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## Extension Report Brings Concern

The fact that it has been a difficult year for Morrow county farmers is emphasized in the report of Neils Anderson, county agent, to the state extension service.

Overall drop in farm income is figured at 21 per cent, which is a pretty sharp decrease from the year before and enough to bring some sobering reflections on the effect on local economy. Everyone knows that beef and cattle prices fell way off in 1964 and wheat suffered by an early drought. Some just-in-time rains in June kept the crop from being close to a total loss.

The year on the farm front showed increases over 1963 only in three areas—wool, sheep and truck gardening.

Farming, probably more than most occupations, is subject to caprices of weather, and now that the farm year is over, it can only be hoped that the timing of next year's weather will be better. But decline in income is traceable only in part to this factor. The fall of beef prices can't be pinned on a drought or on rainfall. It takes a real economist to ferret out all factors that play a part on farm prices today.

An encouraging thing on the cattle front is the manner in which livestock growers are attacking the problem—working to keep imports in check, seeking to create additional demands for beef and always trying to improve their product.

The farmer needs and deserves the urgent concern and consideration of all our people, for as County Agent Anderson says, the farmer's dollar is vital to the economy.

Another matter of concern emphasized by the extension report is realization of the effect of the budget cut on the local and state levels to the county extension service. For instance, farm and home visits dropped from 1133 in 1963 to 832 in the past year. The county agent probably does his most effective work on such visits, but obviously when the staff was pared, one man couldn't do what two previously did.

Farmers in the county demonstrated after the county budget cut to the extension service that they felt this service vital to them, organized to keep the third agent, and ironically lost him when the State System of Higher Education made cuts on the heels of the defeat of the state tax program.

A double blow came with the death of Esther Kirmis, but now she is ably replaced by Donna George as county home extension agent.

Now that the state's fiscal matters are in a little better condition and the college bonds were passed to relieve some of the pressure on need for funds for education, the time is ripe to urge restoration of the third county agent in Morrow county.

Most of those on the farm front know of the many demands on Anderson's time and there isn't much need to reiterate it. We can best illustrate it by pointing out that on press night, when we need to know something, say at 10 p.m. about a story on farming, we don't call him at home any more, we call him at the office if we can catch him at all. It would be interesting to know just how many night meetings he attends during a year.

What is being asked of Anderson at the present time is too much to ask of any man. A lesser person would quit and seek something less confining and demanding. It is to be hoped that the extension advisory council and other groups will continue to press for restoration of the third agent. This will make it possible to give attention once more to phases of agriculture in our county that have had to be at least somewhat neglected during the past year.

As the 1965-67 biennial budget comes before the legislature when it convenes after the first of the year, our legislators should be aware of this matter and do what they can for restoration of our full extension service.

## Beef Certificates for Christmas

There are a great many ideas of possible gifts for Christmas for those "who have everything."

But we'd say that the CowBelles and the Oregon Beef Council have the right gift, not only for those who "have everything" but also for those who "have nothing," as well as those who are "in-between."

Have you ever stopped to consider how many people of your acquaintance would actually enjoy a beef certificate as a gift? Maybe there are a few people in the world who don't enjoy a good steak or who have some scruples against it for some reason, but it hits the spot for a vast majority.

On occasion some well-meaning friend has sent us some fancy-wrapped and loud-smelling cheese for Christmas. Now, to a connoisseur of cheese, this would be delightful, but to us—dare we say it? It smells!

Chances are highly in your favor that when you send a beef certificate, your gift will be met with a hearty acceptance and genuine delight. It can be turned in to the recipient's favorite store whenever he wants it most and he can enjoy it at his pleasure.

Here's a gift that will be just the ticket to send to Uncle Joe or Aunt Suzy. It's convenient and easy to send and it's not expensive, but worthy.

When it comes down to the wire this Christmas and you're fumbling with agony through your mind for a suggestion for that last-minute gift, think of beef certificates. Not only will your gift be a fine one, but you will be helping a home industry that is important to your pocketbook.

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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE'VE OFTEN been horrified at some of the mistakes that slipped through in our paper, but man! What doozies we would have if it weren't for the proofreader. Right at the moment we're grateful for the mistake that she just caught on the galley proof.

It was in the items from one of the communities of the county and reported that a couple had gone to "visit their son and daughter-in-law." Phee! They might have hired an attorney on that one!

THE CONDON AIR FORCE boys who put out the Scope, their monthly paper, had this appropriate poem in their last edition: "The typographical error is a slippery thing and you can hunt it 'til you're dizzy. But it somehow will get by. 'Til the plates are off the presses, it is strange how still it keeps. It shrinks down in a corner and it never stirs or peers. The typographical error. Too small for human eyes, 'Til the ink is on the paper, Then it grows to mountain size. The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be. But the typographical error is the only thing you see." But this "sin and daughter-in-law" didn't slink enough! We caught 'em!

HEY, YOU! If you don't think Christmas is just around the corner, just drive by the window of Helen Cox Flowers. What beautiful creations she makes for the holiday season. Just seeing her display is enough to drive the Scrooge out of a person's heart and set you in the right mood for Christmas.

—AND KIDS! If you think there is some doubt that Santa got your message for this Christmas season, he will be available by telephone in Heppner Tuesday night. All you have to do is to dial 676-9163, and he will be there to take your message. He can look in his sack and see for sure whether he has the toy you asked for. Heppner's Jaycees arranged to have him back. He'll be too busy for a personal visit, but will be glad to have your call between 7 and 8:30.

—AND TO DAD and mom: Local merchants are trying awfully hard to supply the things you want to buy for Christmas giving this year, and they want to give you the very best service. They have decided to stay open five evenings, as announced elsewhere in this paper, for your shopping convenience. If you appreciate this move, show them by coming down at least one of the evenings and browse through their stores. You can make decisions better in the calm of the evening and with hubby or wife at your side.

If the Christmas season passes, and response is light to this extra effort by the merchants, they may get discouraged and not offer it next year. They have arranged free parking on four days, too, as well as free movies for the children on two Saturdays.

Don't go tearing off to another town when you can buy from the merchant who is doing his best to serve you—he needs your support, and you need him here.

AH! IT WAS a delight to see the wonderful turnout at the Junior Class play Friday and Saturday. There must have been more than a total of 500 for the two nights, and the kids, director and stage crew deserved everyone who applauded them in the audience.

We knew there would be some surprises and there were. And did you ever go to a play that long where at least one of the

cast didn't forget his lines at some spot? Now that is the kind of support that our school and students deserve! Keep it up! (Bytheway, don't forget the PTACHillifed Wednesday night).

LUCY PETERSON tried in vain to figure out the new commemorative 5c stamp being issued at the post office. It carries the words, "To the fine arts," but Clint McQuarrie read it and couldn't quite make out the rustic print. His interpretation was, "To the fine ants."

The picture on the stamp is what stumps Lucy. She can't make head nor tail of it. Looks like markings that a chicken would make on a clean table cloth after walking through a paint pot.

Lucy met William Mahon at Economy Market. He took a squint at it and had a quick answer, "That's easy. It means the world's in a mess!" That must be what it depicts. Can't figure anything else.

We don't see why they can't go back to good old George Washington and leave him be. They may sell a lot of commemorative stamps to collectors but they must spend an awful lot on some of these dandies, making plates and setting up for them—and they are twice as big as they need to be.

Some of the other stamps out recently look so much like TB seals that you can probably paste your seals on the corner of a letter and get by with it.

GOOD NEWS of the week was Jim Morris poking his big smiling face into the office after a session with the National Guard at Fort Ord and in Louisiana for the past months. Looked as if he were as happy to be back in the old home town as we were to see him.

We hope to have him on the payroll again, at least until he signs up to finish his final term in college.

MONDAY'S MEETING of the city council could almost be termed a "lame duck" session. It was the final meeting for Ed Gonty, president of the council, and for Councilman John Pfeiffer. Councilman Earl Ayres, also a "lame duck," was absent. Other "lame ducks" are Recorder Ted Smith (who can tell you at any time just how many days, hours and minutes it is until his retirement—21 days and 3 hours at 2 p.m. this afternoon) and Treasurer La Verne Van Marter. We're gonna miss those faces, even though there are some good new ones coming in, and in the case of Bill Collins, an old timer coming back.

They were an awfully nice bunch to work with and we never saw them treat anyone, either present or absent, without the greatest courtesy and consideration.

They deserve a hand for the good work they have done. When you see the retiring members on the street, pause a moment and tell them so. Some day you may have the job!

HERE'S SOMETHING that will make you sick, and we surely hope that someone didn't do this deliberately, although it has all the earmarks. Mr. and Mrs. Art Dalzell were fixing fences last week and came upon a spot where there were the decomposed remains of three dogs. They had been tied to the fence with wire around their necks and looked as if they were left there to die. Indications are that they had been there three or four months.

WE'LL WIND up with this just to get that nasty taste out of your mouth: Nurse: "How did John get such a large bump on his head?" Joe: "It was because of his poor English." Nurse: "Poor English? How could that be?" Joe: "We were putting in fence posts, and he said, 'I'll set this post in the hole; then when I nod my head, you take the hammer and hit it.' So I did."

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor: Here are the final names of all the old-time "Tax Payers" of the year 1891.

Andrew Reaney, \$1,270; Mrs. R. A. Summers, \$1,400; J. C. Kirk, \$3,910; C. S. Kirk & Son, \$1,615; I. C. Large, \$1,050; Hank Scherzinger, \$1,610; S. A. Wright, \$1,320; John Barker, \$3,735; Powell Brothers, \$1,555; Pedro Brothers, \$5,450; Shaw Brothers, \$1,320; Joseph Vey, \$4,645; Antone Vey, \$8,000; Crane Brothers, \$2,730; James L. Yeager, \$1,300; E. E. Peter, \$1,120; The National Bank of Heppner, \$31,000; The First National Bank of Heppner, \$35,000; The Heppner Building and Loan Association, \$9,500; O. R. & N. Co., \$335,850; Palace Hotel Company, \$10,000; Western Union Telegraph Company, \$4,740; Walter Berry, \$1,150; P. H. Blyth, \$4,150; Frank Byrne, \$1,000; L. T. Dodson, \$1,000; McDougall, \$1,000; J. M. Fisher, \$1,000; I. G. Hewison, \$2,500; S. S. King, \$6,900; J. B. Kenney, \$1,400; Milton N. Moon, \$1,280; W. F. Matlock, \$4,550; Zeb. Rosendorf, \$1,600; William Rust, \$1,600; James Robinson, \$7,600; James Watermelon Redington, \$1,100; J. W. Switzer, \$3,750; Jacob Johnson, \$1,250; Smith & Condon, \$1,250; James Taylor, \$2,560; P. S. Wilson, \$2,400; Nat. Webb, \$3,400; P. A. Worthington, \$2,400; Lombard Investment Company, \$6,455; N. P. R. R. \$43,120.

Later letters will take up other aspects pertaining to the towns and Morrow county and things of the long ago. It might be a good idea if the readers would make scrap books of these historical articles. All letters answered.

Sincerely,  
O. M. Yeager  
312 B Street cor. 4th St.  
P. O. Box 476  
Castle Rock, Wn.

Dear Publishers: The outstanding success of "Hearts and Husbands" Day, featuring Dr. Paul Dudley White, was due in large part to the complete saturation by the newspapers of Oregon and Southern Washington with the message urging women to attend.

The Board of Directors and the Committee on "Hearts and Husbands" Day of the Oregon Heart Association wish to express their sincere appreciation to you for the generous contribution of time and personnel which made this unique event such a success. Without your valuable assistance this program would not have been a success. We thank you.

Sincerely,  
John W. Kendall, President  
Lauritta Taylor Keller,  
Chairman "Hearts and Husbands" Day

## My Neighbors



Susan Spottless says: KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

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### Coming Events

**HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL**  
First games of season  
Friday, Dec. 11  
DeSales at Walla Walla  
Saturday, Dec. 12  
Enterprise at Heppner  
Jayvee game, 6:30  
Varsity game, 8:00.

**MASONIC INSTALLATION**  
Saturday, Dec. 12  
Potluck dinner, 6:30, followed by installation of officers, 8:00 p.m.  
Heppner Masonic Hall

**WRANGLER CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Sunday, Dec. 13  
Fair Pavilion, 6 p.m.  
Potluck dinner and party  
Members and guests.

**PTA CHILI SUPPER**  
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Chili of chicken and noodles.  
High school cafeteria.  
Before Heppner-Ione Basketball game.

**HEY KIDDIES!**  
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