

Carter Named New President of Chamber

Jeff Carter, manager of the Heppner J. C. Penney store, early this week was named new president of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce by the board of directors of the organization. He will take office January 1, replacing Robert Penland, publisher of the Gazette Times, who has served during 1953.

Carter, who has been a director of the chamber for the past two years and has served as first vice-president this year and was named to the post by the members of the board at a special meeting Tuesday. Also named to top positions in the organization were Mrs. Mary Van Stevens, first vice president; and Bradley Fancher second vice president.

The chamber, at its regular weekly meeting Monday noon, which was the annual election, named six new members to the board of directors. They are Mary Van Stevens, Jack Bedford, John Ernsdorff, La Verne Van Marter Jr., Bradley Fancher and Carter. Carter was reelected to a one-year term, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Harvey Wilhite, who moved from Heppner this fall. The other five were chosen for two-year terms. Other members of the board are W. C. Rosewall, Dr. E. K. Schaffitz, Roy Quackenbush and Howard Bryant.

Carter has been active in the civic activities of the chamber since coming to Heppner about two and one-half years ago from Bend. He is also present county savings bond chairman and has assisted on numerous local committees. He has also been a member of the chamber merchants committee.

Carter will announce new permanent committee appointments and the names of the secretary and treasurer after he takes office. The last two offices are also appointive.

Former Resident Dies in Pendleton

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Marie Minter, 74, were held Tuesday at the First Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Pendleton at 2 p. m. Mrs. Minter, who lived in Heppner for four years, coming here from Chicago, passed away Saturday, December 12, in Pendleton. She had been hospitalized for the past year.

Mrs. Minter is survived by four children, including Mrs. H. G. Carter of Heppner; nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Among the grandchildren are Mrs. Geraldine Carter Simon, Milton-Freewater; Roy Carter, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mahon, Enterprise; and Jack Little, California.

Mrs. Maud Casswell left Thursday and N. C. Anderson left on Monday for Corvallis to attend the annual conference for state extension service personnel this week.



NEW CITIZENS—District attorney Bradley Fancher is shown presenting three new citizens with small American flags during last Thursday's impressive naturalization proceedings at the courthouse. Shown left to right are Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Shirley, Tony Patrick Thomas Lee, Heppner and Fancher. (GT Photo)

Many Special Programs Scheduled During Christmas Week

Schools and churches in the area have prepared special Christmas programs to be presented next week in observance of the yuletide season.

The Heppner schools will present their Christmas program Tuesday, December 22, at 7:30 p. m. at the high school gym. The grade school band will accompany community singing while the crowd gathers. The program will open with the first and second graders singing "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

A play, "Home at Christmas," directed by Stanley Holm, will be introduced with singing by the third and fourth grades. The play cast includes Mickle Van Schoiack, Connie Anderson, Tom Currin, Norma Jean Geyer, Rennie Harris and Helen Graham. The fifth and sixth grades will sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem,"

directed by Miss Marguerite Glavey. Other Christmas songs will feature the seventh and eighth grades as carolers and the high school chorus as a church choir. Rennie Harris will act as narrator for "Twas The Night Before Christmas" played by the high school band, led by James Wilson, director. The grand finale will feature the combined voices of students in the sixth grade through the high school in a carol with band accompaniment.

A nativity scene with Christmas music will be the theme for the Lexington school program to be held Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. in the school gym. The program will be directed by Delmar Richards assisted by Mrs. Melvin Bates with the chorus. Betty Messenger will play the piano accompaniment. The Lexington P-TA will be in

School Census Shows Increase Over Last Year

A total of 1,420 children from the ages of four through 19 are listed on the recently compiled 1953-54 school district census, Leslie Grant, county school superintendent, announced today. This is a county-wide increase of 32 children over the previous year, and an increase of 156 over the 1950-51 census.

The largest increase was in the Heppner school district with a total of 631 children making 78 more than the previous year. Lexington had an increase of 33 names to make a total of 142. Both of these districts now include parts of the old Sand Hollow district No. 41, which listed 18 children last year. Lexington also consolidated with Devine district No. 23 which carried 22 names in 1952-53.

Irrigon's census total was 241, an increase of 24 since last year; Boardman had a total of 168 children, an increase of 21 and Ione a total of 184 with an increase of nine names. Hardman dropped to a total of 24 census names compared with 26 last year.

Boys have outnumbered girls on the census list on the reports made from 1950 to the present. This year's census shows 763 boys compared with 675 girls giving them the lead of 105.

Thirty of the names listed in Morrow county are in the Echo and Arlington school districts.

P-TA Benefit Games Pit Ione, St. Joseph Fives This Weekend

The first basketball games to be played in the new Ione school gymnasium will be two P-TA benefit games this Friday and Saturday nights when the Ione Cardinals tackle the St. Joseph Academy squad from Pendleton. Tickets are available from any Ione Parent-Teacher member or may be purchased at the door.

Community Chest Fund Drive Lags

A total of \$769.85 has been turned in toward the \$953 Community Chest quota for Morrow county, Robert Ferrell, treasurer, said today.

Although no funds have been sent in from Ione, Boardman or Irrigon, the Ione chairman reported that nearly \$100 had been collected in that community to date and that the canvass there should be completed soon.

Garland Swanson, Ione, county chairman, urged solicitors to complete their canvass as soon as possible to hasten completion of the drive.

Since it has been difficult to find people at home and also to recruit solicitors in the rural area, George Warner, Heppner chairman, asked people who wish to give to leave their contributions at the Gazette Times office. He estimated that only about two-thirds of the Heppner area had been solicited.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A special Christmas service for members and families of all Masonic organizations will be held Sunday at the Hermiton Masonic temple. It will be given by the Pendleton Commandery.

The special program will start at 3 p. m. and will be of particular interest to all Masonic members residing in this area.

SANTA'S VISIT, FREE SHOW TO ENTERTAIN COUNTY CHILDREN SAT.

Latest word from the North Pole, received here just before press time, assured Morrow county children that Santa Claus will arrive in Heppner at 1 o'clock next Saturday afternoon according to plan.

His short visit will start off an afternoon of entertainment that is designed strictly for the kids, for as soon as he completes his visit all the children are invited to the Star theater for a free Christmas show, an annual event put on by the owners, Mr.

and Mrs. W. O. George, after which they will all be treated to candy furnished by the Heppner Elks club.

Parents are warned that their boys and girls will be well filled with candy by the time they get back home that afternoon, for W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the chamber of commerce merchants committee, who is sponsoring Santa's visit, said that the old fellow has promised he would bring along treats too.

The free show is to start at 2 o'clock, the tummy aches start later in the evening.

Heppner Woman is \$500 Oregonian Roto-Riches Winner



\$500 WINNER, Mrs. Lee Scrivner looks at a copy of the Oregonian, the paper which will Friday announce her award, and also a copy of the Journal, the paper in which she happened to see the number of her lucky bill. (GT Photo)

A Heppner woman, Mrs. Lee Scrivner, 108 N. Court street, was \$500 richer this week as a result of finding an Oregonian "Roto-Riches" lucky dollar bill last Sunday. The Oregonian, which is supplying the prize money, may be a little disturbed though, with the find, because Mrs. Scrivner is not a subscriber to that paper. She saw the number listed in the Journal, which reprints the bill numbers as a service to its own readers, and made her find known to them.

The lucky bill, the first to be reported from Morrow county, came at a very opportune time for Mrs. Scrivner, for she found the listing on her birthday and though she didn't have any objections to receiving a \$500 birthday present, she didn't think too much of all the publicity that went with it, such as having to send a picture of herself along with the lucky bill, and posing for the Gazette Times photographer—she "didn't think she was as important as all that."

Mrs. Scrivner didn't know where she had received the lucky bill for she had made several purchases in Heppner during the previous few days and had no way of knowing where she got the one that was worth \$500. She also had no definite plans for its use, saying that she was just going to put it in the bank and let nature take its course. She did admit, however, that even before she had received her check from the Oregonian, she had figured out ways to spend it at least a half-dozen times.

The three true bills, two of them secret indelible, were all on bad check charges. The one which was not secret was against Billie Thompson.

Judge Wells released the grand jury from further duty following their report.

Mrs. Selma Orwick Dies Thursday, Rites to Be Saturday

Mrs. Selma Orwick, 85, passed away this morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital, following a lingering illness. She is the mother of Roy Orwick and Mrs. Orin Bruce of Heppner and Jess Orwick, Lexington.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Phelps Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Bruno Puschel, Condon, officiating. Burial will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

A complete obituary will be given next week.

Services To Be Held For Mrs. Shannon

Mrs. S. H. Shannon, long time resident of Heppner, and mother of Mrs. Thomas J. Wells and Mrs. Earl E. Hudson, passed away Wednesday, December 16.

Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 19 in the Methodist church at Heppner at 2:00 p. m., with Rev. Lester Boulden officiating. The obituary will appear in next week's paper.

Babson's Business, Financial Outlook To Appear in GT

The Gazette Times will again publish Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial outlook for 1954, a regular feature of its year-end edition, in its issue of December 31.

Mr. Babson's outlook will contain outstanding forecasts covering such important topics as general business, commodity prices, taxes, trade, labor, inflation, farm outlook, stock market, real estate and politics. His forecast enjoys an unusual record for accuracy during the years, his score for 1953 was 84 percent accurate.

The forecast will be changed this year from past publications, in that it will be issued in two parts, the first to cover the first half of 1954, and the final section, which will appear in June, will cover the last half of the year.

Grand Jury Reports Findings Wednesday

The Morrow county grand jury Wednesday morning reported back two not-true bills and three true bills at the opening session of the winter term of circuit court. Judge William W. Wells presided.

The not-true bills concerned J. B. Way who had been charged with malicious destruction of property, and Lester Myers who was charged with passing a bad check.

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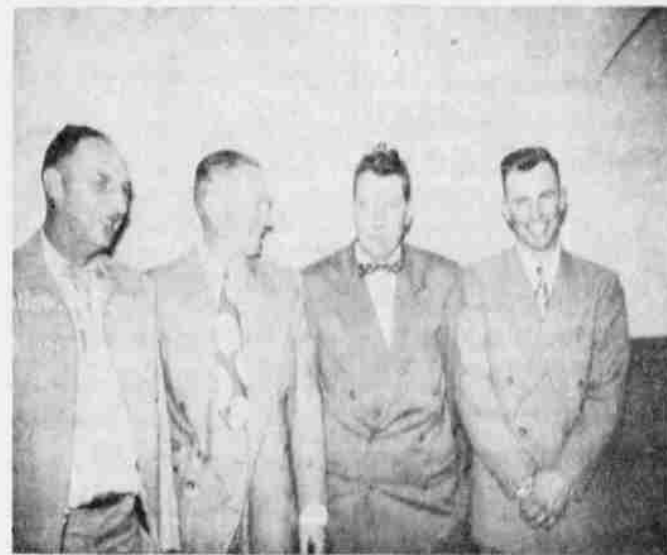
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A Christmas pageant under the direction of Mrs. Frank Anderson will be presented at 7 p. m. Sunday in the Episcopal church by the Sunday school children. This will be followed by a play "A Robe for the Duchess" by the Young People's Fellowship group in the Parish hall under the direction of Mrs. Luola Bengtson and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hughes. Santa Claus will arrive at the end of the program.

At 11 p. m. on Christmas eve the choral Holy Communion service will be held in the Episcopal church with the choir under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Peterson and Mrs. Bengtson at the organ.

The Catholic church will hold its children's Christmas party in the church basement Sunday, December 20, at 2 p. m. High mass will be held at midday.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Morrow County Livestock Association are right to left, Raymond French, Lena; Nels Anderson, secretary; Paul Webb, Jr., vice-president; and John Graves, treasurer. They were chosen during last week's two-day meeting of the association. (other pictures, page two). (GT Photo)

Cattle Men Approve Special Market Plan; French New President

Cattle marketing, disease control and production problems were among the many items discussed at the fifth annual meeting of Morrow County Livestock Association held here Friday and Saturday. The sessions opened Friday afternoon at the Fair pavilion with Dr. Fred McKenzie, head, animal husbandry department, Oregon State College, Corvallis using a dissected calf to illustrate beef breeding problems and closed Saturday night at the American Legion hall with the annual banquet and dance.

Raymond French, Lena, was elected president for the coming year; Paul Webb, Jr., Rhea Creek, vice president; John Graves, Sand Hollow, reelected treasurer; and N. C. Anderson, Heppner, reelected secretary. Don Robinson, Heppner, is retiring president of the organization.

Highlights of the banquet were the presentation of county awards to Stephen Thompson, Heppner, "Cattleman of the Year" by E. W. Hughes, last year's winner; and to Newt O'Hara, of Lexington, "Grassman of the Year" by Kenneth Peck, Lexington. A special comedy trophy representing scientific breeding was also presented to Thompson by W. W. Weatherford. Leslie Grant was master of ceremonies and Dr. McKenzie showed colored slides of Australia. Over 100 persons attended.

A cattle marketing plan worked out by W. W. Weatherford and adopted by the association proposes that the market price of beef heifers be supported at 90 per cent of parity, that heifers not be bred until they were two years old and that only registered beef-type bulls and beef type cows be used in this program. The plan stresses that the supports apply only to beef heifers.

A recent state poll by the association revealed that members did not support direct subsidies but did favor indirect supports such as research and government purchase of meat surpluses, according to Frank Beeson, Primeville, secretary of the state group. The meat promotion campaign of the association has proved successful, with Safeway stores reporting beef sales up to 40% this fall over the same period in 1952, Beeson pointed out.

John Landers, livestock marketing specialist from Oregon State College, stated that cattle prices will probably remain at about their present level but that hog and sheep prices would be slightly higher during the coming year.

A resolution was passed asking that the county court and other taxing agencies cut expenditures and curtail new construction until farm income again reaches parity.

To help prevent cattle theft and

property destruction, the group voted for a \$1000 reward fund for rustling and a \$50 reward fund for destruction of fences and gates, assessing each member ten cents per cattle head for the fund. Ed Albert, Hardman, theft investigator, reported that such cases had been cut in half the past year with only 72 reports being turned in.

The association voted to continue supporting the Bangs disease test program. Kenneth Peck, chairman of the disease control committee, reported that in 1953 less than half of one percent of more than 10,000 cattle tested in the county were reactors.

Dr. Walter E. Thistlewaite, Bureau of Animal Husbandry, Portland commended the county for being a leader in the Bangs control program and stated that it paid off higher calf crops and greater profits.

Among special speakers at the two-day meeting were Douglas Poulson, a farmer from Queensland, Australia, who is touring on an agricultural fellowship; Dr. M. M. Oloufa, livestock breeding specialist, State College of Agriculture, Cairo, Egypt, and Dr. McKenzie who recently returned from a year Fulbright scholarship at the University of Australia. Saturdays sessions were held in the Elks lodge room.

Reports on range and pasture improvement were given by Stephen Thompson, chairman of the committee, and on game laws by Gerald Swaggart, committee chairman.

Three-Day Closures Voted Down by Heppner Merchants

Most Heppner stores will probably be open for business on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, it was reported today following a poll taken by the chamber of commerce merchants committee this week.

The pool showed a fair majority favored remaining open on Dec. 26, but the vote for the day after New Years was very close, though more than half voted to stay open.

The question arose at the Monday chamber of commerce meeting and the committee decided to let the majority vote of business men decide the issue. Some had expressed a desire to close, giving a three-day holiday in both cases, but the vote indicated the opposite.

The committee has no power to order a closure, it can merely find out the merchants' wishes and advertise its findings.

It is expected that most stores will follow the move to stay open, though some may, because of inventory or other reasons, be closed on the two Saturdays.

Holiday Paper to Appear Day Early

Because of the Christmas holiday falling on Friday, the Gazette Times will reach its readers a day early next week. Heppner subscribers will find it in their mailboxes Wednesday evening, and other subscribers will receive it Thursday.

Because of the early publication, the publishers ask all correspondents and advertisers to send their news and ad copy to the office at least one day early.

