

Much Christmas Buying Features Current Season

Stocks Depleted by Rush of Buying Last Few Days

Santa Claus came to Morrow county homes with his bag well packed this year. One of the heaviest shopping campaigns in years came to a close Tuesday evening, one that was stopped only by the fact that shop keepers wanted to get home in time to prepare for Christmas eve festivities.

There was evidence that all lines of merchandise shared in the buying spree which did not get into full swing until after John L. decided to back up for the time being. The past two weeks saw an unprecedented rush of Christmas mailing, both outgoing and incoming. It likewise saw numerous additional clerks in the stores as the buying increased day by day.

The Christmas spirit prevailed in the homes. Almost every house had a tree glittering with tinsel and colored lights. One bit of decoration struck the reporter's eye in passing the W. C. Rosewall home on North Court street. The front door was draped with a wide red ribbon effecting the tie on a gift box. The red ribbon against the white background of the door produced a pleasing effect. At the central market a truly Christmas spirit was displayed in the center of the show window. There were many others, some of more or less advertising features but in the main expressing the yuletide spirit.

Due to the heavy mail and some difficulties of transportation, mail delivery was delayed for several days preceding Christmas. The rush was over by Tuesday and aside from the usual tardy packages and cards, service was normal Wednesday morning.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH
J. Palmer Sorlein, Pastor
11 a.m., morning worship.
9:45 a.m., Sunday church school.

Thursday, 7 p.m., choir practice. Mrs. Thomas Wells, director.

We welcome the following who became members of the church Sunday morning: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens, Douglas Drake, Miss Yvonne Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fleck, Miss Meredith Ann Sorlein and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlein.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Church school, 9:45 a.m.
Morning prayer, 11 a.m.
New Year's Day, Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible school, 9:45. C. W. Barlow, superintendent; Mrs. Joe Jewett, junior superintendent; Mrs. Robert Walker, primary superintendent.

Morning worship, 11. Communion and preaching; sermon topic, "Fight the Good Fight of Faith." This is to be a special service honoring those whose names have appeared on the honor roll with as many of them present as possible as special guests. After the recognition at this service the honor roll will be taken down.

High school Christian Endeavor, 6:30.
Adult Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

Evening evangelistic service, 7:30. Sermon topic, "The Time of Opportunity."

Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, at 8:00 we will have our annual business meeting and watch party. Election of church and Bible school officers will take place and reports of the work of the year and the outline of the work for the coming year. All members and friends of the church are invited to join with us in this time of fellowship, business and worship.

Choir practice Thursday evening at 7.
Midweek Bible study at 8 on Thursday.

RADIO SHOP OPENS

George Matthews of Pendleton has moved service equipment into the building erected for him at the corner of May and Chase streets by Mr. and Mrs. William Barkla. He is prepared to do a limited amount of repair service pending the arrival of other equipment and radio stock. He and Mrs. Matthews will come to Heppner to make their home as soon as living quarters can be obtained.

News From C. A. Office

Roy Robinson, rancher in south Morrow county, is very well pleased with the results of DDT in controlling cattle lice in his herd. He found that, unlike other insecticides used for lice control, DDT could be relied upon for complete control with one spraying when properly applied.

Mr. Robinson uses a sprayer capable of producing 400 pounds pressure. DDT is used at the rate of 8 pounds per 100 gallons of water and applied under this pressure. The DDT remains as a residue in the animals' hair, killing nits as they hatch. He has found that DDT is a labor saver in that cattle do not need to be handled but once to rid them of the lice. Mr. Robinson has just completed spraying his entire herd recently and feels that he will have no lice trouble for the following year.

The champion 4-H beef club of Morrow county held a Christmas party at the Willows grange hall in Ione on Saturday, December 21. Games were played, Christmas candy sacks and popcorn balls distributed and presents exchanged. Twenty-five members were present and all had an enjoyable afternoon.

During the past few months as I have visited farmers from all parts of the county I found that many were looking for good milk cows. Every farmer, whether he specializes in wheat, hay or livestock production should have at least two good milk cows for family use. The better the cows are the less the farmer needs to keep.

The Tillamook County Herd Improvement association recently advertised calves from their herds on dairy production test. These are calves to be delivered during the freshening period from now on until May 30.

They are from dams producing not less than 300 pounds butterfat per year, from registered sires but calves are grade, shipped in good condition between one and two weeks old.

Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein calves are available at \$18.50, Fob Tillamook. While this method buying calves, may be a slow way to get a milk cow, it is an excellent way. These calves can be raised cheaply and before you realize you will have a milk cow to replace the cow that is getting old and about ready to die.

Orders for calves can be left at this office.

Gottfried Hermann, farmer near Ione, has the right idea about letting water do the running for him, so that he will conserve his own time and energy for other duties. With four 4-H club calves on feed, the Hermann children, Ingrid and Helmut, were spending a great deal of time carrying water to the calves. With a pipeline to the barn these calves can get a drink when they want it, saving the Hermanns' time and at the same time the calves will be making better gains.

Fresh running water for livestock increases production. A constant supply of pure running water will increase milk production and insure larger gains for beef and other livestock. It is estimated that individual drinking cups, or an adequate supply of water to dairy cows in the barn, will increase milk production up to 20 per cent.

Mrs. Robert Clark Dies in Portland

Mrs. Floyd Adams and daughters Betty and Nancy were called to Portland Friday by the death of Mrs. Adam's mother, Mrs. Robert Clark, who passed away Thursday night.

Services were held at the Chapel of the Chimes, followed by cremation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roscoe of Reno, Nevada, attended the services and with Mr. Clark accompanied Mrs. Adams home to spend Christmas, leaving this morning for their respective homes. Mrs. Roscoe is the former Clarabelle Adams.

TAKE REFEREE EXAMS

Three Heppner basketball enthusiasts, all former college casaba players, have taken examination for official rating. Those awaiting returns on the examination are Jack Lloyd, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., and Frank Davis. The law requires that referees take the examination each year. The examinations are sponsored by the state high school athletic association. Coach Leonard Pate of Heppner high school presided at the local examination.

Valby Church To Dedicate Parish Hall Sunday P. M.

Dedication of the parish hall of Valby Lutheran church is scheduled to take place Sunday afternoon, December 29, according to Leonard Carlson who was in town Monday. Rev. J. Henry Hokenson of Portland, regional director of the Columbia conference, will make the dedication speech.

The dedication will follow services in the church at 11 a.m. presided over by the Rev. Hokenson. There will be a potluck dinner preceding the exercises. An invitation has been extended by the church to the public to attend both the worship service and the dedication. Rev. Hokenson's family will accompany him to Gooseberry.

Nickerson Heads 'Dimes' Campaign

Francis Nickerson of Heppner has been named director of the "March of Dimes" campaign in Morrow county, according to announcement of Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster and director of the campaign in Oregon. Nickerson stated he is outlining a program which will be launched shortly after the first of the year.

Special fund-raising events will climax the drive, which closes on January 30, according to Dr. Hedlund.

This year's drive has special significance over previous years in that severe widespread epidemics in 1946 depleted the national reserve fund for use when polio epidemics exhaust local funds.

Local county chapters retain 50 per cent of funds raised annually.

IRRIGON NEWS

Ted Abken Sr. was here to visit his son Marty and family Thursday.

Bill Abken and brother Ernest and small son of Kenewick, Wash., visited the Mart Abken family Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shoun arrived home from Pleasanton, Cal., Sunday, going to Walla Walla and Dayton.

Roy and Freddie Frederickson of Stanfield were in Irrigon Friday evening.

Archie Nut was in Kenewick recently. He is the new owner of the Walter Grider place.

Ralph Acock has gone to Portland.

The Community Baptist church had a good program and Christmas tree and treats Sunday evening for a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brock of Peshaston spent a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Mart Abken and family, leaving for Texas Thursday to visit his people.

LaVelle and Delpha Markham arrived home from Seattle Saturday. Paula Haberlein came home from Maryhurst college to spend the holidays with the Paul Haberleins. Burl Settes is also home from his Salem school to spend the vacation with his parents, the Lester Setters.

Miss Eva Hall of Pendleton spent Thursday night with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Crego. They started for San Diego by way of Pendleton to spend their vacation with relatives and friends.

Kathleen Umiker and Helen Steagall and brothers Billy and Jimmie, and Bobby Kenny are going to Redmond Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dave Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden of North Dakota are visiting their son, Coach Earl Golden, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Lathrop have moved on to the John Volle farm.

William Gollyhorn has been quite ill in the Pendleton hospital. Mrs. Gollyhorn is in Pendleton also.

The Irrigon grade school with the aid of Superintendent Darling and the grade teacher had a good Christmas program on Thursday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Winquist went to Portland Monday to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Widing and family.

Mrs. Bill Graybeal is in Spokane with her daughter Katherine who is ill.

The Charles Wilson baby is in the Hermiston hospital with a bad case of influenza.

Mary Newman has been visiting the Quince Rucker family. Mrs. Quince Rucker and three children went to Portland Wednesday to spend the holidays with another daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen O'Brien and two children were in Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix and granddaughter Jo Jean left Monday for Portland to spend most of the week with their daughter, Virginia. They expect to return home Friday.

Business and Financial Outlook For 1947, Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON

1. One great event of 1947 will be a beginning of a movement of population from the big coastal cities to the small interior cities, unless definite steps are taken for world disarmament.

GENERAL BUSINESS
2. A year ago the U. S. Babsonchart registered 130. Today it is estimated at 160. The Canadian Babsonchart registered 190 a year ago. Today it is estimated at 204. Sometime during 1947 these Charts will register higher figures.

3. Reconversion of industry from war to peace has been completed although the great government surpluses have not yet been disposed of, leaving much more to be sold in 1947.

4. Inventories, quoted both at their price values and their volumes, will increase during 1947. Both raw material piles and manufactured goods will be in greater supply in 1947.

5. Some rationing and priorities may continue into 1947; but both will rapidly be eliminated. Government regulations will gradually be lessened. World War II will officially be ended.

6. The retail prices of most manufactured products will be higher sometime during 1947 than at present. The prices of some of the food products may decline.

7. The unit sales of some department stores will begin to decline sometime during 1947; but the sales of food and variety chains may continue at peak figures.

8. The great question mark of 1947 will be how labor is to behave. Higher wage rates and less production per man inevitably mean higher prices.

9. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and of some other products will be raised in 1947 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for 1947 should hold up fairly well, but farmers should diversify more in 1947.

10. There should be an increase in certain fruits, fish products and vegetables with a decline in prices. The United States will have more to eat in 1947 than in 1946, probably 10 per cent over the pre-war level.

11. Dairy and poultry products will continue to increase in volume with no increase in price; but fats, sugar and some canned goods will continue short.

12. Farmers will start in 1947 to work to extend legislation on their parity program due to fear of a collapse in farm prices.

TAXES
13. Taxes will not be increased during 1947; and there should be further reductions. More nuisance taxes may be eliminated altogether.

14. The Federal Debt will be decreased during 1947 and the Federal Budget may be balanced by June 30, 1948.

15. The cost of living will continue to rise during 1947 due largely to the lack of interest in their work by so many wage-workers.

16. Providing jobs for returning soldiers at satisfactory wages will be a big political task of 1947. There should be jobs for all, but not at the wages desired.

RETAIL SALES
17. The total volume of all retail sales will be about the same as in 1946. Poor quality goods will suffer, but many items now unavailable will be purchased.

18. The total dollar value of all retail sales should exceed 1946 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles.

19. There will be a continued demand for men's clothing and especially for shirts and underwear.

20. Wise shoppers will buy only what they need and not grab to stock up on goods not absolutely required.

FOREIGN TRADE
21. The United States will own over 50 per cent of the world's shipping in 1947 and foreign trade will increase.

22. We will continue our policy of making foreign loans, provided the borrowers will agree to spend a fair proportion of the money in America.

23. Both the British Empire and Russia will keenly compete for foreign trade during 1947; but cartels and government monopolies will be frowned upon.

24. Throughout 1947 war talk will continue, the thought being that, sooner or later, England—who truly is in a terrible predicament—will "shoot" to stop further Russian aggression.

1947 In A Nutshell

BUSINESS: To reach higher levels than recorded in 1946

COMMODITIES: Opposing trends

LABOR: Some basic problems to be solved

REAL ESTATE: Continued good demand for modern suburban homes

POLITICS: Increased foreign troubles

STOCKS: To work higher

BONDS: Firmness temporary

LABOR
25. Even President Truman's "eighteen and one-half cents" will be forgotten during 1947. The year will be noted for threatened strikes and labor disturbances.

26. Industrial employment during 1947 could be up both in hours and in payrolls, labor leaders' discouraging attitude notwithstanding.

27. Many industries, now operating on a forty-hour week, will return to a longer week during 1947. There will be no wage reductions and some further advances.

28. The Government will try to demand better management and closer labor-management relations. Such prospects are not bright for 1947; but Congress will repeal or amend some of the present labor laws which are very unfair to management.

29. The Inflation Era that we have been forecasting for several years, will be in full swing; but the reckless printing of currency will not come until after 1950. The purchasing power of the dollar will continue to decline.

30. All 1947 wage increases will be distinctly inflationary.

31. Some production in 1947 production in many lines will have caught up with consumption, people will have spent their savings and then there will be a surplus of goods.

32. If Stalin's health continues good, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1947, even from an economic standpoint.

33. The rails may suffer still further declines sometime during 1947. Certain industrial manufacturing and other war stocks will further decline during 1947; but the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages will register higher prices sometime during 1947 than the December, 1946, averages. All depends upon how labor behaves in America and how Russia behaves abroad and upon what the United Nations do as to disarmament.

34. The safest stocks to buy—considering value, income and safety—will continue to be "chain store" and "recreation" stocks.

35. 1946 saw a large decline in certain stocks compared with

the averages. Switching will be the outstanding market feature during 1947. Especially watch for bargains in airline stocks.

36. The stock market will continue to witness creeping general inflation and no evidence yet exists as to whether the "communist break" in 1946 was the beginning of a real bear market or only a reaction of a bull market.

BONDS
37. Although bank loaning rates should continue a slowly upward tendency, interest rates in general will remain low thru 1947. The money surplus is now 25 per cent above normal and Government financing demands continued low rates.

38. Anticipating an expected reduction in Federal taxes, 1947 should see a further falling off in the prices of most municipal and other tax-exempt bonds.

39. Some high-grade corporation bonds may hold steady, but sooner or later will decline considerably. The Federal Government's 2 1/2's, which once sold above 106, will sell down to par or new 2 1/2's will be offered at par. Investors will give more attention to diversification and staggered maturities during 1947.

40. More public utilities will be taken over by Federal and other "Authorities" during 1947. Wise investors will consider this possibility when selecting public utility securities.

REAL ESTATE
41. Suburban real estate will continue in greater demand with still higher rates during 1947.

42. City real estate may hold its own due to less available space caused by pulling down structures to save taxes and provide parking spaces,—also to disinclination to build due to the present high inflationary building costs. The fear of bombing—in case of a re-opening of World War II—may also be a factor.

43. Small subsistence farms will continue to increase in price; but large commercial farms may sell for less in 1947 than in 1946.

44. Building will show a considerable increase. Contracts will be up with advancing prices. The present scarcity of lumber, cement, bricks and labor should begin to ease up in 1947.

45. Office and residential rents during 1947 may be expected to increase.

46. 1947 will see the beginning of the real building boom which should have started in 1946.

POLITICS AND POSTWAR PEACE
47. President Truman now has lost control of Congress and both parties will be playing politics in anticipation of 1948.

48. Our foreign headaches will become worse and more frequent during 1947. What we are going through to reorganize Germany will be repeated in other countries.

49. The Latin-American honeymoon has passed its peak. The attitude of Argentina will extend to other countries. Our South American troubles will continue to increase during 1947.

50. 1947 should see more religious interest, including more church-going, than did 1946. People gradually are realizing that without a Spiritual Awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be depended upon to cooperate and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their real Ruler and Guide. Hence, what good are agreements with Russia?



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Mustangs Display Promise in Tryout Game Here Friday

The Mustangs opened their basketball season on the local court Friday night by taking the Condon Blue Devils into camp by the score of 27-20.

Condon opened the scoring with a field goal. Quick baskets by Parrish and Mollahan put the locals into the lead which they never relinquished, leading at the half 18-6. Condon began hitting some long ones the second half and narrowed the gap, but the margin was too great to overcome.

Heppner boys who saw action were Mollahan, Greenup, Parrish, L. Rippee, Corwin, D. Rippee, Hughes, Munkers and Peck. Padberg, veteran guard, was unable to play because of illness.

In the preliminary game the Heppner B string took their Condon rivals in a walk, to the tune of 41-12.

The Mustangs play the barnstorming Wallowa Cougars on the local court Monday, Dec. 30. Clifford Norris, Hermiston grade principal, refereed the games.

An ambulance was rushed to the scene and transferred the injured men to the hospital. X-rays taken Monday of three of them showed that Jackson Cantwell had suffered several fractured ribs and a fractured vertebra; Wade Bothwell a fractured vertebra, and Lyle Cox injuries about the head and considerably bruised. Up to the hour of going to press it had not been learned whether or not an x-ray had been taken of Lane's injuries. From all accounts he fared worse than his companions and until x-rays can be taken the extent of his injuries will not be known. He has been terribly sick and it is feared he suffered internal injury as well as an injured spine and possible fractured pelvis.

Police, who were at the scene shortly after the accident occurred, state there was no evidence of liquor or of excessive speed. The condition of the highway was such that an accident could easily happen to a car driving at a normal speed.

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