

Ken Nelson voted ASC chairman

Ken Nelson, Lexington, this week assumed the chairmanship of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee after being elected to the position in balloting by county farmers last November.

Nelson, last year's vice chairman, is joined on this year's committee by vice chairman Tom Martin, Lexington, and member Paul Tews, Lone. Nelson was elected to a one-year term, Martin to a two-year term and Tews to a three-year term. Alternates to the 1978 committee include 1st alt. Tom Currin and 2nd alt. Merle Carlson.

A total of 202 ballots were returned from 592 eligible voters in the county. Eligibility is based on farm ownership or inclusion in Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service programs authorized by federal legislation.

"The county committee has quite a lot of authority in administering government farm programs," Nelson said. "The last couple of years we've spent more time on approving cost-sharing monies for soil conservation programs but with the acreage limitations we should be more active in the farm program this year."

Nelson said there should be some leeway in the regulations of the upcoming farm program because of the difficulties in writing policies to fit the entire country.

"An example would be the summer fallow policies," Nelson said. "A good deal of the rest of the country crops every year and we should be able to make some adjustments to fit our area."

Nelson said the county committee can put in requests for change to the state committee although the state body generally makes the final determination on the policies.

Farm programs administered by the ASC state and county committees include: commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments and marketing quotas; farm storage facility and dryer loans; long range, annual and emergency conservation cost sharing; incentive indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities; and other farm disaster assistance.

In addition, the ASC county committee hires the ASCS County Executive Directors and provides for office space and equipment.

Morrow County still awaits first baby of the new year

Morrow County is still waiting for its first baby of 1978. Perhaps the stork has been deterred by the frigid weather that has enveloped the area for the last week, but with warmer air moving in, it is expected that he will make his first trip of the year to the county at any time.

The first baby of 1977, John Vincent Qualls, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyndale Qualls of Heppner on Jan. 7 at 10:58 p.m., tipping the scales at 9 pounds four ounces.

Celebrating her second birthday today, the first baby born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital during the Bicentennial year was Anna Lea

Loland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Loland of Condon.

The first baby of 1978, eligible for many gifts from local businesses, must be residents of Morrow, Gilliam or Wheeler Counties. He or she must be born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital to get the \$50 discount from the hospital bill, but will be eligible for the other prize if born in another hospital to parents who are residents of Morrow County.

The exact time of birth must be specified by the attending physician and a written statement must be submitted to the Gazette-Times within 36 hours of the time of birth.

Gifts are being given to the year's first baby by Judy's Fabric & Macrame; Bank of Eastern Oregon; First National Bank; Kroll's Department Store; Coast to Coast Store; Cole's House of Fashion; Lebusch Shoppe; Pettyjohn's Supply; Turner, Van Marter & Bryant; Shoe Box; Court Street Market; Lexington Lumber Yard; Ray Boyce Insurance; Case Furniture; Morrow County Grain Growers; Cal's Arco Service; Central Market; Murray's Drug; Columbia Basin Electric Co-op; Peterson's Jewelers; Cal's Cafe and Lounge; the Gazette-Times; and Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Raymond Schierman selected as city foreman by council

In their first meeting of 1978, the Heppner City Council approved committee appointments and filled city personnel positions including those of city foreman and patrolman on the police force.

The application of Raymond Schierman received the ap-

proval of the council for the position of city foreman, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Paul Sumner in December. Schierman, 58, of Milton-Freewater, was the only applicant considered by the council for city foreman. He brings 30 years of exper-

ience in the construction business to the position including the past 15 years as a self-employed asphalt paver. Schierman will begin his city duties as soon as he can settle in Heppner.

Vincent Ternes, Heppner, was also hired to fill a CETA position on the city crew bringing the crew up to four-man strength. Ternes was hired out of the Hermiston employment office.

Police Chief Dean Gilman told the council he had hired Tom Howell, Heppner, to fill a vacancy on the city police force. Howell, 36, is a Heppner native who returned after 9½ years in the Navy.

The council appointed Jerry Healy and Dr. Lee Hazen to fill two vacancies on the Heppner Planning Commission.

Councilmen appointed to city committees for the 1978 year include: Police and Fire—Bob Jones, Larry Mills and Jim Rogers; Water and Sewer—Cliff Green, Jones and Rogers; Parks and Streets—Mills, Hubert Wilson and Warren Plocharsky; Personnel—Plocharsky, Rogers and

Wilson; General Government and Revenue Sharing—Rogers, Jones, and Plocharsky. The first man listed for each committee will serve as committee chairman.

Council Representative of Blue Mountain Economic Development Council will again be handled by John Canady with Mills serving as alternate.

Weather

	HI	Low	Prec.
Wed., Dec. 28	27	22	
Thu., Dec. 29	27	23	.20 3"
Fri., Dec. 30	33	20	.13 1½"
Sat., Dec. 31	28	1	.04 ½"
Sun., Jan. 1	15	-4	
Mon. Jan. 2	18	-7	.07 1½"
Tue., Jan. 3	19	12	.17 2"

Prec. for Dec. 2.33"
Normal 1.38
Prec. for Dec. 1976 .36
Total Prec. 1977 13.29
Normal 13.28

County, Court named in permit suit

A seldom used legal procedure delivered to the Morrow County Court Dec. 23 disputes the validity of building procedures carried out by eight property owners in the Boardman area and opens the question of public policy concerning jurisdiction and enforcement of possible building violations.

Morrow County and the Morrow County Court, along with the eight property owners were named as defendants in the suit filed in Circuit Court by Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Aylett of Hermiston.

The Ayletts have alleged that the property owners

created a subdivision without complying with County ordinances or State law. The property involved is situated on the north side of the Interstate 80-N near the east County line. The Ayletts own adjaent property upon which they conduct a farming operation. The Ayletts have also alleged that building permits were improperly issued to an unspecified number of the property owners and that improvements have been placed on the properties.

The suit petitions the Circuit Court for an order requiring the County to revoke the building permits issued, to

declare all improvements on the property to be nuisances and to compel their removal, or to show cause why the County has not done so and should not be required to do so. The petition also asks for an order against the property owners requiring them to remove the improvements or to show cause why they shouldn't be required to do so.

Listed as defendants along with County and County Court members are property owners Jacob and Harriet Mardis, Beverly Norton, Duane and Jessie Christman, Henry and June Wolf, Robert and Pauline Shaw, Robert and Sally

Diehl, John Winget and Vernon and Fay Rank.

The suit has been filed in the form of a mandamus action. Mandamus is a latin term referring to an order or writ from a court of superior jurisdiction, commanding the performance of a particular duty which is required under applicable law.

Spokesmen for the County have indicated that the County will file a formal response on or before January 27, which is the last day for filing. The County will be represented by District Attorney Dennis Do-

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Logs keep rolling in as Kinzua

loggers fight the weather

Decking operations are moving along on schedule at the Kinzua Corporation's Heppner mill where more than 31 million board feet of lumber was stockpiled as of early December.

With logging operations beginning to tail off because of the weather, Kinzua officials say they are hoping to maintain their present deck until logging shuts down completely sometime next month. Presently there is enough lumber being trucked to the mill to supply daily mill operation.

Milo Prindle, Kinzua's logging manager called the early part of 1977 a "good logging year" which allowed Kinzua to build a bigger than usual deck by September.

"It's a good thing we were able to get the extra wood by the end of the summer," Prindle said. "Because with

the wet fall we've had, things have kind of slowed down."

Prindle said the months of September through January are usually the peak logging months for the area. During the summer as many as seven contract loggers were working for Kinzua but now three of the contractors are shut down. Prindle said Kinzua generally handles about one third of the operations while the remaining two thirds is contracted out.

Prindle said wetness in the forest areas is the main problem at this time of the year, adding that conditions change on a day to day basis. Revisions to the Forest Practices Act have increased the restrictions on the loggers concerning removal of ground cover which increases run off.

Serving as logging manager since 1958, Prindle said he has seen quite a few changes in

logging practices over the past two decades. He pointed to major changes in the types of equipment used as well as a greater emphasis on more complete utilization of all types of forest products. He said Kinzua is already exploring the possibility of trucking brush and slash to the mill for use as an energy source.

Prior to being named logging manager, Prindle spent seven years as woods foreman and another year driving a logging truck for Kinzua.

With the completion of a new \$4.5 million sawmill scheduled for this spring, Kinzua will be shifting part of its logging emphasis to much smaller logs in the 5-6 inch diameter range. Harry Kennison, Kinzua's operations manager, said the new sawmill will process about 600,000 feet per month of the smaller logs. "We can't economically pro-

cess that size log right now," Kennison said. "But soon we'll be logging specifically for the smaller logs." Kennison said approximately 1.5 million small logs will be needed for next year.

Another change which has already taken place at Kinzua is the rearrangement of the decks at the mill. This year, for the first time, logs were stacked in an east-west direction instead of the former north-south pattern. Kennison said the new arrangement keeps the ends of the logs from being exposed to the wind, resulting in less breakage and dry out.

"We were able to get our yard set up for the east-west decking and it will really help the sprinkling efficiency and cut down our losses," Kennison said.



Prepared for shutdown

Over 31 million board feet of logs has been stockpiled at the Heppner Kinzua Corporation mill to maintain operations after the winter shutdown of logging expected next month. Work on the firm's new \$4.5 million saw mill is progressing on schedule and is expected to be in operation by late spring.

News briefs

TV listings added to Gazette-Times

Gazette-Times readers will find a new addition to their paper this week with the inclusion of The Gazette TV Times on pages 5 and 6.

Gazette-Times Managing Editor Terry M. Hager said the new feature includes all Portland and Tri-Cities TV listings as they appear on the reader's channel selector. Readers can fold the TV Times in the middle of the page—both horizontally and vertically—for a compact guide that starts with weekend listings. For weekday selections, the folds should be reversed.

Budget work starts

Work on next year's budget for Morrow County School District will start Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the District Administration building in Lexington.

Superintendent Matt Doherty will deliver the budget message which will be followed by an orientation session and short work session.

ECOAC planner to visit

East Central Oregon Association of Counties (ECOAC) planner Marie Hall will be in Heppner Thursday, Jan. 12, to answer any questions of residents or city officials concerning planning procedures relating to goals and objectives of the upcoming revision of the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The informal information session will be held from 1-4 p.m. in City Hall.

Annie Krebs honored by Sheep Growers Assn.

A member of one of Morrow County's first sheep raising families, Annie Krebs of Arlington, was given a life membership in the Oregon Sheep Growers Association at its annual Convention in Portland on Dec. 14.

Mrs. Krebs, 79, said the honor was a complete surprise. "No one in my family even knew about it," she commented.

She can trace her sheep-connected heritage back to her grandfather who owned a wool mill in England and is probably related to more sheep growers than anyone in Oregon.

The Krebs Bros. Ranch in the Cecil area is one of the few sheep ranches still in operation in Morrow County and is run by her son, Henry R. Krebs, her grandson, Clint, and her nephew, Dick.

Bob Hynds, an uncle of Mrs. Krebs, was one of the first sheep raisers in the county. Her husband, Henry W. Krebs, and his brothers originally operated the Krebs sheep ranch.

"I spent many years cooking for the shearing crews," said Mrs. Krebs. "We traveled back and forth between Cecil and Montana. The Krebs sheep pasture in Montana during the summer."

She said that even after they moved to Arlington in 1951 she and her husband drove to the Cecil ranch daily for many years.