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Mark Booth First Baby of '64



JIM DUNBAR of the U. S. Forest Service shows horns of an 11 point buck found dead about a mile east of Turner corral. (G-T Photo)

Boy Arrives 3 Hours Ahead Of Baby No. 2

Mark Edward Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Booth of Hepner, arrived on the scene at 8:10 a.m. New Years Day to become the first baby of the year and thereby won the many prizes offered by local firms in the annual baby contest.

Checking in at a robust 9 lb. 1 oz., the boy was just three hours and 34 minutes ahead of Gary John Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wright of Spray. Thus, the second baby missed the prize bonanza by a whisker.

Mark Edward is the fifth child of the Booths and is their fourth son. Others in the family are Robbie, 9, Joni, 8, Mike, 6 and Darren, 2. His father is employed by the Hepner Ranger district, U. S. Forest Service.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Knapp of Pateros, Wn., and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Booth of Lone, Wn.

The parents will be given a letter by the Gazette-Times that will serve to introduce them in claiming the more than 30 prizes offered in this year's baby contest.

The close second, Gary Wright weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. at birth and is a first child. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Templeton and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright, all of Spray.

Mark Edward Booth succeeds Tracey Lee Pettyjohn for first baby honors. Tracey Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pettyjohn, was Miss Hepner 1963 and was born on New Years Day a year ago. She observed her first birthday Wednesday.



STEVE MUTUNGA of Kenya, Africa, is guest of his friend, Larry Green, in the Herman Green home during the holiday vacation period. Both youth men are students at Eastern Oregon College. La Grande. Steve has been busy with impromptu speaking engagements while here, talking Monday to the Chamber of Commerce and Sunday evening at the Methodist Youth Fellowship. (G-T Photo)

Independent Kenya Is Neutral, Says Visitor

Although Kenya has a democratic form of government after becoming an independent nation December 12, it is taking a neutral position in policy between the world's powers, Steve Mutunga of that African country told members of the Chamber of Commerce in a talk Monday.

Mutunga, a sophomore at Eastern Oregon College, is visiting during the holiday season with the Herman Green family, a guest of his friend, Larry Green, also an Eastern Oregon College student.

"Personally, I hate communism," Steve told his audience. After having been a British colony since 1920, Kenya, on the East coast of Africa has become the latest African nation to gain its independence. Jomo Kenyatta is prime minister, and there are presently two legislative branches, as in the United States, the House of Representatives and the Senate. However, there is some discussion of combining the legislative branch into one house as an economy move.

Since the nation gained its independence, many Europeans who have been living there under British rule have left for other countries, returning to England, or going to Australia or other nations.

Mutunga, however, said that he believes that fears they have over the future of the new nation are unfounded.

"We have no intention of kicking anyone out," he said. In area, Kenya is about the size of Texas with Nairobi as its capital. There are about 8 1/2 million people in the country which is bisected by the equator.

Steve, who himself has a Christian background and is a Sunday School teacher, said that the educational system in Kenya had its inception from missionaries. Schools are now about half divided between mission schools and government schools. Catholics, Methodists, and Presbyterians are among the leaders in the missions.

Unlike the United States, however, education in the primary and secondary levels is not free, and many people still can't afford it. Exams are given at each grade level to determine if a pupil is capable of going to the next grade.

About 2000 students finish high school each year in Kenya and some 800 are enrolled in the three branches of the University of East Africa.

Mrs. Della Corson, who reached her 90th birthday on September 8, died at 10:30 p.m. December 31 in Pioneer Memorial hospital after being there for the past 2 1/2 months.

She had lived in Lone most of her life and was very well known in the county with many friends.

She was born in Missouri on September 8, 1873, and lived in Arlington before coming to Lone.

Funeral arrangements are pending, awaiting the arrival of a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Corson, from Victorville, California.

Red Cross Future In Jeopardy Here, Director States

Future of the Morrow County chapter, American Red Cross, is in jeopardy unless the local chapter is able to elicit better support from the public on its fund raising and demonstrates better activity, a visiting field director has informed Bob Abrams, disaster chairman of the chapter.

Abrams brought up the matter at the Monday meeting of the Hepner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and said that loss of the chapter would mean the end of such important phases here as the Red Cross blood program, which is vital in treating cases at the hospital, and the swimming program.

Benefits to servicemen that are channeled through the Red Cross and other services would also be lost. In the past, the chapter has been active in home nursing but not in the last year or so.

This word came to the chapter as the time for the national fund raising campaign draws near. In Morrow county in 1963, the campaign month of March came and went without needed funds being raised here. A volunteer effort was launched in the spring without much success, but another effort was made late in the year under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Knox. It was reported that this came close to bringing the amount needed for the county goal.

Apparently, however, the national organization will ask the county to conduct its campaign in March and ask that its goal be met if the chapter is to be continued.

As has been emphasized before, loss of the blood program alone would be a serious blow for treatment of patients who require blood and derivatives. Considerable quantities are used for patients in the Pioneer Memorial hospital, and occasionally a patient will be one who requires a rare type of blood, not readily available from an impromptu volunteer supply.

The Red Cross swimming program here in the past summer benefited about 200 who took instruction under certified Red Cross instructors, Abrams said.

Mrs. Ilene Wyman has served as chapter chairman for the past three years, but the stress of her obligations has made it impossible for her to devote the time necessary to the job. She has sought in vain for some time to find a successor to the post. Abrams said that the field director plans to come to Hepner again in February at which time a meeting will be held to determine the future of the chapter. If it is to be continued, steps will be planned to revitalize its activities and get the fund campaign organized on a more solid basis.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Redmond. Mrs. Leonard Toll and Mrs. Griffith returned Monday night after attending services, but Leonard, who is employed by Fullerton Chevrolet Co., remained with his mother. He is expected home Sunday.

Christmas Mishap Fatal to Father Of Leonard Toll

Casey Gilbert Toll, 50, of Redmond, father of Leonard Toll of Hepner, died in an accident on Christmas day when the truck he was driving plunged into the Detroit dam reservoir from the South Santiam highway 30 miles east of Stayton.

Death apparently was from drowning. Mrs. Myrna Toll, his wife, and a son, Teddy, a senior in Redmond High school, were visiting with the Leonard Tolls here when a telephone call about 10 p.m. on Christmas brought the tragic news.

Mr. Toll, who devoted part of his time to organizing pack trips into high country in the Cascades and acting as a guide, was en route to Woodburn to pick up some horses that he had bought at a sale.

Mrs. Don Griffith of Spray is a daughter and Chuck Toll, also of Spray, is another son in the family.

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Driscoll Winner Of Scholar Award

Tom Driscoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll and a student at the University of Oregon, was recently named winner of a Kappa Sigma scholarship of \$200. Tom won the award while competing on a regional level with 17 members of the fraternity in his region (region nine), which includes colleges and universities in Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas.

Tom is the first recipient to win the award from the state of Oregon. Other schools in the region include those of such high academic standing as Stanford, UCLA, and Willamette.

The students competed on the basis of their achievements in leadership and scholarship. They were awarded points in several categories, such as how much of their own college expenses they have earned, their campus activities and their scholastic accomplishments.

Tom is a senior majoring in English. His GPA for his three years of school is a 3.4, which is a B-plus average. He is house manager and grand treasurer of his fraternity and competes in many intramural activities at the school. During his studies at the university, Driscoll has found time in his busy schedule to serve on various Student Union committees.

The scholarship may be used for anything in connection with the recipient's studies, such as books, board or tuition.

Tom graduated from Hepner High school in 1960 and was salutatorian of his class.

Examiner Coming

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Hepner Tuesday, January 7, 1964, at the Courthouse between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

Building Permits Total \$171,025 During Past Year

Building permits issued by the City of Hepner during 1963 totaled \$171,025, City Recorder Ted Smith reports.

This is only about one-fourth the total for 1962, which was \$665,194, but that included the new Hepner High school at \$546,289. With the high school excluded, the permits should show considerable gain.

Permits for new residences in 1963 were issued in the amount of \$73,500 while there were none in this category in 1962. Accounting for \$21,000 in the year ending is that for the new Church of the Nazarene now taking shape below Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Permit for Fiesta Lanes, the new bowling alley, was \$35,125. Private garages constructed during the year comprised a total of \$6,100.

Permits for alterations and repairs were down to \$35,300 in 1963 as compared with \$118,250 in 1962, Recorder Smith said.

Clearance Sale Due Next Week

Hepner merchants will stage their January Clearance event next week, it has been announced by Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Many outstanding bargains will be presented as the firms clear stocks following the holiday season. The January Clearance was started following the 1962 holiday season and proved to be a successful event for both stores and the buying public.

All are advised to watch for advertising in next week's paper.

School Directors' Meet Date Changed

A change in the date for the regular meeting of directors of Morrow County School district R-1 has been announced by Superintendent Wayne Erubacher. It will be held on Tuesday, January 14. Regular meeting date is the second Monday of each month, which would be January 13. Chairman Milton Morgan will be gone on the regular date, hence the date change.

The directors will meet with advisory committees of the county tonight (January 2) in Lone at 7:30 p.m. in order to discuss policies and areas of jurisdiction.

'63 Leaves Record Both Good and Bad

It couldn't be said that the year 1963 fulfilled all the hopes held for it when it entered the scene a year ago. But when it departed with a minimum of fanfare in Morrow county Tuesday night, it could be credited with chalk-ing up some progress in the county and leaving some bright notes mixed with those of a more gloomy nature.

It recorded many honors for Morrow county residents, and it saw some developments accomplished that were needed for some time. However, it also brought some serious accidents and added a too-generous share of controversy over school matters, the Boeing lease, the wheat referendum and tax matters.

TOP TEN STORIES OF 1963

As reported in The Gazette-Times for 1963:

1. Controversy over Boeing lease.
2. School district turmoil.
3. Wheat referendum vote.
4. Willow Creek dam hearing.
5. New Hepner High school.
6. Columbia Basin-Pacific Power and Light exchange.
7. New bowling lanes.
8. Impact of the assassination of President Kennedy.
9. Four die in auto wreck.
10. Tax reappraisal programs.

Others of top interest: Events of fair and rodeo. Drive to retain third county agent, Milton Morgan election as Oregon Wheat League president. Michelle Morrison Far West Classic queen. Good wheat crop and gain in agricultural income.

In the way of progress

Shortly after 1963 arrived, a hearing was held on the Willow Creek dam project with a pre-dominance of testimony in favor of the project. Considerable work was done in planning on this proposal through the year, and County Judge Oscar Peterson and Olive Creswick went to Washington, D. C., to the Rivers and Harbors Congress to testify in its favor. It is expected to be in Congress Omnibus bill in 1964.

Both the Bank of Eastern Oregon and First National Bank early in 1963 reported good growth in deposits and earnings.

Construction of the new Hepner High school was a highlight in the way of progress. By opening of school in early September it was completed and ready for students. Cost approximated \$700,000.

Through the year, Hepner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the county pressed the State Highway Commission to improve the Willow Creek highway and construct a new route via Fourmile canyon to Arlington. Most recent meeting with the commission was in December and those attending returned with hope that the commission might act favorably on the Four-mile project.

Activity on highways resulted in some improvements to the Willow creek route with sharp curves now in the process of being eliminated. The commission also announced plans to replace the Willow Creek bridge in Hepner, which has brought many complaints as a hazard for years.

Efforts of the community to get a bowling lanes here met frustration when it was found that a plan for the city to build such a building via a bond issue would be illegal. But private interests, encouraged by the community enthusiasm, started construction of Fiesta Lanes in early summer and was opened to the public October 16 under ownership of Art Dyck. At year's end, capacity use continued at the lanes.

Also in the area of recreation, Glen Ward and Shorty Hudson opened the Morrow county roller rink in the fair pavilion after the fair board installed a new hardwood floor. It, too, was still going strong at year's end.

Another improvement was the construction of a new livestock building at the fair grounds, adding to improvements there.

Church of the Nazarene announced plans for a new building in the fall and it had taken full shape as the old year left.

Development of Anson Wright Memorial Park at the confluence of Chapin creek and Rock creek was started after the Wright family and Kinzua Corporation made land available for the 25-acre park. Work started on the park in September.

Work to bring tax assessments up to date in the county went forward with the urban reappraisal completed and placed on the tax rolls July 1. Timber reappraisal was completed later in the year, showing timber lands valued at \$4 million in the county, and the farm reappraisal was started late in the year.

Probably one of the biggest stories of the year in point of potential significance was that of the Boeing lease and the controversy surrounding it. Although the lease was signed July 3, it was not approved by the legislature until late in the special session in early December. A public meeting in Hepner brought key figures to debate the matter, and shortly thereafter, the legislature approved the lease, although at year's end there were rumblings that opponents might still bring the matter to a court test. Boeing said that announcement would be made soon on plans for development of the site.

On the economic front, progress was noted in agriculture with the report of Nels Anderson, county agent, that farm income totaled \$12 million for 1963, an increase of 16.5% over 1962.

Progress was made towards relocation of the City of Boardman because of the forthcoming rise of obn Day dam waters. A townsite was selected and plans made for relocation. However, the controversy over a site for Riverside High school was not solved.

Controversy on school matters brought turmoil in the county during the first half of the year, but peace seemed to reign in the district in the second half of the year. Director Fred Martin

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Glennie to Head Morrow County Dimes Campaign

Pete Glennie, Hepner High school teacher and coach, has been appointed as campaign chairman of the 1964 March of Dimes in Morrow county for the National Foundation, Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Loyd, chapter chairman, announces.

Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz has agreed to serve as treasurer for the campaign, Mrs. Loyd said.

The March of Dimes will run from January 1 to 30, and primary emphasis at the start of the drive will be solicitation of contributions through mailers. Other steps will be taken before the end of the month, perhaps talking collections at basketball games, setting up coin containers and using similar means to raise funds.

Money from the 1964 campaign will continue to be used for research on arthritis and birth defects. A part of the funds will go towards the treatment of existing cases of poliomyelitis.

Also benefiting from the campaign will be the arthritis special treatment center at the University of Oregon Medical school in Portland. Chapters throughout the state will contribute \$35,000 to the center for its work, and the Morrow county chapter has contributed \$250 as its share, Mrs. Loyd said.

Last year, the local chapter provided two scholarships for high school graduates who sought careers in health, and it may offer such scholarships again after the forthcoming campaign. This may depend on the response to the campaign.

Federal Power Approves Exchange

The Federal Power Commission Tuesday approved the proposed exchange of electrical utilities between Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative and Pacific Power and Light Company, the Gazette-Times was notified in a telephone call from Congressman Al Ullman's office in Washington, D. C.

The exchange was approved because it will permit Columbia Basin to serve 98 consumers who do not now have electrical service and will consolidate territories in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties where service is now duplicated.

Action was expected soon on a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration to make the exchange possible.

Congressman Ullman said that he was pleased that the FPC took the action to expedite the proposed exchange.

A public hearing will be held later this month before the state public utility commission acts on the matter, Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin, said.

Bad Checks Hit Merchants Here

A wave of bad checks has hit merchants in Hepner and Lexington. District Attorney Herman Winter said Tuesday.

Two forged checks, each for \$12, were passed, one in Hepner and one in Lexington, Winter said. The person who submitted them was one from out of the area.

There also have been other cases of obtaining money under false pretenses by passing bad checks.

The district attorney pointed out that merchants have been careless in accepting checks recently.

"They aren't getting good descriptions of the persons who pass them and do not require proper identification," he said. He urged that they take precautions to prevent more such incidents in the future.

Weapons Welders Wreak Damage

Malicious destruction of property, both to private property and road signs, has been the source of a number of complaints recently to District Attorney Herman Winter, he said Tuesday.

Damage done is that by use of weapons. One rancher reported that his watering tank full of holes just two inches above the bottom, ruining the metal tank that cost \$87. It also meant that stock depending upon the tank on the range were without water.

Other incidents of cabins being "shot up" by the malicious vandals have been reported. Many road signs, both state and county, have been prefabricated by gun fire.

One found guilty of vandalism to private property is liable for a fine of from \$10 to \$500 and jail sentence of three months to one year. Those guilty of vandalism to public property are liable for a fine of \$50 to \$1000 and sentence of from one month to one year.

Winter said that it is difficult to apprehend this type of violator because usually the damage is done when no one is around to observe. However, he pointed out that he will ask for the maximum penalty for anyone arrested and found guilty on such a charge.