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## Smart thinking

Plans by Kinzua Corp. to build a wood fired electrical generating plant near its mill in Heppner sound like good energy conservation planning.

According to Harry Kennison, general manager at Kinzua, the generating plant would use waste wood from logging operations in the woods to fire its boilers and produce electricity to run the plant, and have a little left over.

With the general consensus around the country that the US should get out from under the thumb of OPEC, and that energy is now becoming a somewhat scarce commodity, plans to use waste wood to generate electricity should be looked at seriously and closely.

However, according to Kennison, Kinzua hasn't been able to get anyone's attention at the federal level where help could be available for this project.

Granted, the project is not of the magnitude of a Boardman, or a Trojan, but it does represent sound conservation and smart thinking when it comes to energy. A renewable resource, great volumes of which are rotting and going to waste each year in the forest, should not be ignored.

Perhaps small projects like this one don't have political advantages as do construction of larger generating plants, but they do have a place in the energy picture of our country, and, in particular, our state, which is so rich in the renewable resource which would power plants like these.

## Obituary

### William R. (Brownie) Browning

William R. (Brownie) Browning, Pendleton, formerly of Heppner, died in Moses Lake, Wash., Sunday, July 20, 1989.

Funeral services will be today, Thursday, July 24, at 11 a.m. at the Folsom-Bishop Chapel in Pendleton. Vault interment will be at the Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

Mr. Browning was born April 29, 1920, at Baker, Ore.,

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Browning, Pendleton; two sons, Robert R. Browning and Richard R. Lauffer, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Annette Niord, Pendleton; a sister, Margaret Wright, Pendleton; seven grandchildren and one niece.

### Weatherfords welcome baby

The good news of the birth of Bonnie Ann Weatherford on Friday, July 18, has cheered the Heppner homes of grandmothers, Adelle La Trace and Justine Weatherford.

Bonnie Ann's parents are Teresa and U.S. Navy Chief W.W. Weatherford, III. Bonnie has a brother, Billy Eugene, who will be four years old next week. This Navy family now lives in Imperial Beach, California.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Ed. note:** The following two articles from the Coquille Valley Sentinel were brought to the attention of the Heppner Gazette-Times by Heppner resident Fran Cook.

### Cubans using VA hospital; GIs refused

Coquille Valley Sentinel, June 12, 1980—A White House directive which authorizes Cuban refugees to occupy beds at the Veterans Administration (VA) medical center in Tampa, Fla. while sick and disabled ex-GIs are being denied treatment, has drawn outraged criticism from the 670,000-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

The Carter Administration has ordered the Tampa VA medical center to reserve 40 hospital beds for ailing Cuban refugees. The VA medical center in Gainesville, Fla., has been told to reserve 50 medical and surgical beds for this purpose. On Monday, while 13 Cuban refugees were occupying beds in the Tampa VA facility's psychiatric wards, two American veterans applying for psychiatric care were denied admission due to lack of beds in the hospital's psychiatric care section.

The Tampa VA hospital has been hit particularly hard by Carter Administration budget policies in recent years. Underfunding and understaffing at the hospital were causing denial of treatment to many eligible Tampa veterans long before the massive influx of Cuban refugees into Florida began.

While this situation has its parallels at VA health care facilities across the United States, the problem in Tampa became so severe a year ago that the DAV and a number of VA physicians, themselves, called public attention to it.

A headline in the Tampa Tribune-Times on June 24, 1979, stated that "Staff Doctors Call Some VA Policies Medical Malpractice." A few of the physicians went so far as to charge that some veterans had died because of these policies, which resulted directly from inadequate budgeting.

"I'm astonished by the crass insensitivity of giving priority medical care in VA facilities to undocumented aliens at a time when men and women who fought in our nation's wars are being turned away at the door," said DAV National Commander Paul L. Thompson.

He noted that the situation could only become worse as more Cubans enter VA hospitals, filling the beds allotted to them. The DAV has learned that Carter Administration officials have contacted other VA medical centers in Florida, searching for hospital beds in which to place Cuban refugees requiring medical attention.

"This is a clear indication of how the Carter Administration really feels about the nation's commitment to its war veterans—how its policies have become the complete opposite of what they should be," said Thompson.

"To show humanitarian concern for the refugees is one thing, but how much humani-

tanian concern has the Carter Administration shown for the sick and disabled veterans seeking health services from the VA during the last 3 1/2 years? None!"

The private health care sector currently has 130,000 empty hospital beds and DAV leaders are asking why the Carter Administration is not using these beds rather than the already overburdened VA system to treat the Cubans.

### Not surprised

Coquille Valley Sentinel, June 26, 1980—I read in your paper that the Carter administration has authorized Cuban refugees to occupy beds at the Veterans Administration while sick and disabled ex-GIs are being denied treatment.

I am not surprised at anything anymore that the Government does.

Our grandson, while in the Army this January, fell and hurt his back. They x-rayed his back, gave him some aspirin and in February gave him a medical discharge. To this day he has not gotten an interview with them.

He has called them several times, but they keep stalling him. This means he has gotten no money to live on.

And, he can not work more than a few hours a day because of his back.

He has been living with us since March, and we love him very much and are glad we are able to give him a home to live in.

He helps my husband in the yard work as much as he can, but what if he couldn't help him, how would he survive?

We think it's disgusting that they will help other people and not our own service personnel.

We have a granddaughter in the army and another who is going into the Marines. I hope nothing happens to them, because they might get the same treatment.

Mrs. Harold Wrigley  
Coquille, Ore.

## For Denny Smith

Editor:

The time has come not only to make changes in our nation's tax system but also in the legislators who developed it. During his recent visit to eastern Oregon, U.S. Representative Al Ullman stated that changes should be made in our federal tax system. However, he indicated that this election year would be a poor time to begin work on "a tax system that isn't doing what it's supposed to do." What it isn't doing is collecting money as fast as the federal government is spending it.

During 1979, which was not an election year, Representative Ullman proposed a Value Added Tax. This year he says it is dead. Representative Ullman who calls himself the "Number One Tax Writer" in Congress, apparently feels making changes in this election year would anger too many voters. This should give us a clue as to the type of changes this 24-year veteran of tax writing has in mind.

This election year, we can assure that necessary changes are made by electing Denny Smith as our Second District Congressional Representative. Denny Smith believes that we do not need more taxes, we need less government spending. Many current members of Congress say that the bulk of spending is on entitlements mandated by law. They are unwilling to change the laws they enacted themselves. We need to elect

people who are not afraid to make changes. Denny Smith is such a man!

Steve Masters  
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La Grande, Or 97850

## Descendants sought

Editor:

I would like to contact family or descendants of A.A. Curtis, Mrs. J.B. Mock (his daughter), and her children, Minola, John, Curtis, Alton, Ruth, Arthur, who were residents of Heppner in the early 1900's.

I am in possession of some of their family mementos. Thank you.

R. Mueller  
2906-S West Camano Dr.  
Camano Island, Wash. 98292

## Heppner touched by draft

Seven young men signed up for the newly reinstated military registration at the Heppner Post Office Monday.

Postmaster Ken Nairn reports.

The registration period lasts two weeks. Registration days depend on a young man's date of birth.

## Open house to coincide with visit



Al Ullman

The open house and dedication ceremony at Pioneer Hospital in Heppner has been tentatively scheduled to coincide with the visit of 2nd District Representative Al Ullman, Hospital Administrator A.K. "Lucky" Felt said Monday.

The open house and dedication will last from 1 to 5 p.m., the afternoon of Saturday, August 9, and will commemorate recent improvements and additions to the hospital. "Al Ullman was instrumental in generating money to build these improvements," Felt said.

## Business Directory

### Auto Parts



### Heppner Auto Parts

234 N. Main Heppner 676-9123

### Floor Covering



### M & R FLOOR COVERING

Carpet, Linoleum, Ceramic Tile, Kitchen Cabinets, Rapco Insulation  
422 Linden Way, Heppner 676-9418

### Furniture

### CASE FURNITURE

Heppner  
Carpet, Linoleum, Counter Tops Installed  
Beauty Rest mattresses, Fabrics and Accessories,  
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### For all your Insurance needs

TURNER VAN MARTER & BRYANT INSURANCE  
187 NORTH MAIN STREET HEPPNER, OREGON 97836  
Telephone 676-9119  
LAWRENCE VAN MARTER, JR.  
HOWARD BRYANT

### Medical Supplies



### MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY

Free Mailing Service On Prescriptions Hospital Supplier  
Mon-Fri. 9a-5p Sat. 9-1p Located in the Medical Center  
1100 Southgate Pendleton 276-1531

### Monuments

### SWEENEY MORTUARY

Cemetery, Grave Markers  
Granite, Marble, Bronze  
Serving Ione, Lexington & Heppner p.o. Box 97  
676-9600 or 676-9226

### Office Equipment



Service calls every Wednesday in Heppner, Ione and Lexington

352 S. Main St., Pendleton Telephone 276-6441  
811 N. First, Harmon Telephone 567-2731

### Petroleum



### GLENN DEVIN

Chevron USA, Inc.  
Commission Agent  
676-9633

## Consolidated Report of Condition

### BANK OF Eastern Oregon

"Your Home-Owned, Independent Bank"  
ARLINGTON, HEPPNER AND IONE

As of 6-30-80

ASSETS	
Cash and due from banks	1,167,601.46
U.S. Treasury securities	1,863,476.93
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	750,000.00
Other securities	3,688,985.76
Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell	none
Other loans less reserve for loan losses	14,518,024.86
Bank premises, furniture & fixtures, & other assets representing	
- bank premises	368,564.99
- other assets	28,471.91
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>22,385,119.01</b>

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	4,060,802.44
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	13,255,717.28
Deposits of United States Government	13,258.80
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	2,275,451.81
Certified and officers' checks, etc	74,800.51
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>19,680,030.84</b>
- A. Total demand deposits: 4,972,802.83	deposits: 4,972,802.83
- B. Total time and savings deposits: 14,707,228.01	
Federal funds purchased & securities sold under agreement to purchase	850,000.00
Other liabilities	243,399.91
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>20,773,430.75</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Common stock—total par value	150,000.00
- (No. shares authorized 6,000) (No. shares outstanding 6,000)	
Surplus	1,200,000.00
Undivided profits	261,688.26
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>1,611,688.26</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES RESERVES &amp; capital accounts</b>	<b>22,385,119.01</b>

MEMORANDA	
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	19,602,756.96
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	14,955,800.37
Standby letter of credit	100,000.00
I. Gene Pierce, President and Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
signed, Gene Pierce	

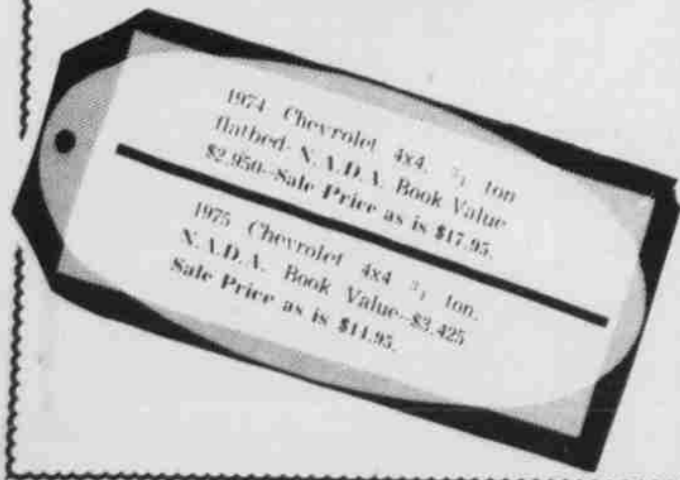
Correct & Attest Directors:  
(s) Howard Bryant (s) Roy, W. Lindstrom (s) L.E. Dick Jr.

## Our 35th Year

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Ron McDonald 676-9921

**Chevrolet Inc.**



**Heppner Barber Shop**  
will be closed first 2 weeks in Aug.  
**National Guard Duty**