

O.W. Cutsforth Home Fills With Forty-four At Family Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 26 was a pretty big day at the O. W. Cutsforth, Sr. home. Most of Orville's family gathered for Christmas dinner. Twenty-five of his twenty-six grandchildren were present.

As the various family groups arrived, Santa Claus Orville passed out their Christmas gifts. Forty-four partook of turkey and ham prepared by Barbara and a great variety of side dishes prepared by Cutsforth daughters and daughters-in-law.

Those present were Orville's daughters and families — the Joe Shopmeyers, Beaverton (Dorothy); the Ron Olsens, Pasco (Faye); the Jim Gormans, Heppner (Sharon); and the Roger Germundsons, Gresham (Vesta) and the Kilkenny children. Pat Kilkenny's girl friend Connie of Eugene also joined the group. Lisa and Donna Cutsforth are now home on vacation from their schools for the holidays with their parents.

Sons and families included: the Orville Cutsforth, Jr. (Fritz); the Pat Cutsforths; and Mrs. Gene Cutsforth, all of Lexington; and Kenneth Cutsforth, Heppner, and his children.

The grandchild not present, was Debra Zita, Dorothy's oldest daughter. Mrs. Alta Cutsforth, Heppner, the children's grandmother also attended.

Winchesters Enjoy Family and 9 Dogs

The Ernie Winchester household had many extra guests for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Turner (Lois's son) and their daughters Kim and Kisha arrived from Santa Rose, Calif., on Dec. 23. They brought along their Beagle, Heidi, and their Great Dane, Sonia. In order to accommodate family, dogs and Christmas gifts, Lowell and Edie had to rent a U-Haul trailer.

Lois fixed a great big stew for 9 dogs on Christmas Day. This happy group included the Winchester's own goodly collection, the visitors from California, and a neighborhood pooch that Lois was "dog" sitting.

Mrs. Alta Stevens went to Hardman for Christmas with other Stevens kinfolk at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens, Johnny and Jojean, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinda of Heppner and Larry Brinda of Pendleton.

Paul and David To Nat'l. Rodeo Finals

Paul Hiesler, Jr., and David Matheny had an exciting two weeks' trip to the National Rodeo finals in Oklahoma City, during December. They drove in Dave's car east through Wyoming and Colorado and came back via Texas, Arizona and Nevada.

The finals show lasts seven days, but the fellows had tickets for only two days' performances. They especially enjoyed their visit to the National Cowboys Hall of Fame where they spent hours looking at the exhibits and had a noon meal.

As the boys drove home they hit heavy weather at Flagstaff, Ariz. They came through much snow. Boulder Dam was one of the high spots of their trip home.

Paul is the son of the Paul Hieslers of upper Buttercreek. Dave is the son of the Orville Mathenys of Heppner. Paul is a former and original member of the BMCC Rodeo Team. Dave belonged to the OSU Rodeo Team. Both fellows are members of the NRA (Northwest Rodeo Association) and perform in summer rodeos.

(Our spies said the lads stopped in Las Vegas and tried to refinance the place).

Four Daughters At Collins Home

Mayor and Mrs. Bill Collins, with Lisa who is still at home, had all of their four daughters home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tottleben, Davie and Brian of Harrisburg, Jeanne Collins of San Leandro, Ca., who had a two week vacation and Patti from her teaching at Soap Lake, Wn. Don Ralston accompanied Patti to Heppner for a holiday visit.

Mrs. Collins' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clubb and Stanlyn of Pendleton joined them for Christmas dinner.

Grays Have Traditional Supper

Christmas Eve supper is a tradition at the Merritt Grays for their sons, the grandmother, Mabel Gray; an auntie, Florence Gray and an uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray. Sons are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gray, Susan, Arlene and Terry; Ron Gray, Tawnee and Treve, Harold Gray and David Gray.

Later in evening, the group moved to the Mike Gray home for the family gifts.



NORMAN CLOW, new American Red Cross First Aid chairman for Morrow County. He is replacing Mrs. Phil Doherty who has moved away.

Greens Have 3rd Son

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Green are the parents of a son born Dec. 26. He weighed 8 lb., 7 oz. His name is Joel Marion. The Greens have two other sons Howard and Greg.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cornett Green of Heppner and Mrs. Hattie Cox of Pendleton. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Mattie Green and Mrs. William French, both of Heppner.

Lt. Goodman In Flight School

Marine Second Lieutenant George H. Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maitland H. Goodman of Spray, has completed the first phase of Naval Flight Training at the Environmental Indoctrination School, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the three-week course he received instruction in Basic Aerodynamics, Aviation Physiology, Engineering and Land and Sea Survival Techniques. The first actual phase of naval flight training.

He is a 1971 graduate of Oregon College of Education.

The Heppner American Legion Post and the Legion Auxilliary remind members of a meeting this Monday evening at 8:00 at the Legion Hall. There will not be a potluck this time.

Sheriff Returns From State Meet on Coast

Sheriff John Mollahan attended the Annual Conference of Sheriffs at Lincoln City, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2 and 3.

The group was addressed by Harvey Latham, director of emergency services, concerning search and rescue work.

Bob Rittenhouse, State Marine Board, discussed the new procedures concerning contracts for marine enforcement with various sheriffs attending the conference.

WRANGLER DIRECTORS PLAN ACTIVITIES

While there will be no regular Wranglers meeting in January, there will be a directors' meeting at 8 p.m. next Tuesday at the Fairgrounds Dorm Building. Dick Schlichting, president of the Wranglers, said they will plan the coming year's activities.

Our faithful weatherman Don Gilliam could hardly talk yesterday because a big flu bug has really grabbed him.

Rev. Ed Cutting is wearing a beautiful real beaver hat these snowy days. He says the hat belonged to his father. Please, animal lovers, don't be too critical of this wearer of fur—those beavers lived long ago when their species was quite plentiful.

Wagenblasts Rally At Lexington Home

The Alvin Wagenblast home at Lexington was a rallying spot for family members over the Christmas weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wagenblast, The Dalles, spent three days with their son Alvin and family. On Christmas Eve this group was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colley and by the Wagenblast's son and daughter-in-law, John and Jackie, Ione. Their second son, Steve and his wife Vickie spent Christmas with Vickie's sister and brother-in-law, the Dennis Phillips at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer went to Corvallis to spend Christmas with their family. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer, Jr. and Linda Palmer. Ron is attending Linn-Benton Community College. He went back to school after completing his stint in the Navy.

Linda will graduate in March from Oregon State in Sociology with emphasis in Juvenile area. She is working two days a week in Salem with the Juvenile Department and two days a week out of the Sheriff's office in Benton County.

Postmaster James Driscoll was ill several days last week.

Mrs. Lucy Peterson returned Saturday night, Dec. 4 from Coquille. She spent Thanksgiving day with her daughter Martha Long, husband Bill and their son Alden in Portland. Lucy then traveled to Coquille where she visited for a week with her daughter Ruth and her husband Bill Hasel and their two daughters Donna and Heidi, and their new little brother Steven who is now almost one year old and whom Grandma Lucy saw for the first time.

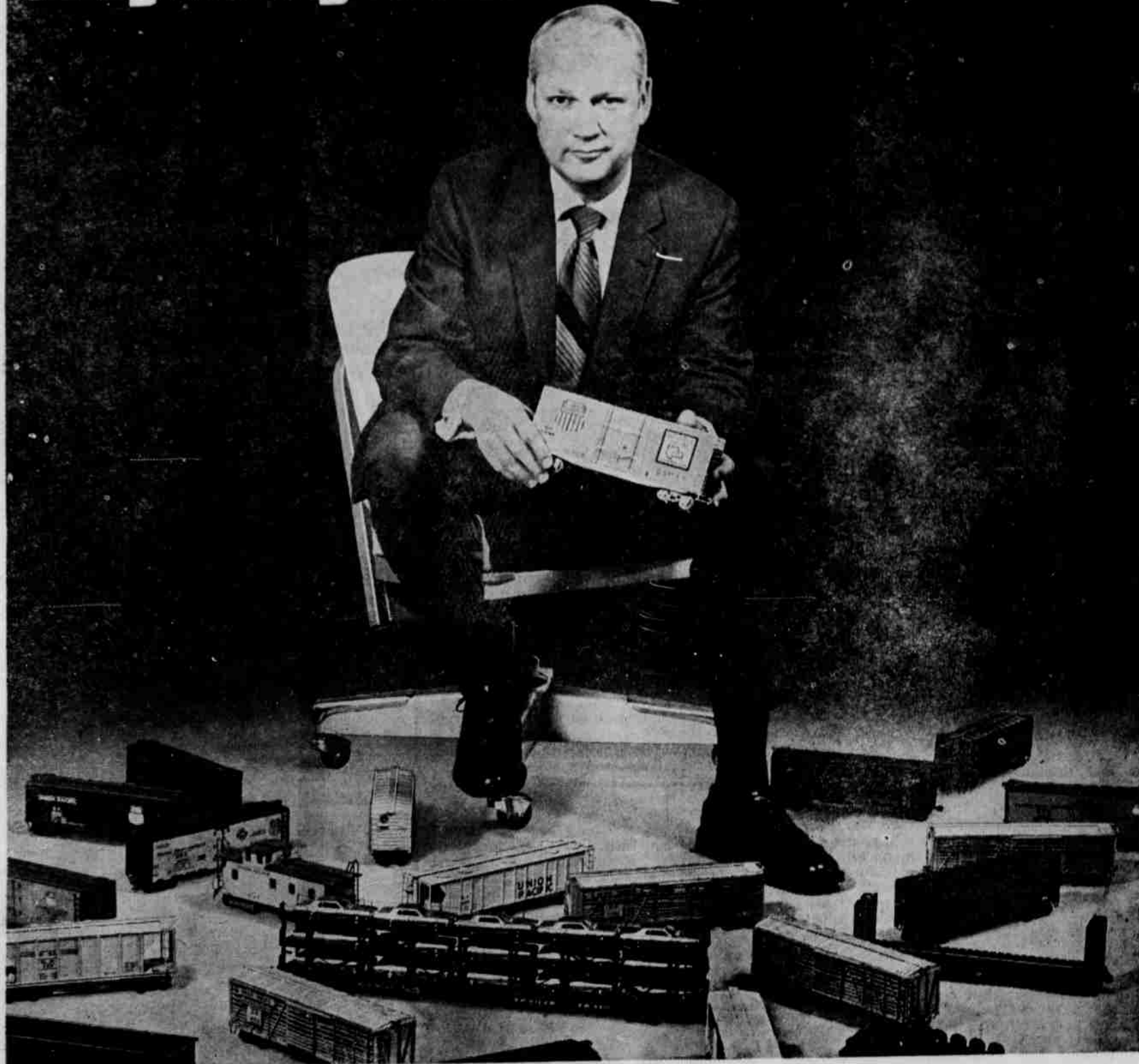
The Jerry Sweeneys have a houseful of younger Sweeneys during the holidays. Mike is home from Gonzaga, Pat from Lane Community College, Dan from the U of O, and Kathleen has already returned to Bassist Institute. Brian and Greg will return to Heppner classrooms on Jan. 3.

Harold Erwin was downtown yesterday and looking much better. He was recently over at Pendleton Community Hospital undergoing a number of tests. Harold said he felt a bit better.

SPRAY NEWS

Spending the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fisher and family were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simpson and family from Pendleton, Nova Simpson, Greg Gaylord, and Del Simpson from Portland.

Anybody can buy a box car!



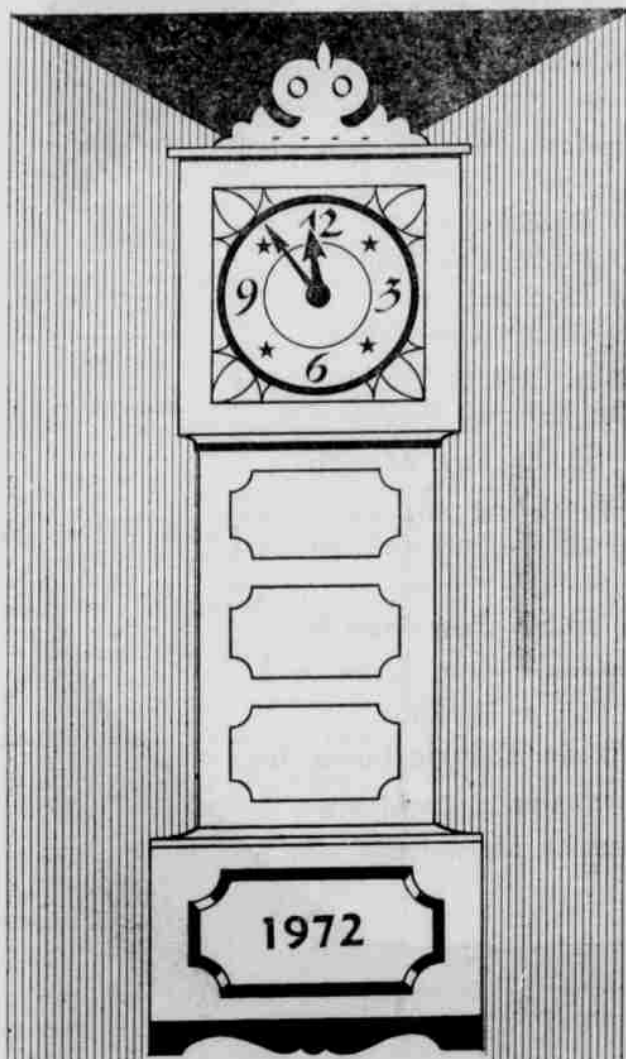
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