

# The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Nov. 29	35	23	1/4" snow on ground
Wed., Nov. 30	29	21	.03 melted snow
Thurs., Dec. 1	36	23	.02 melted snow
Fri., Dec. 2	35	24	.09: 3/4" melted snow
Sat., Dec. 3	36	25	
Sun., Dec. 4	39	25	Trace
Mon., Dec. 5	40	27	.15 melted snow

Normal precip. for Nov. is 1.49".  
Total precip for Nov., 1983 was 1.83" rain; 0.8" snow-ice pellets; 3/4" snow on ground.  
High for Nov., 1983 was 70 degrees.  
Low for Nov., 1983 was 23 degrees.

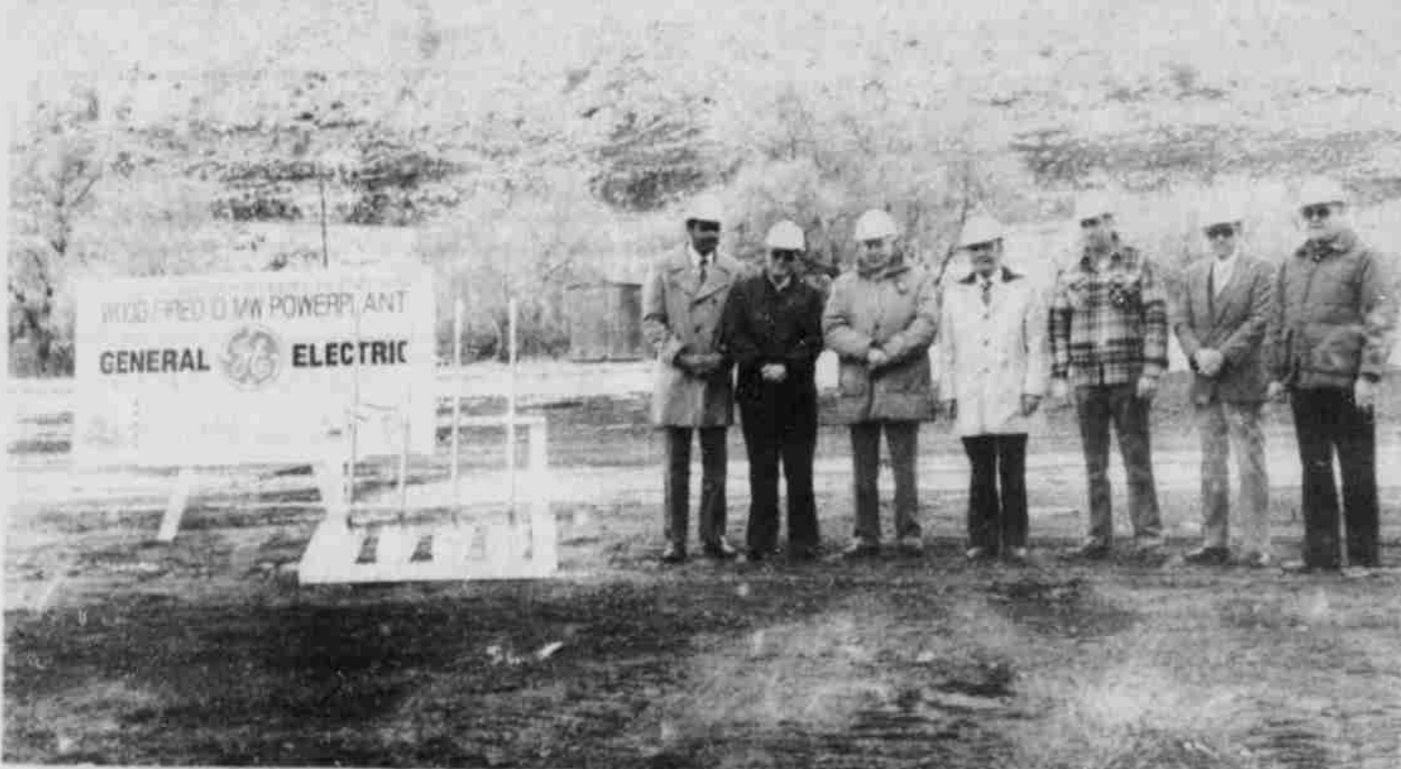
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## Ground breaking ceremony held at wood burning power plant site City Council accepts bid for new well



On hand for a ground breaking ceremony for Kinzua Corporation's new cogeneration plant Friday were Paul Enge (left), sales engineer for General Electric; Fred Toombs, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op; Morrow Co. Judge Don McElligott, Buz Clough, public

relations manager for Portland General Electric, Boardman; Heppner Mayor Cliff Green; Bill Braun, engineering contractor for G.E.; and Kinzua General Manager Harry Kennison.

Ground breaking ceremonies for a new wood-burning power plant at the Kinzua Mill in Heppner were held last Friday at 1:30 p.m.

According to Mill Manager Harry Kennison, the plant, which is scheduled to be completed in nine to 12 months, will use waste wood from the forest to produce steam, which will produce electricity.

Kennison says the power will then be sold to Portland General Electric under a 30-year contract. The mill itself will continue to purchase power from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, the local utility.

"P.G.E. gave us a 30-year contract to purchase all the power we produce. They plan on putting it into their grid," said Kennison.

To fuel the plant, Kinzua plans on thinning 3,000 acres of forest land per year, which works out to 17 tons of fuel per acre. The plant requires seven truck loads of fuel every 24 hours, or roughly 440 cords of wood.

"Our forests are in bad need of reforestation," said Kennison. He pointed out that with the plant in operation, thin-

ning the land will be profitable with better stands of timber the result.

"We will be using everything on that land, we will actually be farming the forest land," he said.

Kinzua owns about 175,000 acres of forest land itself, but relies on the Forest Service for about 50 percent of its allowable cut.

To run the plant will require approximately 20 to 25 more permanent jobs in the Heppner area says Kennison, with possibly up to 50 during plant construction.

"We will use everyone in the Heppner area we can possibly use," he says. "We've taken applications from everyone in the Heppner area that needed work, and General Electric has assured us they will use everyone in the area they can use."

The boiler for the power plant is presently in Minnesota but is scheduled to be shipped here soon. Transporting it will require six flat cars. "It's three times as large as the one we have in the mill itself," said Kennison.

The power plant, which is



Harry Kennison (left), Paul Enge and Judge Don McElligott overturn earth where Kinzua Corporation's new cogeneration plant will be located.

expected to operate about 11 months out of the year, will produce at a maximum, 71 million kilowatt hours per year; with a minimum of 28 million.

Funding for the plant will come from \$9,200,000 in general obligation bonds to be sold by the Oregon State Department of Energy.

Kennison said selling the power from the plant will hold

Kinzua through rough economic times. "Without this plant this company would be in very bad shape within the next couple of years. We've been working the last two years to keep the company going and diversified, and this plant will put us into a much better position to make it through the hard times. We don't want to be a fast-fading lumber company," he added.

The Heppner City Council accepted a low bid of \$83,569 Monday night to drill a new water well for the city.

The bid came from Orvail Buckner, Redmond, who hopes to begin drilling before the end of the year.

The well site is located above the city near Balm Fork.

Peter Lennon of Heppner

owns the property; however, the city has an option to purchase the ground if the well proves productive.

City engineers received a total of four bids for the project, with the highest being \$127,554. Engineers had estimated the cost to be \$107,625.

Money for the drilling will come from funds granted to the city by the federal Farm

Home Administration earlier for upgrading of the city's water system.

In other business, the council:

— heard a request from Bobbie Angell, who wishes to have city water provided to her property located above the cemetery. The property is located outside the city limits but inside the urban growth boundary, so councilmen said

Angell would have to wait for a decision until a development plan is worked out between the city and the County Planning Commission. "We're kind of in limbo on that," explained Heppner Mayor Cliff Green.

— voted to appoint Doug Rathbun as police chief (see related story), replacing Dean Gilman, who has retired.

## Rathbun to replace Gilman as Heppner City Police Chief

Doug Rathbun was chosen to replace Dean Gilman as Heppner City Police Chief by the Heppner City Council at a meeting Monday night. Gilman will be retiring January 1, 1984.

"We (the council) think he's well qualified and will do a good job for us," said council member Warren Plocharsky.

Rathbun, 40, has been assistant police chief here for the past four years.

After graduating from North Eugene High School, he entered the U.S. Navy. Later, he worked as an accountant for Cummins Diesel in Port-

land. He then became Police Chief in Gaston for one year, then chief at Powers, near Myrtle Point, for seven years. He also worked for the Coos County Sheriff's Department and the Umatilla City Police Department before coming to Heppner in 1975 when he joined the Heppner City Police Department. Rathbun left Heppner in 1978 for Sweet Home where he was the police department sergeant. He returned to Heppner in 1979.

He and his wife, Georgina, have three children: Carlina, 17, Christy, 14, and Charlie, nine.



Doug Rathbun

## Farm-City Banquet to be held Friday

The annual Farm-City Banquet will take place this Friday at the Heppner Elks Lodge beginning at 7 p.m.

M.C. will be Dr. Clare Koznek. Harley Sager will give the invocation and Dr. Lee Insko of Eastern Oregon State College at La Grande will be guest speaker.

Several awards, including Business Person of the Year, will be presented, and a pink tourmaline gem stone will be given as a door prize, courtesy of Peterson's Jewelers. Cost to attend the banquet is \$7.

Preceding the banquet will be the annual meetings of the Morrow County Livestock Growers and the Morrow

County CowBelles. The Livestock Growers' meeting will begin at 1 p.m.; the CowBelles will start with a luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Door prizes will also be given at these meetings.

## St. Vincent Hospital to screen P.M.H. administrator applicants

In a special meeting Monday morning, the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board agreed to enter into a contract with St. Vincent Hospital in Portland in an effort to procure an administrator for the hospital, reports Ron McDonald, a P.M.H. board member. He explained that St. Vin-

## Santa's mail boxes to accept children's letters

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 10, a Santa Claus mail box will be placed in post offices in Heppner, Lexington and Ione. Santa will call the children the week before Christmas. To help Santa in calling, letters should include: (1) the child's

name and age; (2) legible phone numbers; (3) legible Christmas list; and (4) a list of any brothers and sisters in the household.

The calls are sponsored by the Heppner Lions Club.

## Two men charged in connection with fatal wreck investigation

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department has reported that Carl S. Harrison, 19, of Pendleton, and Gary D. Patterson of Heppner have been charged with allegedly furnishing alcoholic beverages to a Person Under 21 Years of Age in connection with a fatal accident that occurred on October 1. James Jon Kent Klukert, 17, of Lexington, was

killed in the accident on Balm Fork Road near Heppner.

An investigation into the accident, which was reopened when new evidence was uncovered, proved that accident reports filed by those involved were false. The reports stated that Sandra Kay Kelsay, 19, of Heppner, was operating the vehicle at the time of the

wreck. The evidence indicates she was not and that alcohol was involved. Now, a 17-year-old Heppner youth has been charged with alleged Negligent Homicide, and Kelsey and the three juveniles involved have been charged with alleged Initiating a False Report.

nounced he will not seek reelection.

Ron McDonald of Heppner is French's campaign manager.

## Chamber of Commerce to sponsor lighting contest

A Christmas Lighting Contest will again be held in Heppner this year. Two categories, best decorated outdoor display and best decorated inside display as seen from the street, are featured.

## Carol Grams offered

If you're out of Christmas ideas for that special someone on your list, a Carol Gram might be just what you're looking for. The Heppner High School choir is offering them again this holiday season as a money making project.

The carols will be delivered between 3:30 and 8:30 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 20, said Kitty Coon, choir instructor. The cost is \$2.50 for two carols. The choir members will be delivering the carols in groups

Judging will take place Sunday, Dec. 18. First place winners will receive \$30; second place, \$20; and third place \$10. The contest is being sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce.

of three to six members. Also, Carol Grams can be sung over the phone if you want to wish someone a Merry Christmas long distance. The students will go to your home, have you dial the phone number, and then will sing the carols over the phone, and then hand the phone back to you.

To order Carol Grams, contact any HHS choir member or Kitty Coon, 989-8557, after 4:30 p.m.

## French's campaign to kick off December 13

A no-host gathering will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., at the Heppner Elks' Lodge to officially kick off Raymond French's Republican candi-

dacy for State Representative of District 59. The district, which includes Morrow, Grant, Baker and Crook counties, is presently served by Max Simpson, who has an-



Mary Goheen, president of the Heppner Soroptimist Club, shows the 28 dolls that Soroptimist members have donated to the Neighborhood Center for the Christmas Basket

Program. Some of the dolls' clothes and even some of the dolls are handmade. The members are having a contest for the best homemade doll or best homemade doll clothes.