

## \$165,000 Set Up to Improve State Roads in County

Lena, Eight Mile Sections Get New Grants for 1941 Aid

Assurance was made December 17 at the meeting in Portland of the state highway commission that Morrow county would receive approximately \$165,000 for road improvements during 1941.

Representing Morrow county at the meeting were Judge Bert Johnson and commissioners Roy Neil and George Peck. Judge Johnson said the road allotment included improvements on the Heppner-Lena road and Heppner-Condon road.

The state highway commission agreed to allot approximately \$45,000 for improvements on the Heppner-Lena road from the end of the present pavement to Lena or as far as the allotment will carry the project. This work will include improvement of two dangerous curves on Jones hill.

Approximately \$60,000, Judge Johnson said, will be allotted for construction of the new grade and road through the Zinter ranches near Rock creek that will connect the Heppner sector of the Heppner-Condon road with the part already completed by Gilliam county.

These projects will also be supplemented by the completion of the oiling job of the road from the Frank Parker ranch on Heppner hill to Rugg's and on to Eightmile. Included in this work is the widening of the curve at the Hilma Anderson ranch to 24 feet from its present width of 16 feet. Approximate cost of the Parker-Rugg job will be \$60,000.

The money allotted Morrow county does not include the work on the Boardman cut-off for which the contract has already been let.

Johnson argued for improvement of the Heppner-Lena road, a part of the Oregon-Washington highway, so that the logging trucks hauling for the local Heppner Lumber company could keep the mill supplied with logs. The judge emphasized the importance of the mill to the community through its employment of local men on its current 23-hour shift and added that the only way the mill can be kept running is by a continuous and steady supply of logs.

"We believe the state will also oil eight miles of the Lone-Gooseberry grade this coming summer for the county, and we have assurance from the commission, after they make the investigation, that they will place the Patterson ferry-Irrigon road on a temporary route and oil it. The title to that road remains in the county and will be maintained as

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## Casaba Game Off Due to Illnesses

The basketball game scheduled at Lexington December 20, between Fred Hoskins' all-county team and the First National Bank of Pendleton squad was cancelled because of illness of players on both teams.

On the sick list for the local team was Danny Dinges, guard, who returned Tuesday to his job at the First National bank's local branch.

Unless a game is scheduled during the holidays the next game will be played January 6 against the Condon all-stars. The probable starting lineup for the Morrow county team will be Jim Webb and Bob Campbell, forwards; Fred Hoskins, Jr., center; Lee Pettyjohn and Dan Dinges, guards. Reserves are Kenny and Earl Palmer, the Pettyjohn twins, Claude and Clyde, Earl Pettyjohn and Lyle Allen.



## Mrs. M. J. Devin Came to County in '84

Mrs. M. J. Devin passed away at her home Monday morning following a two-months' illness.

Funeral rites are being held from the Church of Christ beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Martin B. Clark officiating. Interment follows in Masonic cemetery.

Sarah Elizabeth Hurt was born in Bolivar, Missouri, October 25, 1861, and was married December 9, 1880, to M. J. Devin. They made their home near Bolivar until 1884 when they moved to what is now Morrow county, where, under severe hardships and stern pioneer conditions, they built themselves a home, reared a large family, and helped to better the community.

At the age of 13 Mrs. Devin gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized into the Baptist church. She was a faithful member for many years until the Baptist church was discontinued in Heppner. Among her many activities was a 25-year membership in the Rebekah lodge for which she was awarded a jeweled pin. She served many years after that.

Left motherless at birth and deprived of her father at the age of nine, she struggled through many hardships, but being of sterling character she surmounted all her difficulties and was a faithful mother and loyal, noble mother.

Hers was a sympathetic nature and was always ready to extend a helping hand.

Being a lover of the outdoors, she delighted in her garden and flowers.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, M. J. Devin, one son, O. A. Devin of Heppner, and six daughters, Dessa Hofstetter, Ontario; Vella Walton, Yakima, Wash.; and Letha Archer, Ora Wyland, Tena Scott and Altha Kirk of Heppner; ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a half-sister, Mrs. Florence Strange of Arlington, besides a large circle of friends.

## Santa's Visit, Dances Holiday Features

Despite illness and disagreeable weather, Santa Claus paid Heppner a brief visit last Friday evening at the community tree on Main street, greeted with gifts all youngsters who attended, and aided firemen in distributing presents to shut-in children.

Santa's visit was originally scheduled as a part of the school program but his plans were changed when the local schools closed December 18.

Fire Chief Ralph Beamer said he and his crew wanted to thank the commercial and business organizations and individuals who donated gifts for distribution at the community tree and to the sick children.

Other Christmas activities of the firemen included their annual dance, held Saturday, December 21, at the Elks hall. Although sickness prevented attendance of a large crowd, all present seemingly enjoyed themselves.

Social highlight was the Christmas dance given last night by the Elks at their hall. Music was furnished by the Seven-Ups. This dance was well attended by local people and out-of-town visitors here for the Christmas holidays.

## J. L. WILKINS VERY ILL

Word had been received by relatives in Portland the first of the week that J. L. Wilkins, manager of the old Palace hotel at Heppner, lay on his death bed at his home near Eureka, Cal. His brother-in-law, Creston R. Maddock, to whom word was sent in Portland, was absent from the city and had not been reached, according to word received here. Many old-time friends here have been habitually remembered by Mr. Wilkins each Christmas time.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barratt at their Hinton creek home were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wheelhouse and daughter of Fossil and Almon Lieuallen of Pendleton.

## College Students Home for Holidays

Heppner's numerous college students have arrived home for the Christmas holidays from schools in Oregon and Washington.

Among University of Oregon enrollees here are Robert Scrivner, who was chosen as his living organization's representative in the sophomore class Joe College contest; John Crawford, Don Jones, campus photographer; Don Turner, Jane Huston, Shirley Wilson, Norton King, trombonist in the band; Ruth Green, Frances McCarty, recently initiated into Phi Chi Theta, national business women's honorary, and Paul McCarty.

Oregon Staters home are Harriet Hager, member of the campus etiquette committee; Betty Happold, Clarabel Adams, Lewis Gilliam, Harold Armstrong, Leland Edmondson, Paul Doolittle, Clifford Faye, Jimmy Farley, Frank Anderson, Bill Barratt, sophomore football manager; Bill McCaleb, band member; and Don Drake.

Pacific university students in Heppner are Maxine and Harlan McCurdy, and Len Gilman, football star, Blue Key member, and one of Pacific's representatives in Who's Who in American Colleges.

Joe Aiken is home from the Central Washington College of Education at Ellensburg, and Jackson Gilman from Whitman in Walla Walla, Washington. Business school students home from Portland are Margaret Doolittle and Norma Prock. Wilbur Worden is visiting his parents in Eightmile from the mechanical school in Eugene.

## FORMER COUNTIAN PASSES

Word has been received in Heppner of the death last week of Emerson Keithley in Chico, Calif. The deceased, who leaves as survivors two children and a widow, was formerly a resident of Eightmile. Relatives living in Heppner are Howard Keithley, nephew, and Mrs. Harley Anderson, niece.

## \$1000 Blaze Early Christmas Morning Hits Lundell Home

Quick Action by Fire Boys Cuts Damage to New Residence

Members of the Heppner volunteer fire department were called into action early Wednesday morning when fire broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Lundell on South Chase street.

The fire was apparently caused by defective wiring. Total damage, as estimated by the owner, was placed at around \$1000. The home was completed last year and was one of the newer attractive residences in the city.

Personal effects damaged but not insured were a dining room chair and Mrs. Lundell's cedar chest. The house was covered by insurance.

Firemen were forced to cut a hole in the floor to extinguish the flame burning between the first floor and the false floor. Mr. Lundell said about five feet of a 4 by 12 beam was destroyed.

Considerable damage was caused by smoke which blackened the walls of the dining and living rooms. Mr. Lundell removed a suit from his closet after the fire and hung it outside to air out so he could wear it to the Christmas ball, but the smoke had so saturated the suit that he could not wear it in his capacity as ticket-seller for the Elks dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundell were at Lone at the time the fire broke out but were called by friends and they immediately came to Heppner. All electricity had been cut off in the house to prevent the firemen from hitting live wires. The Lundell's surveyed the house by matchlight and it was not until daylight that they realized the extensive damage caused by the fire and smoke.

Mr. Lundell said the firemen handled the fire very efficiently and held the damage by water to a minimum.

## Lions Enjoy Party At Christmas Meeting

The Lions club held its weekly meeting Monday at the Lucas Place and carried out the Yuletide spirit with an exchange of gifts.

Judge Bert Johnson explained the allotments given the county by the state highway commission for road projects.

Sheriff Clarence Bauman gave a report on his trip to the sheriff's and district attorney's convention in Portland.

Guests were Frank Alfred, home for the holidays after serving in the army at Camp Murray, Wash., and Don Turner, home for Christmas from the University of Oregon.

A communication received from Lt. M. P. Hanford, former Heppner CCC supervisor and now on active duty with the army air corps, was read to the members. Hanford extended Christmas greetings. He said he flew over Heppner some time ago, waved to its residents, but said he received no answer, or at least he saw none, as he was flying at 15,000 feet.

The Dalles Lions extended an invitation to the local group to attend a breakfast at that city, December 31.

## APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation to the Heppner fire department for its prompt response and good work in extinguishing the fire at our home Wednesday morning.

Harriet and Norton Lundell.

## O. E. S. TO MEET

Ruth chapter No. 32, Eastern Star will meet Friday night, December 27.