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Who will be the first baby of the decade ?

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By Don Gilliam

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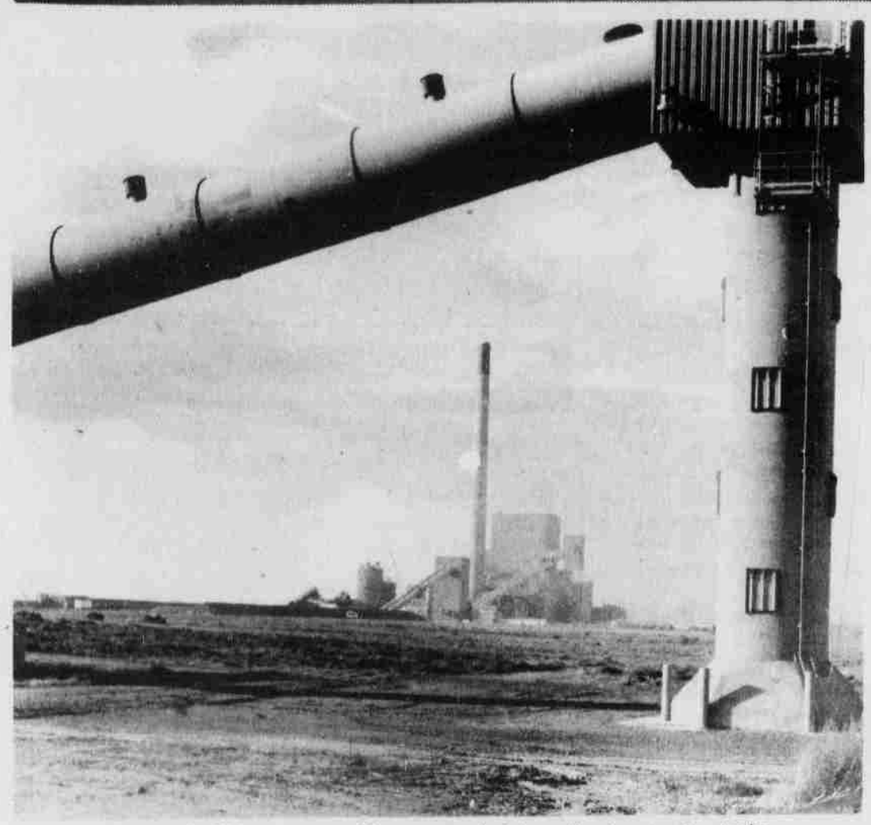


The coal will be transported by conveyor belt from the storage site to the coal-fired plant in the background.

J & B Farming checks bounce

Financial backers of Joe Bartlett of J&B Farming have "left him out to dry." Port Manager Buddy Toadvin said, so the Port of Morrow may be out $105,000.

Bartlett leased 313 acres of port land for farming Oct. 11. The lease was for $44,000 a year. He wrote a check for $27,000 when he signed the lease. Toadvin said the check was returned by the bank. Bartlett was supposed to pay the rest $17,240 by Jan. 1, 1980.

The other $78,000 charge is for three center pivots he agreed to buy when he signed the lease.

"It is really a blow to him and his wife," Toadvin said. "A banker backed out on him."

Toadvin said he does not know where Bartlett is and it will be up to the port commissioners to decide to seek prosecution or to sue for the cost of the loan the port took out to cover Bartlett's bad checks.

In the last port meeting, the commissioners agreed to have Toadvin borrow $100,000 to cover the bad checks Bartlett had written hoping he would soon make good on the checks. They later found out about his bankers backing out.

J&B Farming never got started on the land but it did take up the land for three months that someone else could have been paying on it. The port is now receiving bids on the property to lease it out.

Miracle Potato, Licky O Ranch and DBS Farms showed interest in the land the last time bids were taken.

Toadvin said the port should have required a bond for J&B Farming but that bonds are usually only used for construction work and not for land leases.

These grade school children had a lot of fun at the Christmas concert last week at Heppner Elementary.

McMinns win Yule contest

Many houses in Heppner were festooned with strings of colored lights for the Christmas season. Consequently, judges for an outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce had a hard choice as they cruised the streets of the town Sunday night.

Bill McMinn's house at 660 W. Sperry St. was picked for the first prize, a cash award of $30.

"That's really nice," was the reaction of the judging committee as it sat in Orville Cutsforth's car viewing an arrangement of lights in the McMinns' front yard bushes and along the eaves of the house.

When McMinn was called with the news that he was the winner, he commented, "I really appreciate it." McMinn is the power house superintendent at the Kinzua Corp. mill. He and his family moved to Heppner two years ago from Kinzua. He said it was a family project to arrange the decorations.

Second and third place awards of $20 and $10 went to Seth Forquer, 215 S. Court St., and Donald Kenison, 455 Linden Way.

Similar awards were presented to three churches. Hope Lutheran Church, for a lighted window scene of the Nativity, first; United Methodist Church, second, and St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, third.

The judging committee included, besides Cutsforth, Delpha Jones and Annetta Klinger of Lexington, and Jerome Sheldon of the Heppner Gazette-Times. The judging was coordinated by Cutsforth. The group was accompanied by Ernest McCabe, Chamber of Commerce president, who acted as a tour guide.

The cash awards have been contributed by a community resident who wishes to remain anonymous, according to McCabe, and by the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.

In addition to the announced awards, a number of houses were picked for "honorable mention" for the effort put into lighting arrangements. However the houses had not been entered in the contest.

Among the honorable mentions were Allen Nistad, Glenn Ward, Butch Laughlin, Hattie Harden and Pat Sherman.

Coal arriving at Carty coal-fired plant Jan. 10

The first trainload of coal for the Carty coal-fired plant near Boardman will arrive Jan. 10 officials said last week.

AMAX Coal Co. media relations representative Don Warfield said the coal will be transported 1,200 miles from Gilette, Wyo.

AMAX is the third largest producer of coal in the United States. The AMAX Belle Ayr Mine, 18 miles southeast of Gillette, is the largest producing coal mine in the U.S.

The coal will leave the mine on trains consisting of 105 cars,each car carrying approximatley 100 tons of coal.

Warfield said the coal is so clean it is not treated at all but it is crushed to two inches in diameter before transporting.

After Jan. 10 coal will arrive by trainloads at Carty every two-and-one-half days. The coal will be stored at the plant until the turbines are started June 1. By then, approximately 6,000 tons of coal will have been stored on the site. Tests will then be run for a few months before the electricity produced by the plant will be sold commercially.

When the coal arrives, the train will pass through a tunnel of infrared heaters to unthaw the coal.

A micro processer computer will then position the train cars onto a rotary coupling which turns the entire train car 170 degrees on axis to dump the coal into a hopper.

"If everything goes perfectly, we can dump the whole train in two-and -one-half to three hours," Shift Supervisor tom Meyers said.

The coal travels by conveyor belt to different stations where the coal is treated to remove all the dust. Any coal pieces larger than two inches in diameter are broken down.

The coal then travels along the conveyor belt into a pulverizer where it is smashed into a fine powder, about like "talcum powder" Meyers said.

It is dried at 550 degrees and fed into the 3,000 degree furnace. It is burned to produce heat which will boil water that is in pipes within the boiler furnace walls. The heated water produces steam which is conducted to a turbine generator. The turbine spins the generator which produces the electricity. The electricity is for use in the Wilamette Valley.

When the coal is burning in the boiler, 20 percent of the ash produced falls to the bottom of the furnace. It is called "bottom ash." Meyers said bottom ash material can be used for road construction.

The other 80 percent of the ash is a very fine dust called "fly ash." The fly ash is exhausted from the boiler but more than 99 percent of it is screened out from being expelled into the air by a precipitaier, a pollution control device.

The collected fly ash is 30 percent lighter and stronger when used in forming concrete so it is popular in bridge construction.

The $550 million plant has millions of dollars worth of anti-pollution equipment. With the use of the precipitater, low sulphate coal and high moisture coal (30 percent) the only plume that will be noticeable above the tall smoke stack will be a white one from water vapor.

"90 percent of the time you could come here and not know the plant is even running," Meyers said.

Meyers said pollution will be noticeable when the plant first starts up because oil is used to start it instead of coal. He said the Western coal from gillette is lower in sulphur content for less pollution. It has less than one-half of one percent.

He said Eastern coal causes more pollution with its three percent sulphur content but it does have more energy per pound of coal.

The Carty plant will burn 350 tons of coal an hour when it is operation at its maximum or 7,200 tons a day.

The electricity from the coal fired plant will cost four cents an hour. Oil power costs five cents an hour and nuclear electricity from the Trojan plant costs 1.9 cents an hour. Hydro electric power costs less than one cent per kilowatt hour.

Meyers said the plant was to be operated for only about six months of the year during the Northwest's peak load from December to May but now, because of the need for electrical power, ther plant will be operated nine to 11 months of the year.

Meyers said PGE recently sold the Carty coal yard up, to the plant, to the First National Bank of Oregon. PGE is leasing it back. Meyers said PGE made the move for tax purposes and not because of any financial problems.

Ione industrial arts teacher receives state award

By Duane Payne

Marvin (Marv) Peterson, 32, Industrial Arts teacher at Ione High School, was chosen Industrial Arts Educator of the Year by the Oregon Industrial Arts Association, according to John Schaffer, OIAA President.

Peterson, who has spent his entire teaching career at Ione, graduated from Eastern Washington University in Cheney in 1973. He majored in Industrial Technology. Peterson has returned to Eastern Washington University each summer working toward his Master's Degree. He previously attended Central Washington University at Ellensberg.

Peterson, a native of Washington, attended Lincoln High School in Tacoma, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson, still reside.

After completing high school, Peterson joined the Navy and received boot camp training with basic electrical apprenticeship in San Diego. He received training in electronics in San Francisco and served two tours of duty as a Radarmac 2c in Vietnam, where he was a gun fire support aboard a destroyer escort. Peterson remarked, "I enjoyed the navy after I was discharged."

Peterson, who enjoys the rural living in a small town and the small school life, lives with his wife Cathi, of 11 years, on the E. Markam Baker Place, six-and-one-half miles south of Ione.

Recently, Peterson purchased 20 acres of land east of Morgan, on Highway 74, and has just completed sinking a well. The property will hold Peterson's unique home, to be the old Union Pacific Station which was in Ione. The depot was built in the late 1890's and according to Peterson, "It deserved to be saved and preserved. I'm glad I got it and I'm going to preserve it."

Peterson plans to rebuild the old depot maintaining the original appearance on the exterior while adding two lofts inside. According to Peterson, "It will have a rustic look, which I really like. It will be about 1900 square feet and may some day serve as a museum for my hobby of collecting, which I really like to do.

"I like to collect and restore things of the past," Peterson said. "If it is worth throwing away, it is worth collecting. Some people may call my collection junk. But to me, it's probably a valuable antique worthy of restoring as nearly as possible to it's original condition."

Peterson added, "When I applied for the job, I thought I was applying to Ione, Wash. There is an Ione, Wash. you know. It, too, is a small community. It's near Yakima. But I came to Ione because of its rural setting. I like going into the local grocery store or the tavern and running into the parents of my students," said Peterson, "it makes the students a name certainly not a number, and gives me an opportunity to work with a personality rather than just a kid in a large class."

"I did my teacher training in a large junior high of 13 or 14 hundred kids," Peterson continued. "I was so nervous at the end of the day, I felt like throwing kids around. It isn't like that here at Ione. I'm my own boss in the shop. The students and I respect each other's feelings. We get along fine."

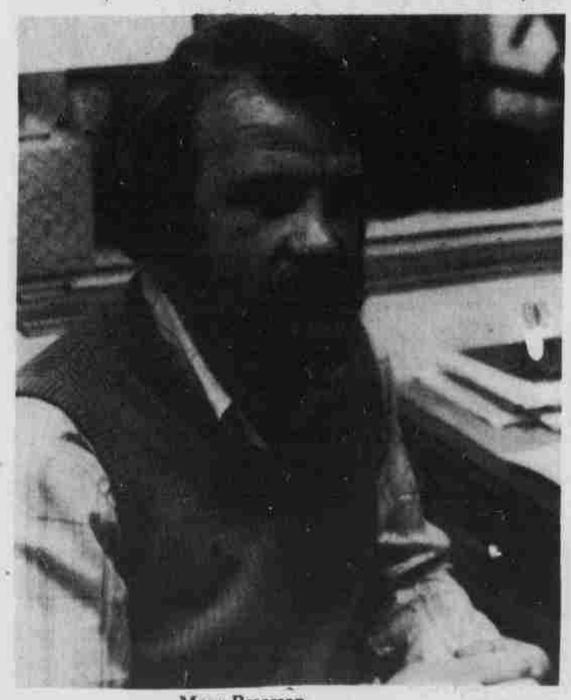
His students seem to concur. Tim Key, a junior at Ione who takes welding and serves Peterson as a teacher's aide said, "Mr. Peterson is really a great teacher. You can talk to him personally, you can learn from his great skills in so many areas, welding, wood working, ceramics, electronics, electricity, he seems so talented, and he is just a great guy."

"Peterson is known for his effervescence and his total acceptance by faculty, students and the entire community at large," adds Chuck Starr, Ione's principal and Peterson's supervisor for the last four years.

"While I feel the award does provide some recognition for an outstanding job well done, I don't believe enough credit can be given Mr. Peterson for the good he does for the community, the students and his fellow faculty members," Starr said. "I wish I could profit from Marv's great talent. I'd love to take classes in every subject in which Marv has an expertise. He is so talented but you can't forget to mention Enniesville," Starr concluded.

Enniesville is as much a philosophy as an actual geographical location but it does exist on 20 acres east of Morgan.

Enniesville, so named after Peterson's middle name of Ernest, is a repository for an old tractor, a resurrected jeep of World War II fame, a booklet of matches titled "Enniesville", a pump house, an archaic combine, a place for a cold one on a hot afternoon along with unhurried conversation generally, just a pleasant change of pace in this "hurry up" world of OPEC hostages, politics and pressure.



Marv Peterson

Hospital looks to HEW for expansion funding

Pioneer Memorial Hospital should find out sometime after New Year's if the Health, Education and Welfare federal agency will supply a grant to help fund repairs for an emergency room at the hospital.

"HEW is still working on it and they are being very cooperative but we are still negotiating," Administrator A.K. Feil said.

Feil said Congressman Al Ullman is representing the hospital in Washington D.C. in the HEW talks. HEW told the hospital board to open up bids and Bomac Construction Inc. of Portland was the low bidder with $262,510.

"The bids came in higher than what HEW wanted to fund," Feil said.

Bridge inspectors needed

In County Court last week, Don Ball made a road report and he recommended that two persons be appointed to attend the state bridge inspection school in Salem in February.

"It is important that we train our own crew to inspect bridges," Judge Don McElligott said.

McElligott said the county could be cut off from receiving federal and state funds for bridges if all bridges 20 feet in length or longer are not inspected by Sept. 1.

The court also heard Roger Lange of the state highway department. He said bids will be let on Feb. 28 for the construction and repair of the Eight Mile Bridge and the Wilson Road project. Those two projects will be assisted by money from the state and federal levels. The Willow Creek Bridge in Ione will be let out for bids in April or late March. Funds for that project have not been finalized.

Donna Beerstrom was appointed to replace Bob Abrams on the Mental Health Services board and Helen Proudfoot was appointed to represent Judge McElligott on the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council.

Elmer Ladd requested a zone change in Ione. No one showed up to testify so the change was approved. It was changed from qualified farm to farm allowing the Ladds to have a five acre farm instead of the 20 acre farm that was created prior to the change.