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Soothsayers Eye New Year

Predicting events of a new year can be likened to choosing an All-American football team before the season starts. Both have become popular pastimes in some quarters by those who qualify as authorities or self-styled experts.

But, just as a football season has its unexpected turns of events, so does each new year as it unfolds, and the tendency is often to make the prophet look a bit ridiculous.

The only way for such prognosticators to avoid being caught too far out on a limb is to deal in generalities. One eminent economist predicts, for instance, that the Negroes will make gains in 1964, but adds cautiously, "However, the attitude of the people must change first." He predicts there will be no World War in 1964, and boldly declares that the national deficit will be greater at the end of 1964!

For a number of years this newspaper has subscribed to a column from an "expert" to be published at the start of the New Year, but it was passed this year on the theory that most anyone could make such general statements which could scarcely be wrong.

The most significant occurrences cannot be predicted. For instance, who could have foreseen that President Kennedy would be assassinated, bringing tremendous impact and change?

The history-making events of any new year essentially remain mysteries at its inception and unfold only with the passing of each day, bringing both good news and bad.

However, there is something to be said for the prognosticators even if they are not 100 per cent accurate in reading the tea leaves at the start of the year. They do bring up some interesting topics for discussion and contemplation, and they often instill some hope for a brighter future for the populace, at the same time listing cautions, however general in nature, that all may profit by heeding.

So it could be that the Gazette-Times is wrong in not subscribing to such a column this year.

But somehow we're reminded of the facetious slogan that one often sees: "Cheer up, things could be worse. So I cheered up and sure enough things got worse."

It might be said, though, that most of our populace tends to be optimistic. As each old year leaves the passing scene, most are glad to see it gone and look forward to the coming year with the feeling that better days lie ahead.

In the style of the experts, all might point to 1964 with anticipation, saying, "The new year of 1964 will turn out better than 1963—if it isn't worse."

One-Shot Roscoe

As Told By
ORVILLE W. CUTSFORTH

Old Roscoe was quite a bear hunter. He killed lots of bear in his day but I think the outstanding accomplishment was the one he rode down the mountain and killed with a hatchet. He was gathering his traps in the spring of the year in the head of Rock Creek near where Parkers Mill is now. He was riding a horse and leading a pack horse, loaded with his paraphernalia, traps, clogs and so forth. He looked across the canyon and saw something sticking its head out of a hole.

He stopped his horse and looked at it and he determined it was a bear sticking its head out of that hole, coming out of hibernation. So he pulled his rifle out of the saddle scabbard and he shot this bear in the head, and the bear fell in the hole. Roscoe went over there and there was a big dust in this hole and he listened to the bear thump around and the bear quit thumping so Roscoe got down on his hands and knees and crawled in the hole. He reached down there and he found the bear.

He could feel the bears' foot and the bear was apparently dead. He could just feel the hind leg so he crawled back out of the hole and went on back over to the horses. He wondered how he could get the bear back out of the hole in order to skin it. Well he took the wires off the traps that he had wired the clogs to the traps with and he twisted them together making a sort of a cable.

He took his hatchet and went back across the canyon and he crawled down the hole and fastened the wire to the bears hind leg. Then he cut him a sapling and fastened the wire around the sapling and used it as a pry. Each time he lifted on the end of the pole he could drag the bear out 4 to 6 inches. He kept this up until he pulled the bear out of the hole. Well, he had the hatchet in his hand and he cut the wire loose from the bear and he straddled the bear and he reached over and took it by the scruff of the neck and lifted its head to see where he had hit it with the rifle.

There he saw the bullet had struck the bear's forehead and just glanced off, cutting a furrow. He looked at that and wondered why that would kill that bear and there he stood straddling the bear, holding it by the scruff of the neck with his hatchet in the other hand and the old bear said, "Woo-f." and then he put his front feet under him

Teacher Salaries Average \$6281

A survey on teachers' and administrators' salaries in Oregon shows an average salary of \$6,281 for the 18,947 Oregon classroom teachers for 1963-64, the Research Department of Oregon Education Association announced today.

According to Dr. Henry Osibov, research director, this was an average increase of \$262 over the 1962-63 average salary of \$6,019.

Average salaries of administrators (non-teaching staff) increased \$450 from \$8,938 in 1962-63 to \$9,388 in 1963-64. The average salary of all 20,549 certificated full-time staff in Oregon's 442 school districts was \$6,521.

Teaching staff increased by 793 from 18,154 in 1962-63 to 18,947 in 1963-64. The school systems added 44 administrative people make a total staff of 20,549. This was a 4 percent increase over 1962-63.

Six Get Allowances

Equalization allowances for commuting to Blue Mountain Community college, Pendleton, have been given six students of the college from Heppner at \$94.08 each, Wallace McCrae, president, announces. The six to benefit are Archie Ball, Robert L. Fetsch, Kit George, Stuart Gribble, Eddie Howard and Elizabeth Rose, each of whom traveled 4704 miles to attend school during the fall term. The plan is designed to equalize opportunity of attending the college among students of the district on the basis of the distance they must come to attend. They remain in Pendleton during the week and commute on week-ends. Two other Morrow county students, both from Irrigon, Sandra Creamer and Barbara Davis, each received \$53.76 for 2688 miles traveled. The college paid out a total of \$1281 to all students of the Umatilla-Morrow district for equalization allowance during the fall term.

and took off down the mountain, Roscoe riding him. Roscoe figured that pretty soon this bear was going to realize that he was up on top. He knew he had to kill this bear with one lick of his hatchet. It was an old shingling hatchet and when Roscoe was telling me he reached over and picked up the hatchet and fingered it and went through the motions with his hatchet in his hand.

Well, he struck one blow to the middle of this bear's forehead and he buried the hatchet in the bear's head and killed him.

He said, "You know as we went down that mountain, that bear's hind legs were racking the calves of my legs. You know I thought that was the tallest bear that I ever did see."

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE HOLIDAY season is a fitting time to contemplate the warmth and neighborliness of a small community, and we have noticed some pretty nice examples lately.

One is the benefit bowling tournament that was sponsored for Shirley Cox who is soon to undergo serious heart surgery. It was conceived by friends as a spontaneous gesture of affection and sympathy.

Response to the tournament was excellent with a full complement of keepers on hand for both Sundays. As a result Shirley had a good check which is material manifestation of the goodwill of her friends, but she may well feel that their thoughtfulness is considerably more valuable than the proceeds.

The whole community extends best wishes to her as she is about to go to the hospital and looks forward to the time that she will be back at the lanes again.

ANOTHER CASE in point occurred after Rod Murray of Humphreys Rexall Drug became ill suddenly during the night Sunday and had to go to the hospital. There was no one available to take care of his prescription department. So who does it?

Jim Myers of the competing Phil's Pharmacy, already busy in his own store, did double duty and spent half time in each store, getting up Rod's prescriptions for him and then dashing back to his own store to take care of his own.

Where, but in a small community, do you find that kind of neighborliness?

Report late Tuesday is that Murray is showing improvement but his condition has not yet been diagnosed for sure. It was first suspected to be appendicitis, but later did not appear to be that. He was scheduled to undergo X-rays for further diagnosis. We wish him a speedy recovery.

WHEN KAREN LUNDELL was married in Portland Saturday, who do you suppose caught the bride's bouquet? It was little Lisa McCabe, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McCabe. She is a cousin of the bride.

Lisa, a little perplexed by it all, came to her dad bearing the flowers after noticing all the excitement about it and asked with a puzzled frown, "What's so great about this?"

Dad confided later, "I'm glad she doesn't know—at that age."

MICHELLE MORRISON proved to be a charming queen at the Far West basketball classic in Portland from Thursday through Monday and she reigned at the tournament before record crowds.

Probably Queen Mike got more publicity during the past week than most people get in a lifetime with many photos of her in many papers, coupled with dinners, TV appearances and so on.

She tossed out the basketball to start most of the games and presented trophies at the end of the tournament.

This was another occasion when lone and Morrow county had another reason to be proud of its own.

HAVE YOU noticed how Heppner has brightened with new illuminated signs? There is a new sign at Heppner Ford, another at the Elks lodge, and a big one at the Wagon Wheel with reader board that announces coming events in the community for all to see. They combine to add light and gaiety to Main street.

Miss Sandra Creamer, sophomore at Blue Mt. College in Pendleton, was home for the Christmas vacation. Miss Creamer was employed at the J. C. Penney store during December, after school hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Creamer and family of Ogden, Utah, spent Christmas with their folks, Mrs. Reeves of Umatilla and Mr. and Mrs. Art Creamer of Irrigon. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jenny Hinkley, who visited here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCorkle and family spent Christmas in Dufur with Mrs. McCorkle's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Perkins, Mrs. McCorkle, Debbie and Glenda, Ed and Ronny, remained in Dufur for a few days and returned to Irrigon by train Saturday night.

David and Mary Kenney of Costa Mesa, Calif., drove to Irrigon to spend 10 days with their folks, Rev. and Mrs. John Kenney, and their brother John. David is in his Junior year at Southern California College, and Mary, a graduate of the college, will begin Practice Teaching next semester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jancura, Barbara Sue and Douglas, of Seattle, and Dianna Rosenkrantz of Portland arrived in Irrigon Friday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow and Sheryl and Mrs. Myrtle Markham. They were joined in Irrigon Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, Steve, Ricky and Randy and Miss Snow McCoy of Hermiston. Jancuras left Sunday afternoon, and Miss Rosenkrantz remained to spend a few days with Miss Susan McCoy.

Henry Baby Born Before Christmas

Felicitations are going to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Henry of Port Lavaca, Texas, upon the birth of a daughter, Joyce Elizabeth, who arrived December 24, weighing six pounds.

Joyce Elizabeth joins a three-year-old brother, Hank, and her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings of Heppner.

Mrs. Henry is the former Clarice Hastings, graduating with the class of 1955 from Heppner High school. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings received the news just as they arrived at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Roger Connors, in Forest Grove last Tuesday. A long distance call came through just as they drove up.

Farley Gets Award

Jim Farley, owner of Farley Motor Company, has been presented an electric desk clock by General Motors Acceptance Corporation for his 15 years' association with the firm. It was presented by Bob Griffith, district representative, on behalf of Tom W. Howell, president of GMAC. Accompanying it was the citation: "To James J. Farley in appreciation of a cordial relationship since 1948."

Kinzua Families Enjoy Christmas At Home and Away

By VIRGINIA KELSO
KINZUA—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning and daughters went to La Grande Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. May Watson. Also having Christmas dinner there were Mr. and Mrs. Art Watson and daughters of Pendleton. Visiting the Brownings last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson of Corvallis.

Miss Florence Bell of Pendleton spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis McRoberts visited during the holidays in Heppner with Ellis' mother, Mrs. Devlin. Friday the McRoberts and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bailey spent the day in The Dalles.

Having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and son Bill were Miss Dixie Shell, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon, and Mrs. Bessie Myers and son Dale.

Mrs. Betty Shell returned home Friday from several weeks visit with relatives in Kentucky, Florida, and southern California.

Hollomon Anniversary Honored
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning entertained Saturday evening, honoring the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon. The evening was spent visiting and playing games after which ice cream and cake were served. Several silver gifts were presented to the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Slinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rice and family, and Paul Oyer were business visitors to Bend Monday.

Al White and Bob Flint spent the holidays in Milton-Freewater visiting relatives and friends.

Larkins Welcome Son
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Larkin of Dayville became the parents of a son December 22 at a John Day hospital. The young man weighed 7 lbs., 7 1/2 oz. Mrs. Larkin is the former Retha Nesselrodt.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Muzzy took their daughter, Mrs. Jack Bailey to Gold Beach during the holidays where Mr. Bailey is employed and the young couple will make their home.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Craig were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garcia and son Tony of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bork of Service Creek.

Mrs. Mark Jellick and children and Mrs. Mark Kandle and children visited relatives in Baker during the shutdown.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Hubbell and family spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in and near Hood River and Milton-Freewater.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Allen and family were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen of Moses Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blank and son of Portland. Vincent spent a couple of days in the Heppner hospital having minor surgery performed.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Perry spent Christmas at Long Creek with their children and their families, the Elmer Nesselrodt and Roscoe Rush's.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bell and sons spent several days last week at Baker visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Hyatt and Theresa spent the holiday in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Worlein.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lorengel and family spent Christmas at Richland, Wn. with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mudd and family. William Lorengel of Netarts is visiting now with the Lorengel family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelso and Sharon returned home Saturday from California where they had spent Christmas. They came up the coast stopping to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denton at Brookings and bringing to Fossil Mrs. Myrtle Stillings and granddaughter Hazel who had spent the past week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mortimore and grandson Billy Schultz of Twickenham spent Tuesday visiting the Richard Mortimores. They went on to Hermiston to meet Mrs. Bonnie Schulz of Boise, Ida., who was home for Christmas.

Miss Dolores Bastian of Portland arrived home last Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bastian. She returned to Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Medlock and family of Spray visited at the Rusty Medlock home Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris were in Prineville Friday for business, shopping and medical care for Mrs. Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kyle and family went to Madras Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Reed and sons of Aljuno, Wn. were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMerritt. The Reeds are also visiting relatives and friends in Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Anderson and Jill and Lydia Messerschmidt of Post Falls, Ida., spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Medlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Rhoton were in Condon last Monday for medical care for Mr. Rhoton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon spent the week-end in Hermiston visiting the Bruce Hollomon family.

Christmas guests of the Jack Sitton family were Mrs. Cora Burnside of Spray, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steagall and family of Albany, Wily Steagall of Lebanon, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bailey of Kinzua. Miss Mary Steagall visited longer with the

College Students Home for Vacation During Holidays

Many students from colleges scattered over some seven states spent happy and busy Christmas vacations in Heppner visiting relatives, renewing acquaintances and reliving many exciting experiences.

Home from Oregon State University are Kenneth Daggett, Ron Creswick, Libby Van Schoelack, Clifford Green, Michael and Carol Rogers, Dick and Susan Ruhl.

From the University of Oregon: Cecelia Ann Jones, Martha Doherty, Laura Lee Sumner, Linda Van Winkle, Tom Driscoll, Jean Collins, Dennis and Roger Doherty, Larry Tibbles and Robert Huffman.

From Oregon College of Education at Monmouth: Ginger and Dick Springer, Bill C. Cox, LeRoy Gardner, Beverly Blake, Mary Evelyn Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Linton.

From Eastern Oregon College in La Grande: Jacqueline Brindle, Leanne Joyes, Larry Green, Judy Schmidt, Donald Clark and Bruce Moyer.

Tom Martin and Gerald Bunch are home from Columbia Basin Junior College in Pasco.

On vacation from studies at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton are Larry Monagle, Bill Doherty, Bob Fetsch, Jerry Anderson and Jim Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mahoney, John Cleveland and Shannon Mahoney are here from Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Coming from Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls is Bob Hager.

From Portland colleges are the following: Portland State, Judy Hamilton, John and Jim Cason, Mike Smith, Gayle Cox, Ladd Dick, Don Hughes and Mike Healy; University of Portland, Beverly Davidson, Bill Monagle and John Swanson; Multnomah Junior College, Ron Gray and Julie Pfeiffer; and Marlene Fetsch from Northwestern School of Commerce.

Others are: Shirley Carlson, Brigham Young University, Salt Lake City; Shan Applegate, Carroll College in Montana; Jay Sumner, UCLA, Los Angeles; and Renn Harris, DePauw University, Green Castle, Ind.

Hostess for Cards

Mrs. Charlie Beckett entertained her card club Friday afternoon with two tables of pinochle in play. Winning high was Mrs. Walter Beckett and Mrs. Art Watkins was low. Mrs. Fred Mankin and Mrs. Earl Evans joined forces to win the pinochle. Other guests included Mrs. Oran Wright, Mrs. Hannah Anderson and Mrs. Max Harris.

Miss Katherine Bisbee of Waldport spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her father, L. E. Bisbee. They left on New Year's for Waldport where Mr. Bisbee will spend the winter months at the home of his daughter, who is a teacher in the Waldport school system.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Rietmann and two children of Condon were guests at the home of Mrs. Bess Huddleston on Sunday.

Sitons who took her to Spray Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell and son Brian returned to their home in The Dalles Monday after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Prindle.

Hospital Employees Have Holiday Party

The Legion hall was the scene of a post-Christmas party of Pioneer Memorial hospital employees and their escorts Saturday evening.

A social hour preceded a delicious smorgasbord dinner served to approximately 35 persons attending.

Dancing and cards were enjoyed throughout the balance of the evening.

Makes Dean's List

Eddie Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Howard, Heppner, has made the Dean's Honor Roll at Blue Mountain Community College. Walter H. Palmberg, director of admissions, announces, Eddie, who is enrolled in electronics, made a grade point average of 3.33. In order to make the dean's list it is necessary to attain a GPA of 3.00 or above without a failing grade. Eight students at the school made the high honor roll with averages of 3.50 or above and 24 were on the dean's list.

Church Has Outing

About 20 persons enjoyed a Seventh-day Adventist church outing Sunday at Cutsforth park. The group spent the day skiing, sledding and ice-skating.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Heppner vs. Wahtonka "Eagles" of Clatsworth, The Dalles at The Dalles. Friday, January 3. Jayvee game, 6:15 p.m. Varsity game, 8:00 p.m. Support the Mustangs!

LEXINGTON CO-OP BIDDIES Lexington City Hall Monday, January 6, 1:30 p.m. Members and friends welcome.


HEPPNER MOTHER'S CLUB Monday, January 6, 8:00 p.m. Home of Mrs. Bob Jones. Program on Mosaic Art.

SKING AT ARBUCKLE 5' to 20" packed snow on hill. Tow operating Saturday, Sunday. Skiing hours, 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

SEASON'S GREETINGS May the New Year Bring Peace and Prosperity to all.

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