

750 sacks of candy in Joseph

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 YEARS AGO Dec. 16, 1915

• Now that the fair and show season is over, Sam Wade and son have gathered together the many premiums they have won this year with their Percheron horses, and it is a large and highly creditable display... this is a total of 41 premiums, the majority being for the highly coveted championships and firsts. The record is one of which Mr. Wade and son Harry may be proud and the county shares in their gratification.

• Among the many letters to Santa Claus written by children of the community, this one from Nova Simmons, Imnaha, was received by the Record Chieftain. It comes from the heart and tells of the longings of the child: Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a little toy broom and a set of dishes. Please fetch Johnny a rubber doll that will holler. Goodbye to Santa Claus. Nova Simmons"

• Joseph will provide the most striking Christmas celebration in the county this year. The whole town will unite in a community Christmas tree, to be set up on one of the Main street corners. It will be loaded with gifts for children, about 750 sacks of candy being one of the important items. A chorus of 50 or more voices will give several musical numbers, it is expected.

70 YEARS AGO December 20, 1945

• It was only eleven below zero Tuesday morning, the coldest recorded so far this fall. Temperatures below zero had been recorded only two or three days previously this season.

• An effort was being made the past week to raise about \$1500 to repair and improve the Methodist church in Joseph. Contributions approximating this sum were made within a few hours after subscription lists were taken out.

• Cpl. Alvia Jack Pickle, who has been in the Italian theater of war, is home. He arrived on the bus last Thursday evening and before his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Pickle, and sisters and brothers had a chance to get a good look at him, the lights went out and were off for about 2 hours. However, Jack as well as the rest of them, had been through blackouts before. He has been away about two years.

50 YEARS AGO December 16, 1965

• On November 15 at Pleiku, South Vietnam, Captain Richard Shortridge of Joseph, received the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with a Gold Star. The medal was awarded for his part in the Battle of Plei Me on October 22. It is the second highest Vietnamese medal and is comparable to the Silver Star given by the U.S.

• A need for 54 Christmas baskets to be sent to needy



Chieftain archives
Festivities of a Christmas past. Place, names and date unknown.

families had been reported so far and it is expected that the list will grow to at least 60, according to Bud Lewis who is chairman of this county-wide project.

• In their program of Safety at the Boise Cascade mill in Joseph, one of the crews has reached a record 800-work days without a lost time accident. At the end of the 400 days the members of the crew headed by Milo Fairchild was treated to a dinner by the company. On reaching 600 days the crew and their wives were treated to a dinner, and upon attaining the 800 days the crew and their wives were treated to a dinner and a gift (an electric carving knife) was given to each of the ladies.

25 YEARS AGO December 20, 1990

• The Wallowa Improvement Committee received word recently that it is the winner of a national award

for making the city bloom in an ongoing project that got underway in the spring of 1988. Hubert Crow, chairman of the committee's beautification project, was notified that Wallowa is the winner of one of only two 1990 Lady Bird Johnson Awards in the country.

• Enterprise resident Gerald Perren was invited to address Governor-elect Barbara Roberts' natural resource transition team this week in Pendleton. The task force will formulate a roster of primary natural resource problems that are impeding economic stability in Oregon.

• Photo caption: Gift holders in the form of reindeer take shape in Larry Wishart's junior high school art class at Enterprise. Above, Margie Sackett, Rebecca Tye and Katie Boyd put the final touches on their projects.

• Photo caption: Three year old Veronica Aguilar checks in with Santa and his helper,

Sheila Russell, at the Enterprise merchants' drawing Friday night. She is the daughter of George and Delores Aguilar of Enterprise.

• Photo caption: Sharing St. Nicholas' lap recently were Christopher, 4, son of Kent and Sondra Lozier, and Paige, 7 months, daughter of Leonard and Debbie Drayton.

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