



SANTA CLAUS had plenty of admirers awaiting for him last Saturday when he visited Heppner, as this picture shows. The old fellow arrived in town on a city fire truck to greet the awaiting youngsters and hand out favors to all comers. (GT Photo)



HARD AT WORK finding out the Christmas wants of the young folks and passing out candy comes to some of the nearly 500 children who were waiting to see him. He also brought his special "Santa Claus Mailbox" and left it in front of the hotel where Morrow county children can mail their personal letters to him. He will pick up the box and letters December 20 on his return visit.

Plans Now Being Prepared For New Hospital Addition

At a joint meeting last week of the county court, the Pioneer Memorial hospital board and hospital staff members plans for the new bedroom wing for the hospital were discussed with the architects. Voters approved a special levy at the November election, for the construction.

The court has employed Road, Schmeer and Harrington, Portland architects to prepare the plans for the new wing, and the meeting was for the purpose of providing the architects with information on what was desired in the new unit.

Preliminary plans call for the addition of six private rooms on the upper floor and five semi-private or two-bed rooms on the lower level. Provision is also being made for a full-size hospital elevator to be installed in the wing. It was pointed out that the new rooms on the upper floor are being designed so that they can accommodate two beds in case of emergency. There have been several times during recent months when every available bed was occupied and persons were housed at the Heppner hotel waiting admission.

The lower level is designed primarily as a nursing home, but with the installation of the elevator, the new rooms there can double as regular hospital rooms should the need arise.

The county court has already applied for Hill-Burton fund assistance, and if granted, about one-third of the total cost will be covered from this source. Indications are that the county has a high priority for such funds, and it is hoped to have the preliminary plans ready by January 1 for approval by the government agency.

Actual construction on the wing, to be built on the south end of the present building, cannot start until after next July 1, as the voters approved only a special one year 5 mill levy and not a bond issue, however it is probable that about six months will be required to get all plans prepared and approval through for the Hill-Burton money.

Charles Emil Carlson Passes at Portland

Charles Emil Carlson, 73 for many years a resident of the Gooseberry area, passed away on Monday, December 8 at the Emanuel hospital in Portland where he had been since undergoing surgery there October 13.

Funeral services were held at the Ringo Funeral Parlors in Woodburn at 2 o'clock Thursday, December 11.

Mr. Carlson was a life-long farmer in the Gooseberry section until the fall of 1946 when he sold his farm to his son, Charles and moved to Woodburn. He was a member of the Valby Lutheran church.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, Woodburn, a son, Charles, Ione; and a daughter Janet Schoolcraft of Casper, Wyoming. He also leaves two brothers, Leonard and B. O. Carlson, Ione; and two sisters, Mrs. Jess Warfield, Ione and Mrs. Edith Hite of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson spent the weekend in Portland looking after business matters.

Mustangs Split Wins, Losses at Jamborees

Heppner high school's Mustangs won all three quarters in the Jamboree at Umatilla, but came through with only one win at the Condon Jamboree, both played Friday. The Mustang squad was split for the two contests, with the juniors and seniors playing at Umatilla and the freshmen and sophomores going to Condon.

The Umatilla Jamboree pitted the south end of Morrow county, Heppner, Ione and Lexington, against Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman of the north. The south won by a score of 106-76 with Heppner and Ione winning all their games. The Mustangs won their first game with Umatilla 10-8, then slipped by Boardman in another close game 8-6. They finally got their offense rolling in the final game as they defeated Irrigon 12-6.

The Condon jamboree included all members of the Big Wheat league who are Condon, Rufus, Arlington, Fossil and Heppner. In

Free Shows Await County Youngsters Next Two Saturdays

All Morrow county youngsters are extended an invitation to see two free Kiddie's shows to be presented at the Stat Theater on the next two Saturday afternoons.

This Saturday, December 13, the show is sponsored by the Heppner Morrow county chamber of commerce and the Jay Cees and will start at 1:30. On December 13 and 20. The office normally closes at noon on those days.

Driscoll said that the Christmas rush is just now getting started and offered the following suggestions on how the public can aid the office during the rush hours and at the same time save considerable delay for themselves. Experience has shown that the hearty cooperation of the public with the postoffice department, in preparing and mail Christmas cards and parcels constitutes an important factor in facilitating their expeditious dispatch and delivery. This cooperation by mailers is highly essential to avoid unnecessary delay and disappointment.

Time may be saved by purchasing stamps in advance of the rush period. All mail matter must be plainly and completely addressed, preferably in ink, giving street address, including apartment number if any, and rural box number whenever possible. Mail intended for delivery in the larger cities should be addressed to include the zone number when applicable. It is important that the sender's return card appear in the upper left corner of the address side.

Send holiday greeting cards as first class mail to obtain the advantages which this service affords. Such greetings prepaid at the first class rate may be sealed and contain written messages; they are dispatched and delivered first; forwarded if necessary, without additional charge, and if undeliverable, returned at no further expense to the mailer provided the sender's return address is shown on the envelope.

Unsealed Christmas greetings sent as third class mail without unauthorized writing enclosed are chargeable with 2 cents postage.

Pack articles carefully and tightly in strong durable containers. Parcels may weigh not more than 70 pounds, nor be more than 102 inches in length and girth combined. Do not enclose letters or messages, no matter how brief, in parcels, as doing so would subject the entire parcel to the letter rate.

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Christmas Postal Rush Due, Tips Given on Mailing

To aid in handling the coming rush of Christmas mail Heppner postmaster James Driscoll announced this week that the post office will remain open all day the next two Saturdays, December 13 and 20. The office normally closes at noon on those days.

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Stockgrowers Program Includes Top Speakers



E. R. JACKMAN, from the Agricultural Extension Service of OSC, who will be one of the Morrow county Livestock growers meeting here Saturday.

Lone 4-H Clubber Wins Wool Award

Eleven 4-H club members have received rewards from the Oregon Wool Growers' Auxiliary for 1952 sheep projects, according to Cal Monroe, 4-H club state agent at Oregon State College.

Cash and merchandise premiums were awarded for food preparation, serving lamb; making wool clothing; and improving sheep projects. Winners are Sharen Lee Ocheltree, Myrtle Point; Gayle Bonebrake, Hood River; Lester Mielke, Halsey; Bill Brannon, Ione; Tommy Hansen, Dallas; David Ober, North Powder; John Steiner, Molalla; Charles Holliday, Prineville; Sharen Anderson, Jamieson; George Bulzer, Wamie; and Loretta Thomas, McMinnville.

Lexington Residents Elect New Officials

Residents of Lexington elected a slate of city officials Monday night at a special town meeting. Mervin Leonard was reelected mayor and Leonard Munkers and Eldon Padberg were given another term on the council.

New officials chosen were Floyd Frank, recorder and Don Hatfield, treasurer. Mrs. LaVerne Henderson, who has been recorder for a number of years declined to run again.

Farm Youth Exchange Student To Visit

Patricia Horning, Sherwood, who has just returned from The Netherlands as an International Farm Youth Exchange student is scheduled for several appearances here this weekend. She will appear at general assembly of two schools on Friday. Irrigon will be visited at 9:15 a. m.; Ione at 2:30 p. m. She will be the featured speaker at the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association banquet Saturday evening. Her talk will be illustrated by colored slides.

Miss Horning, a senior at Oregon State College, spent three months living with farm families in The Netherlands. Farms were dairy, diversified and crops. She was one of the two exchange students sent to visit farm families in foreign countries, sponsored by the 4-H Clubs of Oregon.

Miss Ingrid Hermann, Ione is chairman of the I F Y E program in Morrow County.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Earl Pryor, Condon; Mrs. Maggie Hunt, Heppner; George Mead, Heppner; Mrs. LaVerne McQueen, Kinzua, dismissed; Mrs. Fay Schoolcraft, Kinzua; Kathleen Griffith, Kinzua, dismissed; Mrs. Vivian Haguewood, Heppner; Mark Tullis, Ione, dismissed; Robert L. Davis, Kinzua.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Nellie Zierenberg, Heppner; Wayne Schmidt, Fossil; Darrell Paylor, Heppner; Lewis Batty, Kinberly. Minor Surgery—William Robert Walker, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Eva Kaufman, Kinzua; Ronnie Jones, Heppner; Keith Lane, Heppner.

Out-patients—Mrs. Beryl Pate, Heppner; Mrs. Ruby Evans, Condon; Guy R. Williams, Kinzua. Born Dec. 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Heppner a girl, deceased.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Schaffitz had as overnight guests Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Briggs of Carlton, Oregon.

Two additional speakers have been added to the already full program for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock-growers Association. It will be held at the Elks lodge room, in Heppner on Saturday December 13.

The speakers, both recently returned from abroad, will illustrate their talks with colored slides. Patricia Horning, International Farm Youth Exchange student, just returned from The Netherlands, will be the banquet speaker. Frank Von Borstel, Oregon State College, recently returned from New Zealand, where he spent two years studying the agriculture of that country, received his Masters degree in the sheep and wool marketing while there. He will appear on the afternoon program.

Other speakers are E. R. Jackman, veteran farm crop specialist, Oregon State College, who will discuss grass land farming and Jim Ellings, livestock specialist, Oregon State College, whose subject is dwarfism in beef cattle.

The program, which was mailed this week to all livestockgrowers includes a full schedule of committee reports and business of the association. The meeting opens at 10:30 with a showing of Union Pacific's new scenic film, "Northwest Empire". Everyone, whether livestock producer or not, is invited to attend the meeting, banquet and Cowboy Shuffle. Banquet tickets are on sale at Turner-Van Marter's, Heppner.

Gifts Asked For Hospitalized Vets

Mrs. John Bergstrom is again heading a drive to obtain Christmas gifts for patients of Morrow county ward 7 at the Walla Walla Veterans hospital. The county has for several years provided extra presents for the 52 boys in the ward.

Mrs. Bergstrom stated she is not making a canvass this year but asked anyone wishing to donate a gift to contact either her or Mrs. Ben Anderson. She said that playing cards, shave lotion and gifts of that type would be appreciated.

Two Local Men Start Navy Enlistment

The Navy recruiting office at Pendleton announced today that two local men enlisted in the U. S. Navy during the first week in December.

They were Roy Taylor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor of Heppner who is undergoing recruit training at the Naval training station at San Diego, and Claude Pettyjohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettyjohn of Ione. Pettyjohn re-enlisted as a radar man second class and is now stationed at the receiving station at Seattle.

J. C. Penney Plans Special Year-End Pay for Associates

NEW YORK, DEC. 11—J. C. Penney Company, nation-wide department store organization, announced today that its directors have authorized a special year-end payment for more than 50,000 associates in the Company's 1,629 stores, offices and warehouses throughout the United States.

The payment will be an amount equal to two weeks' pay for all full time associates who have been employed for the full year 1952, and proportionate amounts for extra and part-time associates and those employed less than a year.

All Penney associates will share in the payment except management staff members whose earnings are determined largely by the Company's long-standing profit-sharing plan. It will be made December 15 at each associate's December 15 rate of pay.

In a letter to the firm's associates, A. W. Hughes, president, said the payment was based upon the Company's results for 1952. "We are particularly happy to be able to make this payment as a result of what has been accomplished in our 50th anniversary year," he said. "The possibility of future payments of course will continue to depend upon year to year results."

The payment is in addition to the regular Company provisions for associates' benefits, including Sick benefit, Gratuitous Death and Dismemberment benefit, Thrift and Profit-Sharing plans, discounts on Company purchases and others. It is the sixth to be made since the end of World War II.

LIGHTS BANNED IN HOME DECORATION CONTEST, PUBLIC TO BE JUDGE

The Heppner Jaycee-Ettes this week announced their residential Christmas decoration contest and pointed out that the general public will be asked to do the judging.

The group asked that due to the power shortage, that lights be eliminated from any decoration that might be installed on the homes. They recognized that lights normally are the foundation for most decoration plans, but expressed

the hope that their elimination this year might bring out some unique methods of brightening up the area for the holidays.

A ballot box will be placed in the Pacific Power and Light office on Wednesday, December 17 and will remain until the evening of Monday, December 22. Residents are asked to vote for first, second and third places and also are asked to register when they deposit their ballots.

There will be no cash awards this year, just recognition, and the winners' names will be announced in the December 25 issue of the Gazette Times.

Grade School Cagers Open Season Friday Against Condon Five

The Heppner grade school ponies travel to Condon for their opening basketball game Friday. Game time is called for 2:30.

Coach Jim Peterson announced that his starting lineup will include co-captains Dean Connor and Dickie Applegate, forwards; Ed Olson, center; Jerry Dougherty and Vic Groshears or Louie Sayers as guards.

To help bolster the starting five will be Roy Hughes, Dee Bailey, Jay Dee Hudson, Jack Eberhardt and Dick Ruhl. Plans are also in the making for games in which the B squad will participate.

Following the opener the schedule will be:

- Dec. 20, Lexington—there.
- Jan. 8, Irrigon—here.
- Jan. 10, Echo—here.
- Jan. 15, Ione—here.
- Jan. 17, Lexington—here.
- Jan. 24, Echo—there.
- Jan. 29, Ione—here.
- Feb. 3, Condon—here (tentative).
- Feb. 7, Irrigon—there (tentative).

GRANGE PLANS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Officers of the Rhea creek grange said this week that their annual Christmas tree will be held Sunday evening, December 14 with the usual exchange of gifts. It will be held at the grange hall at Ruggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins had as their guests for Thanksgiving and the weekend her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crismon of Grants Pass, Crismon, a graduate of the Heppner high school, is now area superintendent for the Firestone Company at Grants Pass and supervises southern Oregon and northern California.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Yeager have returned from an extended trip to Vancouver, Washington where they visited their three children, the first time in 20 years that the family had been together at one time.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS