, tree planting and tree thinning projects. Experience gained by State forestry crews, prompted them to seek additional work of this nature from the National Forests. Recently, it was discovered that federal regulations prohibit the contracting with States for work of this nature. Representative Al Ullman has introduced H.B. 12357, co-sponsored by Rep. Wendell Wyatt and Rep. John Dellenback, to allow contracts of this nature. Passage of the bill would mean that badly needed improvement programs could commence on Federal lands with resultant increased employment opportunities for our young people. We urge you to write to Rep. Ullman in support of this legislation.

IT IS OUR BELIEF that we can reconcile the needs of the environment to the need for jobs. Kinzua has always opened its lands to the public for recreational use and the Game Commission and Fish Commission have free access and permission to employ their management techniques. This past year, our company set new all time records in the following categories:

- Employment - 396.
- Payrolls - \$3,387,563.76
- Contractors - \$700,739.12
- Total payrolls - \$4,088,302.88
- Property Taxes - \$175,044.36
- Severance Taxes - 46,694.90
- Total Tax Payment - \$221,739.26

From now on, for the next ten years, there will be fifty percent more job-seekers on the labor market each year. Locally, a great need for jobs exists. This past week, the average insured unemployment figure for Feb. 1972 for Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Northern Wheeler counties was announced at 11.2 percent - compared to the state average for the same period of 6.8 percent. Our investment of over two million dollars in new plant and equipment at Heppner will provide seventy new employment opportunities for young people of this area. This opportunity, along with our present investment and employment opportunities, would be put in jeopardy by the inclusion of Texas Butte and Kelly Prairie in any national study.

TO SUM UP, we have outlined the type of local participation and cooperation desirable on Texas Butte and Kelly Prairie. We favor full input from every concerned citizen and group of citizens interested in the proper management of our forests for water, wildlife habitat, recreation, forage, and commercial timber harvest. We do not favor inclusion of these two areas in any national study that would have a disastrous effect on our local economy through loss of the resultant tax shifts.

Little League Still Breathes

At a special meeting Tuesday night 25 people attending decided to keep Willow Creek Little League alive.

Elected were Pat Wanser, president; vice president is Ray Boyce. Marv Sumner is secretary-treasurer. Dan McBride and Larry Heath will coach one of the teams. Dennis Martin will head up the umpires. Another meeting will be Mar. 28. Hope to get started soon after with actual practice.

Landfill Meeting

Mayor Bill Collins called a special council meeting Monday for a joint get together with the area landfill committee and two State people. The committee is composed of the mayors of Heppner, Lone and Lexington, Judge Jones for the County, a representative of the U.S. Forest Service, all of whom would expect to use the facility of a new landfill in a cooperative manner.

Several tracts in different locations have been looked at before they could be purchased, approval would be required by the State Dept. of Environmental Quality. The committee was formed last year. Group Monday discussed requirements and standards laid down by the State. Other tracts will be inspected. Civil Aeronautics people cancelled out use of a proposed landfill site adjacent to Lexington airport for fear of danger to planes from swarms of birds. This proposed site had been looked upon with great favor as it is centrally located in regard to the three towns to be served. Committee hopes to secure a good site in the near future.

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Search Is On For 'Father of The Year'

Oregon CowBelles are organizing their pusses to find the most wanted man in Oregon, "the 1972 Father of the Year", according to Mrs. James Lyons, State Chairman. Mrs. Lyons went on to say that the Oregon CowBelles annually sponsor this activity along with the Oregon Beef Council to recognize one of Oregon's outstanding fathers.

Morrow County, as every county in the state, is eligible to send their entry or candidate for consideration for this distinctive honor. The winner receives an all-expense trip to Portland, press conference, T.V. appearance, \$100.00 worth of Beef Certificates, and is hosted by a number of Portland's civic clubs. A \$25 cash prize will be given to the youth group submitting the winning entry.

Any youth or adult organization is eligible to submit an entry, Mrs. Lyons stated, but she emphasized that all entries must be submitted to the Morrow County CowBelles by April 15, 1972. Entry blanks are available from the County Extension Office and the Gazette Times. Complete instructions are supplied with entry forms.

The local CowBelles will judge entries and send the winning Morrow County entry to Mrs. Lyons by May 1, 1972, for consideration in determining the state winner. The organization submitting winning Morrow County entry will receive \$10.00, and the local winner will be honored with an annual community barbecue. If two organizations nominate the winner, the \$10 will be received by the organization submitting the earliest entry.

The State Father of the Year will be announced in June.

Beef promotion is one of the main objectives of the program along with recognizing Oregon's Father of the Year, Mrs. Lyons concluded.

MARCH 17 - AND MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH ALWAYS BE WITH YE!



THE FIRST STEP in the easy and entirely harmless giving of blood by a healthy person is shown by Pat Wanser. He is at the first table where the receptionist takes down his name and other historical data. The Bloodmobile will be in Heppner April 4.

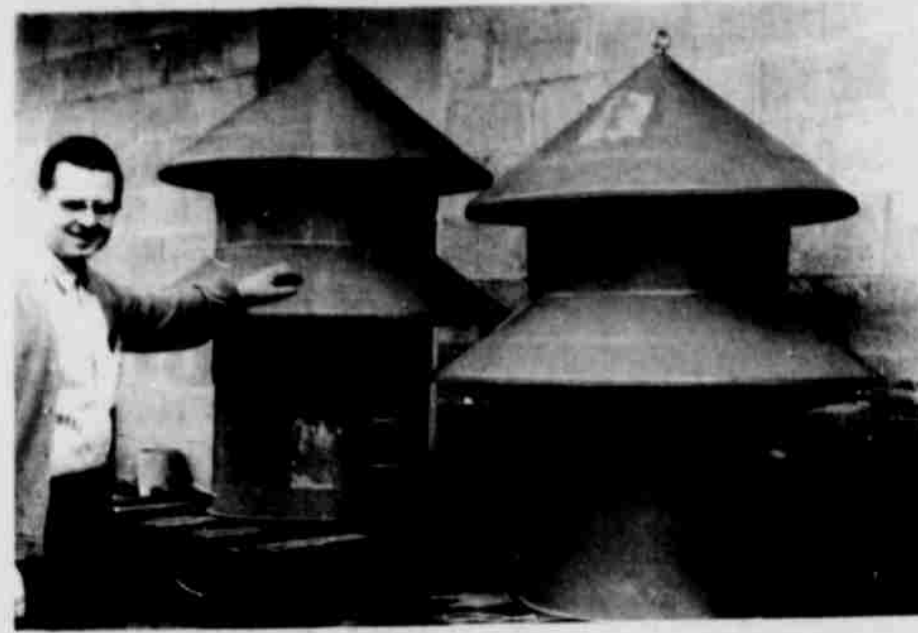
CLEO SIMPSON suffered painful bruises Friday when run over by his own car. He was working in the yard when the car apparently slipped its brake and headed for Hill Street.

WEATHER

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Wednesday	50	29	
Thursday	53	29	
Friday	66	42	
Saturday	64	44	.06
Sunday	60	46	.21
Monday	58	46	.61
Tuesday	59	35	

Amount of rainfall recorded for the May, 1971 flood was .53.

New Sirens Being Erected



Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine described the Tuesday siren tests as a success. He says when all three sirens sound at once, the sound will amplify. He believes the warning sound will cover the entire town. One of the new sirens will be located near the swimming pool. The downtown siren will remain where it is and the north end siren will probably be in the vicinity of Becker's Machine Shop. The sirens sound in cases of flood, earthquake or other disaster. The horn sounds for fires.

Loft's Electric and Columbia Basin Electric are helping with the installation. The civil defense sirens are war surplus values at \$3200. Only cost to Heppner was cycle charge of about \$250.

Lone Principal Rejects Contract

Dennis Brandon, principal at Lone for the past two years has rejected his contract for next year. He is looking for another position and notified the board at this early date to allow them time to find a replacement.

Following the Monday evening budget hearing at which no delegation appeared for or against the budget, the total budget requirements were established as \$1,603,533. The amount outside the 6 percent limitation is \$938,145.

The first publication of election notice will be printed in the G-T on Mar. 16, the second publication on March 23 and the election on the amount outside the 6 percent limitation will be April 3.

Mr. Daniels announced that four teachers are retiring at the end of this year, Alena Anderson, Heppner; Gladys Ely, Lone; Lester Leroux, Riverside and Zoe Billings, Iririgon. Also retiring this spring are Mike Matthews, custodian at Lone and Ida Coleman, cook at Lone.

Two leaves of absence were granted. One was to Marion Abrams beginning with spring vacation. Mrs. Abrams will complete her requirements

for her degree by doing her student teaching at Hermiston spring term. Kathy Wahl will finish out the year here as teachers aide. The second leave was granted to Katherine Hoskins.

Ed Hiemstra was voted a one-year contract without coaching duties. Robert Smith architect from Ontario was given a three year extension on his contract to serve the district. He serves on a no building-no pay basis as long as he is retained as the district's architect.

The board heard the Fire Marshal's report which Mr. Daniels said was "the best one we've ever had". There were fewer large items in this year's recommendations.

BOARD & ADVISORY VACANCIES
The board would encourage anyone interested in the education program to consider filing to serve as a member of the school board or the Advisory Committee in his or her area.

The 3 year terms of Pauline Winter and Jack Sumner both expire this June. Both have filed to succeed themselves. The petitions for these positions may be secured from the district office. Twenty-five signatures are required and the petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. on Mar. 31.

On the Heppner-Lexington Advisory committee, the terms of Albert Wright, Judy Buschke and Virginia Grieb expire. Albert Wright is not planning to refile. There is a petition out for Ron Haguewood for his position. Judy is expected to file for the one-year term and Virginia Grieb is expected to file.

Ione Advisory Committee has one vacancy that of Cecil Jones. He doesn't plan to file.

VACANCIES
Those terms of Kenneth Broadbent and John Matthews are expected to refile. Johns terms is for one year. Kenneth Lamb does not plan to refile.

Petitions for these positions may be picked up at any of the schools. Ten signatures are required and they must be filed by 4 p.m. Mar. 31.

Mr. Daniels reported that the District's Title II application has been approved for the Library. The district received \$1805 this year. This is clear funds and no matching funds are required. Principal Don Bier reported that the football field had been leveled. The dirt on top has been bladed out. Fertilizer has been applied. Reseeding is expected to be finished this week. Baseball practice is being held on the Lexington field and the season's earlier games may be played there.

Mr. Bier also reported on Heppner's Ecology Week

April 4 to 7. Field trips are planned to local areas. Because of the jump in insurance rates, a movement is underway to provide a state wide insurance program. This could drop the rates as much as 40 percent.

In regard to the joining the Intergovernmental unit, Mr. Daniels was advised by Judge Jones to defer action until the walk-out of Umatilla County is resolved. The board agreed to bring it up again some time when Judge Jones can be present to answer questions.

Request for an unscheduled Field Trip to Portland by the French class was refused due to improper procedures and asked that it be submitted to appear on the agenda for the April meeting.

A letter from Merlyn Robinson was voted to become part of the minutes of the meeting. The point was made by the board that no official action is taken at an executive meeting. Action is taken only at an open meeting. All school board meetings are open to the public.

The next regular board meeting will be April 17 at 8 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Fine Performance Given by Heppner High Choir

The Heppner High School Choir participated in the Small School Choir Festival on March 7 held at the Hermiston Jr. High School. The choir, 27 members, sang two songs: "My Dearest, My Fairest" by Purcell, and "Sunshine in My Soul" by Coates, as well as three songs as part of the massed choir. The choir was one of four groups selected to perform individually in the assembly given for the student body in the afternoon. The judge, Dr. Lynn Bishop of E.O.C., commented especially about the choir's fine overall balance and its good precision and rhythmic feel. According to the choir's director the group gave a very fine performance and had an enjoyable time as well as a real learning experience. Per Walthinsen is the director.

Sopranos - Kathy Arrington, Lynda Baker, Shannon Kelly, Lolita Marquardt, Sheryl Massey, Lisa McCabe, JoLynn Morris, Diana Raymond, Barbara Sherman, Linda Shuman, Marie Shuman.

Altos - Kristi Haguewood, Susan Healy, Pat Hughes, Billie June Marquardt, Glenn McLaughlan, Diane Mills, Robana Riddle, Janet Gentry, Michele Evans.

Tenors - Andy Johnson, Jack Unrein, Richard Wadholm.

Basses - Rick Drake, Don Papineau, Steve Rhea.

Lone Creates City Planning Commission

LONE-The Lone City council met March 7. The first reading of a city ordinance for creating a City Planning Commission was read. The second reading will be on March 28 at 8:00 p.m.. The public is urged to attend.

Parade Theme Is Centennial Reflections

There were many more parade theme suggestions submitted this year than in any of the last two years.

The Scriptorist vote went to "Centennial Reflections" submitted by Ida Farra. This will give a wide range of float possibilities from the hilarious to the sublime. Every organization is urged to start now planning to enter. Individuals and families too. This includes kids and families, bikes and pets, cowboys, comics, cowgirls, trikes, cars and corgis.

The court didn't feel there was enough use of the road to make it a county road but felt the portable rock crusher could probably be moved in to a crusher site as long as clean gravel wasn't required. Judge Jones added "If we can find the time". Mr. Bond said they needed about 5 miles gravelled.

Mr. Bond thanked them for the oiled road to the compressor station at Lone which is on a county road. He also asked about land fill facilities that they might use.

Three Plays In One at Heppner High Tonight

The Heppner Drama Club will present three one-act plays tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the Heppner High School Cafeteria. Included are three flavors; a drama, a comedy and a fairy tale. The dramatic one is "The Frosted Glass Coffin" directed by Dennis McKay the comedy, "The Proposal" directed by Jane Rawlins and the fairy tale, Rumpelstiltskin, directed by Liz Abrams.

A preview of the coming attraction, "The Proposal" will be played at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner Scriptorist Club Thurs. noon.

Go early for a good seat.

Board Positions Up for Grabs

Two County School Board positions and several Advisory Committee positions will be open in the Morrow County School District at the end of this year.

Directors whose terms expire this year are Jack Sumner from Zone V and Pauline Winter from Zone VI. Both positions will be for 4 year terms and anyone interested in being a candidate for these positions should contact the school district office in Lexington, or Mr. Bier at Heppner High School to obtain a petition. Twenty-five signatures are required on the petitions.

Advisory Committee positions open are Cecil Jones, Ione, Albert Wright, Heppner, Virginia Grieb, Heppner, Kenneth Broadbent, Boardman and Kenneth Lamb, Iririgon, for three year terms. Judy Buschke, Heppner and John Matthews, Iririgon, for one year terms. Ten signatures are required on the petitions.

Any person interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions should contact the local school principal or the school district office for a petition.

All petitions must be filed in the school district office in Lexington not later than 4:30 p.m., on Friday, March 31, 1972.

Register For Drawing

The Morrow County Grain Growers big free drawing is to be Saturday draw. You're invited to register now. Prizes are a half inch drill press for first prize. 2nd is 500 gallons of gas. And third is a 9 piece Revere Ware set.

Court OK's Soil Maps For County

Gar Swanson and Dale Boner met with the Court March 8 in the interests of the new soil maps for the county. The Court authorized the printing of the 4-color coded maps which will show irrigation suitability of Morrow County Soils. The maps will cost \$1425 for 500 copies. A total of six hundred dollars is being donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Columbia Basin, Morrow County Grain Growers, First National Bank and Umatilla Electric.

Gar said the Port was interested in going half with the Court on the balance upon which the Court agreed.

Ways of distributing the expensive document have not yet been decided upon. It may be sold for as much as \$5.00 a set.

John Phillips, Portland, was interviewed for the position of Morrow County planner. Funds for the 8-month position are available under an Emergency Employment Act grant.

Because the county has no private enterprise to supply rock and gravel, the county's portable rock crusher is used to supply rock and may be used to provide short hauls.

Chet Bond of Pacific Gas appeared at the Court session Wed. relative to the condition of the road to their micro wave tower on Gleason Pk. The Umatilla County IED has an educational TV installation there and Columbia Basin reads meters up there.

Judge Jones told him about plans for sites being investigated which must meet the approval of the Environmental Control board. Plans at one time called for a site that could be used by the towns of Lexington, Heppner, Lone and the County. Long distance hauling is not feasible.

New Rules Listed for Forest Lands

Mar. 9, 1972 - The State Board of Forestry approved a newly-revised draft of proposed regulations governing forestland operations under the 1971 Forest Practices Act at its March 8 meeting in Salem.

The revisions came as a result of some 2,000 copies of the rule proposals which had been sent to interested parties throughout the state.

The rules will now receive a final public airing at a hearing to be scheduled in Salem during the later part of April. Following any further revisions which may result from the hearing, the Board will give its final approval at its June meeting, and the rules will go into effect as law on July 1.

The regulations specify minimum standards for five major areas of forest practice including reforestation, timber harvest road construction maintenance application of chemicals, and slash disposal. Three separate sets of proposals were developed to meet the regional conditions in northwest, southwest and eastern Oregon. Their purpose is to provide protection for all forestland resource values.

In further business the Board authorized the State Forestry Department to proceed in developing administrative rules which will control the use of motorized vehicles on state forestlands. With the increase in use by the public of state forest roads, and particularly in the off-road use of motorcycles, there have been problems with soil erosion and other damage in some areas. Proposals which have been suggested would regulate but not ban such use of public lands.