

Kinzua gives green light to \$4.5 million expansion

The Board of Directors of the Kinzua Corp. has given the green light to a \$4.5 million project designed to give the Heppner mill "one of the most modern and efficient plants in the entire Northwest," according to plant manager Harry Kennison.

Plans call for an almost complete redesign of the

present saw mill and Kennison said the new system would double the productivity per man-hour. Included will be a complete new debarking system, a new stacking apparatus, two double-track dry kilns to supplement the present kilns and an automated drop sorting system with 32

separate drop slots.

Kennison said bids on the project will be accepted beginning September 1 and a target completion date has been set for mid-April of next year.

When completed, the new mill will accommodate approximately 16 more workers than the 26 employees now involved in saw mill opera-

tions. Kennison said the construction and installation will be carried on without interrupting normal mill activity. "Most of the engineering and design has been finished and we're waiting now to open the bids," Kennison said. The engineering was handled by the Warren and Brewster firm of Albany and includes some innovative Kennison touches

derived from his years of experience in the field.

He said a major reason for the change was that the existing mill could not handle the small pine logs efficiently.

"We do fine with the larger pine and fir logs but this new system will allow us to handle the smaller logs as we should," Kennison said.

Tri-County Health cuts directorship

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Health Services Commission last week abolished the full time director's position of the Commission.

In making the decision during a special meeting in Heppner, board members expressed the need to cut administrative costs since no new programs will be initiated

during the Commission's final year of operation. The Commission is now in its third year of funding under a three-year Federal Rural Health Initiative grant.

Bob Ewell, director of the Commission for the past two years, submitted his resigna-

tion to the Board effective September 16. Ewell has been responsible for establishing the overall program which was designed to strengthen and link the primary health care services in Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties.

The Commission will remain open until June 30 of next year under the current grant. During the final year, efforts will be directed towards transferring programs into existing permanent agencies or organizing some of them as self-sufficient programs.

It is hoped that the Home Health Agency, which provides extended nursing care into the home, will become financially independent of the

Commission. Other Commission programs such as the participation in the Quintra transportation system for the elderly and handicapped and the mental health holding room at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will be completed by next June.

The Commission is looking at options to assist the nurse practitioners in Condon and Fossil in seeking satisfactory proctor arrangements to remain in practice and fulfill state law. As soon as possible the Home Health Agency office will be operating out of the same office as the Tri-County Health Services Commission in the Gilliam and Bisbee building in Heppner.

Schools in need of substitute teachers

Substitute teachers are needed by the Morrow County School District, especially in the Heppner and Ione areas. Anyone who has an Oregon teacher's certificate is eligible to do substitute teaching.

Interested persons who would like to do substitute teaching are encouraged to contact the District Office in

Lexington to sign up for substituting and register their teaching certificates.

A substitute teaching certificate can be issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to anyone who has held a valid teaching certificate in Oregon or another state or who is eligible for an Oregon teaching certificate.

The daily rate of pay for substitute teaching is \$33.00. The School District has experienced quite a bit of difficulty in recent years in having an adequate number of substitute teachers available to cover classes for regular teachers who have to be absent due to illness or professional meetings.

Port seat vacated, commissioner sought

A Port of Morrow commissioner, who never attended a meeting and was never officially sworn in, resigned from the commission last Thursday.

Mike Conley, manager of the Boardman branch of In-

land Empire Bank, was appointed to the commission two months ago. He resigned after accepting a new job at Billings, Mont.

In response to the resignation, two Boardman residents attended the monthly commis-

sion meeting to vie for the vacated position. They were Dudley Young, a Portland General Electric employee, and Gene Allen, a businessman.

"My wife and I were transferred here 14 months

ago and we've decided that when PGE is through with me that we'd like to settle down here," Young explained. "I'd like to work with you. There is no major gain for myself; I'd just like to serve the community."

Normally, the new commissioner would serve until the next regularly scheduled election because of an appointment in the midst of a term. Since Conley never really took office, the new commissioner can start the term Conley would have served.

The commission felt that all the commissioners should be present before a decision was made. The appointment will be announced at the next port meeting.

In other business, Port Manager Rupert Kennedy reported the Department of Transportation would be making its ingress/egress study in September. The entrance and exits into the port's industrial site require the traffic to go through Boardman. City officials and the port commission requested that a new en-

trance and exit be built strictly for port traffic.

The study will look at the origin, destination and tonnage of traffic exiting the I-80N freeway at Boardman. "It's very difficult to get the state to take a second look at these things," Kennedy told the commission.

But this new view will be an extensive look during the processing park's peak traffic season when an estimated 700 produce trucks a day are believed to enter the park.

Hopefully, if the study shows the need, a new entrance and exit will be located where the old Hwy. 30 intersects with I-80N. Though the state highway department initially opposed the port's request, it is now agreeing a study is needed, according to Kennedy.

The commission appointed Louis Carlson, Heppner, as the port representative to the East Central Oregon Association of County's quarterly meeting. Carlson will serve on an advisory board for ECOAC projects.

School board OK's Irrigon site purchase

The Morrow District School Board Monday approved the use of contingency funds to complete a \$55,000 purchase of Irrigon property for use as a future school site.

The Board had previously agreed to appropriate \$47,500—most of which was carried over from a supplemental budget of last year—towards the purchase of the 28-acre tract. Of the remainder, \$1,000 will be taken from bond issue funds and \$6,500 from the contingency funds.

After negotiating with the estate of A. H. Robbins, the Board was able to secure the purchase at \$2,000 per acre providing there is a cash settlement by September.

The Board also agreed to enter a rental contract with the Greenfield Grange to use the structure as a kinder-

garten for the Boardman area. It will be the first year of public kindergarten in Boardman and Supt. Matt Doherty said he anticipates two groups of approximately 15 to 18 children to enroll this fall.

Terms of the agreement call for the district to pay \$130 each month along with a share of the utilities bills.

Doherty told the Board that the recently announced reduction in anticipated Forest Service receipts apparently wouldn't put the district in too much of a financial bind because there appears to be a sizeable carryover from last year. Although the final auditor's report is not completed, Doherty said it looked like the district would have close to \$100,000 in carryover funds. But, he added that the funds

could only be used as an offset against taxes for next year.

The district had budgeted \$92,000 in anticipated Forest Service receipts but a revised estimate indicated the amount would be about \$18,000 less than that amount.

"It's a delicate thing to try and build a budget on predictions and estimates," Doherty said. "But if we overbudgeted in some areas we should be alright."

In other action, the Board: —Approved an expenditure of \$8,223 for replacement of refrigeration equipment at Riverside High School.

—Awarded a bid of \$14.28 per barrel to Valley Oil Co. to furnish fuel oil at the Heppner, Ione and Irrigon schools.

—Offered four additional contracts to certificated personnel.

—Awarded a \$2,050 contract to Burt Corbin to extend a sewer line from the county bus shop to the existing city line 600 feet away.

—Accepted the resignations of four district teachers.

—Offered five contracts for classified personnel.

The contract actions leaves the district with only one remaining teaching contract to fill—a sixth grade position at the Ione school.

V-G Tavern sold to Gay, Patty Harshman



Patty and Gay Harshman of Heppner are the new owners of the V-G Tavern in Lexington. Gracie Leathers, who has owned the tavern for 15 years, is retiring.

Gay and Patty Harshman of Heppner announced this week the purchase of the V&G Tavern in Lexington from Gracie Leathers, Lexington, who has owned and operated the business for the past 15 years. The Harshmans took over operations Monday.

During the first month of operation Harshman said no major changes are planned except that the tavern will open daily from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. with later closing hours on Friday and Saturday.

Planned for the near future is the addition of more seating and the addition of some games for patrons.

"When we get squared away a little, we will put in a lunch counter with a limited menu—sandwiches, pizza and such prepared on premises," said Harshman. Currently the tavern has facilities for pizza and ready-made sandwiches, plus a full line of soft drinks, beer and wine beverages.

An open house is planned at a later date by the new owners.

Chief says...

No more bikes on sidewalks

Heppner Police Chief Dean Gilman issued a plea and a warning this week to parents and their youngsters that use the Main Street sidewalks for bicycle riding and skate boarding.

"The problem has simply gotten out of hand," said the Chief this week after a youngster on a skateboard lost control, sending the "launched" projectile through the window of Central Market.

The police department has also received numerous complaints lately from irate pedestrians that have been bumped or nearly hit by young travelers.

The City of Heppner has an ordinance that prohibits using the city's Main Street sidewalks for bicycling and skateboarding.

"I realize there is concern among parents for their children when riding on Main Street with all the traffic, and I'm concerned about it too," said Gilman, "and I don't

particularly like being the one that has to tell the four or five-year-old youngster to get his bicycle on the street and off the sidewalk."

"Maybe the parents can get the point across at home," commented the Chief, "and keep the little ones from riding downtown."

Starting immediately city officers will begin enforcing the ordinance. For the first offense, a youngster's bike of skateboard will be taken away for seven days. Second offense results in losing the vehicle for 30 days.

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Wed., August 10	90	57
Thu., August 11	95	58
Fri., August 12	100	62
Sat., August 13	102	67
Sun., August 14	97	68
Mon., August 15	94	61
Tue., August 16	99	63

Tarnasky heads Home Health

Sheridan Tarnasky has been named director of the Home Health Agency, replacing Bette Seagren who is leaving for a position as nurse practitioner in the Willamette Valley.

Mrs. Tarnasky has been working with Mrs. Seagren since early July and will officially assume the director position on August 29. She comes to the agency after serving the past five years as an RN at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

The Home Health Agency, established under the Tri-County Health Services Commission, is designed to provide part time nursing services in the patients' home. The agency deals mainly with public health and rehabilitation and works closely with local physicians in the tri county area to provide services ranging from diet planning to collection of specimens for laboratory tests.

Home Health Agency is currently seeking certification under the Medicare program

to pay for home visits to patients 65 years and over. Last month, the agency was included in the services of Blue Cross of Oregon as part of that organization's coverage to its policy holders. Once the certification is completed the agency plans to become financially independent of the

Health Services Commission and expand its coverage to the entire three county area.

Currently, the staff includes Joyce Van Buren, a nutritionist and secretary in the Heppner office and June Stover, an RN who covers the Condon-Fossil-Spray area. Staff personnel are allowed to make an initial home visit at the request of a patient or concerned party. Follow-up visits are made only on a physician's orders. In this way, the agency acts as a screening device for the doctors and can provide the part time services if necessary.

The Home Health Agency office is located in the Gilliam and Bisbee building, Heppner.