

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

Pearson Display Wins First Place On Decorations

Outdoor lighting and decoration display at the Lynn Pearson home, 960 E. Fairview Way (across from the county shops), has been awarded first prize in the annual Christmas decoration contest, the committee in charge announces.

Second place went to the Bob Bergstroms, 390 Gilmore. First prize for an indoor window scene was won by Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bailey, and second place went to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pierce. The Baileys live on Alken Street and the Pierces at 485 N. Gale.

The Pearson display is unusual and attractive, featuring a circular decoration of foil ruffles and decorations on the lawn. Lights outline the house. Triangles glisten with movements of the wind on the lawn display, which judges said must have required many hours of work to construct.

At the Bergstroms, front door of the home is covered with foil and set off by fir boughs. Two tall electric candles flank the holiday setting.

At both the Baileys and Pierces, beautifully decorated Christmas trees are visible through the front windows with lights and boughs highlighting the three dimensional scenes. Many others had outstanding displays around the town, but most of these did not enter the contest for one reason or another. Some planned to be gone during the holidays and felt they could not comply with the rule to leave the lights on from Christmas until New Years. Others won last year and were not eligible to compete this year.

Probably the most unusual and at the same time—highly attractive display, was at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Don McCarty, 190 E. Quaid. This followed the Mexican custom of using lighted candles covered by paper sacks. A total of 150 candles are used in the decorations which literally cover the house and yard. The problem is to keep the candles lighted for a long period of time since they burn down in a few hours. Since it is impossible to keep the candles going for the week's period, judges reluctantly had to pass by the McCarty's in making the awards, but gave them a hearty honorable mention.

"This display required a fabulous amount of work," said one of the judges.

Others given honorable mention were the Christian church parsonage, occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Al Boschee and family, winners last year, on Gale Street; the Catholic church manse, also on Gale Street; the Forrest Burkenbines, 545 S. Court St., where a little church over the front door caught the eye of judges; the beautifully decorated Carl Spaulding home, 625 S. Alfalfa; the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz, 625 E. Hager; and the trailer home of the Milo Prindles, East Campbell Way.

Most of those given honorable mention had not entered the contest officially, but the judges could not pass them by without some recognition.

They also found some excellent work in business windows. So, Van's Variety store was given first place for its window featuring Santa Claus; Lois' Beauty Shop was judged second; and Fullerton Chevrolet was third. Certificates of recognition, with no cash prizes, will go to these in the commercial category.

First place in the outdoor home decoration contest carries a prize of \$15, and second a prize of \$12.50. In the home window contest, first received \$10 and second \$7.50.

No third places were awarded in either category. Again the judges encouraged more to enter next year. They were impressed with the quality and beauty of the work done in decorations around town but disappointed by the shortage of official entries. Prize money is given by an anonymous donor, and the contest is sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce with Avon Melby as committee chairman.



Lynn Pearson, winner of the 1966 Heppner Christmas Lighting contest—residential—first conceived this idea in 1961. After several revisions of the original plan the final product won first place in its first year of competition. (G-T. Fardee)

Heppner Residents Enjoy Crisp, White Christmas

Heppner residents enjoyed a white Christmas for a change this year.

In the wee early hours before dawn the sky belched forth with a couple of tons of that white fluffy stuff, and managed to cover a goodly portion of Morrow county before most of the residents were aware of the happenings. Only St. Nick knows exactly when and where the first flake of snow fell, but to the younger set of Heppner, this was of little importance. Out of bed and to the Christmas tree, and then to the woodshed to dig out the old sled and off to the hills for a little sledding.

Don Gilliam, weatherman for Heppner, did some research of the White Christmas situation and found the following results:

1966	3"
1952	1"
1944	3"
1924	3 1/2"
1921	2 1/2"
1918	5"
1916	5"
1913	1 1/2"

The Gilliam family has accurate records dating back to 1911.

The Forest Service reports that the overall picture in the mountains is unusually light. There is about 5" of new snow at the Parkers Mill area; 18" in the Coal Mine area near Cuts; 10" at the Parkers Mill area; 18" in the Wall Creek area. The Forest Service reports that this represents about 1/3 to 1/2 of the normal amount for this time of year.

Anyone traveling off the main roads is advised to have chains on their vehicles. It is also advisable to carry chains for any traveling in the county.

Several sojourning Brethren joined the many members of the local units and a very pleasant evening was followed by refreshments prepared by chef Roy Quackenbush assisted by Claude Graham.

Kenneth Walters, Scribe and C. J. D. Bauman, treasurer, will be installed at a later date.

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Sweeney Named To State Board

Jerry Sweeney, owner of Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner, has been appointed to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers by Governor Mark Hatfield, it was announced Saturday.

The board conducts examinations for funeral directors and is in charge of licensing morticians, as well as supervising mortuaries across the state.

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Masons Install New Officers

Tuesday evening, December 20, Heppner Lodge No. 69, A F & A M installed their officers for the ensuing Masonic year in a tyled ceremony.

Worshipful Master Marion Green presided as installing Master and Paul Jones as Marshall.

All elective and appointed officers were present and those serving for the new year will be:

Worshipful Master — Howard Bryant; Sr. Warden — Herman Wintor; Jr. Warden — Hubert Wilson; Treasurer — John Pfeiffer; Secretary — Harold Beckett; Sr. Deacon — Tom Hughes; Jr. Deacon — Don Gilliam; Sr. Steward — John Wightman; Jr. Steward — Claude Graham; Chaplain — Al Boschee; Tyler — Marion Green.

In closing ceremony Paul Jones presented Jr. Past Master Marion Green with a Past Master's lapel pin.

Immediately following symbolic lodge work the Heppner Chapter No. 26 Royal Arch Masons proceeded to install their new officers for the coming year.

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33 Prizes Ready For 1967 New Year Baby

Thirty three prizes await the arrival of the New Years baby at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Mr. or Miss Morrow county of 1967 will begin his or her reign upon arrival.

Last year's New Years baby was a little late in arriving. Sherri Lynne Howard, 7 lb., 7 1/2 oz. baby girl was born at 10:52 a.m. on January 5 of this year. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. William G. Howard now living in Midwest City, Okla. Mr. Howard is a career Air Force man.

Prizes include: Morrow county Grain Growers, Inc., \$5 for savings account; Paul Pettyjohn Co., \$5 for savings account; Hager's Dairy, 10 gallons of milk; Turner Van Marter and Bryant, \$5 in cash; Pioneer Memorial hospital, 25% off on hospital expenses; Heppner Cleaners, \$5 in cleaning; Bank of Eastern Oregon, \$5 savings account; Thomson's Grocery, 12 reg. size cans of milk; Pettyjohn Farm and Builder's Supply, \$5 in merchandise; Heppner Auto Parts, electric bottle warmer; Gazette-Times, one year subscription; Jack Van Winkle Chevron, 10 gallons of petrol; Peterson's Jewelry, Sterling silver baby cup with name engraved; Gonty's baby's first shoes; Gardner's Men's Wear, a smart shirt for proud dad; Central Market, case of Gerber's baby food; J. C. Penney Co., one dozen diapers; Elma's Apparel, \$5 baby clothes;

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County Gives \$687 To Heart Fund

Morrow county residents gave \$687.14 to the 1966 Heart Fund, according to E. C. Sammons, state campaign chairman.

Oregon Heart Fund income reached an all time high of nearly \$300,000.

"The out-state area made the big difference by more than doubling the previous year," Sammons said.

Across the nation, a total of more than \$34,500,000 was raised by the Heart Fund, the largest amount ever contributed. This is an increase of more than \$2 million over the previous record of \$32,544,636 donated in 1965.

Owen R. Cheatham, 1966 national campaign chairman, said the new record reflects "the growing public confidence that cardiovascular diseases—the nation's Number One killer—can be brought under control."

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Bob Jepsen Faces Busy Year as Head Of Wheat League

A busy year is in store for Robert (Bob) Jepsen, Ione, who was elected president of the Oregon Wheat League on Wednesday, December 14, at the conclusion of the league's annual convention in Portland.

At that time Jepsen was elevated from the position of first vice president which he has held during 1966.

Years in which the legislature convenes are active ones for officers of the Wheat League, and the session for 1967 will start in January. The new president has a meeting on December 28 in Portland to coordinate ideas on taxation. George Dewey, formerly associated with the Farm Bureau, has been employed by the Wheat League to act as legislative counsel, and this will help lessen the load.

Jepsen said, too, that the league will cast anxious eyes on Congress during the coming year.

"We'll watch closely whether we can retain the certificates from millers in the face of legislation proposed to repeal the program," the newly-elected president said.

Money for research and continued promotion of world markets are two of many more items that will draw the attention of the league, Jepsen added.

Jepsen is the second president of the Wheat League from Morrow county in four years. Milton Morgan, also of Ione, served as head of the league in 1964.

Retiring as president is Don Woodward of Pendleton. In 1965, Melvin Pace was league prey. Serving with Jepsen during the coming year will be Bill Hulise of Dufur, first vice president; Tom Vaughn, Pendleton, second vice president; and John Welbes, Pendleton, who was re-elected at the recent convention as executive vice president.

Jepsen has served in official capacities in the league for several years. He was second vice president in 1965, and in the year prior, was chairman of the marketing and transportation committee.

He has been a member of the Wheat League for about 15 years and is a past president



BOB JEPSEN

of the Morrow County Wheat-growers association.

While his mailing address is Ione, Jepsen and his family actually live some distance away in the Lower Eightmile country, where they have a ranch of 2400 acres of which 1960 are tillable.

Son of poultry rancher, Walter Jepsen, Bob has been on a ranch all of his life and has engaged in wheat farming throughout his adult life. He has been active in the Heppner Soil Conservation district, previously serving as a supervisor, and has been a leader in promoting the conservation speech contest in this district. It was while he was serving as committee chairman that Martha Doherty of Heppner won the state speech championship.

Both Bob and his wife, Suzanne, are active in the Ione United Church of Christ, where he now serves as a trustee. He previously was moderator and deacon of the church.

The 38-year-old league president is a member of the Mazamas, mountain climbers, and another hobby is amateur radio. He operates WATDNL and is a member of the American Radio Relay League.

Jepsen is agriculture committee chairman of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, and is an associate director of Universal Acceptance Corporation.

The Jepsens have two children, Bill is in the sixth grade at Heppner Elementary school and Susan is in Heppner High school.

Roger Babson Forecasts Decline In National Economy In 1967

By ROGER W. BABSON
The close of 1966 marks the seventh consecutive month in the life span of the longest business boom of all time for the American economy. However, "trees do not grow to the sky." Already, signs of deterioration in the expansive vigor that characterized the earlier phase of the business upswing have been increasing in 1966. Hence, the outlook for business and fi-

nance in 1967 is of greater-than-usual importance. Lest readers of this column be tempted to "push the panic button," however, let me state that it would be unwise to expect a major depression in 1967. Our greatly expanded economy still has a considerable degree of momentum. The spotlight on 1967, therefore, should focus upon those factors which are likely to cause a breathing spell in

economic activity. Politicians and labor leaders have a phobia against even a hesitancy in business, and rush headlong into measures designed to treat a case of pneumonia when cold pills would be more appropriate. I foresee no war between the United States and Russia in 1967. However, tensions between the two world leaders may seem to reach the breaking point as the Kremlin "goes all out" to

create diversions to our efforts in Vietnam. Look for Moscow to throw salt on festering wounds in the Middle East, Africa, and Germany. I am also hopeful that a direct clash between Red China and the U. S. can be avoided in 1967. Internal dissensions are rampant throughout Mainland China, and a great scramble for power is in full swing. Sabre-rattling may help to unify the

people; but pressing problems of low productivity, plus the demands of her nuclear program, should restrain Red China from direct attack upon the United States. The struggle for leadership of the Communist world camp will continue unabated throughout 1967. Full political attack will be mounted by the Kremlin against