

Ellingson Lumber Company Photo Album I

SONNY RIDER COLLECTION



On the left, entrance to town on right, to mill on left. After road turns to the left is a bridge across



the South Fork, John Day River. Above, the mill supervisor's quarters.



(Above) Company office. The structure to the right (and further in the distance) is the commissary. This was a fully-stocked store yet "real shopping" trips were necessary to John Day or Prineville about once a month. (Right) Everyone could have fun at a number of varied events held in the company hall.





This is the trailer camp. Employees provided their own trailers. This site was down river from the very large mill pond.



The aftermath of demolition. Everything that could be salvaged was salvaged (for the most part) but much remained to be burned. What looks like snow in the above photograph is ash.



Main mill building with the camp in background. Three stacks are from power house. Ellingson had dry kilns at Izee (out of sight behind the main building). Mill scraps were taken by conveyor from mill building to the wigwam burner across (north) the river.

GREEN GOLD



Above is the truck maintenance shed with large log pond south of shop. At right is that shed fully engulfed in flames. It is no longer remembered why this building was completely burned rather than salvaged.



This aerial view was provided by the Ellingson Lumber Company. At bottom right is the town. Dry kilns are center foreground, just up from the river. The kilns appear as a dark, long rectangle near the center at bottom

The South Fork of the John Day River runs beyond the power plant (stacks barely visible) just opposite of the wigwam burner.

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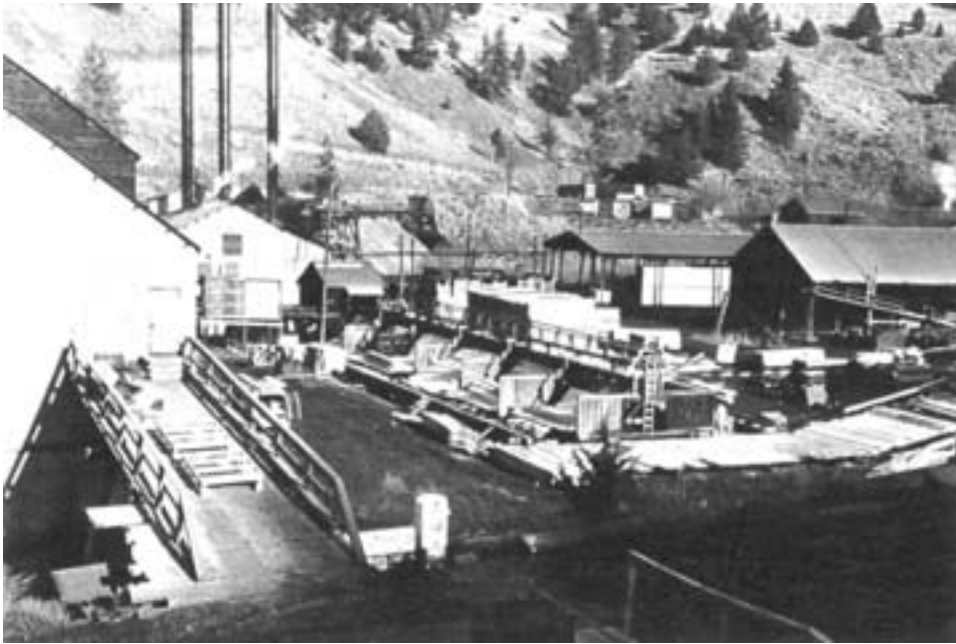
LLOYD EVANS COLLECTION



These two photographs show the main plant after a snowfall. Although the pond was steam-heated, there were times when the mill closed because of adverse weather.



Main mill building. Photo was taken from the south side of the pond. This was not an insubstantial operation. Yet, sometime later, Ellingson bought the Seneca Lumber Company from Speck Hudspeth, mainly to increase dry kiln capacity and to have a rail shipping point for the company's lumber.



This photograph, showing operations on the east side of the main building, suggests that some of the operations were “open air.” The power house can be recognized by the three tall smoke stacks. The solid building in the right center of the photograph housed the dry kilns. There was no planer at the Izee plant. This was another reason Ellingson purchased the Seneca Lumber Company.



The camp in winter. The place looks deserted so this photograph must have been taken after the facility ceased operations. (Right photo) In 1951, a serious fire destroyed much of the plant. At the upper right side of this photo you can see the wigwam burner so the wreckage you see here is from the main mill building.





Try to identify these guys.

Just a final note about Mr. Evans' assistance. Sonny Rider helped me locate Lloyd, who now lives in Baker City. Lloyd and I talked on the telephone a number of time, corresponded by mail when talking wasn't necessary. Lloyd's photos were totally different from those Sonny Rider kindly provided to me and gave me a broader outlook on Ellingson's Izee operations. Thank you, Mr. Evans for your help—especially in helping me correctly identify the photo's contents and their meaning. Regrettably, space limitations prevent me from using more of both Sonny's and Lloyd's photographs.