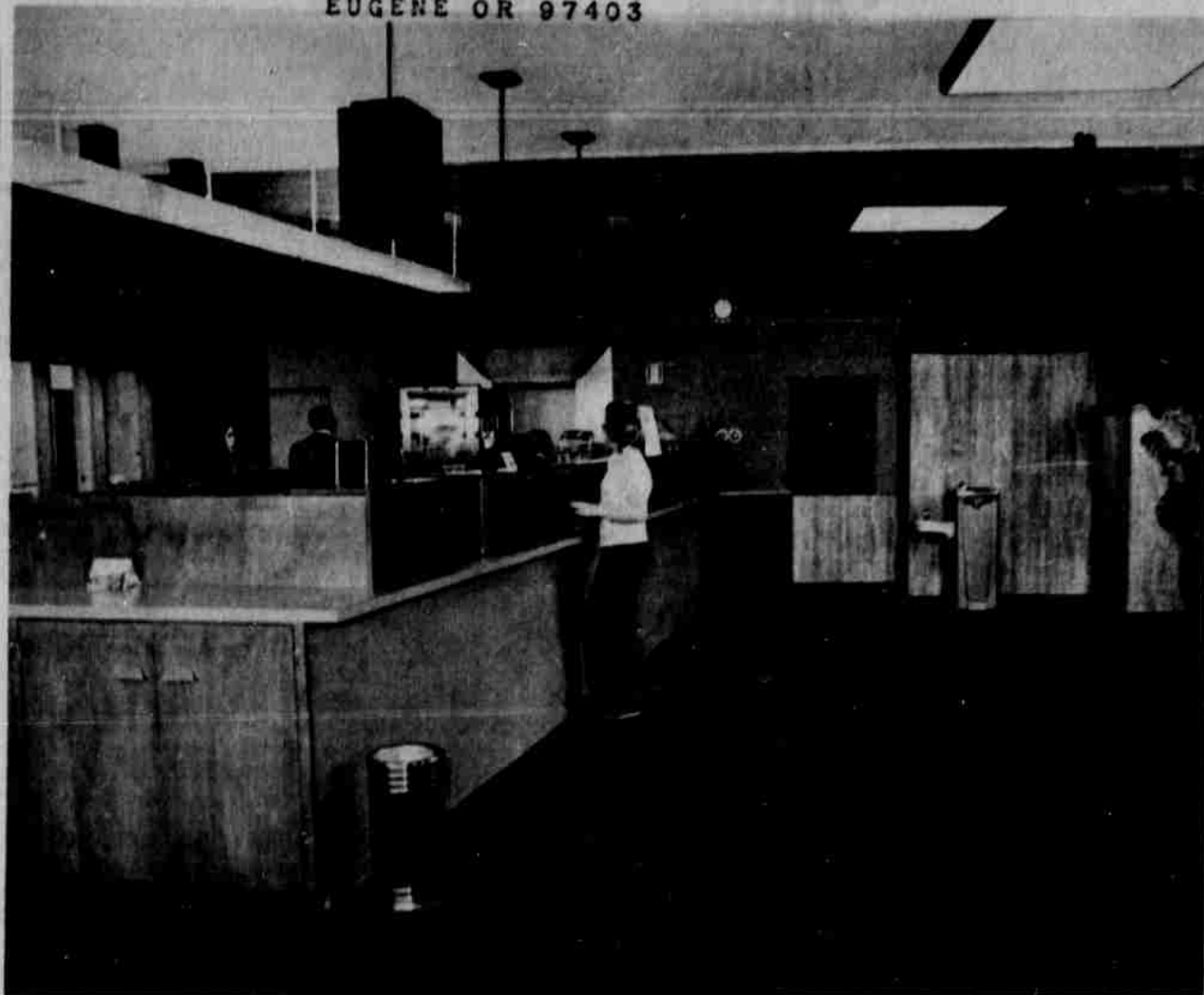


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COLORFUL, SPACIOUS LOBBY of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, with teller windows at left and drive-in facility at right rear.

Sixty-six years of progress, from humble beginning to a leader in the timber industry, will be reflected in the formal opening of Kinzua Corporation's new headquarters building and plywood plant to be held here Friday, March 14.

From 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Kinzua personnel will be showing off one of the most modern and unique office buildings in the area, and conducting tours through the newly completed plywood plant that is already operating at near capacity. Monte Stookey will be in charge of the organized tours. Allen Nistad, assistant secretary and general manager for Kinzua, has issued an invitation to schools in the area to contact the office and arrange for tours through the busy plant during working hours.

throughout, with recessed lighting, custom-designed furniture, and is airconditioned. The 4,000 square foot building has eight private offices for executives, conference rooms, lounges for men and women employees, and separate departments for personnel, payroll, accounting and reception. The interior stresses the use of wood products and harmonizing colors.

Visitors will be able to visualize the 10-year landscaping plan which is already taking shape. When completed, the area will reflect the company's concern for natural growth and quality environment.

The modern plywood plant turned out 2,445,000 units of 3/4 board last week. The goal of the plant operations manager,

Open house Friday

Kinzua's \$10 million plant open to public

There will be 5-minute movies of Kinzua's new tree harvesting machine, and R. A. Chambers, general contractor for Evergreen Terrace, a Kinzua-sponsored housing development, will be on hand to explain the project and to answer questions from visitors.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

The modern headquarters building is made of larch wood diagonal siding manufactured by Kinzua. It was designed by Architect Richard Unruh of the architectural firm of Moreland-Unruh-Smith, Eugene. The building is carpeted

Harry Kennison, is 2,500,000 units a week, which is near capacity for two-shift working crews.

Much of the wood chips, a big item in the overall Kinzua operation, is shipped to mills to be used in the manufacture of paper. The biggest customer for chips for paper-making is Japan.

"I have been asked many times," Nistad said, "what prompted Kinzua Corporation to move its operation to Heppner. We surveyed every town in this area, and we concluded that Heppner was a town that got things done when

it set its mind to it. We noted that when the hospital is in trouble, people rally to save it. We noted that when the city's water supply proved inadequate, something was done about it. When it wanted a Lake Penland, it went out and got it. We like that spirit, and that's why we are here."

Kinzua too, "puts its money where its mouth is." As of Jan. 1, 1974 the assessed valuation of its Heppner properties was listed on Morrow County tax rolls at \$4,972,480. An additional \$5,193,677 was reported to the taxing authorities on Jan. 1, 1975, making a total investment of \$10,166,157. Current construction at the mill will bring the total investment here to \$11,000,000 by 1976.

The economic impact of the Heppner properties on the town and surrounding area is apparent. Kinzua hires 345 persons and has an annual payroll of \$3,500,000. U. S. Chamber of Commerce studies show that when 300 new jobs are created in a community, 204 new jobs are generated in retail, professional, construction, finance and personal services firms in the immediate community. USCC figures also show that each 100 new manufacturing employees adds \$365,000 annually to be distributed among local stores. This means that the Heppner area is enjoying an infusion of more than \$1,600,000 annually into its stores and businesses.

The Kinzua operation was founded in 1909 by E. D. Wetmore of Warren, Pa. Wetmore rode by horseback through the Kinzua, Oregon, area and purchased 50,000 acres of timberland from homesteaders. In later years he donated a large tract of virgin pine forest for Shelton State Park on State Highway 19 in memory of his first timber cruiser.

In 1953 the operations were purchased by Pacific Northwest lumbermen, including E. W. Stuchell and Harry Stuchell of Everett, Wa., and Max Wyman, David Wyman, H. J. O'Donnell, Bryant Dunn, Raleigh Chinn and Alvin Schwager, all of Seattle.

The Kinzua townsite, railroad and mill was constructed in 1927. During the period 1930-1950 the tree farm was expanded and an extensive road system was constructed by the

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School budget vote March 18

The \$2,272,309 Morrow County School budget will go to the voters on March 18. Candidates seeking election to the Morrow County School Board and to local advisory committees will also be voted upon at this time.

Those wishing to vote in Heppner should vote at Heppner Elementary School. Polling places in Ione, Lexington, Boardman and Irrigon will be the schools in each of the respective communities. Candidates for Morrow

Open house for Bank of Eastern Oregon

The remodeled and expanded Bank of Eastern Oregon will observe open house Friday, March 14, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. to show off its new Heppner facilities.

The day-long affair will feature a branding iron ceremony in which Eastern Oregon cattle brands will be burned into 8-inch blocks of wood by Monty Evans for later display in the bank lobby. Brand owners are invited to bring their irons to the bank for this occasion. Each owner participating will receive \$5 as a donation to his favorite charity.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day, and visitors will be given tours of the bank's departments. Paintings by Mabel Krebs of Cecil will also be on display in the lobby. Door prizes will also be given.

Renovation of the bank began Aug. 15, 1974 and was accepted on Jan. 10, 1975 by the general contractor, Dale Elliott of The Dalles, and by the architect, Gerald Mosman of the firm of Gessel, Smith & Mosman, Walla Walla, Wa.

A new addition was constructed on the south side of the original building, 100 by 25 feet in size. A 20x30-foot addition was built at the rear of the building to be used as a storage room, along with new lounges, kitchen facilities and a board of directors conference room. The additions more than doubled the floor space.

The first drive-in bank window in Morrow County was opened for service last month. The employee lounge and its kitchen facilities will be made available for public meetings, according to President Gene Pierce. It has an outside exit to eliminate interference with bank operations.

The building, of brick and masonry construction, is fireproof. The decor is yellow, beige and brown, reflected in ceiling-to-floor draperies, carpeting and accessories. Modern recessed lighting is used throughout. A conference room with private telephone is added for the convenience of patrons requiring privacy. A built-in communications system provides background music.

Heppner now has the only full-service bank in Morrow County, completed at a cost of \$130,000. The original bank was formally opened in December, 1957, a 36x74-foot brick and masonry structure costing \$80,000. It boasted deposits of

\$2,082,991.79 and total resources of \$2,323,473.40. The Dec. 31, 1974 statement of condition showed deposits of \$13,395,149.94 and total resources of \$14,537,626.82.

Today's bank officers are Gene Pierce, president and cashier; Bill Lande, assistant cashier; and Pat Gentry, assistant cashier. Howard Bryant is chairman of the board of directors and Dave Childs, Arlington, is vice-chairman.

The bank originally opened March 3, 1945 as the Gilliam County Bank at Arlington. Its first president was Dave Lemon, still a member of the board. John Krebs, Cecil, was on the original board of directors, and still serves. In 1957 the name was changed to Bank of Eastern Oregon, the same year the Heppner branch was opened. In 1959 the branch at Ione was added. June Crowell is now manager of the Ione bank. Jim Green was vice-president and manager of the Arlington facility.

The original bank in Heppner actually opened Aug. 10, 1957 in temporary quarters of the Empire Machinery Company on North Main Street. The staff consisted of Pierce, manager; the late William F. Siewert, assistant manager; Marion Green, teller; and Mona Howard, bookkeeper. Officers at that time were Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington, president; L. B. Buchner, Arlington, vice-president and cashier; and D. L. Lemons, Mel Brady, Arthur Hoag, John Krebs, all Arlington; Arthur Allen, Boardman, Gar Swanson, Ione, and Frank Anderson and Howard Bryant, Heppner, directors.

Today's officers, other than those previously listed, are James F. Green, president and manager, Arlington office; Rodney Linnell, assistant cashier, Arlington office. Directors are John W. Krebs, D.L. Lemon, A. David Child, all Arlington; Howard Bryant (chairman), R. B. Ferguson and Pierce, all Heppner; Garland Swanson, Ione, Arthur A. Allen, Boardman, and Roy W. Lindstrom, Ione.

Other employees include Pauline Bier, Marge Eckman, Cheryl Ployhar, Linda Schultz, Barbara Sherman, Debbie Koffler, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ertz and Bob Lowe.

Open house visitors Friday see the most modern bank in the area in operation.

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More on local government jobs

How many Morrow County residents are holding down local government jobs?

How does the number so employed locally compare, relative to population, with that in other communities?

A comprehensive survey of public employment, covering all parts of the country, has just been released by the Department of Commerce, based upon data gathered in connection with its latest Census of Governments.

It lists the number of people on public payrolls in the various divisions of local

government—county, township, municipality, school district and special district. Federal and state employees are treated separately.

It shows that in Morrow County, after converting part-time workers to their full-time equivalent so that inter-county comparisons can be made, there are approximately 54 full-time employees or their equivalent locally for every 1,000 residents. This is a larger operating force than is found in most places in the United States, where the average is 32 per 1,000 population. Among local com-

munities in the State of Oregon the average is 33 per 1,000.

As for the actual count, the report shows a total of 233 equivalent full-time workers on public payrolls in the county.

With regard to the payroll to operate the local governments, it has been running somewhat higher in Morrow County than in most parts of the United States. Whether the services rendered were more productive or less so is not taken into account.

The total payroll in the month when the census was

taken represented a cost equal to \$36.98 per local resident.

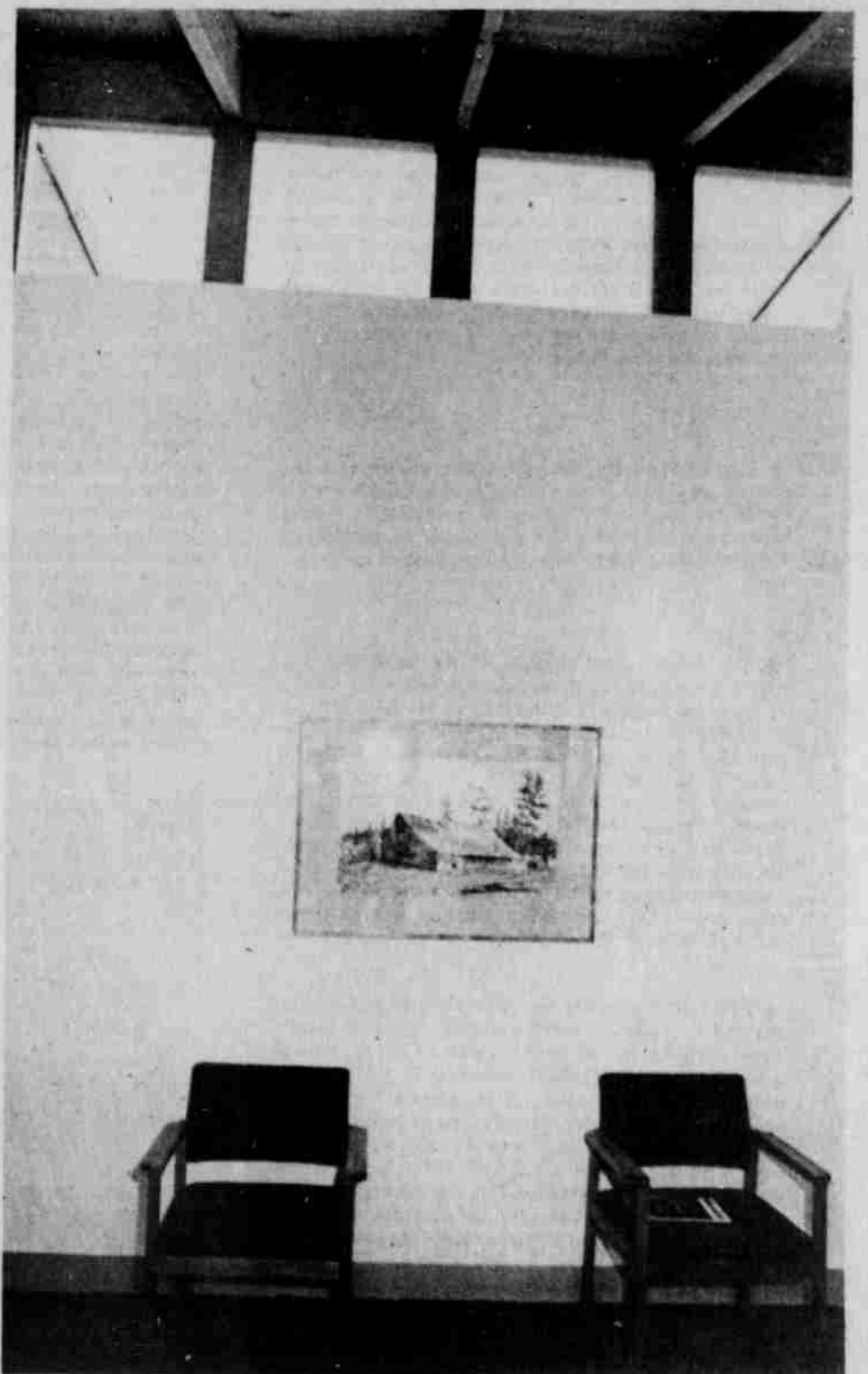
Nationally, the cost of meeting such payrolls averaged \$25.16 per capita per month. In the State of Oregon it was \$25.42.

If all public employment—federal, state and local—were taken into account, it would be found that one person out of every six in the nation is on some government payroll, according to the Tax Foundation.

It places the current public payroll at more than \$135 billion a year, up 60 per cent in the last five years.



TO THE LEFT of the Bank of Eastern Oregon's spacious lobby is the desk of Pauline Bier. Behind Mrs. Bier is the desk of Bill Lande, assistant cashier. Last desk belongs to Gene Pierce, president. The private conference room entrance is to the right, and at extreme right is the desk of Pat Gentry, assistant cashier.



THIS IS THE attractive modern foyer at the entrance of the Kinzua headquarters building. Receptionist is at extreme left.