

GRAIN PRICES

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
Soft white wheat 1.65
Hard red winter wheat 1.64
Barley 46.50

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WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	46	37	.22
Thursday	40	24	—
Friday	35	19	—
Saturday	41	25	—
Sunday	37	25	.12*
Monday	34	26	.07*
Tuesday	36	21	.04*

*—1.7" Snow; *—1.2" Snow;
*—5" Snow

Gene Pierce Named Chamber President

Gene Pierce, a well known banker of Heppner who has been a vice president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce was elected Monday as president of the organization.

Elected first vice president was Ed Dick and LeRoy Gardner was elected second vice president.

Elected directors were Harold Kerr, L. E. Dick, Bob Abrams, Sharon Gorman, Harley Sager and LeRoy Gardner. Hold over directors are Ron Daniels, Elma Harshman, Dr. Wallace Wolff and Paul Jones (outgoing president).

Elected secretary was Joyce Ritch and treasurer re-elected was Pat Wonsner.

The new slate of officers will take over the first of January.

Principal Al Martin introduced Mrs. Suzanne Dagley and her second graders. They sang "The 12 Days of Christmas" with charming and appropriate motions depicting animals, birds and people.

Then Principal Martin presented President Jones a colorful poster promoting use of the Arbuckle Mountain Ski Run.

President Jones commented that the county keeps the ski run road open, cost of which is borne by the State of Oregon.

Elaine George of the Christmas Decorating committee announced the winners of the annual Christmas Decorating contest. (Results are given on page 1.)

Santa Claus was given a big hand for his efforts in making little folks and the sick and elderly happy.

Dennis Places 3rd in PP&K

Morrow County's Dennis Stefani, a gifted 8 year old, won third place out of 13 contestants in the Punt, Pass & Kick NFL conference divisional championships last Sunday at New Orleans. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Stefani. Mr. Stefani accompanied Dennis and Earl Ayres, owner of Heppner Auto Sales and sponsor of the program here. Weather was 75 degrees there and somewhat humid, they said.

Contest was held at the Chicago Bears vs. New Orleans Saints' pro football game.

Ed. Note: Quite a few people in the U. S. A. who never heard of Ione are aware of the existence of this fine little town.)



GENE PIERCE

GottaBittaNews

If you have some news or a news picture, please bring or send it into the Gazette-Times. Phone 676-9228 or 676-9642. If no one is there, you can slip the news through the little slot in the door.

We are interested in news about you, your folks and friends and neighbors. Is someone home from the service? Did someone visit you? Is someone home from college? Did someone pass away who formerly lived here? Did someone have an accident? We think there are many kinds of vital news such as new babies, people buying and selling homes and ranches, weddings, and many other things about people.

Mollahan Says Taxes 80% Collected

Pacific Gas Transmission Largest Payer

Sheriff John Mollahan indicated today that the Morrow County Tax Roll for the current year is 80 per cent collected.

The largest corporate taxpayers representing 24.20% of the total roll are as follows:

Pacific Gas Transmission	\$151,882.25
Union Pacific Railway	80,129.95
Veterans Administration (Boeing Tract)	62,600.98
MCGG	29,650.00
Pacific Northwest Bell	26,707.24

Boeing Lease Improvements only	19,678.95
Kinzua	42,334.03
Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Inc.	6,504.45
Heppner Lumber Co.	6,275.55
Discount	12,772.90
	\$425,763.40
The 20 largest individual taxpayers paid \$199,653.38 and received a discount of \$5,989.60.	
The largest paid \$15,905.75. These represent 11.35% of the total roll.	

We Wish You A Big Merry Christmas

This issue is full of sincere Christmas season messages from the business firms of Ione, Lexington and Heppner extending the very best of wishes to all their friends and customers.

The number of these greetings will give one a good idea of the many firms that are here to serve the public in Morrow County.

We sincerely urge everyone to read each message as it was selected with care and meaningful sentiment. Some of the messages are drawings by members of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders. Tom Shear is the Heppner art instructor.

May we therefore, wish you a very Merry Christmas, one and all.

Students whose drawings were selected for publication in this week's issue will receive a certificate of merit from the Gazette-Times.

Grain Outlook Good

Optimism has replaced the pessimism of the past two years in the grain market place bolstered by favorable prices and heavy exports of Pacific Northwest wheat, reports S. C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

Favorable prices seem fairly certain during 1971, but the outlook beyond next year is less certain. Marks writes in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook Circular just published by the OSU Cooperative Extension Service.

What happens to grain prices after 1971 will be influenced by the Agricultural Act of 1970, Congressional action on international trade legislation and agricultural policies of leading foreign grain producing and exporting nations, Marks points out.

Oregon and U. S. cash grain prices literally zoomed upward this fall, setting a 41-month high for soft white wheat, a 22-month high for barley and 29-month high for oats, Marks notes. Corn and milo prices are at their highest levels since the summer of 1956.

A larger volume of Public Law 480 transactions and continued heavy exports to Japan have re-

duced 1970's initially smaller supply of white wheat. At the beginning of October, stocks of Northwest white wheat on hand were placed at 97.2 million bushels which was 20 per cent less than the same date in 1969.

Exports of U. S. wheat are exceeding earlier expectations, with export inspections through December indicating an increase of 50 per cent over 1969, the economist says.

Influencing the world market is the fact that world-wide wheat production in 1970 was estimated at 10.3 billion bushels or three per cent less than 1969 and nine per cent less than 1968. The reductions in the last two years have come as a result in acreage cutbacks in the major exporting countries, Marks explains.

Increased exports mean smaller carryovers of all classes of U. S. wheat into 1971. Marks stresses, creating a strong market undertone for white wheat.

Turning to the feed grain scene, Marks points out that while feed grain prices are higher than a year ago, the prospects are that they will move still higher this winter in the face of a strong demand and a smaller national supply.

Northwest barley exports were up sharply this fall. This reflects relatively higher corn prices, a decrease in corn export volume and smaller feed grain supplies in Western Europe, Marks writes. Also more barley and less wheat is being used by feed mixers and livestock producers because barley is cheaper.

With the increased use, Northwest carryovers of barley and oats are likely to be smaller at the start of the 1971 crop marketing season than in 1970.

Although higher grain prices often lead to increased production, it is hard to predict what will happen in 1971, Marks points out. The federal feed grain program will have an influence as well as seed availability at planting time, particularly blight-resistant seed corn.

ASCS Tells Reseal Program

Grain loans authorized for resale for the 1971-72 storage period are announced by David McLeod, Executive Director of local ASCS Office.

Barley reseal loans are authorized for the 1968, 1969 and 1970 crops in Farm Storage and the 1970 crop Warehouse Stored.

Wheat reseal loans are authorized for the 1968 (except hard red spring) 1969, and 1970 crops in Farm Storage and the 1970 crop Warehouse Stored.

This will require settlements of loans on 1965, 1966, and 1967 Barley loans stored on the farm and on the 1968 and 1969 crops stored in the Warehouse. Settlements will also be required for wheat on the 1967 and 1968 (hard red spring) crops stored on the farm and the 1968 and 1969 crops stored in the Warehouse.

On crops for which settlement will be required, such settlement shall be made at the expiration of the 1970-71 storage period. Mr. McLeod said, or when the loan matures in the case of 1970 crop loans. The storage period normally ends on May 31 for all the years listed except 1965 Barley which is April 30, 1971.

Full details of the program is available at the local ASCS Office.

Santa Claus Visits Hospital



HO, HO, HO from Santa Claus starts the Christmas joys for Elsie Mott. (G-T Photo).

Musical Program is A Christmas Extra

There wasn't even standing room left at the annual Christmas program presented at the Heppner Elementary School Monday evening. In the words of the audience, "It was great".

Vocal music was taught and directed by Mrs. Suzanne Dagley. Numbers included: Futuristic Christmas Tree and We Need a Little Christmas by the 5th grade. Cast of characters in the 2nd grade "The Twelve Days of Christmas" were Greg Sweeney, the partridge; Bonnie Arrington, the turtle doves; Lynn Dee Devlin, French Hens; Stephen Groce, Calling birds; Lottie Laughlin, golden rings; Cheri Griffith, geese-a-laying; Tami Howard, swans-a-swimming; Julie Baker, maids-a-milking; Tony Currin, drummers drumming; Gloria Everhart, pipers piping; Ella Mae Green, ladies dancing and Tracey Pettyjohn, lords-a-leaping.

The cast of the 4th grades music and play "The Meaning of Christmas" were Ricky Rea, reporter; Scott McEwen, Little

Boy; Cindy Anderson, housewife; Mike Rasmussen, businessman and Julie Grieb, Little Old Lady.

The cast of the 6th grade play Give or Get were Mary, Patti Saling; John, Ken Miller and Bill, David Allstott.

The choir is extra curricular and members of the choir who sang Silver Bells were Lisa Burkenbine, Debbie Holland, Diane Holland, Judy Ledbetter, Patricia Saling, Kathy Marshall, Diane Martin, Teresa Peck, Tami Prock, Becky Stillman and Rosemary Winter.

Band Music
Arnie Hedman directed the bands. The 5th grade Beginners Band played Jingle Bells, Air from Rigoletto, Little Brown Jug and the Chatters.

The 6th grade band played Hoedown, Three American Christmas Carols and Christmas Carol Suite.

The 7th and 8th grade Intermediate Band played Warming

Up March, Frosty the Snowman, Syncopated Clock and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

Princess Tryouts Set for Dec. 27

Girls who like to ride and are at least 16 years old and juniors in high school are urged to explore the possibilities of trying out as a Princess for the 1971 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court.

Princess Tryouts will be held Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. Four Princesses will be selected. They will include a Princess from Ione, Boardman, Butter Creek and the Wranglers. Each participant must have a sponsor. Any girl interested is asked to call Pat O'Brien, Queen and Court director at 676-9602.

Phil Mahoneys Win First in Lighting Contest



LIGHTS, LIGHTS and more lights feature the Phil Mahoneys outdoor Christmas display. In the planter in front of the dining room window Hazel has arranged the three-wisemen. They are about three feet high. Their robes and gifts they carry for the Christ Child are a bronze and black. Framing the figures are the elkhorn branches of the sumac which

grows in their backyard. These have been sprayed the same black and bronze. Entwined around these stark branches are dozens of miniature lights. Over all is a flood light. The Mahoneys display won them first place in the Outdoor Lighting division of the annual Chamber of Commerce sponsored contest. (G-T Photo).

Henry Krebs Named Delegate

Henry Krebs, Ione, has been named as a delegate to the American Sheep Producers Council representing the Oregon Sheep Growers Association. His election came at the close of OSG's 75th annual convention in Portland.

Mr. Krebs will also serve as member of a committee formed to investigate a possible future alliance between sheepmen and other livestock groups, such as the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

Around 200 sheepmen assembled for the convention were told that Oregon producers reported the loss of 8,000 lambs and 4,000 sheep to predators last year. The survey covered private lands only, and was sent out to livestockmen in each county. Figures are based on an average 28 per cent return of survey forms, eight counties not yet reporting, and actual losses are expected to range as much as

five times higher when the survey is completed. Delegates responded by passing resolutions urging association and cooperation with sportsmen's groups, and the support of a legislative amendment which would allow the use of aircraft for problem animal control.

A cautious cooperation with New Zealand and Australia was urged by both James Powell, National Wool Growers president, and by Dr. Murray Dawson, OSU soils department. Powell believes the lamb import conferences with down-under countries are the "last opportunity to make sense in the lamb market." Fifteen per cent of the U. S. population are now lamb consumers and Dawson feels that cooperation would help to increase this percentage.

Eugene attorney Larry Gildea warned livestockmen that "even the small pasture operation will be affected by pollution control efforts," and that individual involvement in county zoning plans is a must. He also called for expansion of the Department of Environmental Quality's power and authority as a means of standardizing pollution ordinances. As many as five separate agencies are now operating independently in this area.

A special plaque was received by Gaylord Madison, Echo, one of eight OSG past presidents on

hand at a convention luncheon held in their honor. The plaque expresses appreciation of contributions Madison has made in behalf of the association.

Garnett Barratt, former Heppner resident now living in Arizona, was unable to attend the past-president's luncheon, but sent a letter which was read to the gathering.

OSG members ended their three-day session with the election of Abner Rice, Dillard, as their new president, and Phil Farrell, Madras, as first vice president.

Elks Gain In Hide Pickup

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Orwick went to Portland Tuesday to take the hides the Elks had collected. They took 293 from Heppner which is a gain of 110 hides over last year.

They went through Condon to pick up theirs. They had 402 hides which was a pickup for 2 years.

They said the highway was good from Arlington down. Coming home they hit a few icy spots around Ione but Gene said if it warmed up a little Wednesday it should all be clear all the way to Portland.

Louis Carlson Says Carelessness Hurts

Louis Carlson wishes to caution everyone using power tools to exercise extreme caution. While making a gate recently, the guard failed to drop on his saw and Louis received quite a cut on his leg above the knee. Sandra Carlson is home from EOC to spend the holidays with her folks.