

COURTHOUSE NEWS

The Morrow County Planning Commission met at the Courthouse with Mrs. Dorris Graves opening the meeting. The final plat for Desert Delight was approved. Ivan Driver, engineer for owner, Mrs. McCall, noted that a 40 acre tract north of the 20.67 acres in the preliminary plat has been added to the plat to comply with state regulations, because it is contiguous with the 20.67 acres in the original plat. The 40 acres will have to be sold as one lot, or a second subdivision created. Driver also consulted with Roadmaster Doc Shearer, and they are working toward completion of the road into the subdivision. County Planner David Moon stated that it will not be a county road until formal acceptance by the County Court. The Desert Delight subdivision is located approximately 2 1/2 miles southwest of Irrigon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denton requested an extension of their Conditional Use permit to operate an auction mart near Irrigon. Since there were no objections, the extension was approved.

Mr. Ray Halicicki, representing Portland General Electric, presented a map of the areas that they propose to mine. He said the material graded from the plant site will be used in constructing the dam. Dorris Graves commented that the stockpiled top soil may be gone if it is not protected from wind erosion. She further suggested that the local Soil Conservation Office and the local County Extension Agent be contacted for assistance. The Planning Commission approved the application for a Conditional Use Permit for surface mining for three years, beginning Jan. 1, 1976.

Mr. Moon was directed to obtain an opinion from the Attorney General's office on the definition of a farmer. Planning Commission members feel that different types of farmers should be considered in selecting members to serve on the commission. Terms of four planning commission members will expire Dec. 31. Mrs. Dorris Graves, Mrs. Grieb, Mr. Fritz Cutsforth and Mr. Roy W. Lindstrom.

Mr. Moon reported the Morrow County Planning Commission has been accepted by LCDC to serve as the Citizen Involvement Committee for the county.

The Morrow County Public Health Nurse Pat Wright was very pleased with the successful diabetic detection clinic held the first part of this month. The Health Department tested over 300 people and of those, 26 were sent to their doctors for further testing.

PGG SENDS CASH

Checks totaling \$143,739.73 were mailed Dec. 15 to members and investors of Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc.

These checks, which are historically mailed at this season of the year, represent a portion of the profit made by PGG during 1964 and 1965. "The money goes primarily to residents of Eastern Oregon and Washington and is made possible by members doing business with their locally owned company," according to Don Cook, General Manager.

Cook commented that this brought the total amount of cash paid back to local members during the year to a total of \$547,076.53.

OTC approves budget reduction

In an effort to bring the budget in line with income, the Oregon Transportation Commission approved reductions in the Highway Division's approved 1975-77 biennium budget of \$8 million.

The loss of income to the Highway Division has been attributed to several factors among which are inflation and a sharp drop in anticipated revenues from weight-mile taxes.

Approximately \$10 million is needed to make up the deficit in highway tax revenues but the Commission explained that it did not expect the Highway Division to take all of the cuts. The Commission is hoping that other agencies which depend on highway revenues for their income would also voluntarily take cuts. These agencies include the State Police, Division of Motor Vehicles and the Public

Utility Commissioner. In explaining the projected cuts, Fred B. Klaboe, administrator of the Highway Division said, "Every consideration and effort has been made to assure that there are no cuts in areas which would affect the safety of the motoring public."

FOREST SERVICE TO SET UP PROGRAMS

The U.S. Forest Service now has the option of setting up cooperative work and training programs with state forestry agencies and private organizations, Congressman Al Ullman said.

President Gerald R. Ford has now signed into law a bill Ullman introduced permitting the Forest Service to contract for part-time and emergency work from the Oregon State Department of Forestry and other public agencies.

A major advantage of the cooperative agreements, according to Ullman, would be better and more flexible forest fire protection.

The state would also be able to hire, train and maintain larger crews for forest maintenance and fire fighting work. Ullman said, if the Forest Service will be contracting for part-time and emergency services.

Under the law's provisions, cooperative agreements could cover forest maintenance, stand improvement and fire fighting, along with training and job programs, pollution control and construction of water supply systems.

"The new arrangement should be especially helpful in Washington," Ullman said, "where a much larger proportion of forest land is owned by the state."

FARM RECORD KEEPING

A farm record keeping session is planned for Heppner, Jan. 12-13, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent.

The session will be taught by Manning Becker, Farm Management specialist from Oregon State University.

The two-day session will begin at 1:30 each day and continue to 4:30 p.m.

The main theme of the session will be to provide assistance to farmers and ranchers on day to day record keeping. Wives are often given this job and we encourage them to come.

Those interested should call the Extension office, 676-9642. The class will not be offered unless 12 or more sign up. There is no charge for the class.

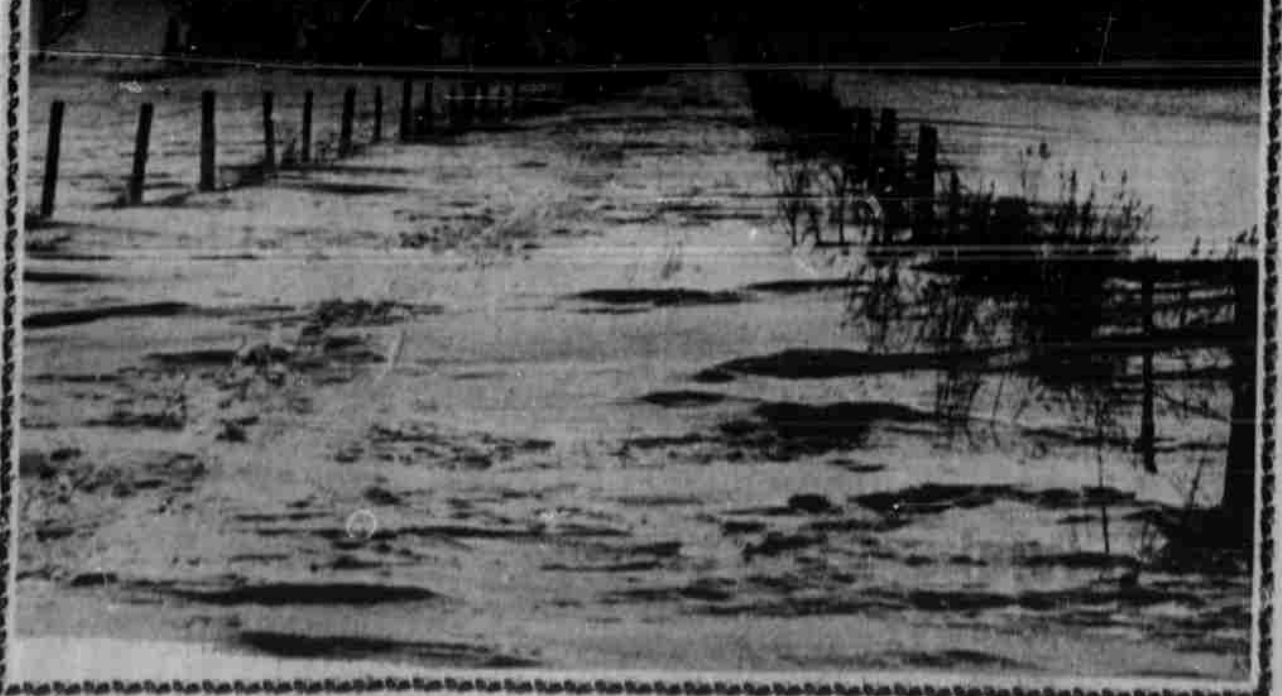


The management and staff of Kinzua Corporation would like to wish everyone Seasons Greetings. Front row from the left, Les Paustian, Bob Lankford, Monte Stookey and Tom Hiatt. Second row, from the left, Darl Hagey, Harry Kennison and Allen Nistad.

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