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10 Cents

Gifts Await First '64 Baby



34 Firms Offer Prizes In Contest

While Tracey Lee Pettyjohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pettyjohn, Heppner, prepares to celebrate her first birthday on January 1, 1964, another bonanza of prizes awaits the first baby to be born in 1964 in Heppner.

Tracey Lee arrived on the scene weighing less than six pounds on New Year's day 1963 to capture the prizes in the last contest.

Her successor as Mr. or Miss Heppner 1964 will receive 34 prizes through the courtesy of the participating firms.

To be eligible, the baby must be born in Pioneer Memorial hospital, Heppner, and parents must be residents of either Morrow, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam or Umatilla counties.

Here are the prizes that await the first arrival:

Covered container and diaper pail, Western Auto; Sterling silver baby cup, Peterson's Jeweler; one dozen diapers, J. C. Penney Co.; first shoes, Gonty's; one gallon paint, Anderson Builders Supply; 25% of hospital bill, Pioneer Memorial hospital; \$5 in merchandise, MILadies Apparel.

Case of Gerber's baby food, Central Market; \$5 in cleaning, Heppner Cleaners; \$5 savings account, First National Bank; \$5 in cash, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant; free lube job and oil change for family car, Farley Motor Co.; shirt for dad, Wilson's Men's Wear; surprise gift for dad, Fullerton Chevrolet Co.

Corsage or floral arrangement, Helen Cox Flowers and Gifts; \$5 worth of baby food, Economy Market; quart of Plasolux, Economy; quart of Plasolux, Economy; 10 gallons gasoline, Wes' Richfield; car seat, Case Furniture Co.; baby blanket, Elma's Apparel; case of milk, Court Street Market; \$5 in merchandise, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply.

Ten gallons gasoline, Jack's Chevron; bottle sterilizer, Humphreys Rexall Drug; case of baby food, Heppner; Red and White; \$5 savings account, Bank of Eastern Oregon; \$5 savings account, Lott's Electric; case of baby food, Del's Market, Lexington; one-year subscription Gazette-Times.

Johnson and Johnson baby gift set, Phil's Pharmacy; case of baby food, Thomson Bros. Grocery; baby blanket, Lairds; \$4.50 for savings account, M&R Company; and \$5 in cash, L. E. Dick.

More details are listed on the full page advertisement on page 6 of this paper.



TWO MORROW county men, Garland Swanson, lone, and Raymond French, Heppner, get a taste of the old west as they tour Good-year Farms at Litchfield Park, Ariz. These men are winners of this year's Soil Conservation Awards program for farmers from all states in the Union, an annual event of The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Soil Conservation Winners Enjoy Trip to Arizona

"They treated us like kings." This was the statement of Raymond French, chairman of the supervisors, Heppner Soil Conservation district, after he and Garland Swanson of lone, Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year, returned from a trip to Phoenix, Ariz., where they were guests at Goodyear Farms.

The trip was awarded to two men of the district when the Heppner unit was chosen for the annual Goodyear award as the soil conservation district of the year in Oregon.

Swanson, as conservation man in the county, automatically received the trip. French won the right to represent the district in a drawing with other supervisors, including Ken Turner, Clarence Rosewall, Bob Jepsen, and Raymond Lundell.

Located at Litchfield Park, just outside Phoenix, Goodyear Farms covers 13,000 acres, most of it devoted to irrigated diversified farming. Cotton, alfalfa, citrus fruits and row crops are raised there, using water from 53 wells, averaging 870 feet deep and 20 inches in diameter.

After leaving Pendleton by airplane on December 10, the two Morrow county men spent three days as guests of the Goodyear Company on the farm before returning by plane on December 14. Similar award winners from 45 other states were also present, totalling 105 in all.

The guests were even given western outfits of clothes to wear, and the color of the shirts designated the part of the country that they represented. The guests were installed in Goodyear's plush motel, "The Wigwam," which was reserved for the occasion.

"Nearly every meal was a banquet," French recalled with enthusiasm. "There were 105 of us there, but they had enough food for 300."

The story is that Goodyear vows to add five pounds to everyone who attends, and French avers that this is no idle boast. A large part of the huge acreage is developed, but some is not. It is said that the farm was started during the war when Goodyear, cut off from foreign sources for long fiber staple cotton, set about to raise its own.

After the war, it was found that the cotton could be obtained cheaper from Egypt than raising it domestically, but the company kept the ranch just the same. French says that it has the appearance of being operated as a profit-making enterprise, not just a show place.

There were few speeches and formal gatherings on the trip, and the local men had no responsibilities in the way of making reports or giving talks. A highlight was a steak fry in the desert.

While there, the men called Garnet Barratt, former Morrow county judge, now at Mesa, and tried to reach the E. Markham Bakers, who are spending the winter in Arizona, but they could not contact them.

Beautiful weather contributed to another highlight on the trip home. They flew over the great yawning Grand Canyon which was spectacularly colorful on the bright day.

This is the second time that the Heppner district has won the Goodyear award, first getting it in 1953.

Prestige will be on the block Friday night as Heppner High's Mustang basketball squad travels to Condon to meet the Wheeler County High Falcons of Fossil in the first game of the Condon Holiday Invitational Tourney. The game will open the two-day event which will run Friday and Saturday nights.

Heppner will square off with the Falcons at 6:30 p.m. and Sherman's Huskies and the Condon Blue Devils will meet in another contest to follow at 8:00 p.m.

Wheeler is rated by many as the team to beat in District 6-B. The Falcons are a big, husky team that can battle with the best of them. Their forward wall averages 6'2" in height and should prove tough to stop under the boards.

As of yet, the Wheeler unit has not been beaten this season. The Falcon coaching staff scouted the Mustangs Friday night during

'63 Farm Income Increases 16.5%; Tops \$12 Million

By N. C. ANDERSON
Morrow County Agent

A part of the annual report of the Morrow County Extension Service is a determination of estimated value of products sold by farmers during the year. Considerable time is spent in determining acreages and yields of the various hay, small grain, and specialty crops as well as determining production by various classes of livestock. This, in turn, is then calculated by amounts marketed during the year at prevailing prices.

In comparing the 1963 farm

income, we find it to be increased substantially over 1962. In checking through the figures for the two years, we find that contributing to this added income is an increase in cattle numbers with the subsequent sale of more weaner calves; an increased acreage of barley and wheat, with a larger yield for both of these crops, as well as a larger hay crop this year.

Wheat is Largest Contributor

Wheat, as in the past, was again the largest contributor to total agricultural income. The county yield was estimated at 34 bushels compared to a yield of 32 in 1962. Some ranchers reported the largest yields ever harvested on their ranch. In many cases, this yield came from Gaines, the new semi-dwarf wheat released to growers in the fall of 1961. Increase was seeded on approximately 16,000 acres for harvest in 1963.

Barley was a good crop also in 1963 and contributed \$1,700,000 of the \$12,113,880 total agricultural income for the county. Wheat contributed \$6,963,880 of the far income. Rye, corn, oats, alfalfa, grain and other hay, and alfalfa and clover seed contributed approximately three quarters of a million dollars toward the total field crop income.

Alfalfa Seed has Marked Increase

Of importance this year was alfalfa seed, a relatively new source of income for Morrow county but increasing rapidly with over 600 acres of various varieties seeded for the sole purpose of seed production. One of the top yields came from the Harry Proudfoot ranch on Butter Creek where a yield of over 600 pounds, cleaned basis, per acre were harvested. This alfalfa seed had a 92% germination which is outstanding for this crop seed.

Truck crops returned the lowest income in recent years, mainly due to the switch in production of farm crops in north Morrow county. For the first year in many, no commercial plantings of potatoes were made in that area. At one time this was an important crop at Boardman, Cantaloupe and watermelon also have decreased substantially in acreage with many of these growers converting acreages to pasture and hay lands. Fresa asparagus increased somewhat and the Birdseye Corporation is attempting to contract for 500 acres to this crop in the Boardman-Irrigon area. Interest centers in this area because of the adaptability of land for the production of this crop. If interest develops, this could be an important crop for our north Morrow area.

Beef Leads Livestock Income

Livestock produced \$2,608,000 of the income for Morrow county this year with beef leading with \$2,154,000. Sheep and wool were second in line with hog income down substantially from 1962. Dairy contributed an income of \$64,000, with poultry estimated at \$60,000. Farm forest products contributed \$130,000.

Not considered in total agricultural income this year were wool subsidy payments, agricultural conservation payments, soil bank and other payments in the farm program. This income has not been calculated during the past several years to comparative incomes are equal.

The 16.5% increase of income over 1962 is important to our ranch operators in view of the anticipated decreased income from wheat in the 1964 production year as a result of present farm legislation. This could be quite significant to the economy of Morrow county relative to the amount of spendable income which affects the economy of town and country, especially since it has been determined that for each dollar income from the soil, an estimated \$7 income is generated in the general economy. It is plain to see that any increase in agricultural income, the main contributor to our Morrow county economy, is quite important here.

Plans are underway here for a class under the Dale Carnegie Course, designed to develop confidence, speaking ability and to improve ability to deal with other people.

Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce has voted to sponsor the course. Bob Marsh of Parkdale, associated with the Carnegie course, has been working with the chamber on plans.

A chamber committee has been selected to help prepare for the class and is composed of Wayne Brubacher, Ed Dick, Harley Young, Herman Winter, Wes Sherman and Ralph Richards.

The organization will make contacts inviting the public to an explanation and demonstration meeting to be held in late January.

Marsh appeared at the Chamber of Commerce several weeks ago and met with the committee at a recent luncheon. He will be in Heppner January 7, 8 and 9 to make further preparations for the class.

Those interested in the course are invited to contact any member of the committee for further information.

Mineral Society Elects Ed Gonty

Ed Gonty was elected president of the Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society at its meeting Saturday evening.

Dr. C. M. Wagner was chosen vice president, and Randall Peterson was elected secretary-treasurer. A director and program chairman will be elected at the January 25 meeting.

In observance of the Christmas season, the members exchanged gifts at the meeting.

Father McCormack Opens New Church

The Rev. Francis McCormack, formerly pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner and St. William's in lone, was the celebrant at first mass in the new Catholic church in Sisters on Christmas morning, his friends here learned.

The Sisters church will be a mission under St. Thomas Catholic church of Redmond, of which the Rev. McCormack is pastor.

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Holiday Visitor Hails Kenya's Independence

(Editor's Note: A picture that was to accompany this article failed to arrive back from the engravers in time to be published this week, apparently caught in the holiday mail rush.)

By JIM MORRIS

Independence of Kenya, Africa, is a subject discussed with zeal by Steve Mutunga, Kenyan student at Eastern Oregon College who is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green for the holidays. Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Green, and Steve are both sophomores at the college and have many of their classes together.

Steve is majoring in business administration and plans to return to his homeland upon completion of his studies to work in the government.

He said that he wants to stay at EOC to complete his studies but that the school sets up a program in business. He will have to go to either the University of Oregon or Oregon State University to complete his work. He also pointed out that he hopes to complete work required and get a Master's degree in his chosen field of study.

When interviewed Monday, Steve gave a short rundown on his family background. He said that he came from a large family and has six brothers and two sisters. Steve is the third youngest. His parents own a small farm about 40 miles from Nairobi, capital of the newly independent nation. On their farm they grow coffee as a cash crop and other crops for their own consumption. Some of the other crops which abound in the area are beans, potatoes, corn and bananas.

Due to lack of a sufficient number of colleges in the country, most of Kenya's students finish 12 years of elementary and high school and then take up an occupation. Those who wish to get a higher education, in many instances, have to go to a foreign country to study in their chosen fields.

Steve was one of these students. Upon completion of his high school studies he worked in the postal department of his country for 18 months before deciding that he wanted to study

abroad. He read literature and catalogs on colleges in Europe Asia and the United States, and applied for a scholarship to several schools in this country, one being EOC. He was pleased when he was accepted at EOC because he felt that a student receives more individual counseling and can work closer with his professors in a small college than in a larger school.

Steve said that one of the things which convinced him to come to this country to study was the friendliness of the Americans at the American Embassy in this country.

When asked his reaction to his country's newly gained independence, Steve's face lighted with pride and excitement.

"We are very happy about it," he said. "We hope to build a country where all creeds, colors and denominations can live in peace and opportunity."

He went on to give a brief picture of his country.

Kenya is a country of varying scenery and resources. She looks toward coffee and tourists as two of her biggest trades. Her biggest resource seems to be her 8 1/2 million people who have realized a long time dream of independence.

Although their new Prime Minister, Jomo Kenyatta, has pointed out that they can not hope to prosper overnight, the Kenyan people are determined to put out the hard work that shapes a prosperous future.

This is best symbolized by the motto of the Kenyan people, "Harambee," which is Swahili for "Pull together."

Wheat League Spurs Letter Writing Drive

Support on an intensive letter-writing campaign to senators and representatives in the U. S. Congress is asked by the Oregon Wheat league in the hope of obtaining a national wheat program for the 1964 crop.

An appeal was made to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday by Walter Jacobs, public relations committee chairman for the Oregon league; County Agent Nels Anderson; and Orville Cutsforth.

Cutsforth said that wheat price support will drop between 50c to 60c per bushel in May and declared that this means loss of \$500,000 to \$1 million in income in Morrow county with resultant injury to the business economy.

Jacobs, presenting the letter writing proposal to the group, said that President Lyndon Johnson has shown a "lot of interest in wheat." This has brought encouragement to the growers, but they recognize that a large percentage of Congressmen are from urban communities and not interested in new wheat legislation.

Statement of the league, passed out by Jacobs, said, "Most of us feel that if wheat is allowed to drop to \$1.25 or possibly somewhat higher, that it will be almost impossible to raise that price in future years. To avoid this, we need new legislation for the 1964 crop. Almost every person in the rural wheat producing area will definitely be economically affected."

Jacobs urged the businessmen to join farmers in the letter writing campaign. These should be sent to the Oregon Congressional delegation, to the Secretary of Agriculture, and to the agriculture committee chairmen of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

He pointed out that the wheat league, together with most farm organizations, is directing its efforts towards enactment of the voluntary certificate plan, introduced by Senator George McGovern.

Those to whom the league urges that letters be directed are the following: Senators Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger and Representatives Al Ullman, Edith Green, Walter Norblad, and Robert Duncan, comprising Oregon's delegation in Washington, D. C.; Senator Allen J. Ellender, chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, Senate Office Building; Senator George McGovern; Representative Harold D. Cooley, chairman, House Agricultural Committee, House Office Building; Representative W. R. Poage; and Representative Graham Purcell, chairman of the sub-committee in the House on wheat.

For those willing to write, Jacobs can supply forms that will list addresses and pertinent information on the league's proposal. He also can supply answers to questions that any may have.

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Huge 11-Point Buck Belatedly Found Dead Near Tupper

(Picture, which failed to arrive back from the engraver in time for publication, will be printed next week.)

Some deer hunter apparently missed the thrill of a lifetime in the recent hunting season.

Whoever the unidentified hunter may be, he shot a huge buck in the hind quarters but failed to down him and probably was unsuccessful in tracking him.

But last Tuesday, foresters of the Heppner Ranger district, U. S. Forest Service, found the animal dead about a mile east of Tupper corral. The wound in the hind quarter, where he had been hit just once eventually proved fatal.

The buck had an amazing rack of horns with 11 points and eye guard (and this doesn't mean five on one side and six on the other).

Jim Dunbar of the Forest Service estimated that the animal weighed 200 pounds, terming it a "monster."

The huge buck had been dead for some time, the foresters agreeing that it had been shot sometime during hunting season.

This true monarch of the woods is an extreme rarity, and would have given the hunter who failed to complete the kill something to talk about for the rest of his days.

The foresters cut off the horns and have them as evidence to show to any Doubting Thomas.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	47	22	.17
Friday	49	24	—
Saturday	49	24	—
Sunday	53	28	—
Monday	57	45	—
Tuesday	63	39	—
Wednesday	47	27	—

Easter Lily Blooms At Christmas Time

Strolling through her yard about three weeks ago, viewing the ravages of this frigid time of year, Mrs. Tom Howell noticed an unseasonably healthy appearing Easter Lily. Upon closer inspection Mrs. Howell discovered it was actually in bud.

She transplanted it to the warmth of the indoors and, untimely though it may seem, the Howells have an Eastern Lily in full bloom for the Christmas holidays.