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Weather By City of Heppner

		High	Low	Precip
Tue.	Nov. 10	62	36	Trace
Wed.	Nov. 11	69	45	.15
Thu.	Nov. 12	58	39	.05
Fri.	Nov. 13	60	51	Trace
Sat.	Nov. 14	58	36	.02
Sun.	Nov. 15	58	41	.02
Mon.	Nov. 16	54	38	.76

Nistad retires after 34 years at Kinzua Corp.

Oregon's future is in the use of its natural resources, and here in Eastern Oregon that future looks bright indeed.

That assessment of what lies ahead was given last week by a man who is intimately involved with the use and control over Oregon's natural resources, retiring Kinzua Vice President Allen Nistad.

Involved at this time with at least 11 separate resource groups, from the state-wide Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, to the local Morrow County Resources Council, Nistad has his finger, so to speak, on the development and uses of Oregon's natural resources.

And despite the current downturn in the timber industry, he says this is only short-term, and the future of Oregon still lies in the use of its natural resources.

"I hear people say we need to diversify (in Oregon). You can't get out of it. It's (timber) here and it's in excellent shape," he says.

Nistad, who retired this month after 34 years with the wood products company says the timber supply in Eastern Oregon is in excellent shape, as far as supply, compared

with the western part of the state.

Some of his other appointments to resource groups, which he vows will keep him busy during retirement include: Comprehensive Resource Management Task Force, Grant County Resource Council, Oregon State Extension Service Advisory Board, Blue Mountain Resource Council, and Vice Pres. of Keep Oregon Green Association in Salem. (He also serves on 11 other boards and committees.)

He says the group most interesting to him at this time is the Energy Siting Council, of which he will be chairman in Sept. of 1982.

The council was formed 11 years ago to give approval on every major utility project in the state.

"I enjoy that one the most," says Nistad. He has worked to keep the staff small and red tape down. "I have tried to keep it a one-stop agency."

Nistad's other contributions to the management of timber in Oregon over the years, would have to include his participation in writing the timber severance tax bill which changed the taxing of

timber in Eastern Oregon.

"People were cutting timber to get it off the tax rolls," says Nistad. He says the new law encouraged more tree farming since a landowner did not have to pay tax on the trees while they were growing, only when they were cut.

In his travels to other parts of the country, working for various groups, Nistad says he has had a chance to see how other states work in handling resources.

"Oregon is recognized as having more citizen participation in government, and we have a very honest government here."

Born in Whalen, Minnesota in 1921, Nistad started with Kinzua in the accounting department in 1947.

He has attended schools at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and is a graduate of Whitney College of Commerce, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. He also served with the civil service in the reconstruction finance corp. of the U.S. Air Force war assets administration from 1941 to 1947. He was on active duty with the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

What happens now after



Allen Nistad

retirement? Nistad says he will enjoy himself, spend some time at his home on the Pudget Sound, and that he and his wife, Lilly Mae, plan to relocate "sometime next

year" to the Lake Oswego area.

"I'll also be president of Keep Oregon Green Committee starting in Dec.," he added.

Jack Sumner place burglarized

The Jack Sumner place on Rock Creek, leased by Paul McElligott, Pete McElligott and Don McElligott was broken into and burglarized sometime Friday, Nov. 13 reports Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch.

Pete McElligott, who reported the incident Monday, Nov. 16, informed the sheriff's office that several buildings, including a shop and a trailer house were broken into.

An airplane hangar on the premises was also damaged.

Various pieces of farm equipment were removed. Fetsch said, and entry into the shop was made through a broken window to carry off tools valued at \$900. A television set from the trailer house was also removed. Value of the television was \$90.

Some of the tools were marked with Paul's Social Security number, but others weren't marked at all, the sheriff reported.

Fetsch said because of rain, no finger or tire prints were found. "We have very little to go on," he added.

A reward has been offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves.

Three arraigned at M.C. Courthouse

Three men were arraigned last Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports Ann Spicer, district attorney. Arraigned were:

Larry Gene Duff, 40, Spokane. Duff was charged with criminal mischief in the first degree.

Allen Keith Tompkins, Irri-

gon was charged with burglary in the second degree and theft in the second degree. Tompkins pled not guilty.

John Walter Wells Jr., 25, Boardman, was charged with theft in the first degree by deception, burglary in the first degree and theft in the second degree.

10 local people receive Courteous Driver Awards

During the last six months, the Heppner City Police Department has been issuing Courteous Driver awards. "So far, most awards have been given to teenagers and the girls outnumber the boys eight to two," said a spokesperson from Heppner City Hall. The awards are given by cruising police officers who

have observed these people driving defensively, yielding their own right-of-way to other vehicles and following other good driving procedures.

The certificates are provided through the Independent Insurance Association of Umatilla County. Ray Boyce Insurance is the only Morrow County member. The recipients are: Tawny Lynn Wilson, Marti Baker, Nancy L. Miller, Sheridan Sweek, Deann Colleen Connor, Darcy Ann Hollomon, John David Bier, William L. Sowell, Mary Kathleen Hansen, and Jennifer Rae Johnston.

Heppner Rolls!

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Co. Court discusses possibility of building Morrow County jail

By MARYANN CERULLO

New jail facilities are being planned in Umatilla County but Morrow County prisoners won't be allowed in, Judge Don McElligott told Morrow County Court last Monday, November 16.

Umatilla Co. is currently charging Morrow County \$30 per day, per prisoner, informed District Attorney Ann Spicer. The Parole Board is so backed up that sentencing can take anywhere from six to ten weeks, Spicer continued.

Possible alternatives brought before Morrow County Court by County Sheriff Larry Fetsch, Deputy B.C. Cannon, and District Attorney Ann Spicer were to send prisoners to The Dalles or build a correctional facility within Morrow County.

The Dalles Jail is already running at full capacity and is looking to build their own new facility, Deputy Cannon told the County Court.

Discussion over the possibility of constructing a jail within Morrow County was introduced.

According to Morrow Co. Sheriff, Larry Fetsch, a minimum of five additional em-

ployees would be needed. Standards of correctional facilities were read by Spicer.

"If we are to have a jail, we should build for the next 20 years or plan something expandable," said Spicer.

Fetsch next explained to the court the time and money wasted by deputies in transporting prisoners to court from Pendleton and back, plus the cost of running the vehicle. According to both Cannon and Fetsch, a sheriff's deputy normally spends his entire shift watching the suspect during the day of the trial.

Plans were presented to the court for a possible jail site in the park behind the courthouse.

"I don't hear any alternatives other than build our own jail. I'd like to have another alternative but I don't hear any," said Judge McElligott at the close of the discussion.

The Court agreed that a study group be formed after Thanksgiving to research all possibilities for a correctional facility. Afterward, a formal jail committee would be formed, said McElligott.

In other business, Morrow Co. Treasurer, Margo Sherer, came before the court to

report that the county has received \$500,000 in property taxes as of Monday, Nov. 16.

"They're coming in very nicely," said Sherer. "Things are coming in so fast that we are having trouble keeping up."

Morrow County Court concluded with the following business:

—heard the road report and a report of accumulative costs for the month of October from Don Briggs, director of the Public Works Dept.

—discussed with Dean Seeger of the County Planning Dept., the recent meeting of a study group over zones and regulations of the proposed I84 Interchange near Boardman. Final decisions will be made by a formal committee in December, said Judge McElligott.

—reviewed a proposed building inspection contract with District Attorney Ann Spicer, Dean Seeger, and Ed Wilson and Don Dale, inspectors.

—appointed Commissioner Dorothy Krebs to the Board of Directors of the Oregon Consortium.

for the downtown merchants.

Merchants will stay open until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday nights every week up to Christmas.

"This should give people more opportunity to get their Christmas shopping done," said Merchant's Association President Jerry Holloman.

Co. School Board looks at energy saving computer

The Morrow County School Board took a look Monday night at a computerized machine that, according to its manufacturers, could save the district 15 percent on its electrical bill every year.

Called an energy management system, the 12-inch by 15-inch metal box was shown to the school board by John Cant of Pendleton, who said the district is paying more on its electrical bill than is necessary.

According to Cant, because of scheduled power increases, by July of 1982 the district will be paying \$184,000 per year on electrical energy. Three years from now he says the bill will be \$330,000 per year.

According to Cant the machines, which would cost the district approximately \$80,000 installed, measure the schools' "peak" demand and will automatically turn off various energy users in the schools for brief periods of time to keep the demand low. He said no noticeable changes in heating or other services would be noticed.

"The system would pay for itself in three and one half years, and that's a pretty good investment," Cant told the board.

The board took no action on the proposed system, and Superintendent Matt Doherty told them the work would have to be bid, even if the district decided to go ahead with the project.

In other business, the board heard from local sponsors of a proposed "Fun Run" to be held in Heppner April 4.

The run would be on a course on Hinton Creek and the sponsors, teachers in the district, asked the board if the runners could be transported to the starting point by school bus. The board gave its okay.

In other business, the board:

—heard that 286 replies

from 3,029 questionnaires recently sent out by the district, had been returned. The questions dealt with a wide range of school issues, and were sent to district patrons to measure public opinion.

—passed a revised school district bus policy that will allow adults, for a fee, to ride school buses to events.

—passed a physical force policy spelling out how and when to report suspected child abuse cases to authorities.

—voted to include \$3,500 in next year's budget for lowering a pump at a well serving Riverside High School.

—voted to include \$11,821.70 in the budget to purchase several tractors and mowers now leased by the district.

—voted to hire a part-time aide at Heppner High School to assist with students having

trouble with math and reading.

—learned that Ione High School had received a \$2,000 state grant to purchase a word processor for use in that school's vocational program.

The computer is expected to be installed within a month.

—held a closed-door executive session to discuss negotiation strategy with the certified personnel.

Going up Chase St.? Take a hike



Tried to go up Chase Street lately? Chances are if you made it to the top, you did some walking.

Delta Summit Corp. of Kennewick, Wash. is replacing and updating the old water line, said a spokesperson from the Corps. of Engineers Willow Creek Dam office.

The line is being replaced because dam construction necessitated removing the old city water tank and installing

a new one.

Preliminary work on the water tank began in August and completion of the tank and Chase Street water line is to be July 1, 1982.

The Corp. is presently installing a 12 inch main line that will later be connected to individual homes, the spokesperson continued.

You'd better watch out!

Santa to visit Sat. Nov. 28

Santa Claus will be on hand next Saturday, Nov. 28 to visit with shoppers and their children, during the Heppner Merchant's Christmas Opening Sale.

The sale will begin Friday and last for two days, with

bargains at many stores.

Santa will be at the Post Office downtown, beginning at 1 p.m. to visit with children. A photographer will be on hand for those wishing to buy pictures of their children on Santa's lap.

Also starting on Friday, Nov. 27 will be new later hours