

P.M.H. Aux. holds Christmas party



Merle Boyce (left) and Jessie Furlong, Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home residents, wait to learn the name of the winner of a doll and wardrobe as Mrs. Santa Claus draws the winning ticket.

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary had its annual Christmas decorating party at the hospital Friday, Dec. 16. The auxiliary presented the downstairs residents with a new T.V. set for their enjoyment. Mrs. Santa Claus made an appearance and with the help of residents Merle Boyce and Jessie Furlong, drew the name of Rita Worden as winner of the boy doll and wardrobe. Money raised from the doll drawing helped pay for the new T.V. Marge and Leroy Gardner of Heppner had just completed wall papering the solarium wall, which added to the festive occasion.

President Alma Green reviewed the auxiliary projects for 1983 including decorating individual rooms, a patient lift for the downstairs bathtub and the new T.V. set for Christmas.

Christmas trees were decorated and the auxiliary purchased and wrapped individual gifts for each resident and left them under the trees for Christmas morning. Carols were sung, accompanied by Carlye Drake, and Christmas cookies were served by the ladies of the Methodist Church. The next meeting will be held January 19 at the hospital. Members

are asked to think of a new money making project for future improvements the auxiliary wishes to make for the nursing home. Membership dues are \$2. The auxiliary holds one meeting per month, combined with a party and visiting.

Producers to receive deficiency payments

Eligible wheat farmers soon will receive an estimated \$735 to \$765 million in deficiency payments on their 1983 crop. Barley farmers will get about \$35 to \$40 million, and oats farmers about \$7 to \$10 million, according to Everett Rank, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Rank said deficiency payments are required under the 1983 wheat, barley and oats

programs because average market prices received by farmers during the first five months (June through October) of the marketing year were below established target price levels of \$4.30 per bushel for wheat, \$2.60 for barley and \$1.60 for oats.

The deficiency payment rate is based on the difference between the established target price and the higher of the national weighted average market price for June through October or the loan rate.

National weighted average market prices were \$3.51 per bushel for wheat, \$2.39 per bushel for barley and \$1.49 for oats. Thus, eligible producers will be paid 65 cents per bushel for their 1983-crop wheat based on the \$3.65 loan rate, 21 cents per bushel for barley and 11 cents for oats, based on the national weighted average market price.

Deficiency payments will be made to wheat, barley and oats farmers who participated in the 1983 acreage reduction programs. Rank said the payment checks will be issued through local A.S.C.S. offices as soon as possible after December 9.

Producers participating in the acreage reduction programs were eligible for advance deficiency payments at a rate of 32.5 cents for wheat, 20 cents for barley, and 7.5 cents for oats. Final deficiency payments will be reduced by payments advanced to the producer for the respective crop. A total of \$344 million has been paid in advance deficiency payments for wheat, \$27 million has been paid in advance for barley, and almost \$2 million has been paid for oats.

Mabel Howell chosen as Resident of the Month



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Mabel Howell has been selected as December's Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home Resident of the Month.

Mrs. Howell was born June 20, 1892 in Spokane County Washington to Samuel and Hattie McDaniel. Her father worked as a harvester in that state.

In 1894 the family moved to Hardman. Mrs. Howell says they crossed the Snake River on a ferry, although she was only two, and doesn't remember the trip.

She attended school at the

Burton Valley School, seven miles south of Hardman.

On June 26, 1910 she married Frank Howell. Her husband worked as a ranch hand. The couple had four boys, three of whom are still living: Everett and Marvin, who live in Spray, and Clifford, who resides in Monument. Mrs. Howell has five grandsons, two great-granddaughters, two great-grandsons and one great-great-grandson.

She enjoys playing bingo and watching movies.

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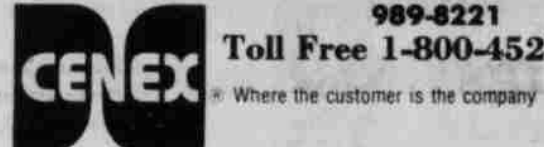
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