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## Christmas spirit thriving at Lamb Weston

The Christmas spirit is thriving and infectious at Lamb Weston, Boardman's potato processing plant and work place for 450 employees.

Sue Warren of Children's Services Division coordinated a Christmas fund raiser designed to provide new articles for children in foster care in Morrow/Gilliam/Wheeler counties.

Nona Strawderman, graveyard safety committee chairman, gathered her 'elves' to top even last year's donation from the plant.

The day-shift Christmas tree was created around the 'fairy godmother' theme. A flocked tumbleweed snowman was created by a worker, Donna Engle. Under the tree were many books and stuffed animals. Margaret Charter is chairman of the day shift.

Swing shift used the "foster bear care" theme. Under their tree were many stuffed teddy bears designed for children who must enter foster care. The foster child picks his own bear and has "foster care" explained to him. Creative posters on the backdrop behind the tree were drawn by children of the workers and staff. Juanita Dooney is chairman of swing shift.

Lamb Weston's graveyard shift took CSD's new logo "Kids are Magic" and designed a beautiful atmosphere of hot air balloons and stars suspended from the sky, hovering over a multitude of hand made wooden toys, stuffed animals and dolls. The posters on the backdrop were created by children of the plant workers and staff. These artists were



Kim Carnine (standing), Boardman Branch Manager, CSD, works with Lamb Weston Personnel Supervisor, Brent Corson and day shift safety chairperson Margaret Charter, as they prepare gifts donated by Lamb Weston employees for the 'Foster Care' program.

Kaleb Hastings, Samantha Henry and Misty Whitbeck. Nona Strawderman was the chairman of the graveyard shift safety committee.

Kim Carnine, branch manager of the Boardman CSD office met with the plant supervisors on Tuesday, December 19 at 3 p.m. to receive the donations in behalf of the children of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler

counties. Sue Warren has "fairy godmothers and godfathers" for the eleven children in foster care in the tri-county area. Also, generous donations from Oregon Free Materials, Boardman Inland Empire Bank, Heppner Neighborhood Council, various service clubs and churches and many private in-

dividuals will ensure the children have an "awesome" Christmas. If the enthusiasm at Lamb Weston is any indication of things to come in 1990, Sue Warren's vision of "foster bear care" and "fairy godmother" programs throughout Oregon may indeed be a reality.

## Bill Lowe celebrates 90th birthday

Bill Lowe of Heppner attributes "drinking Scotch whiskey and staying away from the women" to his longevity.

Lowe, who turned 90 Dec. 20, was born in 1889 at Durham, England, near the Scotland border. Durham, "one county away from Scotland" is on the coast of the North Sea and the home of the famous Durham cathedral.

Bill is the son of Thomas Henry Lowe and Jenny Cook Hines. His mother was the great granddaughter of Captain James Cook, English Naval Explorer.

Bill says that his mother, Pat O'Brien's grandfather and grandmother, Jim Thomson's father and uncle and Lucille (Bristow) Rietmann's mother and father all went to school together in Canada. O'Brien, Thomson and Lowe all live in Heppner and Rietmann lives in Lone.

Lowe had three sisters, Maggie Jean and Minnie Lehman both of whom have passed away, and Annie Krebs, 92; and two brothers Henry, who died in Durham and is buried below the cathedral and Bob of Heppner, also deceased.

Lowe, a life-long bachelor, retired



Left to right: Bill Lowe with his friends Jim Farley, Cornett Green, Jim Thomson and Dr. L.D. Tibbles at his 90th birthday party.

in 1966 as maintenance man for Pioneer Memorial Hospital, and now plays solitaire to help his arthritis. "I've been alone all my life," he says. "I'm a loner." Over fifty people came to his 90th birthday party, Dec. 20, however, and he received 70 cards, a money tree and "lots of company," clothes and other gifts. Some of the cards came from as far away as New Jersey and London, says Lowe.

"It (the party) was supposed to be a surprise," he said, "but I smelled

a mouse." He was honored at another party hosted by Jim Farley. He and Jim Farley started the St. Patrick's Day parade together. Lowe and Dr. L.D. Tibbles were hunting and fishing partners. When the wagon train came through Heppner on July third of this year, Lowe was selected to drive the team of big black horses. The wagon train was sponsored by Pendleton Round-Up.

Lowe, Alva Jones, Earl Blake and "Hoot" Leslie are the only surviving World War I veterans in the area.

## White Christmas is frozen fog

Heppner did get a white Christmas, despite what the weather reports say.

What appeared to be snow falling Christmas eve and Christmas night was actually frozen fog.

## Boardman Library has open house

An open house sponsored by the Friends of the Boardman City Library, will be held Thursday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be activities for children starting with a pre-school story hour at 10:30 a.m., a puppet show at 1 p.m. and a video at 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Everyone is invited to come and visit the library.

## Garbage hauler granted PUC trucking authority

The Oregon Public Utility Commission has granted Jack Gray Transport Inc. trucking authority to haul Portland-area solid waste to a new landfill near Arlington.

Approval of intrastate PUC authority clears the way for Jack Gray to begin hauling garbage in January under a 20-year contract with the Metropolitan Service District (Metro).

In its decision, the commission emphasized that it does not have the authority to consider Metro's decision concerning how and where to dispose of Portland's garbage.

The commission's order states that under Oregon transportation laws and policies, there is no factual basis for the PUC to deny Jack Gray's application for authority.

The commission said one of its main responsibilities is to protect the public interest through the protection of a sound transportation system.

## Dirksen to coach Shrine game

Dirk Dirksen, Riverside High School coach, has been named as assistant coach for the East team of the 1990 Oregon East-West Shrine Game.

The player selection meeting for the 1990 East-West game will be held in Redmond, January 20. The coaches for the East-West Shrine Game pick the game players and alternates from nominations returned by AA, A and B high school football coaches throughout the state of Oregon.

The commission does not have "authority to consider the underlying decision of Metro as to where to dispose of the garbage, the mode of transportation, or the process by which the contract was awarded," according to the order.

"Metro's decision to transport the garbage, as well as its decision to use trucks for the movement, are not the commission's to review," the order states. "The commission concludes that Gray's proposed service is required by the public convenience and necessity."

Several organizations had argued that the authority should be denied. They expressed concern that hauling garbage by truck on Interstate 84 would pose traffic dangers and harm the Columbia Gorge.

The commission's decision came after public hearings and lengthy study of numerous issues, including the extent of the commission's authority, Jack Gray's highway safety record, the effect of waste hauling on Columbia River Gorge traffic and the profitability of the company's hauling contract with Metro.

The commission concluded that Jack Gray passed the legal tests used to determine if a trucking company should be allowed to operate in Oregon. The commission's order states that Jack Gray "is a stable, capable company. It will provide a needed transportation service." The order also says the company has submitted evidence that it will provide safe and fuel-efficient motor carrier operations.

## Five presidents in Morrow County Courthouse

There is an overabundance of presidents in Morrow County and they're all at the courthouse.

Barbara Bloodsworth, Greg Sweek, Margo Sherer, Jerry Peck and Roy Drago all belong to Oregon State professional organizations and this year they're all presidents.

It's a phenomena that has never happened in the state. And it's even more amazing when one considers that out of 36 counties they all progressed through the ranks to become presidents at the same time. Most had to serve time as vice presidents first.

Barbara Bloodsworth took office as president of the Oregon Association of County Clerks in August of this year. She will serve until September 1990. Bloodsworth was appointed county clerk in Jan. of 1980 and was elected to the office in Nov. of that year. She has served 21 years as a county employee. Bloodsworth, 51, of Heppner was born and raised in Morrow County.

Morrow County Assessor Greg Sweek, 36, Heppner, took over as the president of the Oregon State Association of County Assessors on Dec. 12 when the previous president resigned. Sweek will serve out this term in August and will serve another year as president. Sweek, a life-long county resident was elected county assessor in 1979.

Margo Sherer, Morrow County treasurer and tax collector, was installed as the president of the Oregon Association of County Treasurers and Finance Offices in Sept. She will serve until Sept. 1990. Sherer, 48,



Margo Snierrer (l), Greg Sweek, Barbara Bloodsworth and Jerry Peck.

has been county treasurer since January of 1981. She has lived in the county since she married 30 years ago. She was also president of the Oregon Association of Tax Collectors 1984-85.

Morrow County Commissioner Jerry Peck was elected in November as the president of the Association of Oregon Counties, whose voting members consist of all the county commissioners in the state. Peck,

49, of Boardman, took office as county commissioner in Jan. of 1985. He has lived in Morrow County most of his life.

Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago was elected president of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association this month. Drago, 60, came to Morrow County when he was appointed Sheriff in April of 1983. Since then he has been elected twice.



Roy Drago

## Weather Report

Dec. 19 - 25				
	High	Low	Prec	Fog
Tues.	49	28	.0	
Weds.	53	36	.0	
Thurs.	42	23	.0	
Fri.	40	25	.0	
Sat.	54	26	.0	
Sun.	35	25	.0	tr/fr
Mon.	30	21	.0	tr/fr

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Dec. 26	
Soft White	
Dec.	\$4.65
Jan.	\$4.65
Feb.	\$4.66/\$4.67
March	\$4.68/\$4.69
Barley	
Dec.	\$114 T
Jan.	\$114 T
Feb.	\$114.5 T
March	\$114.5 T
Pik	\$95%
New Crop	\$4.11

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