

## Burns Cause Death Of Heppner Woman

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Raymond Massey, who died early last Friday morning following a bed fire at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner Thursday evening in which she was severely burned.

Definite cause of the blaze which caused Mrs. Massey's death probably will never be known, but according to fire chief Charles Ruggles' report it apparently started from a match or cigarette in her own bed. The other bed in the room was unoccupied.

The blaze was discovered by Alva Jones who happened to pass Mrs. Massey's room and noticed a small amount of smoke. On investigation he found her standing between the two beds enveloped in flames. Jones received burns on one hand extinguishing her burning clothing.

Fire chief Ruggles stated that while both beds were burned a check of the beds and coverings indicated that the fire started in the occupied bed, and he surmised that in trying to get away from the fire Mrs. Massey rolled out of bed taking some of the covers with her which broke into open flame when she moved them.

Hospital officials reported that a hospital aid had looked in on Mrs. Massey at about 9:05 or a little later, Jones discovered the flames at approximately 9:25.

The Heppner fire department answered the alarm and assisted in putting out the remaining fire in the beds. Damage to the room was negligible except for the two beds.

The complete hospital medical and nursing staff worked throughout the night in an effort to save Mrs. Massey's life. Several blood and plasma transfusions were given, but she died at 7:55 Friday morning. She had had minor surgery early Thursday morning.

Edith Mattie Inez Massey was born April 29, 1914 at Monument and spent her childhood there.

## Permanent Type Xmas Decorations Talked

Chamber of Commerce members Monday discussed the possibility of the group sponsoring a plan whereby permanent type Christmas decorations could be purchased for use in the downtown area.

While it is too late for this year, some members felt that it would be wise to buy the new type of street decorations which could be used for many years. While the cost of such decorations is much higher than the evergreen streamers now used, it was felt that they could be purchased for one intersection a year until enough was obtained to decorate the whole downtown area.

The matter was left in the hands of standing committees to investigate.

**Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Mt. Vernon** made a combined business and pleasure trip to Heppner the end of the week. They visited friends and relatives, staying over night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson. Other guests at the Robinsons on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDonald and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Marshall and daughter.

**Mildred Tucker and daughter Mary Evelyn** spent the weekend in Condon and Lone Rock visiting her brother Lester Harrison and family and her father J. W. Harrison.

## Santa's Second Visit Set for This Saturday

Members of the chamber of commerce "Santa" committee reminded children this week that the bewhiskered gentleman will again be in Heppner this next Saturday, Dec. 15, to pick up his personal mail from the letter box he left on his last trip and to check up on the activities of all the boys and girls.

The local men stated that they expected a "Santagram" by Friday telling them how he planned to arrive in town, but they expected to again take the city fire truck to bring him down town. In talking to him on his last trip he seemed a little hesitant to bring his reindeer right downtown so they expect to meet him someplace near the city limits.

He did say, however, that he would have a good stock of candy canes for all comers.

## Weekend Mail Departure Returned To Later Hour

James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, announced Wednesday that weekend mail departure from Heppner will be changed to 6:00 p. m. daily including Saturdays and Sundays. This will return departure to its former time.

Recently, weekend service was curtailed with Saturday mail leaving at noon, and Sunday's schedule calling for the mail truck to return to Arlington at 8:00 a. m.

Driscoll stated that Flatt's Truck Service, operators of the mail route, has requested the change back to the former closing times. They were recently granted a new contract by the postal department.

The postmaster pointed out that this was not just a temporary change, due to Christmas rush, but would be continued after the holidays.

## Boardman Starts On Chest Fund Drive

County judge Garnet Barratt announced this week that the Community Chest drive was now started in the Boardman area following a meeting of the committee for that community last Monday. He said that no report was available yet, however.

Barratt stated that there had been some confusion regarding the amount of the quota for Lexington and said that it probably came from the fact that the original quota of \$240 was set up for Lexington alone, but that the revised quota was raised to \$450 because the surrounding area had been included. Lexington was the first to go over the top in the drive when they reported in early last week. They exceeded their revised quota.

## Weather Research Meeting Called

Directors of the Morrow county weather research have called a meeting of members for Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the court house in Heppner.

Tom Hazard, an official of the Weather Resources Development corporation will report on the findings and activities of that group, and members will hear the report of the board of directors. The meeting is scheduled to start at 1:30.

## Cloud Seeding Data Made Available

Results of an impartial evaluation of cloud-seeding operations in Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties have been published by the Oregon State college experiment station in circular of information number 503.

The study was made at the request of the Oregon Wheat commission in an effort to determine whether rain-making attempts in the three counties produced significant added precipitation.

R. T. Beaumont, assistant meteorologist for the experiment station, indicates in his report that the studies produced little evidence to indicate that cloud-seeding brought much unscheduled rainfall between September 1950 and June 1951.

Copies of the report are available at OSC or county extension offices.

## RHEA CREEK GRANGE NEWS

The Rhea Creek Grange will hold their Christmas party in the grange hall Sunday evening, December 16. A gift exchange will be held.

Carl Bergstrom went to Portland to attend the Grants Pass-Grant Hi football on Saturday.

Several from the Rhea Creek grange attended the installation of officers at Lexington Saturday night.

Rev. Sodergren of Portland showed pictures of his European trip at the Valby Lutheran church Sunday evening.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson and David Hynd** have returned from Portland where they spent several days last week at the Woolgrowers' convention.

**Keith McMurdo** left Monday for his home in Pocatello, Idaho, after visiting here for the past several weeks. He was taken to Hinkle to the train by his brother, Dr. A. D. McMurdo.



**NOSEDIVE**—This Pontiac belonging to Hubert Hudson took matters in its own hands Sunday morning and took a short trip, mostly down. Mrs. Hudson had parked the car in front of the Clarence Wise home on South Main, and when she went to leave it wouldn't start. Leaving three children, she was taking to Sunday school she returned to the house for help. When Mrs. Hudson returned the car with her daughter, Sharon Kay, had run over a cement wall and then over the bank below to wind up practically in Main street. Jerry Don Hudson, 5½, and Joan Moe, 11 had jumped out, but the little girl didn't make it and rode it down. She climbed out unhurt, her main worry being a nickle she was to take to Sunday school—she had lost it on the way down.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS OF BUSINESS HOUSES TO BE JUDGED THIS WEEK

The Christmas faces of Heppner business houses will be judged by towns people this weekend in the Jay Cettes first annual yuletide contest for merchants.

Ballots will be received by local box-holders, who are asked to view the merchant's establishments from the street to determine the most attractive and original Christmas appearance.

Ballots are to be returned by Monday, Dec. 17, and the winner announced in the Heppner Gazette Times next week.

Heppner residents will be similarly judged in the second division of the contest from December 23 to 25.

Previously three judges have

## Truckers Urged To Register Locally

Truck owners in Oregon will find it more convenient and time-saving if they apply for 1952 truck registrations at a near-by state department branch office or other issuing agency, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

Delays in getting registrations will result, Newbry said, if application is made by mail to the main Salem office without first consulting the new truck fee schedules now available at the various state department offices. The new schedules for trucks were established by the last session of the legislature.

Newbry also reminded truck owners that the plates now on their vehicles are to be retained, as aluminum shortages make it necessary to validate plates by tabs this year.

**Miss Margaret Gillis of Salem** spent Thursday in Heppner looking after business matters. Miss Gillis reports that she will be employed as one of the floor nurses in the Methodist Old Peoples' home in Salem. During her Heppner visit she was the houseguest of Mrs. Sara McNamer.

**Tom Michos, Portland,** was in Heppner the first of the week talking care of some matters in connection with his land holdings in Morrow County.

ONLY 9 Shopping Days til CHRISTMAS!

## Barber Sentenced to Life For Murder; Plea Changed to Second Degree

Circuit Judge W. C. Perry, Monday sentenced Ray Allen Barber to life imprisonment in the penitentiary after Barber had pleaded guilty to a second degree murder charge placed against him. The case was first heard by judge Perry at the fall term of court.

Barber, who has been held in jail on a first degree murder charge since the fatal shooting of Anthony J. Ripp near Boardman last July, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder which district attorney Bradley Fancher and judge Perry accepted. He was immediately sentenced and sheriff C. J. D. Bauman

took him to Salem Monday. At the opening of court a new grand jury was drawn and judge Perry appointed Frank Turner as foreman. Others on the panel included Frank Lindstrom, Jean Case, W. C. Crawford, J. G. Thomson, Jr., J. B. Snyder and Bert Bleakman.

On Tuesday a jury split the difference in the case of Julian Rausch vs Harold and Philip Cohn whereby Rausch claimed Cohns had not fulfilled an agreement to purchase grain. In a countersuit, Cohns charged that Rausch had not delivered what they had bargained for and that they were forced to buy grain at a higher price. They wanted reimbursement for the higher cost. The jury split the difference in the two figures granting Rausch damages of \$875.48.

In the only other case scheduled for this term of court, R. B. Rand is suing D. W. Ewing for \$35,000 damages for non-completion of a contract involving sale of property near Boardman. This case will be heard Monday, Dec. 17.

## Mrs. Alva W. Jones Dies Early Thursday

Mrs. Hannah Jones, 55, well known Heppner resident, died early Thursday morning at the Pioneer Memorial hospital where she had been under medical care for nearly three weeks.

Surviving her are her husband, Alva W. Jones, two sons, Robert a student at University of Oregon, and Donald, California. Two sisters, Mrs. Jess Deos, Odell; and Katie Dobson, Ireland; three brothers, David Wilson, Heppner; William George Wilson, Odell; and Jimmy Wilson, Portland.

Mrs. Jones was born November 24, 1896 in Carrigallen, county, Letherim, Ireland, was married to Alva Jones March 1, 1920.

The date of the funeral has not yet been set, pending the arrival in Heppner of her son, Donald, from California.

## Local Car Dealer To Leave Heppner

Charles Hodge, Heppner Chevrolet dealer announced early this week that he had sold his new home on south Main street to C. A. Warren of Heppner and that he planned to move to Pasco, where he will take over the position of sales manager for the Pasco Auto company, Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealers for that area as soon as present pending deals for the sale of his Chevrolet dealership here are completed.

Hodge stated that he regretted leaving Heppner, but would return to Pasco in the near future. He was formerly employed by the Pasco Auto company for 15 years before purchasing his own dealership here.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS SET BY CHAMBER

Election of officers for the coming year will be held next Monday by the Heppner chamber of commerce. Five positions on the board of directors are open.

Nine members were nominated last Monday to fill the vacant posts.

## Boardman Youth Now In Korean Service

Pvt. Billie G. Crisman, Boardman, Ore., now is serving with the 142nd Quartermaster Battalion, a part of IX Corps, on the Korean central front.

The unit is responsible for supplying IX Corps forces with such vital items as rations, clothing, oil and gasoline. In a single month the unit has supplied the troops with as many as 4½ million rations, 1,100 tons of clothing and 9½ million gallons of oil and gasoline.

Crisman, a member of the 108th Quartermaster Bakery Company, entered the Army eight months ago. He was formerly employed with the Union Pacific Railroad.

## Shamrocks Start Hoop Practice

Organization and scheduling of games for the Heppner Shamrocks, independent basketball team has been started and participation in the Tri-county basketball league is again planned for this year. The first regular game is set for Dec. 19 against Stanfield. It will be played there.

The Shamrocks were last years' league winners and will be defending their championship. The nine teams comprising the league are Arlington, Boardman, Ione, Lexington, Stanfield, Hermiston Legion, Hermiston Valley Builders, McNary and Heppner. A practice game was held December 12 with Ione on the Heppner floor.

Members of the team are Hal Whitbeck, Stan Kemp, Jim Sumner, Eddie Gunderson, Wate Bothwell, Gene Hall, Bill Barratt, Doug. Drake, Skip Connor, Bradley Fancher, Don Barrett, Bob Ordway, Don Williamson, Bill Padberg, Hank Rauseh, Bill Scribner, Jim Farley, Jack Edmondson, Harry O'Donnell, Melvin Piper, McDon Bonta, Tad Miller. The full game schedule will be announced later.

## District Scout Meet Called for Condon

The regular monthly Covered Wagon District Scouters' Meetings will be held at the Memorial Hall in Condon on Tuesday, December 18th, 8:00 p. m. All adult Scouters are invited to attend.

The theme for the Cub Leaders will be on the "Achievement Plan" with a film to be shown.

The theme of the Troop Leaders will be on "Patrol and Troop Meetings" with a film to be shown.

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown** returned Friday from a week's sojourn in Portland.

**Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vincent and daughter, Alice,** will leave December 21 for Ontario where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dobbys and her sister, Mrs. William Rawlins,** spent Tuesday in Walla Walla.

**Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and children** will leave this weekend for a two weeks vacation.

## Committees Set Up for March of Dimes Drive

Under the direction of Mrs. Olive B. Hughes, a complete county-wide organization has been set up to handle the coming March of Dimes drive scheduled to start January 2.

Mrs. Hughes stated that the need for funds in this area were greater than before for so far this year this county has had four cases of polio. Two were recorded in 1950. Collections in 1950 amounted to \$2693.60, half of which remained with the local chapter.

In a statement from E. T. Hedlund, Portland, state chairman for the March of Dimes he said, "Our state has suffered severely from polio in the last five years. In 1950 Oregon was hit with 525 cases which was the highest ever recorded in its history. The county

chapters have already received \$100,000 in epidemic aid funds from the national foundation for infantile paralysis thus far this year. This is the reason contributions must be greater than ever this year."

Mrs. Hughes is county campaign director, Robert Ferrell will serve as treasurer. National foundation chapter officers include Jack Edmondson, pres.; Leslie Grant, vice-pres.; Lucy Rodgers sec. Other officers are: chairman of women's activities, Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Jack Loyd, Boardman, director, Mrs. Florence Root, Mrs. George Gwinn, Mrs. Ronald Black, Morgan, director, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bauernfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McClintock, Hardman, Mrs. H. C. Casey, Irrigon, Mrs. Stella Phillips, director, Lexington, Emma McBreshears, director and Mrs. Mervin Leonard. Ruby Roberts will head the drive at Ione.

Executive committee members are Mrs. Hughes, Lucy Rodgers, H. L. Duvall, L. L. Pate, C. J. D. Bauman, Mrs. Mervin Leonard.

In the various communities the following persons will handle the drive: Heppner, James H. Driscoll, director; Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Jack Loyd, Boardman, director; Mrs. Florence Root, Mrs. George Gwinn, Mrs. Ronald Black, Morgan, director; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bauernfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McClintock, Hardman, Mrs. H. C. Casey, Irrigon, Mrs. Stella Phillips, director, Lexington, Emma McBreshears, director and Mrs. Mervin Leonard. Ruby Roberts will head the drive at Ione.

Mrs. Hughes stated that other committee heads would be announced later.