

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

MORROW COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER

The Heppner Gazette, established March 30, 1883. The Heppner Times, established November 18, 1897. Consolidated February 15, 1912.



ROBERT PENLAND
Editor and Publisher
GRETCHEN PENLAND
Associate Publisher



Published Every Thursday and Entered at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon, as Second Class Matter. Subscription Rates: Morrow and Grant Counties, \$3.00 Year; Elsewhere \$4.00 Year. Single Copy 10 cents.

Is Christmas "Too Commercial?"

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent and the current widespread campaign to "Put Christ Back into Christmas" deserves the support and belief of all of us.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how

many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and we believe will remain, the Christmas story.



From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The 1954 Agricultural Conservation program includes two forestry practices. In the handbook they are headed as follows: A-7, Planting, interplanting, or replanting trees or shrubs on farm land in windbreaks, shelterbelts and farm woodlots or woodlands for erosion control, watershed protection or forestry purposes. B-10, Initial improvement of a stand of forest trees for erosion control, watershed protection or forestry purposes. While these two practices are used very little in Morrow county, it does not mean that they are not adopted or should not be used more. This is especially true in the case of the A-7 practice. The practice is most suited to the windbreak and shelterbelt provisions. However, there have been cases of farmers planting trees that did not get payment because standards were not met. It is important to get prior approval. While the ACP payment will pay as high as \$15 per acre for tree planting, the most important provision of the A-7 practice is that one that pays for fencing a windbreak or woodland which may go as high as seventy-five cents per rod of barbed wire or \$1.10 per rod of woven wire fence. This practice can be extremely helpful in Morrow county where all of our windbreaks require fencing to protect them from the stock and chickens. It has surely been proven in the past few years that windbreaks are a great asset in both the irrigated and dryland farming areas here in Mor-

row county. Lack of fencing has caused many failures in just plantings. Plans for establishing a shelterbelt or windbreak and information on securing seedlings can be secured from the county agent's office. Several plantings that have been very successful in our dryland areas here in the county are those windbreaks at the John Proudfoot, H. G. Campbell, Erle Bergstrom, E. M. Baker, and Donald Peterson farms. There are others as successful.

In the B-10 practice, the 50% federal cost share payment is made for thinning, pruning, removal or killing competing and undesirable vegetation, site preparation for natural reseeding, and fencing.

With the critical storage situation facing all of our farmers, at least one Morrow county farmer has made plans to do something about it. This past week, Lloyd Howton of the lone community got under way on the building of a 20 thousand bushel grain elevator at his ranch. By starting this construction now during the slack winter months, there will be no need to worry when harvest time draws near. This elevator will be constructed of concrete.

Plans are shaping up well for the annual meetings of the Boardman and Heppner Soil Conservation Districts. The Boardman Soil Conservation District's annual meeting will be held at

the Irigon school on January 28, the Heppner District meeting at the Lexington Grange hall on February 1. The program will consist of speakers and educational and entertaining films. Merrill Oveson, Superintendent, Pendleton Branch Experiment Station will be the main speaker at the Heppner District annual meeting, discussing legumes—their place in the soil conservation program, and the soil erosion project in Umatilla county.

Speakers at the Boardman district will be Dr. Larson of the Umatilla Branch Experiment Station in Hermiston, who will discuss grasses, and someone from the agricultural economics department of Oregon State College, who will discuss general farm economics.



REBUKE BY HIGH COURT

With unanimous decision the Oregon Supreme Court this week ordered a new trial for Thomas Sylanus Bouse, 52, who was sentenced to die for the bathtub drowning of his wife.

The opinion, written by Justice Walter L. Tooze, listed numerous errors committed by the circuit court in the sordid case, including admission as evidence of accusations made in a divorce complaint filed by Mrs. Bouse; the line of questioning by prosecution prejudiced the jury against Bouse, because this line presupposed a murder had been committed. The circuit judge was criticized by the court because he failed to tell the jury that it had the right to recommend a life sentence.

Justice Tooze wrote: Most of the errors are "palpable errors, to which the court cannot close its eyes without violating its firm duty to see that the constitutional rights of an accused person are ever protected and preserved."

TO HONOR THE MCKAYS

Secretary of the Interior and Mr. Douglas McKay of Washington, D. C. will arrive in Salem December 20th and will remain

until New Year's.

An informal open house to honor the distinguished guests is announced by their two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Lester D Green who will be hosts Tuesday evening, December 22, at the Hadley residence on Cross street.

PEN GUARD QUILTS

Lt. Lloyd Francis will replace Elsworth Herder, January 15th as Captain of the Guards at the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Herder, who has served under three wardens, wanted to resign last July but stayed on when riots broke at the institution. "I felt I should stay until discipline and order were reestablished," Herder said.

Warden Gladden commended Herder for "A good job." "He's worked long hours on a tough job," Gladden added.

AMAZON WRESTLERS LAM

Lady wrestlers are confined to home work in Oregon. The state law limits registration of participants (last syllable in last word is obsolete—little used by wrestlers of either sex—except orally).

The state advisory board to boxing and wrestling commissions report a recent rash of lady wrestling matches in Oregon and asked Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton for an interpretation of regularity law.

"The law provides," Thornton said, "that only a 'male person' is permitted to compete in a boxing or wrestling match."

"A section of the law also provides that at least one member of a boxing or wrestling commission shall be a reputable licensed practicing physician. This means a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery and not one of the healing arts," Thornton added.

ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

A rate increase that will give \$2,100,000 more annual revenue to the California Oregon Power Company was granted by Oregon

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel this week.

It will go into effect with meter readings as of December 15th.

Company officials said their organization will spend 15 million dollars a year for the next five years to construct new facilities to care for increased business.

AERO BOSS RESIGNS

State Director of Aeronautics W. M. "Jack" Bartlett resigned Thursday to enter other work.

The state board of Aeronautics has announced the appointment of Earl Snider, Eugene, to succeed Bartlett.

Bartlett has held the post since 1947.

SQUARE DANCE SET

A square dance sponsored by the South Heppner 4-H club council as a club benefit will be held at the Heppner fair pavilion Saturday, Jan. 2, from 8:30 to midnight, it was announced this week.

USE GAZETTE TIMES CLASSIFIED ADS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to each of you

May the Christmas Holidays be a season long to be remembered for the happiness and good fellowship enjoyed.

THOMSON BROS.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A *Merry Christmas*

TO EACH OF YOU

ED AND ELEANOR GONTY

PRE-INVENTORY

Tire Sale

These Tires to be Sold Before Jan. 1, and All Go at Dealer's Cost.

FIRST GRADE TIRES

1-600 X 16 4 PLY	2-710 X 15 4 PLY
1-650 X 16 4 PLY	4-760 X 15 4 PLY
6-670 X 15 4 PLY	6-800 X 15 4 PLY

Bailey's Richfield Service

Muscular - Aching Pains

Relieved in Few Minutes - or No Cost

Why suffer another day when you can prove free the blessed relief you can enjoy from a doctor's external prescription called Muscle-Rub. It is a penetrating, blood stimulating liquid to help get rid of many toxins. Applied directly to legs, arms, shoulders, neck or back - wherever you suffer pains from muscle soreness, sprains and bruises. Rate! Quick! Simple!

"My patients and I are more than pleased. Nothing compares to Muscle-Rub," says T. T. Connor, physiotherapist. "The pain in my arms and legs was agonizing. Thanks to Muscle-Rub I can now sleep the whole night through," says Mrs. R. Bekoff of Philadelphia. "I'm a minister and spent money on all kinds of treatments for rheumatic pains, but nothing helped like Muscle-Rub," says P. H. Dorsey of Atlanta.

Make This Test

No prescription necessary. Get Muscle-Rub from your druggist. Use half one bottle and if not delighted, return what's left and get all your money back without question. Economy or hospital size \$2.25 or large trial size only \$1.25. Try today. Sleep tonight. Enjoy blessed relief - or no cost.

Muscle-Rub At Your Drug Store

Season's Greetings

It is our sincere wish to everyone that this holiday season will bring joy and happiness and the fulfillment of your ambitions and desires.

For more information about Standard Oil Company of California products, call your local Standard man

L. E. DICK Phone 6-9833
PECK LEATHERS Phone 8-7125

CHURCHES

101 E CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Wilfred C. McKay, pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m.
Evening services at 8:00 p. m.
Bible study and prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.
Everyone welcome.

HEPPNER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Willis W. Geyer, Pastor
Services:—
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Christ's Ambassadors 6:45 p. m.
Evangelistic Services 7:45 p. m.
Thursday-evening Prayer and Bible study 7:45 p. m.

Merry Christmas

Time to serve up a platter brimful of hearty Christmas wishes to each and every member of our community.

Jack and John Perry

CHRISTMAS Greetings

To all of you whom we have had the pleasure of serving this past year.

V R LITTLE CONSTRUCTION CO
YOUR BEST BET FOR 1954
WILLARD WARREN ABE ELDE

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Best Wishes for a good Christmas and a Happy New Year from your friends and neighbors of the Pacific Power & Light Family