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Boardman potato plant construction to begin

BOARDMAN - Construction will begin this week on the \$1,850,000 frozen french fried potato processing plant at the Port of Morrow east of here. The new facility will be leased by Gourmet Foods Products Inc., Metolius, Ore., and will employ about 175 workers by September.

The facility is being financed through a Port of Morrow 25-year revenue bond

issue which was purchased this week by Foster and Marshall, Inc., Seattle. Robert O. Yeasting, vice president, said there will be an approximate \$3,400,000 bond issue for plant construction and \$1,450,000 for the cold storage facility.

The bonds will pay an interest rate of approximately 6.25 per cent.

Gourmet Food Products

Inc., will own the food processing equipment and lease the cold storage building and freezing tunnel from Techbuilt Corp., a Bellevue firm.

Norman Hyder, president of Gourmet Food Products, said the firm already owns a plant near Madras producing french fried and hash brown potatoes.

He said the second plant was

needed because of increased demand and predicted the Hermiston area will continue to grow as a potato producer.

Gourmet will buy potatoes from local growers in the Hermiston-Boardman area and contracts have already been negotiated for 24,000 acres.

Jim Fitzgerald, president of Techbuilt, said their employees will build the freeze tunnel and cold storage plant.

GREENFIELD GRANGE HAS SOME GUESTS

Greenfield Grange met at the hall Saturday at 4 p.m. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Bud Biggerstaff from Cold Springs Grange at Pendleton and Mrs. Charlie Wicklander from Russellville Grange in Portland.

In the absence of Nathan Thorpe, grange master, Andrew Skiles, overseer, presided at the meeting. Mary Lou Daltoso was voted in as a new member. Initiation ceremonies will be held at the next meeting, Feb. 16.

During the lecturer's hour Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen showed slide pictures of their recent trip to Hawaii. A potluck supper was held following the meeting.

There were six tables of pinochle in play at the card party held last week at the Greenfield Grange Hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. Larry Phillips was hostess. High prize was won by Mrs. Ed Kuhn and low went to Mrs. Pete Peterson. Faye Anderson and Mrs. Jessie Hartfield received the traveling pinochle prizes.

Mrs. Arnie Hug has returned home after a month's visit during the holidays at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wirt, in Mt. Shasta, Ca.

Mrs. Charlie Wicklander of Portland is here for a two-week visit at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tatone.

Kenneth Babick of West Linn was a visitor one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andereg of Pendleton were Sunday visitors at the home of Andereg's sister, Mrs. Walter Wyss.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball went to Pendleton Sunday afternoon to visit at the home of Ball's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ball.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen, and children, Stacie, Stuart, Stephanie and Scott of Weston.

Mrs. Frank Marlow was in Pendleton Friday and Saturday visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Thomas.

Port asks for sewer service

By MARY LEE MARLOW

The Port of Morrow passed the following resolution at a special meeting last week:

WHEREAS, the Port of Morrow is in the process of issuing revenue bonds for the construction of a food processing plant; and

WHEREAS, the necessary Department of Environmental Quality permits are required for sewage disposal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boardman intends to improve and expand its treatment facilities, and desires to include service to the Port of Morrow's Food Processing Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Boardman be asked to include domestic sewer services to the Food Processing Park in its system and complete the essential facilities to the port properties on, or before, July 15, 1974, with any necessary agreements to be completed on or before Feb. 20, 1974.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is endeavoring to have the City of Boardman handle all domestic waste in its area. The port commission also voted to hold port options open to

Mrs. Robert Tavares of Sacramento, Ca., is here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Seehafer.



Torn up roadbed on Highway 207.

County roads in bad shape

Melting snow and ice has played havoc with a number of Morrow county roads.

Many roadways were frozen under the paved portion, and the sudden thaw caused them to break up, making travel dangerous. In some instances, roads are impassable.

In many parts of the county motorists must leave the paved section of the road and continue along the shoulder to avoid potholes in the pavement from two to three feet deep.

"Rough pavement" signs are in place from Lexington to

the Boardman turnoff, a distance of 20 miles. Although not all the pavement is broken up, much of it will have to be replaced.

One long-time resident observed, "How can you expect the roads to withstand today's traffic when they were built 40 years ago with the Model T in mind?"

Base Line Road undergoes repair almost every year, when weather permits. Most repair work cannot be completed until the early part of summer. In the meantime, the most hazardous holes are filled with rock and sand to permit traffic, but the real repair work is seldom completed before harvest time.

Last Wednesday, Bill Weatherford, school bus driver, could not complete his normal route and had to stop and turn his bus around about four miles from the end of his route. Parents of children in that area had to transport their children to the waiting bus.

As of Monday, Highway 74 was passable except for potholes in many parts of the highway. Highway 207 is on

Lexington to the Pendleton turnoff is in poor shape. Base Line Road is completely "busted up" and Sand Hollow Road to the Myers property has been closed. Portions of Butter Creek Road are broken up.

Most residents view the matter without complaint. "After all," one said, "those roads have been in worse shape in years gone by."

Navy Ensign Danny L. Clarkson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Clarkson of Boardman, has completed Environmental Indocination School at Pensacola, Fla.

Future Pirates at play

The Future Pirates basketball teams from 3rd through 6th grade of A.C. Houghton School meet at Riverside High gym at 10 a.m. each Saturday for a practice session lasting until noon. They had their first practice Saturday.

There are intermural games each weekday at 12 noon. Parents or interested people may attend at the Irrigon gym, located in the old school.

The boys basketball teams are Celtics, Blazers, Sonics and Lakers. Grade school girls play volleyball every third day. Their teams are the Comets, Jets and Stars.

Cafeteria menus for the Riverside Junior-Senior High School for the week of Jan. 28-Feb. 1 are as follows:

MONDAY-Hamburger, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread and butter and cake.

TUESDAY-Chili and crackers, green salad, apple-sauce and corn bread.

WEDNESDAY-Baked Potatoes, cheese sauce, buttered carrots, fruit and bread and butter.

THURSDAY-Beef stew, bread and butter and dessert.

FRIDAY-Potato soup, chicken sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches and dessert.

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