



Women show off their outfits in this photo from an unknown year.

Christmas roll call of the Red Cross extended

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 years ago December 26, 1918

An extension of ten days has been given to Pacific coast states to complete the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross. Every town and district in Wallowa county is behind last year's membership figures; the five towns reported only about 2300 members, against 3500 listed last year.

One of the objects set before the Wallowa county farm bureau for next year is good roads. This was brought before the annual meeting of the bureau by Fred W. Falconer and was met by hearty approval from those present.

In the hope of escaping the third wave of the influenza which is now sweeping over the country, the lid was clamped down tighter than ever in Enterprise this week. Public meetings are forbidden and the city posted placards signed by Dr. C. A. Ault, city health officer, bearing this injunction: "No loafing or lounging. Trans-

act your business and go." These have been placed in stores, pool halls, the post office and depot and wherever people naturally gather.

70 years ago December 23, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Evans set out for Flora Monday morning after spending the weekend in town, but were blocked by snow drifts two miles from town and had to leave the car and walk the rest of the way. Snow about three feet deep on the level was reported with drifts across the highway.

Approximately 100 gift boxes, which were packed in the various schools of the county, were mailed this week to children in foreign countries by the Junior Red Cross. Another shipment will be sent in the near future.

The Wallowa County Grain Growers has been shipping grain the past week - the first shipments out of the county since prior to the beginning of harvest last summer. The embargo on grain shipments arising out of the glut in the terminal markets due to the maritime strike was only recently lifted.

50 years ago December 26, 1968

Pfc. Terry L. Decker, who is serving with the 7th Infantry Division Artillery, Headquarters Battery, in Korea, has been commended by his commanding colonel as the 7th Infantry Division Soldier of the Month for December, 1968.

Governor McCall's office has just released a comprehensive report which reveals many interesting facts about Wallowa County: County population is 6,000 of which 32.5% are of school age, 41.8% are in the labor force and 12.5% are over the age of 65. The average personal income per capita is \$2056. Only 6% of the residents over the age of 25 have graduated from college. (The state average is 8.5%.) Wallowa county had only 23 reported crimes per 10,000 population compared to a state average of 150. The accidental death rate is twice the state average - 126.4 per 100,000 population compared to a state average of 64.4.

A crew of about 20-30 people gathered at the Wallowa County Com-

munity Action Center to put the finishing touches on the Christmas baskets. Included were Irene Pratt, Shandon Towers, Bill Barnett, Marge Noregaard, LeRoy McGraw and Kirk McGraw.

25 years ago December 23, 1993

For the 25th (or so) year, ladies of the VFW Auxiliary wrapped boxes in cheerful holiday wrap for the Elks Christmas Basket program to be filled with food and gifts and distributed to

households in the county in need of a little extra help in celebrating Christmas. The women who wrapped about 250 boxes were Elf Bissinger, Brenda Jones, Bessie Stickney, Agnes Roberts, Lauretta Cross, Rosie Reynolds and Bessie Rynearson.

Tyson Shirley notched still another standout performance for the JHS wrestling team last weekend, battling his way to the 130-pound championship at the Grant Union Invitational Tourney at John Day.

Ray Larsen of the EHS wrestling team took first

place in his 148-pound weight division at the Union Tourney. Willie Zollman and Carey McCleary of the EHS wrestling team were champions in their weight classes at the Mac Hi Invitational wrestling tourney in Milton-Freewater.

Tyler Scott Crow, 7, was among a large crowd of Wallowa/Lostine area children on hand to greet Santa Claus Saturday afternoon when he rolled into Wallowa on the Wallowa fire truck. Santa was assisted in passing out candy and oranges by Wallowa elf Hubert Crow.