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## Combine-a-tion



Reports of exceptional wheat harvests continue to come in as farmers around the county began cutting the past week.

Here six combines line up in Ron Haguewood's operation outside Lone, cutting a swath 120 feet wide. The land here is yielding 70-plus bushels per acre on a

double summer fallow with no irrigation. The normal yield for a double fallow is 50 bushels per acre.

## Kinzua seeks help to fund plant

An official of Kinzua Corp. in Heppner asked Monday for the help of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in promoting construction of an electrical generating plant to produce electricity from wood waste.

Kinzua General Manager Harry Kennison told the chamber noon luncheon that his company has been looking for help in construction of the plant for over six years. He asked that the chamber contact various federal legislators and ask for help in the form of tax incentives or low cost loans for construction of the plant.

Kennison said the plant would be an eight megawatt plant producing electricity from waste wood chipped in the woods and trucked to town.

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He said the plant would produce more than enough electricity for Kinzua's operation, and that it would be economically feasible once the power plant was built.

"Nobody can convince me you can mine coal in Wyoming ship it all the way to Boardman, and burn it cheaper than I can go 35 miles up on the hill and get wood to burn," he said.

He said other energy ideas less efficient than burning wood waste have been funded and helped out by the federal government, but that so far no one in government has shown any interest in wood waste around this area.

Kennison said that Kinzua has already done a study on the plant, concluding it would cost \$12 to \$14 million to build. He said construction of the power plant would create 16 to 20 new jobs in the woods, chipping the wood, and 5 to 6 in the plant itself.

"We've been trying to find a sound proposal for financing," he told the chamber. "But so far there has been no money or action."

Following Kennison's talk, the chamber agreed to have the economic development committee discuss ways in which the chamber could help, and report back at the next chamber meeting.

## School District hurt by revenue shortfalls

Because of revenue shortfalls at the state level, the Morrow County School District will most likely lose about \$37,000 in income this

year, District Superintendent Matthew Doherty says the board of directors was told Monday night.

The money lost consisted of federal revenue sharing

funds, which the district had hoped would be made up from the state general fund.

However, with the budget shortfall of an anticipated \$204 million recently announced by the state, the district will likely not receive any money other than basic school support this year.

In other business before the school board at its meeting Monday in Irrigon, the board

accepted a bid from Kralman Steel Structures of Milton-Freewater for construction of a 40 by 60 foot metal bus barn to be located at Boardman.

Seven companies submitted bids and Kralman's of \$33,089 was accepted.

In other action the board adopted a new policy on banks to be used for district funds.

There are four full service banks in Morrow County, and according to Doherty, current district funds will be rotated on a yearly basis between the banks.

He said that next year the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner, and the US Bank in Boardman will house current district money, and in 1981-82 the 1st National, Heppner, and Inland Empire, Boardman, will have the business.

Doherty added that longer term district funds, such as certificates of deposit, will, in the future, be let out for bid

among the four banks and Western Heritage Savings and Loan.

In other district business the board reappointed Bob Abrams as school district attorney, and reappointed Morrison Fife of Pendleton as district auditors.

In further action, the board accepted the resignations of Nan Nelson, Heppner Elementary school, Linda Murray, Heppner Junior High, Bob Kalkwasser, Riverside High in Boardman, and Ann Munkers, Irrigon Elementary school.

## 57 Refugees to arrive Condon

by Jean Gilliam

New life, USA, has been notified that 57 refugees are at the staging area in Bangkok, Thailand, and will be arriving at the Condon refugee center within the next two weeks.

Most of the new arrivals are Laotians, with only three small families of Hmongs. According to reports received at New Life, most of those coming will be single young men.

The Laotians are more educated than their Hmong

counterparts, and at New Life they will be taught English and will be getting acquainted with the American way of life.

While the Hmongs are very family oriented and prefer to spread out or

working alone and adapt very well in agriculture-oriented jobs, Bud Buse, administrator at New Life, said that several ranchers have already contacted him about employing a Laotian family. "The Laotians are a very industrious people, and while we have had

problems placing the Hmongs because of their desire to be with other Hmongs, we feel there will be no problem in placing the Laotians in any job, anywhere," Buse said.

Recent arrivals at the New Life are Ron and Kathy Smith, who have spent 14 years in Laos and have an understanding of the Laotians and their lifestyles. Their position on the staff will be as interpreters. The Smiths are the parents of four children.

## Cities, counties receive tax funds

During the period January 1 through June 30, 1988, the State Highway Division has distributed \$10,314,817.00 in highway user tax funds to the incorporated cities of Oregon for use in local road and street programs, it was announced recently by H. Scott Coulter, state highway engineer.

The city of Heppner received 12,287.84 while Hermiston received \$60,860.15. La

Grande, \$79,447.30, and Umatilla, \$21,631.43.

The allocation is based on the statutory 12 percent, and has already been distributed on a monthly basis. It went to 241 incorporated cities in the state, whose combined population now totals 1,463,592.

The funds come from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operator's license fees, gasoline tax,

use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes from citations issued by Highway Division weighmasters.

The apportionment is based on the population of each city as determined by the Center for Population Research and Census, Portland State Uni-

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## A face in the crowd

How many can you identify?



One-hundred-twenty Heppner High students from the classes of 1931 through 1937 pose in front of the school which is now the junior

high. The photo was carefully preserved by the students' teacher, Madge Coppock Thomson.

by Justine Weatherford  
The five classes of Heppner High graduates (1935-1939) and former fellow students and their mates and teachers will hold a reunion here the weekend after next, Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3.

Co-chairmen for the gathering are Kay Furlong Anderson ('38) and LaVerne VanMarter ('38). Among the many who are assisting them are Bethel Blake Heinrichs ('39), Kathryn Parker Hoskins ('37), Ed Dick ('35), Irene Kilkenny

Laughlin ('35), Irene Beamer Anhorn ('36), Beth Vance Bryant ('37), Howard Cleveland ('36) and Floyd and Lorena Wilson Jones ('35).

Many more have assisted in trying diligently to contact students and teachers who were at the high school during the years of 1935 through 1939 classes. They have made preparation for several reunion events for those who will attend.

On Saturday evening from 6 p.m. on, a social hour and banquet will be held at the Heppner Elks Club. It is planned that dinner will be served at 7:30. Bill Barratt, now of Spokane, will come to perform as master of ceremonies.

On Sunday morning between 10 a.m. and noon, class members and their mates and children and grandchildren will enjoy more visiting at a brunch, also at the Elks Club. This event is being arranged by the children of the classmates.

## Gold panning workshop set

Overnight facilities are available at the field station for participants wishing to arrive Friday. There are free parking spaces for trailers and campers, or sleeping space and breakfast at the field station can be arranged for \$5 per person.

Information and registration details are available from EOSC Office of Continuing Education at 963-2171 ext. 208 or toll free at 1-800-452-9639.

## Stretcher donated to Hospital



Thanks to the help and donation of local businesses and individuals, the emergency medical team at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner has a new and more efficient stretcher for loading and unloading patients from the ambulance.

The new stretcher cost over \$800 and was purchased entirely with donations, says team member Betty Curnutt. Curnutt says the new

stretcher may be loaded and unloaded from the ambulance by one person instead of the two or more which were required by the old stretcher. "One person can load a 250 pound individual with this," she said.

Donations for purchase of the stretcher came from many sources. The Heppner American Legion and Auxiliary, the VFW Aux., both the Search and Rescue and the Search

and Rescue Posseettes, and the Ione American Legion Auxiliary all gave donations and services toward the purchase. Dwayne and the Plainsmen, a music group from Heppner, gave their services at a dance to raise money and many individuals donated.

"We would like to thank the public and businesses for support," Curnutt said.