

California firm awarded \$3 million PGE contract

A California engineering firm has been awarded a \$3 million contract to install the turbine-generator for Portland General Electric's Boardman area coal plant.

Wisner and Becker contracting Engineers of Sacramento is scheduled to begin work on the generator installation sometime this month, and continue through early 1980.

About 700 workmen are now at work on the facility, a 330,000 kilowatt, \$500 million coal-fired power plant. Construction began in February of 1976, and the plant is scheduled to begin generating electricity in mid-1980.

In another development at the coal plant site, PGE announced that it is recommending that an experimental wind-powered electric gener-

ator be built in the Boardman area.

PGE suggested the location to the federal Energy Research and Development Administration, which will make the final choice for the electricity making windmill along with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The giant windmill, being designed by Boeing, is expected to be mounted on a 200-foot tower. Blades for the mill will span 300 feet, and are designed to produce power at wind speeds as low as 11 miles per hour, with peak perfor-

mance reached at 28 miles per hour. When operating at capacity, the wind-powered generator is expected to produce 2,500 kilowatts of electricity. Boeing's prototype would account for the largest windmill in the history of the world.

The Boardman site will be considered with a number of other proposed locations from across the nation, including a site on Augsberger Mountain in the Columbia Gorge, being proposed by the Bonneville Power Administration.

No date has yet been set for final site selection.

Kinzua news

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The Wheeler Dealers CB Club met at the Fossil Grade School cafeteria on Thursday, May 11. The business meeting was conducted by Club President Denny "Catskinner" Rogers. The members voted on several questions including a request for members to monitor the route of the Bike-a-thon again this year. Club members will be on hand to help the riders.

The club decided to have a camp-out again this summer. Club officers will be elected at the next monthly meeting. Wheeler Dealers are again extending an invitation to all those interested in CB radios to join them. The club is primarily a service organization, but the members are more than willing to have a

good time with their family and friends. Watch for the announcement of the next meeting and come join the fun.

Junior and Betty Benson had a house full of relatives over the weekend. Their daughter Nancy Christianson and granddaughter Carrie, Weaser were here to attend the Kinzua Party. Betty's sister, June Stirm and her children Darcy and Dean and Mrs. Stirm's friend Jean Bruce were also here from their home in Weaser. Sunday morning the Benson group was joined by Lewis (Yap) and Cenona Benson, Prineville, Ray and Thelma O'Neal, also of Prineville and Golda Barzee, Fossil.

Nostalgia king at Kinzua community reunion party

Nostalgia was king last Saturday night when more than 250 past and present Kinzuaites gathered at Jeffmore Hall for dinner followed by an evening of music and dancing. The hall, decorated in the old Kinzua school colors of red and white, rang with the sounds of old friends greeting each other, some for the first time in 20 years.

Among those coming to the party from out of this area were John and Marge Palermo, Portland; John and Deloris Meadows, Prineville; Belinda (Meadows) Dahill, Prineville; Paul and Mavis Oyler, Bend; Winnie Matthews, Bend; John and Juanita Murray, Arlington; Vesta Keegan, Port Angeles, Washington; Mike and Bev Ball, Prineville; Robert and Hazel Reid, Ione; Frank and Eunice Dossier, Prineville; Irene Portner, White Salmon, Washington; Jim Baur, Quartz Site, Arizona; Elvyn and Patti Bell, Heppner; Larry and Linda Allen, Tigard; Ernie and Ada Schell, Eagle Creek, Dan and Sharon Bell, Prineville; Steve Kendall, Eugene; Denver and Gloria Campbell and children Melody and Lindy, Wapato, Washington; Dave and Marlean Stevens, Boring; Wayland and Pat Hyatt, Heppner; Mike and Viki Craig, Tigard; Mike and Eloise Nelson, Prineville; Rod Elgin, Bremerton, Washington; Bob Zimmerman, Prineville; Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Brinkley, Jr., Pendleton; Jim and Kathy Brinkley, Prineville; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wolden, Pendleton; Jerry and Lorce Luther, Prineville; Ole and Mabel Hornseth, Bend.

Also attending the party were a number of "old timers", some of whom have been gone from Kinzua for years. Others in this elite group are still living in town, waiting for the sound of the final whistle. Among the first group and the year they came to work or live in Kinzua are Louis and Betty Lorengel, 1949, Maupin; Bud and Lucille Bird, 1925, Washougal, Washington; Gerald and Betty

Rood, 1947, Heppner; Elsa Leathers, 1943, Heppner; Opal Adams Cook, 1942, Hermiston; Perky and Mary Woods, 1943, Fossil; Zolen Tripp, 1929, Redmond; Mark and LaVelle Jellick, 1935, Prineville; Jim and Hazel Hulett, 1935, Prineville; Fred Wallace, 1936,

Fossil; Joe and Nadine Worlein, 1931, Spray; Jim and Margaret Penticost, 1927, Mayville; Ernie and Ariel Wall, 1933, Condon; Ray and Thelma O'Neal, 1943, Prineville; Del and Violet Williams, 1944, Fossil; Dan and Elma Walter, 1935, Fossil. Those

long time Kinzua people who attended and are either living in Kinzua or working here at the time of the party are Quincy and Hazel Tripp, 1929; Arden and Marian Tripp, 1929 and Jack and Virginia Sittin, 1940.

Five directors elected last week

Five new directors of the Blue Mountain Potato Growers Assn. were elected during a special meeting held last week in Hermiston.

Newly elected directors are: Glen Chowning, general manager of Eastern Oregon Farming Co., at large; Gene Kerby, representing Morrow and Gilliam counties; Ralph Ward, representing Baker County; Ellis Charvet, farm manager for Sintag Farms, and Leonard Aldrich of ARZ farms, both at large.

Ralph Ward fills a vacancy created by the death of his father, Clyde, a long-time Baker area potato grower.

Another vacancy was created by the resignation of former president Sam Martin, who left to join an irrigation development in Libya.

Carryover directors include Rich Betz, Hermiston; John Butterfield, Joseph; John Walchi, Hermiston; and Merle Carlson, Boardman.

In the reorganization of the board, Chowning was elected president, and Kerby vice-president. Carlson continues as secretary-treasurer.

Business at the meeting included the decision to purchase a compendium of potato diseases to be available to area potato growers at the Hermiston Extension Office.

25th Pioneer Picnic to be May 28

This year will mark the 25th anniversary of the Morrow County Pioneer Picnic, an annual event that attracts many descendants of early county settlers to Heppner. This year's picnic will be held Sunday, May 28, at the Fair Pavilion.

Each year different pioneer families handle picnic arrangements, with the Green and Bryant families taking charge for 1978. The committee is headed by Herman and Alma Green, Cornett and Florence Green, and Howard and Beth Bryant.

A community potluck dinner will start at 12:30 p.m., with Soroptomist members manning the registration book from 10 a.m. to noon. Ham, potatoes, rolls and beverages will be furnished, with participants asked to contribute salads or desserts to the meal.

The first Pioneer Picnic was held on Memorial Day in 1954. The idea originated with Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day, a former long-time Heppner resident, and was quickly taken up by members of the cemetery maintenance district. They felt that many of the pioneer residents of the county, who returned on Memorial Day to decorate the graves of relatives, would enjoy a get-together with their friends. Around 200 persons attended the first picnic, with a like number attracted to the event each year since.

In 1957, the newly organized Morrow County Pioneer Committee, with J.O. Turner as president, was instrumental in including commemoration of the county's dead of World War I and II as a focus for the annual picnic. A plaque, listing their names, was dedicated and placed in the county courthouse, with names of those who died in

military engagements since that time added over the years.

The picnic has developed into a time of special remembrance of the pioneers who built the foundations of the community, as well as a memorial to the men and

women of Morrow County who gave their lives in the service of their country. Among the 200 who annually attend the event, are many people who travel from far-away places to return to Heppner for the get-together.

With the descendants of

Alex and Mattie Green and Glen and Madge Bryant in charge of this year's arrangements, many local organizations are giving support in making the 1978 Pioneer Memorial Picnic another success.

Pioneer families spotlighted

A look at the background on the Alex Green and Glen and Madge Bryant families, who are spearheading this year's Pioneer Memorial Picnic, shows the original progenitors to be long-time, loyal transplants to this Western land.

Alex Green came to Heppner from Grayson County, Virginia, in May 1903, just two weeks before the devastating flood. His uncle, A.L. Cornett, for many years a Justice of the Peace in Heppner, was already established in ranching on Butter Creek, and Green came to work with him. In 1907 he went back to Virginia, married Mattie Bry-

ant and together they came back to the great opportunities of the West.

Through the years they were engaged in farming, a grocery business, a delivery store, and finally acquired the farm near town which is today owned by the oldest son, Cornett. Encouraged by the presence of their sister, Mattie Green, two Bryant brothers, Glen, with his wife Madge, and Scott, a bachelor, came to Heppner in 1916. Scott married Blanche McMillan of Lexington, and after working on ranches for several years,

took his family back to Virginia where they remained. The Glen Bryants remained in Heppner and had two sons, Earl, now deceased, and Howard, who with his wife, Beth, has resided in Heppner all of his life. A number of Earl's children and grandchildren will be coming for the celebration, and it is expected that virtually all of the Green descendants and their families, numbering some 78 people will be in attendance.

Next year the Peck families will take over planning for the annual event.

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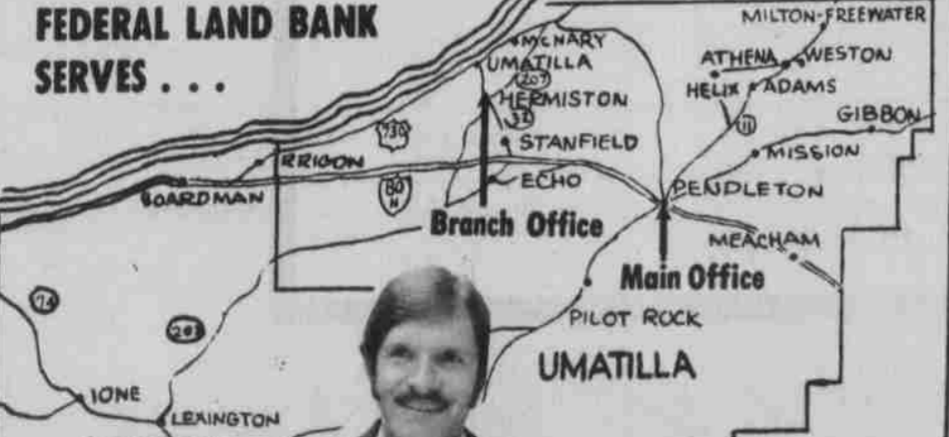
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