

Babson Predicts 1962 Will Be Better Than '61; No War Seen

Roger Babson, noted business analyst, predicts no nuclear war in 1962 and anticipates that the coming year will be a better one throughout the nation than was 1961.

His annual forecast presented to the Gazette-Times is printed below.

1. I am hopeful for 1962; it should be a better year for my readers than 1961. Industrial production will exceed that of 1961.

2. There will be neither a nuclear war nor total disarmament in 1962. Considerable progress may be made toward a ban on atomic weapons.

3. Some thirty stocks may reach an average of 1000 during 1962, although these will not necessarily be the thirty Dow-Jones stocks.

4. Retail trade will make new records during 1962. Increased newspaper advertising, especially in colors, will be a great boon to merchandising.

5. Commodity prices will act erratic during 1962. Agricultural prices will be held up by legislation, but many metals will sell for less.

6. The official cost-of-living figure will rise slightly in 1962, but there may be a scandal in Washington over how this figure is calculated or adjusted. The real increase in the cost-of-living will be due to increased wages demanded.

7. The only certain shortages during 1962 will be in land suitable for parking places and waterfront property readily accessible to building lots; also for automobile "graveyards" near cities which have been zoned.

8. The building of shelters will look silly before the end of 1962. Certainly the Federal Government will not underwrite the building of private shelters for individual families.

9. Good real estate must rise in price as the population increases. Elementary mathematics determines the price of suburban real estate. This is notwithstanding the claim of the "space companies" which are said to be interested in selling rights on the moon. There probably are crazier speculations.

10. While the land on which your house now stands should increase in value during 1962, the building itself depreciates from the moment when it is first occupied. A possible exception would be certain very attractive ranch houses painted in color.

11. Automobile production will be the most important statistical indicator during 1962. This applies to both the number of automobiles and their sales value. We now have no reliable figures for the latter.

12. We will gradually approach an average of two cars for every family. The life of automobiles should gradually increase. The percentage of automobiles annually destroyed will decrease in 1962.

13. Automobiles and gasoline will be, increasingly, sources for raising money by taxation. This means will be extended to include an additional assessment on the manufacturers of automobiles.

14. Taxes, as a whole, will continue to increase in 1962 for every family. Business net taxes, however, will decrease in 1962, through the granting of depreciation refunds which can be done by Executive order. The manufacturer may greatly increase his deductions for past investments and new machinery, plant and equipment.

15. Public education will gradually be reorganized during the year ahead. Schoolhouses will be built as places to "park the kids" while the parents are at work. New schoolhouses will be built so as not to be over one story high, with lots of sunshine.

16. Owing to the lack of airport facilities and to inadequate equipment, there will be increasing airplane accidents during 1962.

17. With all the above changes, plus increased public improvements and longer vacation periods, families must save somehow and cut somewhere. I think it will begin in 1962 with clothing. This will gradually become cheaper and more attention will be paid to color.

18. The time is approaching when the weaving of cloth will be greatly curtailed. Clothes will be made like paper. Plastic coats are already on the market. These are produced by feeding the cellophane into a machine which cuts to desired sizes and bonds (not sews) the material into beautifully finished goods of different colors.

19. We will hear more about automation during 1962. But the cost of building automatic factories is so great that the change is coming slowly. Even electronics has been overemphasized.

20. There should be no unemployment among steel workers during 1962. But government unemployment figures will remain high. Foreign competition, due to low wages abroad, will be an important factor. Women will prefer to work in air-conditioned factories and have their home pantries filled with pre-cooked foods.



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22. Labor unrest will grow in extent and power. The Kennedy Administration is friendly to union leaders and their demands. There will be demands for more "fringes" in 1962. A steel strike is possible.

23. This means that with increased taxes, prices of retail products will be higher. This will be blamed on "inflation" of money; but it will be due to inflation of living standards.

24. The real value of the dollar will decline slightly during 1962, due to the decrease in the productivity of labor. The electronics industry will temporarily suffer in 1962 if atomic warfare is outlawed. But otherwise the electronics industry will increase for some years to come and hold up the dollar value. Watch poly-



FRED GIMBEL

Gimbel Elected Chamber Prexy

Fred Gimbel, local manager of Pacific Power and Light Co., was elected president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon at a meeting of the board of directors.

Dr. C. M. Wagner was elected first vice president and Al Lamb was elected second vice president.

Gimbel, who will take office at the first regular meeting of the new year on January 8, succeeds Mike Whitesmith, president for the past year. Dr. Wagner was second vice president during the past year.

The positions of secretary and treasurer remain to be filled. Wes Sherman has served as secretary since June 1 when he came to Heppner, and Bert Huff has been treasurer through 1961.

Each of these positions are filled by presidential appointment with confirmation by the board of directors. President Gimbel has asked each to serve during 1962, but the board must approve at its first meeting under the new president next Wednesday.

The board meeting Wednesday included directors elected recently for two-year terms. They are Gordon Pratt, Ed Gonty, Gene Pierce, Jim Myers and Harry O'Donnell. Holdover directors are Al Lamb, Dr. Wagner, Earl Ayres, Robert Van Houte and President Gimbel.

The Rev. Kenneth Robinson will be installing officer at the meeting January 8.

Livestock Growers' Meet Dates Set

Something new has been added to the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers' association this year—a "hay clinic" in which to analyze forage and compare more than 100 hay samples submitted from throughout the state for analysis.

This is just one feature of the two-day meeting that has been set for January 12 and 13 at the county fairgrounds in Heppner. A Bull Trading day, a popular feature of the program in the past, will be held again on Friday morning, January 12.

Plans for the coming meeting were made last week by the executive committee of the stock growers.

Dr. Norman Goetze, farm crops specialist, Oregon State University, will discuss forage analysis at the hay clinic Friday afternoon. The 100 hay samples will be compared to show that the feeding value of hay may not necessarily be determined by

mer chemicals and "epoxy" cements.

25. There will be enough money for mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration in 1962. Plenty of money will be available for mortgages guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, although this supply varies with different sections of the country. Interest rates on conventional loans not having any government guarantees will be a little higher. Real estate people will worry about the public's desire to build, rather than about their obtaining mortgage money.

26. The kilowatt hours of electricity produced in 1962 will exceed the total of any previous year. This is favorable to utility preferreds.

27. Steel production in 1962 will exceed this year's 100 million tons, but the increase will come from producing steel in colors.

28. Cement production will be about the same in 1962 as in 1961, but the industry's capacity to produce is increasing too rapidly in view of the demand. The (Continued on Page 6)

Hospital Auxiliary Head Becomes Patient

Most people go to the hospital when they are ill or have an accident. But Mrs. Omar Rietmann, president of the Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary, went to volunteer her services, had an accident on the job and became a patient.

She was working in the hospital office on Christmas day when she fell and struck her shoulder so sharply that she suffered a fracture. Mrs. Rietmann was in a handy spot to be admitted as a patient and this was accomplished in short order.

The injury was painful, and Mrs. Rietmann was still confined to the hospital Wednesday. Report was that she sat up for the first time Wednesday morning.

Cooks Win Two Firsts in City Lighting Contest

Following the theme of putting "Christ Back in Christmas," decorations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook, 505 Morgan Street, captured first prizes for both outdoor and interior residential Christmas decorations in the annual contest sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Bill Collins, committee chairman, announced early this week.

A committee of judges made selections Friday evening after registrations for the contest had closed at 5 p. m. that day.

First in the business decorations class was Ron's Flowers.

Second in the outdoor residential classification was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward and third was Minnie McFerrin whose decorations were on view at the Ralph Scott home, 910 E. Fairview Way.

Second in indoor residential decorations was the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick on Gilmore street and third was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williamson, 585 Gale.

Second in the business classification was Lois' Beauty Shop, and third was Elma's Apparel.

As winner of the two contests, the Cooks will receive \$17.50 since first for the outdoor contest is \$10 cash prize and first for indoor residential is \$7.50. For first in the business category, Ron's Flowers receives \$10. Outdoor residential and indoor business each carry \$7.50 prizes for second and \$5 for third.

Second in indoor residential gives \$5 to the recipient and \$2.50 for third.

At the Cook home a brilliantly-lighted outdoor Christmas scene was enhanced by the window in the background with an open Bible visible through a circular opening of a frosted window. A cheery fireplace adding warmth to the scene.

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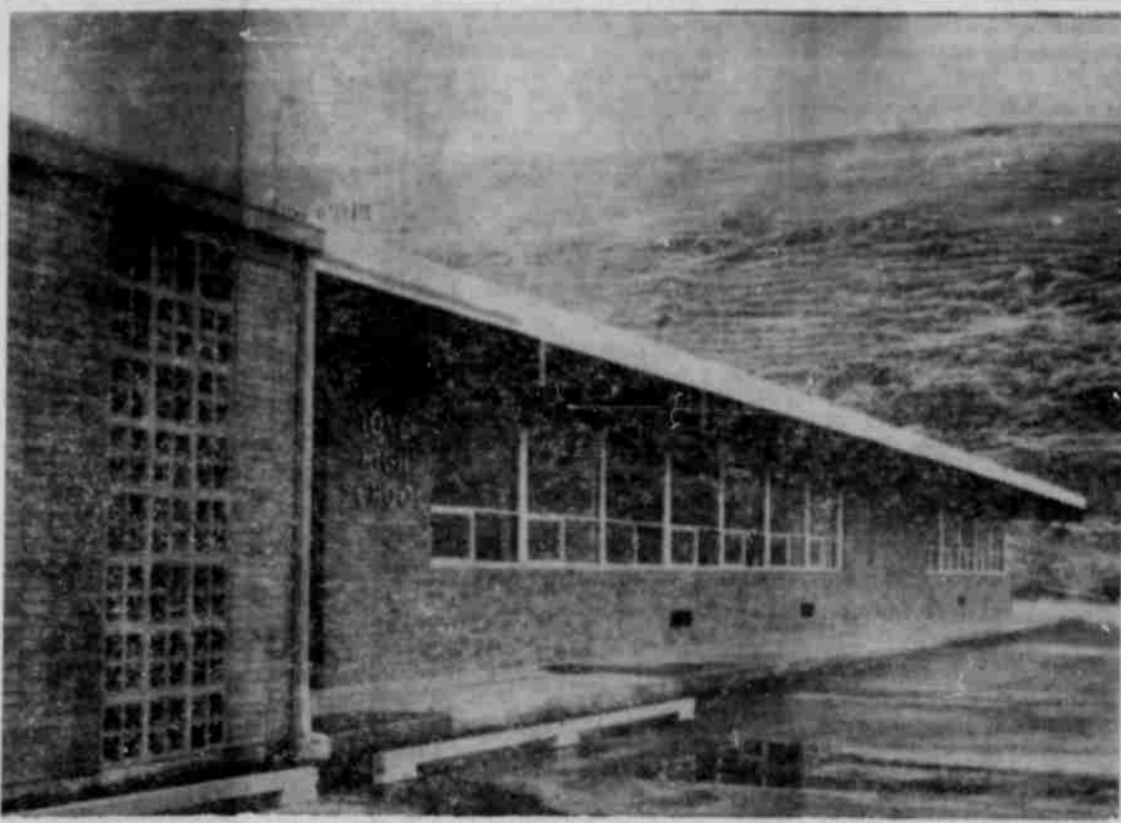
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Mid-Co Council Gets \$22,000 Grant



WHEN SCHOOL takes up again in Morrow county after holiday vacation on January 2, high school students at Ione will report to their new building (above). They moved books, equipment, and fixtures into the \$110,000 structure Friday before holiday dismissal. (G-T Photo)

Six Counties To Conduct Plan Study

A federal grant of \$22,000 was approved Wednesday by the Housing and Home Finance Agency to the Mid-Columbia Planning Council for a planning study in six Oregon counties, according to a telephone message from John Denny of the State Department of Planning and Development Wednesday to the Gazette-Times.

The federal allocation, to be matched on a 2-for-1 basis with \$11,000 in state and local funds, will be used to collect basic economic information and prepare a regional development plan.

Two contracts promoting an economic survey of six counties were approved by the executive committee of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council at a meeting in Arlington December 14, according to Morrow County Judge Oscar Peterson, council chairman, who presided at the meeting.

Judge Peterson reported the contracts were with the State Department of Planning and Development to procure funds for a survey of the six-county area of Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam, Wasco, Sherman and Hood counties; and employment of an executive secretary to assist and work with the firm of planning consultants hired to conduct the survey.

A total grant of \$30,000 is expected by the council. Of this fund, the planning consultant firm will receive \$22,000 and the executive secretary is budgeted for \$8,000.

Work of the executive secretary is expected to be with extension services, the Forest Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and other agencies in assisting the economic survey.

Judge Peterson said a January meeting will be called at which contracts will be signed by representatives of the six counties. Representatives of Ebasco Services, a nationwide economic survey concern with which Mid-Columbia Planning Council has been negotiating, have been asked to attend the meeting. Two new federal programs will also be explained at the meeting.

Forms are Mailed For Personal Property Returns

With the New Year just around the corner, all businesses, industries and farmers in the county, together with other owners of personal property, must prepare to file personal property returns using inventories as of January 1 for assessment purposes.

Assessor Oliver Creswick said that forms for the returns were mailed in Heppner Tuesday after he and Rod Thomson, deputy assessor, had prepared the big mailing.

Filing of the returns must be completed by March 3, the assessor pointed out. He emphasized the necessity of having the forms back by this date.

Creswick said that although there has been some leniency here in the past on filings, he has been charged with enforcing the law on this point. If the form is not returned by March 3, the taxpayer will be held delinquent. Should the return not be in the assessor's hands within 15 days after the due date, the assessor has the ensuing 15 days in which to demand the filing.

A delinquent filing subjects the taxpayer to a penalty of 5% of the "consolidated tax levy of the assessed value of the property," the assessor said.

An additional provision in the law imposes a penalty of \$10 per day for refusal or neglect to file to evade taxation, Creswick said.

Included in the category of personal property are such items as inventories of store stocks and supplies, equipment, livestock and farm machinery of farmers.

Although personal property assessments are based on figures as of January 1, the personal property taxes are not paid until after statements are mailed with real property statements in October.

The assessor pointed out that it is necessary to have personal property returns in by March 3 so that assessments may be worked out and computations made prior to compiling the real property tax roll.



STUDENT BODY President Wayne Hams (left) and Principal Darrel Reich are shown in the science room of the new Ione high school. One feature of the modern room is the sliding blackboard that Hams demonstrates. Behind the blackboard are shelves and storage space. The principal, like students in the school, had on his working clothes for moving day Friday. (See also pictures on page 7) (G-T Photo)

First New Year's Baby To Get Gift Bonanza

First baby born in Pioneer Memorial hospital in the new year, or born en route to the hospital, will indeed be a lucky little fellow—or gal.

Firms of south Morrow county are providing more than 30 gifts for No. 1 baby of 1962. A list of these prizes is shown in the

will receive a letter of introduction from the Gazette-Times to introduce them to the local firms and aid them in their collection of the gifts.

Last year's winner was Linda Ann Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wyatt of Kinzua, who will observe her first birthday exactly at 7:52 p. m. on New Year's day.

Two Babies Arrive Here On Christmas

Arriving on Christmas day in Pioneer Memorial hospital to bring joy in two families were two baby boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas of Fossil welcomed their first child, Ronald Dean, who was born at 1:20 p. m. and weighed 7 lb. 8 1/4 oz. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Asher of Fossil and Charles Thomas, also of Fossil.

An hour and a half later a second Christmas baby arrived. The 6 lb. son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Downs, Spray, Danny Lee was born at 2:50 p. m. and is their sixth child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Downs of Wampa, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bills of Emmett, Idaho.

Leaders In 4-H To Stage Special Banquet Jan. 3

The seventh annual 4-H leaders banquet will be held in the Catholic parish hall at Heppner on Wednesday evening, January 3, starting at 6:30 p. m. The Pacific Power and Light Company is again sponsoring the banquet to recognize 4-H leaders for their service to the community. 4-H leaders, both new and old, as well as junior leaders are invited to attend the banquet. The 4-H leaders banquet is the annual event where 4-H leaders are recognized for their service. Pins and certificates will be awarded for the number of years of 4-H leadership completed, according to Joe Hay, County Extension agent.

Part of the evening program this year will be a new 4-H film called, "Man Enough For the Job." The film is a case history of a transplanted city family and the ways 4-H helped their children. It has not been shown in Morrow county and should be a real treat for everyone. Several musical numbers and some community singing will be included in the evening program.

Hillsboro Man Dies in Two-Car Crash at Irrigon

Leland Otey, 57, Hillsboro, became the fourth traffic fatality for Morrow county this year when he was killed in a two-car accident in Irrigon at 7:30 Wednesday morning, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said.

Otey was traveling east in his small foreign car when he was struck head on by another car driven by Ben Alvin Stevenson, 19, Portland. The Stevenson car traveled 100 feet further west and burst into flame. Irrigon firemen were called to extinguish the fire.

Otey was pinned in the car in the middle of the street. Sheriff Bauman reported officers had to use crowbars to remove the body. Stevenson was taken to Good Shepherd hospital, Hermiston, where extent of his injuries had not been determined.

Otey left Hillsboro at 3 a. m. to travel to Moses Lake, Wn., where he was starting a new business, Otey's Mobile Milling Service, Sheriff Bauman said. Mrs. Otey said the family was planning to move to the Washington city as soon as Otey had made arrangements. He had been in Hillsboro with his family for Christmas.

Stevenson had spent Christmas with his parents at 516 Clay St., Walla Walla, and was returning to his job in Portland. Otey's body is at Creswick Mortuary awaiting funeral arrangements.

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Thursday	45	31	—
Friday	56	40	.02
Saturday	56	42	—
Sunday	53	28	.01
Monday	44	30	—
Tuesday	43	28	—
Wednesday	50	29	—

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)