

1961 First Baby Leaves Hospital For Kinzua Home

Heppner's own 1961 baby and proud mother and father left Pioneer Memorial hospital Monday at noon for their home in Kinzua.

Greeting them at the door of the hospital were Mrs. W. O. Wildman and a photographer; Mrs. Wildman to present a pink basket containing presents and gift certificates from the merchants of Heppner, and the photographer to get pictures of the event.

Blue-eyed Linda Ann Wyatt checked in to Pioneer Memorial hospital at 7:52 p.m. New Year's Day, weighing six pounds. She left the hospital eight days later in the arms of nurse's aid Mrs. Edith Case, 6 ounces lighter.

Young Mrs. Wyatt is a slender red-head standing slightly over five feet. The babe's reddish-brown hair indicated that she may inherit her mother's hair and coloring.

Dean Wyatt, father of the 1961 First Baby, is employed by Kinzua Corporation as a logger, and moved here from Tennessee about a year ago.

Rules of the contest having been fulfilled, many gifts from Heppner merchants were showered on this first child for the Wyatts.

Gifts include: from Economy Market, a case of baby food; from Pioneer Memorial hospital, 25 percent of hospital expenses; Heppner Variety, crib sheet; Turner, Van Marter & Bryant,



FIRST BABY OF 1961 is center of attention as parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wyatt receive gifts from Heppner merchants being presented by Frances Wildman of the Gazette-Times. Mrs. Norman Case, nurse's aid, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, holds Linda Ann.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Betty Bunch, Heppner, dismissed; Dick Robinson, Heppner, dismissed; Elsie Kennedy, Condon; Lena Brown, Heppner, Hubert Wilson, Heppner, dismissed; Jennifer Smith, Heppner, Merna Lane, Heppner, dismissed; Elva Robinson, Spray, Heppner; Luella Montgomery, Heppner; Maud Robinson, Heppner, Joe Bolin, Spray; Veris Green, Heppner; Floyd Wiles, Ione, dismissed; Scottie Gentry, Lexington, dismissed; Joe Halvorsen, Ione; Helen Proudfoot, Ione; Garry Shaffer, Fossil; Claire Andersen, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robinson, Heppner, 7 lb. 11 oz. son Craig Richard, born Jan 11. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Youum, Lexington, 4 lb. 7 1/2 oz. daughter, Marie Belle, Jan. 12.

\$5.00 cash; Heppner Cleaners, \$5.00 in cleaning; Humphreys Rexall Drug, bottle sterilizer; Heppner Gazette-Times, one year subscription; First National Bank, \$5.00 savings account; Wilson's Men's Wear, a shirt for the father; Gonty's, baby's first shoes; Western Auto, plastic clothes basket; Phil's Pharmacy, baby feeding dish; Central Market, box of oranges; Lott's Electric, \$5.00 credit on any purchase; Bank of Eastern Oregon, \$5.00 savings account; Jack's Chevron Station, 10 gallons of gas; Dick's Flower Shop, bouquet in ceramic baby planter; Fullerton's Chevrolet, an attractive gift; J. C. Penney Co., one dozen diapers; Miladies Apparel, gown for mother; Peterson's Jewelers, silver baby cup with name; Court Street Market, case of canned milk; Farley Motor Company, \$5.00 cash; Wes' Richfield, 10 gallons gas; Heppner Red & White, case of baby food; Heppner Auto Parts, electric bottle warmer; Thomson Bros. Grocery, case of baby food; Elma's Apparel, baby blanket; Barratt Sales Co., \$2.00 credit on any purchase; Heppner Hardware & Electric, \$2.00 credit on any purchase.

Carole Anne Anderson flew to Seattle where she will enter Children's Orthopedic Hospital as a nurse's aid working with crippled children.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Drake spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Portland on business. While away, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake cared for the children.

LIGHTS ON FOR EDUCATION - P.T.A. MEETING COVERS MANY SUBJECTS

Patrons of the Heppner schools received answers to a variety of questions on school matters at the joint meeting Thursday night of Lights On for Education and the January P.T.A. meeting.

Joining with 1500 schools of the state, the meeting was called to explain proposed legislation which will be promoted by the Oregon Education Association and the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers at this session of the legislature. But questions raised at the meeting dealt with local as well as state school conditions.

Stressed most by the panel was the need of increasing the basic school support from the state in order to more fairly distribute the cost of education. It was brought out that only about 15 percent of the youth educated in small communities or rural areas remain in that area when they reach adulthood. Since they tend to migrate to the more populated areas of the state it was stated that the state as a whole benefited more from their good education than the section of the state which had paid for that education than the section of the state which had not. Legislation to raise basic support from 36 percent to 50 percent will be high on the priority list of those agitating changes in the state statutes.

Another point made at the meeting was that though the present law provides for \$105 per school aged child - 4 years through 19 years - the actual amount received in the county is only \$95. This is a result of the way the basic aid is divided; an involved formula is used, based on the population in relation to the wealth of the school district. The present approximate cost of educating each child in Morrow county was given as \$600; only 14 percent of this cost is provided through basic school support. And this figure does not include capital investment, or bonds and interest.

An increasing school population was forecast by superintendent Robert Van Houte based on the fact that though the county census in 1950 and 1960 were approximately the same, the number of school age children in that figure had increased from 25 percent in 1950 to 33 percent in 1960.

"Is our school re-organization saving us money" was a question posed by one member of

the audience. It was answered in the affirmative by Van Houte; Ed Dick, chairman of the school district board; and D. O. Nelson, school board member from the Lexington zone. All three stated that the children were receiving a better education than they could in smaller schools. On a strictly financial viewpoint it was pointed out that closing two high schools in the district saved more than the additional cost of extra teachers hired in the remaining schools to provide a larger curriculum in the three secondary schools now operating. Even with additional bus expense, all three contended that there was a financial savings over operation of all schools as they were conducted before re-organization. Provision for a better education for students of the county was cited as an additional bonus.

The six panel members gave reports on different changes proposed in the state statutes as they affected various aspects of school matters. Taking part in the panel discussion were D. O. Nelson, Mrs. Rolce Fullerton, Van Houte, Lowell Challey, William Heath, and L. E. Dick. Panel moderator was Clifford Williams.

The fifth grade won the room count. Following the meeting in the high school gym, mothers of the fifth grade served refreshments in the high school cafeteria. Hostesses for the classes were Mrs. James Lovgren, Mrs. Leon Ball, Mrs. Earle Ayres and Mrs. Robert Abrams.

Former Ione Resident Dies

Gertrude McLeod, 74, died at her home in Amity January 3 following a long illness. Mrs. McLeod was a former resident of Ione where she and her husband lived for nine years. They moved to Amity about 14 months ago.

Mrs. McLeod is survived by her husband, Alexander W., of Amity; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Krieger, McMinnville, and Mrs. C. W. McCallum, Salem; five step-daughters, Mrs. George Kruger, Heppner; Mrs. Randall Martin, Heppner; Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington; Mrs. Jack Corwin, Tampa, Fla.; and Mrs. Cecil Stevens, The Dalles; two step-sons, David A. McLeod, Ione and Corliss A. McLeod of Vancouver, Wash.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were held at Macy & Son Mortuary in McMinnville Jan. 6.

Interment was in the Carlton Cemetery, Carlton, Ore.

Lutherans Elect Council Members

This past Sunday the annual Hope Lutheran Congregational meeting was held after a brief worship service.

One major item of business was adoption of a 1961 budget. The new church council members were also elected.

Those serving in these offices are Don Evans, Pine Thornburg Elmer Holtz, John Hartman, Irvin Rauch, Frank Payne, Ray Heimbigner, and Orval Matheny.

Valby Lutheran will hold its annual meeting the 29th of this month.

DR. McMURDO TAKES TRIP

Dr. A. D. McMurdo has returned from a visit to California during the holidays. He visited two brothers, Dr. H. B. McMurdo and Dr. P. F. McMurdo, at San Francisco, for a few days then went to Burlingame where he visited his son, Bernard H. McMurdo. He took his son to the Rose Bowl game and following the game visited with Mrs. Pat Beaver, Los Angeles, a former Heppner resident and sister of Phil Mahoney. Returning to Portland the Doctor visited his son, Charles E. McMurdo, before coming home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Townsend and their nine-year old son, Bruce have recently moved their large mobile home to Heppner and are now permanently located on Water Street.

Dave is the new manager for Tryco Equipment Co., formerly EMCO, the John Deere dealer in Heppner. Head offices for Tryco are in Pendleton, Ore.

Roy Tabor, field engineer of the Soil Conservation Service, will leave Saturday to attend a three week advanced engineering training course at San Louis Obispo, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Art McGreer and daughter Patricia of Madras attended the basketball game last week between Heppner and Madras. Mr. McGreer farms near Clarno.

Proposed School Legislation Outlined

A committee consisting of school administrators from eastern Oregon, Portland, and Multnomah county have been developing legislation to be presented to the current session of the legislature pertaining to a new pattern for the distribution of basic school funds.

Robert Van Houte, Morrow County school administrator, indicated that the type of legislation being prepared would allow for money to be distributed on a per pupil basis to all schools in the state regardless of the wealth of the various counties.

Van Houte stated that this type of proposal would prevent substantial losses to many school districts in Oregon.

In brief, the pattern would be as follows: the state appropriation for public schools would be distributed on a per pupil basis to the counties. Eighty percent of the amount going to the counties would be distributed to each district according to the number of pupils in the district. The additional 20 percent going to the counties would be distributed to those districts which had a lower-than-average valuation. Special funds would be made available to be distributed by the counties to the so-called "distress districts."

"Should the proposed legislation be enacted, Morrow county could gain in receipts from the state 35 or 40 thousand dollars or more," Van Houte said. "In contrast the legislation proposed by the interim committee on education could cause losses to Morrow county which could be as much as \$25,000 per year. Members of the district school board of the county have been carefully following the problem of state school funds in order to avoid any such losses as this."

It is expected that this legislation will be presented sometime during the month.

Visiting at the Bert Corbin home were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harrison and daughters of Redmond.

Hospital Auxiliary Elects Officers

Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione, was elected president of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary at a meeting Monday night at the courthouse.

New vice president is Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, Lexington; secretary, Mrs. A. G. Pieper, Lexington; and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall, Heppner, treasurer.

The out-going president, Mrs. Bruce Spencer, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors. Others on the board of directors are Fay Munkers, and Ann Bergstrom.

Organized three years ago to promote the welfare of Pioneer Memorial and its patients, the Auxiliary has fast become an important factor in support of this county-owned institution. During the past year nine members have put in over 100 hours each in donated time at the hospital. Records of hours put in were not kept until March 6, 1960, and since that time nine have earned their 100-hour plus.

They are: Mrs. A. G. Pieper, Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, Catherine Thorne, Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Fay Munkers, Ruby Miller, Lella Palmer, Lola Breeding and Bertha Hunt.

Work in the hospital consists of acting as receptionist from 7 to 9 p.m. on week nights and all day Saturdays and Sundays. Those engaged in this also act as switchboard operators. This has proven so satisfactory that Mrs. Spencer announced the hospital administrator has asked the women to do full time help each day in this capacity in 1961. Mrs. Pieper was chairman of the committee under which this work fell.

Mrs. Cornett Green headed the special projects committee during 1960. This committee arranged throughout the year for gifts and special entertainment for patients, particularly in the nursing home. They coordinated the work of other organizations in the community so that holidays, birthdays, and special oc-

P.T.A. Chili Supper Claimed Success

Mrs. Fred Gimbel, chairman of the P.T.A. chili supper held Tuesday evening, reports they served to a sell-out crowd of 205 people and grossed over \$100.00.

The P.T.A. for several years had sponsored a chili supper preceding the Heppner-Ione basketball games as a money-making project for the year. Two years ago it was dropped in favor of the minstrel show which proved quite favorable. This year the supper was resumed with great success.

Others helping Mrs. Gimbel were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty, Mrs. T. Dubuque, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Bill Heath, Mrs. Dick Haworth, Mrs. Frieda Sloum, Mrs. Dave Eckman, Mrs. Roy Kirk and her students, and many who contributed to supper.

Assistants were observed for each patient.

Auxiliary women sew at the hospital each second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The work consists in the main of repairing linen used in the hospital, but during the past year they also found time to make bed jackets for each patient in the nursing home. With three communities, Heppner, Lexington, and Ione, represented in the membership of the Auxiliary, the sewing work has been divided so that it alternated between women from the three towns, one month to each.

Other accomplishments by this group of 25 women was the purchase of a sewing machine for the hospital; calling people in the whole south Morrow county area for donating to the blood bank; attending civil defense meetings both here and out of town.

The Auxiliary is interested in increasing its membership so that more volunteer work can be accomplished for Morrow county's only hospital. Any woman who is willing to devote part of her spare time to this cause is requested to contact one of the officers for further information.

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