

Your Shopping Guide to Better Christmas Values -- In Today's Gazette Times

Holiday Decorations to Appear; Santa Coming

Heppner will take on a bright holiday look Sunday when a crew of chamber of commerce members, Columbia Basin Electric Co. employees and volunteers will install Christmas decorations and lights in the business section. The work is under the sponsorship of the retail merchants committee with Dick Brunner as the chairman.

The town will again be decorated with streamers of green boughs and lights and the chamber has purchased several new permanent-type decorations that will add to the brightness of the area. The work of tying the

boughs on the streamers is now being done by members of the Heppner high school Future Business Leaders club and Brunner today issued a call for all possible chamber members to be available at 1 p. m. Sunday to hang the decorations. Fork lift trucks, which greatly aid in fastening the streamers to power poles, will be provided by Heppner Fine Mills and the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company. The REA crew will hook up the strings of colored lights.

Brunner also announced that plans have been completed to have Santa visit Heppner on the following Saturday afternoon, December 8. He is expected to arrive in town about 1:30 and will greet all youngsters in front of the Heppner Hotel. Later he will spend about an hour at the Elks lounge where all youngsters are invited to go and talk to him.

Junior Class Play Presentation Due December 4 and 5

A three act comedy, "Going Steady" will be presented by the members of the Heppner high school junior class Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at the multipurpose room in the new grade school. The play is under the direction of Stanley Holm.

Included in the cast are Judie Spaulding, Jim Morris, Carol Groshens, Butch Laughlin, Janice Beamer, Marlene Geyer, Shirley Upton, Kay Corbin and Ed Groshens.

Curtain time is 8 p. m. each evening.

Heppner P-TA To Have Men's Night

The Heppner P-TA will meet Wednesday evening December 12 at 8:00 p. m. at the school.

The program will be a panel discussion on "What Our Community Does For the Youth" with Everett Keithley chairman for the evening. This is men's night and it is hoped all interested in the P-TA will attend the meeting.

The executive committee met Wednesday night November 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick to formulate plans for future P-TA meetings.

TRUCK FLIP HURTS DRIVER

A freight truck driven by Bob Flatt of Heppner went off the Willow Creek road just west of Heppner Wednesday morning, Nov. 21 and overturned, injuring the driver and damaging the truck.

Flatt suffered a severe cut on the head and numerous bruises.

NEILLS HAVE THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill had as their guests for Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. Neil Knighen and son Fred of Kennewick and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore and sons Gary and Spencer of Athena and Ralph Moore of Heppner.

Local Men to Appear on Wheat League Program

A number of Umatilla and Morrow county wheat men will report to the Oregon Wheat Growers League during the organization's 29th annual meeting December 6, 7 and 8 at the Multnomah hotel, Portland.

First of these will be Richard K. Baum, Pendleton, who will give the report of the secretary-treasurer. His report will be made at a general session the morning of December 7. Presiding will be Raphael Raymond, vice president. Parliamentarian will be Ronald Rew, Pendleton.

Later in the convention, the wheat disposal and transportation committee report will be given by Frank Tubbs, chairman. Domestic wheat utilization committee report and remarks will be made by Mrs. Ronald Rew.

Nels Anderson, county agent, Heppner, will speak on "Working Together in the Extension Program."

Conservation Man of the Year awards will be made by Alvin Bunch, chairman, Heppner, and M. J. Frey, publisher, Portland Oregonian. Taxation and legislation committee report will be by S. E. Brogioni, chairman, Helix.

Report of nominating committee and election of officers will be under the direction of Kenneth Smouse, chairman, Ione.

Wheeler McMillen, vice president of Farm Journal, Inc., will discuss "Agriculture's Future" as banquet speaker Friday evening, December 7, during the convention. McMillen is a long time proponent of research to find wider markets in industry for farm commodities.

CAR WRECK HURTS MAN

One person sustained a minor neck injury Friday evening when a car owned by Delmer Jordan and driven by Bob Gammell of Pasco missed a turn at the Echo Junction in a heavy fog and overturned. Hurt was Bob Williamson of Heppner. Gammell and Jordan sustained only bruises. The car was severely damaged.

LEXINGTON GRADE SCHOOL CLASS FIRST FROM AREA TO SEND CARE AID

The seventh-eighth grade class at Lexington school this week received a letter of appreciation from the Seattle office of CARE in which it congratulated the class for the lead it has taken in this area in helping to provide food for hungry overseas children. Serge Coval is the teacher and there are just nine students in the combined class.

The letter said, "The seventh-eighth grade of Lexington grade school led the way for the area in helping hungry people overseas with a contribution to CARE, the foreign relief agency."

"Because the class chose Pakistan as the country to benefit

from their contribution to CARE's food crusade, sending surplus foods to hungry people overseas, 27 pounds of milk powder, enough to make 108 quarts of milk, will be fed to children who never have enough to eat.

"The food crusade sends packages averaging 22 pounds to 19 countries of Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, contents made up from surplus foods allocated by the U. S. government. Every package goes in the name of the donor, so some very needy children in far Pakistan will know they are being helped by school children in Lexington."

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"Mail Early" Plea Again Voiced by Local Postmaster

Pointing up the need for cooperation on his 1956 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, Heppner postmaster James H. Driscoll says if you will follow these simple rules, all of your gifts can be delivered before Christmas Day: wrap them securely, address them correctly, and mail them early.

Amplifying these rules, the postmaster said, "Avoid the risk of mailing poorly wrapped packages. Use corrugated mailing cartons, plenty of heavy brown wrapping paper, and be sure that every package is tied with strong cord. Cartons containing several gift packages should be stuffed with tissue or old newspapers to cushion the shock."

Speaking about correct addressing of Christmas gifts and cards, the postmaster said: "be sure your Christmas mailing list is up to date and that you have the complete name, address, zone number, city and state for everyone on your list. Sending all your Christmas cards by first-class mail, is recommended because they will be processed and delivered quicker, and they'll be forwarded, or returned, if it becomes necessary." Only Christmas cards sent first class may carry written messages, a custom everyone enjoys. Moreover, Christmas card envelopes smaller than 2-2/4" by 4" or larger than 9" by 12" require hand cancellation, and thus, must carry first-class postage.

The postmaster urges everyone to secure free labels at the post office marked "All For Local Delivery" and "All For Out of Town Delivery". Then sort cards accordingly, tie them in two separate bundles with each address facing the same way, and attach the correct label to each bundle.

Early mailing of all Christmas gifts and cards is the biggest factor in getting everything delivered before Christmas, according to the postmaster. The whole Christmas mailing period is a battle against time. Delays now in getting Christmas cards and gift packages to the post office may cause a slow-up all along the line. Then, there's always the danger that commercial shipments and incoming Christmas mail will conflict with the outgoing operations.

Christmas parcels for east coast delivery should be mailed not later than December 10, and for other points a proportionate amount of time, according to the distance, and known delivery factors with which the sender is familiar. All Christmas cards for nearby destinations should be mailed at least a week before December 25 to insure arrival on time.

Shooting Mailboxes Federal Offense

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman this week reminded anyone so inclined that molesting or tampering with mail boxes is a federal offense and persons convicted of such an offense is subject to a heavy penalty.

The reminder came as a result of a report that someone had shot up a rural mailbox belonging to Hershall Townsend, Ione, with a shotgun and damaged or destroyed the mail which was in it. Bauman said a large hole was blown in the box and that postal authorities are investigating.



HEPPNER ELKS TEAM which received 10th place in the recent state Elks ritualistic contest held in Bend. This is the first year the Heppner team has placed among the top 10 in the state. Exalted Ruler La Verne Van Marter Jr. won second place in the individual standings. Shown are, front row left to right, John R. Hartman, loyal knight; La Verne Van Marter Jr., exalted ruler; Delmer R. Jordan, lecturing knight; back row, Glenn Ward, inner guard; Everett Keithley, chaplain; William Labhart, leading knight; Thomas I. Wilson, esquire; Lowell Gribble, tiler.

Heppner Elks Team Places High in State Ritualistic Contest

The team of officers of the Heppner Elks lodge placed 10th among 29 lodges in Oregon at the recent lodge ritualistic contest held at Bend. It was the highest rating the local lodge has ever received in the work.

Ranking second in individual work was La Verne Van Marter Jr., exalted ruler of the Heppner lodge. Others who placed well up were John Hartman, loyal knight, 7th in the state; Delmer Jordan, lecturing knight, with 8th; Tom Wilson, esquire, 17th; Glenn Ward, inner guard, 18th; William Labhart, leading knight, 20th and Everett Keithley, chaplain, 21st; Lowell Gribble, tiler of the Heppner lodge, acted as candidate for the work.

The contest was held November 10, 11 and 12.

Adult Sewing Classes To Be Offered Here

Adult clothing construction classes will be offered at the Heppner school this winter in the Basic Bishop method of clothing construction it was announced this week by Mrs. Homer Hager who will be the instructor.

The classes will be held once a week for 10 weeks from 7 to 10 p. m. The course is both for women who have experience in sewing and those who are beginners. A nominal fee will be charged.

Homemakers who are interested in taking the course are asked to attend the preliminary meeting at the Heppner school Monday evening Dec. 10 at 7:30 when equipment, fabric and requirements for the course will be explained.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and John Wightman left Wednesday for Eugene where they will attend the state meeting of the Soil Conservation Districts.

Miss Meredith Thomson spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Portland.

Four Bands to Give Concert

Residents of Morrow county are invited to attend a mass band concert to be given Friday night, Nov. 30 at 8 p. m. at the Echo high school gymnasium. Bands taking part will be from Heppner, Ione, Echo and Pilot Rock high schools.

Directing the combined group will be Ira D. Lee, assistant director of brass instruments at the University of Oregon. Admission charge will be \$1.00 for adults and 25 cents for students and tickets are now available from all band members or may be purchased at the door.

Party to Purchase Fund for Benefit of Portable X-Ray

Tickets are being sold now for the benefit card party to be given December 13 at 8 p. m. at the Episcopal parish house. The affair is being sponsored by representatives of various church groups and will spearhead the drive for funds to be used in the purchase of a portable x-ray unit for the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

This equipment which is greatly needed at the hospital will be used in surgery, fracture cases and for other non-ambulatory cases where it would be difficult or inadvisable to move the patient to the x-ray room.

Death Takes Former Morgan Resident

Word has been received here of the recent death of Arthur Marvel of Dufur, Oregon. He had lived at Morgan for a number of years and was well known in that community. He died in The Dalles hospital at the age of 87 years.

He is survived by his wife Mary and three sons, Ted, Archie and Lester. Services were held in the Methodist church at Dufur.

Many Students Home For Thanksgiving

Students returning to their homes in Heppner for the Thanksgiving weekend were Connie Newman, Mike Monahan, Steve Green, Mary Ruth Green and guest Monte Carnes, Jean Marie Graham and guest Bernard Damon and Bud Wagner, all from Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande.

From Oregon State, came Skip Ruhl, Jim Hayes, Dick Kononen and guest Barbara Barkhorn, Jim Wightman, Patsy Wright, Adelia Anderson, Darrell Blake and David Cox; and from the University of Oregon: Larry Mollahan, George Little and guest Bob Fisher, Sally Cohn, Lance Tibbles, Wayne Soward, Don Casteel, Lyle Jensen from Pacific and Kay Valentine was home from business college in Spokane.

Elks to Hold Memorial Services Next Sunday

The Heppner Elks lodge will hold its annual memorial services Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p. m. honoring seven members who have died during the past year, it was announced today by La Verne Van Marter, Jr., exalted ruler. The services will be held in the lodge hall and are open to the public.

The memorial address will be delivered by Bradley D. Fancher.

LEAVES FOR CLINIC

Dr. C. M. Wagner left Wednesday afternoon by plane from Pendleton for Los Angeles to attend conferences in clinical endocrinology to be held at the post-graduate division of the University of Southern California. He will return Sunday.

Harry O'Donnell, Sr. has returned home from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where he had undergone surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson visited in Mt. Vernon over the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson.

Chilling Fog Covers Most Of County

A big high pressure weather system which has remained stationary over Eastern Oregon and Washington for most of the past week has kept temperatures in Heppner well below freezing both day and night.

A heavy layer of fog has blanketed most of Morrow county during the entire week shutting off the sun and at times peppering the ground with frozen ice crystals that resemble snow. Driving in the immediate Heppner area has not been too hazardous with the exception of early mornings, but most roads leading toward the Columbia were reported extremely slick especially at elevations below about 1500 feet.

Temperatures generally were colder at Ione and on north and west toward Heppner Junction than they were at Heppner. In the Ione area a freezing rain fell Tuesday and the thermometer registered 20 degrees or below there while Heppner's was about 25. In the higher elevations of the mountains it was reported at times to be clear with the temperature in the 40's while most of the rest of the county was hidden under the fog layer with the mercury in the low 20's or below.

In Heppner the mercury has never gotten above freezing since Sunday afternoon and on Tuesday the maximum and minimum spread was only three degrees, 26 high and 23 low. On the same day the fluctuation at Gooseberry was even less with only one degree difference between the day and nighttime temperature.

Not only has most of November been cold, it has also been dry according to the Heppner weather records. Up to Wednesday there has been precipitation on only six days of the month and three of the measurable amounts were snow. Total precipitation has amounted to only .31 inch here since the first of November.

Maximum and minimum temperatures at Heppner for the past week were:

	Hi	Low
Nov. 22	38	21
Nov. 23	42	19
Nov. 24	38	25
Nov. 25	38	26
Nov. 26	30	25
Nov. 27	29	24
Nov. 28	26	23

Extension Unit To Meet At Gray Home

The Heppner Extension Unit will meet Tuesday December 4 at 10:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Merritt Gray.

December is a "Do As You Please" month the Heppner unit decided to have a reat of two of their projects. They are Candle Making and Holiday Decorations. The leaders will be Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Ray Drake, Mrs. Kenneth Keeling and Mrs. Paul Warren.

Each person is asked to bring a sack lunch and Mrs. Gray will serve dessert and coffee.

Any homemaker wishing to attend this meeting is most welcome.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lambourn.

Shopping Can Be Fun--And Then Again . . . (A Story With a Moral)

An Editorial Feature--
Talked the other day with a woman who had been shopping. In fact, she had been shopping twice. Her first sorry was in a Faraway City . . . at least 60 miles away.

That trip to the Faraway City had been planned a long time. It was to be quite an Occasion. Maybe that Faraway City was 200 miles away. Frankly, it doesn't make any difference.

She had saved her money and planned her time. She dreamed of all the wonderful things she was going to buy for Christmas presents for all her wonderful friends and kindfolks. And those who received were going to be twice blessed: First, because those presents were going to be

such bargains at such wonderful cause those presents actually were bought in that Faraway City.

So that woman saved her money and she made her trip and she went shopping in those great big wonderful stores in Faraway City. And she met her Waterloo. This woman wasn't the only one shopping that day. There were thousands of men, women and children shopping everywhere she went. And seemed all of them wanted everything this woman wanted. She put up quite a battle but she didn't win a single bout.

And the clerks were no help. Seemed they didn't care much that this woman had come 60 or 200 miles. Seemed they didn't care whether she was in the store,

tried to find out about Christmas swapping, which is the normal aftermath of Christmas shopping.

Nobody in all those big wonderful stores could help this woman buy the right color apron for Aunt Susie; nor the right size hose for her Secret Pal; nor the right tie for her husband.

So she finally got mad and walked out of those wonderful stores, and strangely enough she was actually glad when nobody missed her. She rested up her feet, counted up what was left in her purse . . . ruefully noted that the cost of driving 60 or 200 miles and the cost of hotel rooms and restaurant meals had played havoc with the economy of the few things she had managed to fully low prices; and second, be-

then she sadly drove home to Heppner; all the while wondering how in the world she would manage to fill her Christmas list.

But, brave soul, she tried the Heppner Stores and lo (not Lo the Indian, but the other guy; partner in Lo & Behold) and lo there came an awakening.

This woman (we know her well) was amazed at the wide variety of various things, at the reasonable cost. And she was amazed that clerks could be so friendly (she knew them all, had known them for years; but for that very reason she had never thought they could be efficient clerks). She was winking up.

One clerk actually knew the color of apron Aunt Susie would like. She got a glassy stare when she

the Secret Pal. And that clerk (the offrontery of the girl!) actually persuaded this woman. Instead of a tie for her husband, to go to another store . . . a competitor, mind you . . . and get the man a pipe.

And this woman did all her shopping right here in Heppner. She didn't have to drive the 60 or the 200 miles to Faraway City; she didn't have the frustration and the aching bones; and prices were good, too . . . a little more on one, maybe; a little less on another; but she was amazed at how many items were priced just the same as Faraway City.

So we let the Demon take hold of us, and loosed our tongue, and we said to her: "Didn't buy at such bargains . . . and

we tell you so?" And it was a pleasure to say it.

Stores, whether here or in Faraway City, pay taxes and help their communities get better streets, lights, schools, churches, recreation programs. But money earned at Heppner can help those things at Heppner only if it's spent here. If it's spent in Faraway City, it might help build a zoo there; but that doesn't build better streets in Heppner, does it?

The way we feel about it, people who go to Faraway City to spend their money, should not kick about the public facilities in Heppner or Morrow County. They should go to Faraway City to kick about streets. Maybe they should go there to earn their money, too; like, and the size hose worn by

but likely they wouldn't like that so well.

We can blat and harp about the six or seven million dollars

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