

Africa Calling

A REPORT FROM THE NEAR EAST
By ESTHER ANDERSON

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Dear Friends:
The holiday season is over and our New Year well on its way. Though many of our Christmas greetings were late, each and everyone was most welcome and thoroughly enjoyed. As we read and reread them and talked them over we were transported, for a while, back among the familiar faces and activities we knew so long.
Thanks to everyone for remembering us on our second Christmas in Africa. This year we had only Rick with us so our holidays were not the usual merry bustle time, but we did invite ten young men of the Peace Corps, working in agriculture, to have a Christmas Eve dinner with us, listen to carols on the tape recorder and enjoy the tree and decorations. So we had a pleasant evening as well as giving them a bit of "home".
Christmas Day was enjoyed with friends for a turkey dinner and the whole week was filled with parties so it passed by quickly. Our weather was cool enough for sweaters, our month of "winter" ending with

a chilly 50 degrees on New Year's Eve. It is turning warmer noticeably now. We were glad to hear all the reports of good rains in Morrow County in the winter you've had so far. We hope it continues for a successful year for everyone.

Everyone who writes is always rushing (as we used to be doing, also) and we wish you all could reduce your pace to the slow, casual African way, at least long enough to get a good rest. This relaxed way of life is probably the only asset this country has. We haven't found any others to speak of, but we've become adjusted to most of the "strangeness" after 16 months. Sometimes, though, we find it very baffling and exasperating when centuries-old superstitions and traditions take precedent over all.

Nels' work is progressing in the African fashion, at snail's pace, but he feels he is beginning to see some results from his last few months of dawn to darkness labor.
Last week-end he was host to the Secretary of Affairs to Africa, from Washington, D. C., Mr. Vanos, who surveyed the Farm Youth Center and was favorably impressed. With their new crops of rice, sorghum and corn up and growing, it is a pretty picture.

Friends Respond To Give Blood

By MARTHA MATTESON

MONUMENT — There were about 14 or 15 people from here who drove to La Grande February 1 to give blood to the Blood Bank for Ed Glenger who was needing 30 pints of blood before he can have open surgery on his heart.

Mrs. Lottie Foss, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Holmes and two children were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Round.

Mary Lippert took Irene Forrest to Prineville where she will stay with her daughter, Patsy Mann and family for a few weeks.

Mrs. Dianne Glenger, Mrs. Lynn Glenger and Mrs. Carol Glenger drove to Pendleton the first of the month, taking Mrs. Barbara Glenger's two daughters home after they had visited their father for a week. Mrs. Crystal Glenger came home with them from the hospital, where she had surgery on her eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bennett of Madras spent two days visiting at the Lewis Neal home. Mrs. Bennett was known as the oldest girl of the Jeff Jeffersons when she went to school here.

L. L. Flower returned the first of the month from a business trip to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fleming of Bend are the proud parents of an 8 lb., 4 oz. baby girl, born January 29. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arlot Fleming of Kimberly and the maternal grandparents live in Bend. Tom was a graduate of Monument High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Helms and two children of Richland spent the week-end with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Neal.

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon and two children of Heppner visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinton and her sister and family, the Bill Neals, for a week-end recently. Charles McKinnon went on to John Day to visit his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlot Fleming were called to Lafayette, due to the illness of his mother.

D. L. Matteson of Pendleton traveled here January 3 to visit his folks over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilhelm and family of Heppner visited his sister, Mrs. Reeta Hinton, on February 4.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Buxton and son visited recently in John Day with their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Osborn and daughter Leslie of Fox visited with relatives here the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrell and son of Camp 5 spent a week-end here recently with her mother, Mrs. Reeta Hinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter of La Grande were recent visitors with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shanks and Mr. and Mrs. George Stubblefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wyatt of Mitchell were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Round and his sister, Mrs. Lottie Foss of Boise, Idaho, were recent dinner guests at the Alva Wright home in Fox, honoring Nick Bonficher on his birthday.

Phil Murphy brought his wife, Jean, home from the hospital in Portland where she had surgery on her back.

Jim Croker has returned home after spending several days at Seattle, Wn., where his son, Ronnie, works.

Jessie Scott and LaVerne Stubblefield assisted the 5th and 6th grade classes in a surprise party for their teacher, Mrs. Neva Jones, honoring her on her birthday.

M. K. Jones received word recently that his brother had passed away. He had a stroke a year ago.

Mrs. Clyde Cavender was in the John Day hospital for several days of treatments.

Postal Customer 'Bill of Rights' Aims at Service

Postmaster James H. Driscoll today called attention of Heppner mailers to the new "Postal Customer's Bill of Rights" to help meet President Johnson's government-wide goal of improving the quality of federal services to the public.

Directed at post office window services, Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has ordered the Customer's Bill of Rights implemented by two immediate steps at Heppner:

1. Posters will be displayed in the post office lobby and service counters containing 10 points which specify the kind of treatment customers have a right to expect.
2. Instructions from O'Brien call for careful observation of all points in the "Postal Customer's Bill of Rights." The instructions also provide directions for the most efficient management of window service.

The posters tell customers they are entitled to:

1. A neat, clean counter on which to transact business.
2. Service by a well-groomed, neat window employee.
3. A friendly greeting that expresses a desire to assist.
4. Knowledgeable, well-informed, interested window personnel to help with postal needs.
5. Prompt, alert and efficient service.
6. Competent and correct information on inquiries.
7. An attitude that reflects helpfulness, patience and congeniality.
8. The courtesy and tact that would be expected from a friend.
9. Polite referral to another window or individual when necessary to give the appropriate service.
10. A feeling upon leaving that the post office is glad to serve and help at all times. Instructions for fulfilling "The Postal Customer's Bill of Rights" are being distributed to all window personnel by Postmaster Driscoll.

O'Brien stated in connection with the new postal service improvement effort:

"Every federal employee give added attention to providing the American people with the very best service possible. Since your daily duties bring you in direct and continuing contact with our customers, I would like to tell you what I consider the type of service the American people have a right to expect when dealing with the largest business operation in the world."

In addition to improving relations with customers, Postmaster Driscoll said, the "Customer's Bill of Rights" can expedite handling of transactions at the windows and make the service more efficient.

He urged Heppner residents to assist in this effort, by stating their needs clearly, and having money and any necessary filled-out forms ready for transactions.

The postmaster explained that demands on window personnel, who must deal with a wide variety of information, forms and varying services, are usually very heavy, and postal customers can assist them in meeting the new service goals by being as brief and business-like as possible.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS for all makes of machines, 98¢; Carter's X-Pert Carbon Paper, 39¢; pkg; boxed typing paper, 500 sheets, \$1.95; adding machine paper, 25¢ roll; carbonized and non-carbonized sales books, and other office supplies, Gazette-Times office.

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Crowd Attends Gay '90 Dance

(Too late for last week)
By MARTHA MATTESON
MONUMENT — Earl Richards of Monument won the hand-made quilt that was sold to the highest bidder Saturday night, January 21, at the Gay '90 dance. The quilt was made by the MMM Club. Wayne Leathers was auctioneer for it. Music was furnished by a band from the Condon Air Force base. Prizes for costumes were won

by Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Herberger of Mt. Vernon as the best dressed couple; Mrs. Laura Ann Vaughan, Monument, for the best dressed woman; Forrest Rinehart of Pilot Rock, most fancy beard; and Gayle Engle of Monument, for the longest beard.

Many people came from out of town. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Ansil Martin and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Gressle and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Durbin and family, all of Prineville; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cecil, Hardman; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sadtler and sons, Kinzua; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Harris, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Epley, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wyatt, Mitchell; Ronnie Croker, Seattle, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. David Round, and Mrs. Stewart of Dayville.

Also Mr. and Mrs. John Black of Pendleton; D. L. Matteson of Pilot Rock; Rob Roy Munro, Mrs. Nina Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Campbell of Kimberly; Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Rourke and daughter of Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sloan, Mrs. Lola Chapman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Matteson and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Stuss, Mr. and Mrs. Ruffus Crissman, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Enright and son Gayle, Danny Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Livington of Long Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Vinson have returned from a week trip in California where they visited relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shank have bought the Ernest Johnson ranch about 24 miles southeast of town. The Johnsons will continue to live there until school is out, then plan to buy a trailer home and move to Prineville, where their two daughters and families live. Mr. Johnson has driven the Kimberly to Monument school bus for many years.

Sen. Morse Urges Project Funds

Senator Wayne Morse (D. Ore.) has received from the Corps of Engineers the fiscal 1968 capability for Oregon public works projects. Included is the request for Morrow County's Willow Creek project.

The fiscal capability represents the maximum amount of money useable by the Corps efficiently and effectively on any public works projects, aside from budgetary restrictions. Senator Morse will urge the Senate Appropriations Committee to approve the full amount useable, stating "Once a construction project has been undertaken there is no economy in delaying the completion of that project as quickly as possible. In fact, with rising costs due to the inflation inherent in a war will only make these worthwhile wealth-producing projects more costly by not appropriating the maximum amount the Corps of Engineers say they can use efficiently and effectively in fiscal year 1968."

The Oregon projects, with the budget request and fiscal capability as expressed by the Corps of Engineers follows:

Fiscal 1968 budget request	Fiscal 1968 Capability
Green Peter Dam \$ 4,940,000	\$ 5,250,000
John Day Dam 38,700,000	43,000,000
Willamette River Bank Protection 375,000	800,000
Columbia River 40 foot channel 2,700,000	5,000,000
Catherine Creek Reservoir 0	110,000
John Day River 0	100,000
Lost Creek Reservoir 1,250,000	6,000,000
Lower Grande Ronde Reservoir 0	150,000
Willow Creek at Heppner 0	160,000
Cheto River navigation project 0	100,000
Siuslaw River Harbor 0	755,000
Tillamook south jetty 0	500,000

Vets Loans Up In Morrow County

The state Department of Veterans' Affairs granted farm and home loans last year to 4,254 veterans in the amount of \$31,885,950 for the highest year since 1961 and the third highest on record. H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported today.

It was a 26 percent gain in loans and a 33 percent increase in dollar volume over 1965. Last year's volume brings the totals for the program since 1945 to \$6,275 loans in the amount of \$506,969,274.

In Morrow county last year, loans were granted to 11 veterans in the amount of \$115,400, compared to five loans in 1965 for \$42,200. Since the start of the program, loans have gone to 104 veterans here in the amount of \$779,800.

Saalfeld said that of the nearly \$807 million borrowed, veterans have repaid more than \$255 million in principal and \$85 million in interest. They are repaying at the rate of more than \$3 1/2 million a month, with interest payments alone averaging around a million dollars.

The veterans' repayment record is outstanding, according to Saalfeld. The rate of serious delinquencies is less than four for every 1,000 loans outstanding.

Service Scheduled For Good Friday

South Morrow County Ministerial association is now making plans for the Good Friday service, which will be on Friday, March 24.

Easter comes early this year and will be on Sunday, March 26. The Good Friday service will be in the Heppner Methodist church and ministers of the association will participate. Further announcement will be made later on the details.

S Sgt. Snider Due To Return Soon

S/Sgt. Harry C. Snider, who will complete a year's tour of duty in Vietnam soon, is due to return home in early May, according to information received by his wife, Darlene.

S/Sgt. Snider has been serving in Vietnam with the 14th Air Police Squadron.

and foreclosures number less than seven for every 1,000 loans granted.

Because of the favorable difference between the cost of bonds issued to finance the program and the 4 percent interest rate, the program has earned more than \$20 million in profits in its 22 years of operation.

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