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Weather

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General Monthly and

Yearly Statistics

Dec. 1979 Precipitation .74

Dec. 1978 1.45

Normal 1.38

Total Precipitation 1979 15.24

Normal 13.28

Mon., Dec. 31 53 27 T

Tues., Jan. 1 51 30 .04

Wed., Jan. 2 51 27

Thurs., Jan. 3 41 32 .11

Fri., Jan. 4 36 29 .39

Sat., Jan. 5 41 31 .31

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New Year's baby born Jan. 6 to Cutsforths

Melissa Ann Cutsforth is Morrow County's New Year's Baby for 1980. She was born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces and was 19 inches long.

Melissa Ann is the daughter of Curtis and Kathy Cutsforth of Lexington. The father is employed by his uncle, Pat Cutsforth, on a farm.

The Cutsforths are happy about all the prizes they are going to receive for having the first baby of the New Year but

they said it was unexpected. We were surprised about having the first baby because she came about a week or so early," Kathy Cutsforth said.

The new grandmother on the father's side is Lucia Barrett of Heppner. The great grandfather is Orville Cutsforth of Heppner and Alta Cutsforth of Heppner is the great grandmother.

The new grandparents on the mother's side are Walt and Billie Lacey of Condon. The great grandmother is Alice Kennedy.

For having the first baby of 1980, the Cutsforths will receive \$5 in cash from Ray Boyce Insurance, a gift from Sears, a \$5 gift certificate from Pettyjohns, a \$5 gift certificate from Lexington Lumber, a \$5 gift certificate from Cole's House of Fashion, a \$5 gift certificate from the Morrow County Grain Growers and a case of baby food from Court St. Market.

Other gifts include a \$5 gift certificate from Judy's Fabrics, an infant seat from

Murray's Drug, a \$10 gift certificate from Coast-to-Coast, a \$5 gift certificate from Kroll's Dept. Store, one day's basic service charge free for mother and baby from Pioneer Memorial Hospital and a \$5 gift certificate to be redeemed at any Heppner store from the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Doris LaRae will offer a \$5 gift certificate, Les Schwab will give \$5 off on any tire or battery, Cal's Cafe is donating two free steak dinners, Diana's This and That and Ken

Fifield Construction are donating a \$15 gift certificate, Central Market is donating \$5 worth of baby food and Petersons is giving the Cutsforths a \$10 gift certificate.

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative is giving the parents \$10 off on their January electric bill, the First National Bank of Oregon is putting \$5 in a savings account as is the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Case Furniture is giving a \$5 gift certificate and Cal's Arco is giving a \$5 gift certificate.



Curtis and Kathy Cutsforth admire Melissa, their New Year's baby.

Gaehring sentenced to 5 years

Randall Fred Gaehring of Hermiston was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary and a \$1,500 fine last Friday in Heppner in Morrow County Circuit Court.

Judge Jack Olson issued the sentence.

Gaehring was convicted Nov. 30, 1979 for the delivery of a controlled substance. The maximum sentence he could have received was a \$2,500 fine and 10 years in prison.

Gaehring waived a jury trial and he pleaded guilty to the charge. Morrow County District Attorney, Dennis Doherty was pleased about the

sentence because Gaehring was prosecuted in Umatilla County for the same charge and he got off with a "minor sentence," Doherty said.

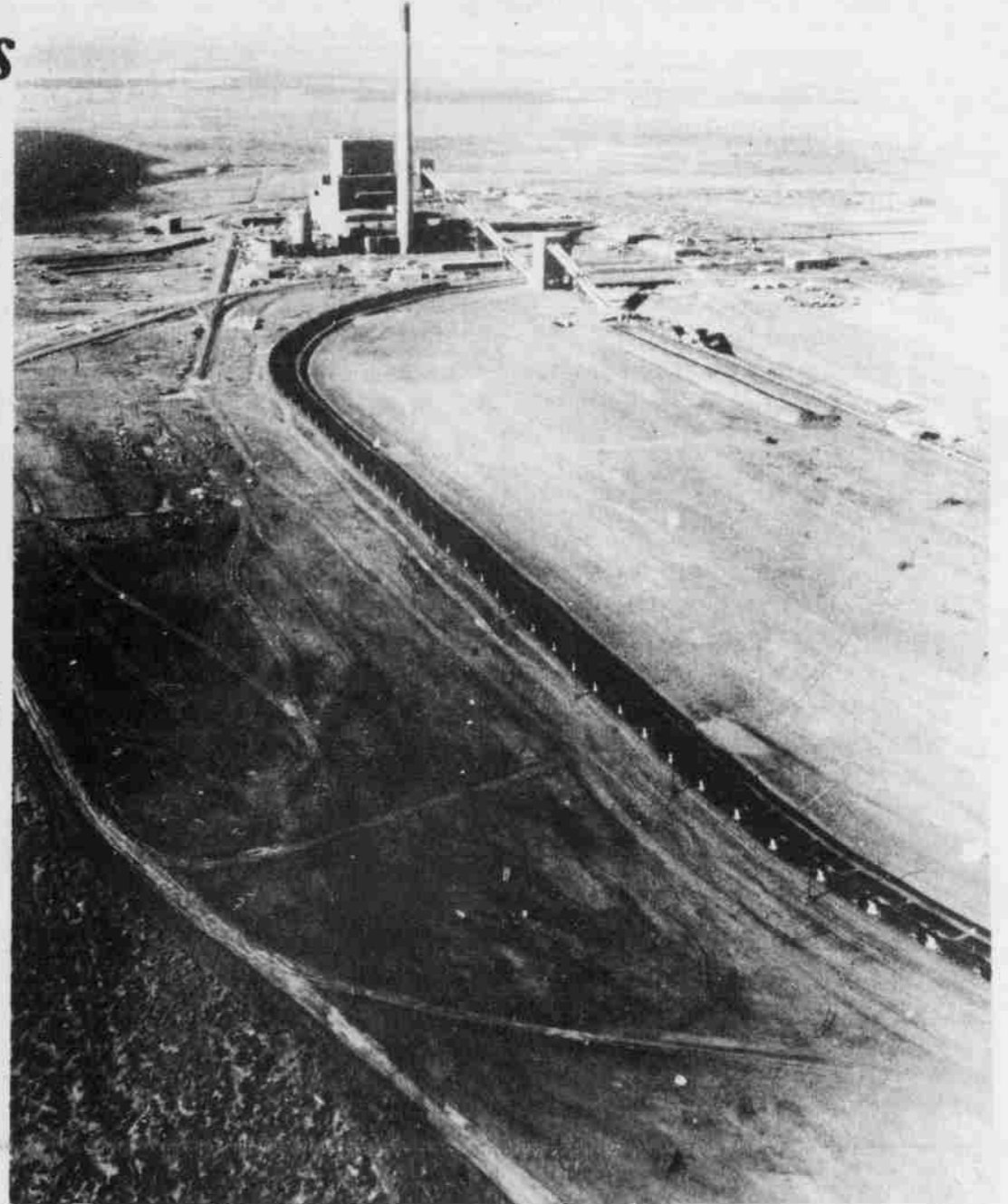
According to Doherty, Olson said he would not have let Gaehring off so in Umatilla County if he had known all the facts that Doherty presented.

Gaehring was arrested June 29, 1978 when undercover investigators found 25,000 tablets of "speed" worth \$6,000 and \$10,000 in U.S. currency at Gaehring's place of residence.

In other circuit court news Friday, Albert Rae Jr. of Irrigon entered a guilty plea of coercion and menacing. He will be sentenced in four to six weeks, Judge Olson said.

Edward R. Clemens, formerly of Heppner and now living in Pendleton, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, a \$500 fine and three years on probation.

Clemens was convicted of the possession of approximately six ounces of marijuana when he lived in Heppner. He was arrested August 24, 1979. He entered a guilty plea.



The first trainload of coal arrived last Saturday at the PGE Carty coal-fired plant near Boardman. Trains will arrive every 2 1/2 days from Gillette, Wyoming carrying 10,000 tons of coal costing \$25 a ton. The coal will be stored at the site until the plant begins operation this summer. -Hermiston Herald Photo

Ordinance adopted

Council decides on meter requirements

The Heppner City Council met Jan. 7 and discussed the city policy of insulating water meters.

Because of the snow and other difficulties, only Clifford

Green, Ronald Farris, Frank Pearson, Joe Miller and Marshall Lovgren, city administrator, were at the meeting.

The councilmen present decided that the city water

meters must be insulated by the water users. If the meters are not properly insulated, the property owners will be responsible for any damages that may occur. If the meters are properly insulated, it will be the city's responsibility to repair any breakdowns or problems with the meters.

The city used to repair the meters at no cost but now they must be insulated to city specifications before the city will incur the cost. The new city ordinance, number 433, was adopted and is now in force.

The council elected Clifford Green to be the chairman of the city council for the new year.

The city discussed the problem of Doug Coates

requesting more money for expenses he incurred during construction of the Morgan Street Bridge.

While Coates was working on the bridge, a ceramic sewer pipe line broke and Coates said he replaced it for \$3,600.

Coates wanted to be reimbursed but city engineer Steve Anderson said Coates, according to the contract, should have cleared the replacement through him first. Since Coates apparently did the replacement without authorization, the council decided the city should not have to pay.

City attorney Bill Kuhn said he called the state attorney general who said since a state grant helped to fund the bridge, the problem is between the state and Coates.

Two minors cited for mailbox bombings

Ronald Schwarz of Heppner and John Eric Clow of Irrigon have been cited in connection with bombing of four mailboxes in the Heppner area.

Schwarz and Clow, according to police reports, put M-80 explosives in four mailboxes on the Sand Hollow Road in December and the mailbox blew up.

The two minors apparently took about 400 of the M-80 explosives from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife storage

building in Heppner. Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch said the M-80's are about as powerful as a half a stick of dynamite.

The owners of the mailboxes are Joseph Patrick Kenny, Rt. 2 Box 2185, and Richard Drake, Rt. 2 Box 2235.

The Kenny bombing took place Dec. 18, 1979 and three mailboxes worth \$36 were blown up. The Drake bombing of one mailbox took place three days later.

District Attorney Dennis Doherty had not decided by press time what charges he is going to bring against the two boys.

"My concern is that we did not confiscate all the explosives that were taken and that they might get into the hands of someone who thinks they are just a powerful firecracker," Sheriff Fetsch said.

Fetsch said something tragic could happen if a person did not know how powerful the M-80's are and someone went to their mailbox when one of the M-80's exploded.

"Anyone who finds anything that looks like a firecracker or some other type of explosive and anyone who might have one of the M-80's should bring them to the sheriff's office immediately," Fetsch said.

Boardman man held on rape charges

James C. McCall Jr., 35, of Boardman was arrested last Friday by Oregon State Police on charges of first degree rape, first degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor.

Dennis Doherty, Morrow County district attorney, has filed a complaint for first degree rape and sexual abuse in the second degree and dropped the other charge.

Since the female victim was a juvenile, her name cannot be released to the public but the alleged incident did take place in Boardman.

Port will make \$100,000 more thanks to bounced checks

A Miracle Potato bid for 813 acres of Port of Morrow land will bring the port \$100,000 more than the previous lease to J&B Farming.

Two checks from J&B Farming totaling \$105,000 were returned to the port office marked "insufficient funds" so the land that had been leased by that company was put out for new bids.

The port commissioners have not decided whether to prosecute Joe Bartlett of J&B Farming. The loss to the port was \$27,180 for the lease of the

land for three months and \$600 in interest charged on a \$100,000 port loan that was taken out to cover the bad checks.

The Miracle Potato bid is for \$69,100 annually for the next five years which is \$100 an acre for land that is irrigated by the nutrient-rich effluent from the port potato processing plant, and \$75 an acre for the rest of the acreage.

The only other bid was a joint one from Bill Sullivan's

Lucky O Ranch and Don Brewer's DBS Farms. That bid was for \$25,281 a year, which is \$31.99 an acre.

In other port news, Frank Dye, Miracle Potato president, made an offer to the port commissioners, which they are deliberating.

The offer is to exchange 380 acres of developed Miracle Potato land for 640 acres of undeveloped port land. Dye said irrigation equipment worth approximately \$150,000 is on the 380 acres, which has frontage to Highway 730.

Poor insulation causes fire

The Heppner volunteer fire department answered a call to Joe Miller's house on Aiken Street Monday night.

Damages were minor. Smoke began to seep through the walls near the stove in the family room when the Miller's telephoned the fire department.

Volunteer fireman Clifford Green said the stove pipe in the wall was not properly insulated so the smoke started to pass through the wall surrounding the pipe.



Snow showers hit the Pacific Northwest and Morrow County Monday night and it is not going to let up, according to the Weather Bureau in Pendleton. Another snow flurry is expected today with cold weather for another week and no warming trend in sight. The snow may look pretty on the trees near the library but it has been a pain for area motorists.

Oregon Wheat Growers League opposes food embargo of Iran

An embargo of food to Iran and negotiations involving food exports to foreign countries, while supported by a majority of the farm sector, should not come at the expense of the farmers, the leaders of two major Oregon farm organizations said.

Don Thompson of Moro, newly installed president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, said the league opposes agricultural export embargoes as a political tool "unless a clear and present danger of a national security nature exists."

He added that President Jimmy Carter and the Congress should develop a farm program to maintain agricultural producers in America during any embargo.

The effect of the embargo is felt to be basically an economic one to the farmer, according to statement issued by the Wheat League. As in the past, it is felt that markets will tumble to the immediate effect of the embargo, only to recover in the future.

Meanwhile, Frank Setniker, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, expressed in an interview in Salem last week his concern over the effects of a food embargo.

Quoting an Extension Service news release, Setniker said research shows Oregon wheat growers could lose an estimated \$30-35 million this year because of the Iranian crisis. intervention into Afghanistan

The U. S. wheat market is threatened with additional losses, he added.

Although the Soviets prefer the Midwest's hard red wheat over Oregon's soft white wheat, with the military intervention into Afghanistan the U.S. wheat market is threatened with additional losses, he said.

"The price of wheat has declined rapidly in the past few weeks and even in the last few days from both the Iranian crisis and the invasion of Afghanistan," said Setniker. "If the U.S. government, as a political policy, stops trade of wheat with the Soviet Union as well as Iran, this is certainly going to harm the wheat growers and Oregon's economy."