

"THAT YOUR LIFE COULD BE HAPPIER . . ."

Heppner Boy Prizes Unexpected Christmas Gift

"Let be thou an example . . . in word, in conversation . . ."

That quotation from a letter of St. Paul's to Timothy came to have a real meaning early this week to Eddie Groshens, Heppner high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens of Heppner when he received a very unusual and unexpected Christmas gift from a man whom he apparently met only once.

The gift itself, though considerable and one that would please any young man, is not what has made Ed so proud of it. It is the spirit in which it was given and the wish that came with it that makes it to Ed, "A mighty big compliment."

Ed's gift, a Pendleton shirt and

a money order for \$35, came from a man whom he served once last spring while shining shoes in a local barber shop. The man was a salesman whom he had never met before, and isn't certain now that he would know, but who is seriously ill at his home in Boise, Idaho and, according to the letter, probably will not recover. He took a liking to Ed, and three other boys somewhere in the territory he covered probably because (reading between the lines of the letter) they were like he wished his boy could have been. He had taken time to find out the boys' names and knew their approximate ages and sizes and apparently from his sick-bed he had given his sister-in-law

some money and asked her to get them Christmas gifts.

The letter was written by Inez Queenle for her brother-in-law Lou Queenle and said:

"My brother-in-law Lou Queenle recently gave me a handful of cash and a list of names, yours included, and said, 'Go buy these boys some gifts.' Lou is an elderly man whose one ambition in life was to have a son whose life could be happier than Lou's. Lou made his way from the age of 12 by shining shoes, errand boy, farm hand and such.

"He did not realize his ambition, as his wife and baby died so he has eased his hurt by befriending other boys who happened to please him. From his

list I see he has you listed as about 17, gray eyed and slender. If the garment I chose isn't satisfactory in size or color, return it to Stranyx in Pendleton and get what you want. Being a poor shopper I'm sending the balance of this cash for you to do with as you please. The same I'll do for the other three boys on the list.

"Lou said he met you last spring in a barber shop when on a selling trip. He was a salesman till he became seriously ill and may not recover.

"May you have a nice holiday and a bountiful and happy future—that's Lou's wish for you."

It is little wonder that Ed Groshens prizes his gift and most of all the letter that came with it.

Chamber Elects Five New Directors; Prexy to Be Chosen

Five new chamber of commerce directors were elected to two-year terms on the board Monday at the annual election of the organization. Chosen were Jack Loyd, Richard Brunner, Newt O'Hara, Paul Koenig and Bruce Lindsay.

Holdover directors on the 10-man board are Jack Angel, Jack Bailey, James Farley, Jack Flug and Bradley Fancher.

The entire board will meet within the next week to name a new president and two vice-presidents to head the group during the next year. They will be chosen from the directors. Phil Blakney has served as president this year.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, chairman of the traffic safety committee of the chamber, asked the group to join in the drive for an accident and death-free holiday period. The drive is titled, "Back the Attack on Accidents," and is being promoted by law agencies and other organizations in an effort to reduce the state's traffic death toll.

It was announced that there will be no chamber meeting next Monday, Dec. 24 due to the holiday rush. There will however, be a meeting and installation of new officers on Monday, Dec. 31.



PFC MICHAEL D. BENGE, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel L. Bengel of Ione, is home for the Christmas holidays after completing eight months of school at Naval Air Stations at Jacksonville, Fla., and Memphis, Tenn. He will be stationed at F. M. F. Pacific at El Toro, Calif.

Mill Shutdown Said Only Normal; To Reopen Feb. 1

The Heppner Pine Mills will shut down at the end of the regular shift Friday, Dec. 21 for about a five-week period it was announced this week by Paul Koenig, plant manager. The planer will continue to operate for another week or two then will be closed down along with the mill until about February 1 when the entire plant will again reopen.

The shutdown is only the normal closure for the plant though it comes somewhat earlier than in some previous years, it was said. It is impossible to cold deck enough logs to keep the mill running through the winter and the present time was thought to be the best time for a shutdown.

Logging will continue as long as the weather allows the men to get into the woods and normal maintenance and repair work on the mill will be done during the period.

Koenig said he expects to start operations again shortly after February 1.

Monument Mill Sold to Hudspeth

The sale of the North Fork Timber company mill at Monument and extensive timber holdings in the John Day river area was announced late last week by P. W. Mahoney, Heppner, one of the former owners.

The company was owned by Mahoney, Orville Smith, Seattle, a former resident of Heppner, Leonard Kraft of Portland. Purchasers were John and Fred Hudspeth of Prineville. No sale price was announced.

The sale included the all-electric seven-foot band mill at Monument with a capacity of about 50,000 board feet of lumber per day, and timber holdings of about 35,000,000 feet of pine and fir timber located in the Monument area. The mill employed about 25 men with logging operations contracted to the M and R Logging company. Mahoney, Smith and Kraft had operated the mill since 1950.

The purchase adds to the Hudspeth interests which include the Hudspeth Pine mills in Prineville and the Blue Mountain Lumber company at John Day. The new owners took over the operation Dec. 17.

Heppner P-TA Hears Of Traffic Safety Program at School

The traffic safety program of the Heppner school board was explained by president L. E. Dick Wednesday night at the monthly meeting of the Heppner Parents-Teacher Association.

The P-TA has been working with the board on the traffic safety plan in the school area and one P-TA member served on the special committee set up by the district to aid the board in its program. Dick explained what progress had been made and how the plan was developed.

A panel of three persons, Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse, Sgt. David Brizendine of the state police and county assessor Harry Dinges gave short talks on the duties of a county nurse, how radar is being used on state highways; and an explanation of how taxes are figured in the county. The program was under the direction of Everett Keithley. The P-TA student loan fund was explained by Marion Huggett who said that one student now attending Eastern Oregon college at La Grande will be granted a loan from the fund.

The program committee was congratulated on its fine programs it has provided this year and also the membership committee on its successful drive. The membership was also thanked for its cooperation in donating refreshments for the meetings.

Joseph K. Carson Dies in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown left today (Thursday) for Portland, called by the death of their brother-in-law, Joseph K. Carson, former mayor of Portland, who passed away Wednesday night.

Mrs. Carson is the former Myrtle Craddock and was raised in Morrow county.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson of Post Falls, Idaho.

HEY THERE-- Only 3 Shopping Days Left!



Hope you have a Merry Christmas

Scouts Plan District Court of Honor

Officials of the Covered Wagon district, Boy Scouts of America, met at the Condon grade school on Tuesday night, December 12, and made preparations for a district court of honor to be held at the Condon grade school on January 8. Boy Scouts from Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Arlington, Condon, Fossil and Kinzua will be eligible to receive awards of Second Class and higher together with merit badges. The Condon group will host a coffee hour for the parents and friends who attend.

The district chairman, Allen Nistad, presided at the meeting and he introduced Claire Storey, the new district scout executive. Storey presented a recent film prepared by the Boy Scouts entitled "They Also Serve". A roundtable discussion followed the movie. Clarence Potter was appointed to the advisory committee, Norman Donart to camping and activities committee and Clarence Henry to organization and extension committee.

Leaders attending the meeting were Rollo Loomis and Robert Abrams from Fossil; Archie Guber, Tom Blessington and Clarence Potter from Condon; Jim Angell from Heppner; Buster Vincent from Lexington; C. M. Christenson, Joe Wenzel and Ralph Henry from Arlington; Norman Donart and Allen Nistad from Kinzua and Claire Storey from Hermiston.

Rhea Creek Grange To Have Christmas Party

The Rhea Creek grange will hold its Christmas party on Saturday, December 22 beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p. m., followed by a program and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson were in Everett, Washington over the weekend. They returned Monday accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and granddaughter, Luanne, who will remain here until after the Christmas holidays.

Two Days of Free Parking Christmas Gift From City

Heppner's mayor W. C. Rosewall and members of the city council will say Merry Christmas to all Heppner shoppers this weekend and the first of next by extending free parking privileges to everyone Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 it was announced this week by Mrs. Lester Boulden, Sunday school superintendent.

The mayor announced that all downtown parking meters will be hooded during the two days prior to Christmas and extended an invitation to all residents of the county and outsiders to park free while doing last minute shopping at local stores.

Week's Weather Fare Is Warm and Dry

Heppner and most of Morrow county has basked in almost spring-like weather during the past week with the temperature up into the 60's on several days and the only sign of frost coming early Wednesday morning in Heppner.

It was partly cloudy much of the time but measurable rain fell on only three occasions during the past seven days according to Leonard Gilliam, local weather recorder, and that didn't amount to much. On two occasions, Dec. 13 and 14, .01 of an inch of rain fell and Tuesday, Dec. 18, .04 was recorded to bring the week's precipitation to just .06 inch. The total for December is only .41 inch, all of it in rain.

Sunday Schools Plan Christmas Pageant

The public is invited to a Christmas Eve Christmas pageant to be presented at 7:30 p. m. at the Seventh Day Adventist church by the Sunday Schools of Valby and Hope Lutheran churches.

The pageant, entitled "The Christmas Message", was written by the Sunday school staff and includes the great part of the Old Testament Prophets played in laying the foundation for the birth of Christ celebrated on Christmas Day. The custom of going to church on Christmas Eve and returning home afterward to open Christmas presents still prevails among many homes in the nation today and is traced back through the Scandinavian and European countries.

Truck-Car Wreck At Boardman Wednesday Tangles Traffic

A big Consolidated tractor-truck and two trailers and a late model car tangled Wednesday evening at the east end of the Boardman service road entrance to highway 30 causing considerable damage to both vehicles but no injuries. Traffic was delayed for some time.

According to a statement by the truck driver Tom Lovett, the car which was driven by Miles Sarsfield of Spokane, pulled on to the main highway from the service road and struck the side of the truck throwing it out of control. It continued down the highway for some distance before going into the ditch and the trailers jacking on the roadway. The truck was bound for Crescent, Ore., with a load of aluminum pallets.

The car was badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson and Janet were weekend guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. Robert Thompson.

FREE SHOW DUE FOR COUNTY KIDS AT STAR THEATER SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Morrow county youngsters will be treated to an afternoon's entertainment and treats Saturday when the Star Theater will put on its 23rd annual Free Christmas show for the kids. Elaine George, theater owner has announced. All children will also be treated to free candy provided by the Heppner Elks lodge.

The show is titled a "free Tom and Jerry Party for the Kids" but parents have no need to worry that their offspring will be getting some bad ideas if they attend—the name comes from a Tom and Jerry cartoon film that will keep the youngsters amused for the afternoon. The show will start at 1:30

Bradley Fancher To Resign as DA; Plans Move to Bend

Bradley D. Fancher, Morrow county district attorney since 1949 and a member of the law firm of Mahoney and Fancher, has announced that he will retire from the firm shortly after the first of the year. He plans to move to Bend where he will go into private business. He became associated with P. W. Mahoney in 1953.

Mahoney announced that Robert Abrams, Fossil lawyer and Wheeler county district attorney, has accepted a position with him and will move his family to Heppner about January 15. Abrams recently resigned his district attorney post in a letter to Governor Elmo Smith.

Fancher has not resigned as district attorney, but expects to do so within a short time.

Farm Bureau Sets Membership Drive

A special organizational meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau was held Monday night at the Gene Cutsforth home and plans were made for the annual membership drive which will open January 14.

Named team captains for the drive were Herman Blettell, David Baker, Bill Barratt, John Wightman, Irvin Rauch and Gene Cutsforth. On January 7 the captains will attend a meeting in Bend and on the 9th will meet here to receive their assignments.

A kickoff breakfast is set for the morning of January 14 at the Donald Heilker resident near Ione.

Soroptimists Pack Christmas Boxes At Annual Party

The annual Christmas party of the Soroptimist club was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Leta Humphreys.

The rooms were beautiful with snowflakes and Yule decorations and a surprise handkerchief shower was held for Mrs. Harold Sanders, who is leaving soon for California and Arizona.

During the evening club members packed boxes to be distributed to the elderly men without families and also a box of homemade candy and cookies which will be sent to the Veteran's hospital in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Oliver Creswick and Mrs. Robert Dobbs were initiated as new members into the club and at the close of the evening birthday cake was served in honor of Mrs. E. E. Gonty, Mrs. Frank Hamlin and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell.

County Livestock Growers Set Annual Meeting Jan. 11-12

Preliminary plans were announced this week by the executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association for its annual meeting to be held in Heppner Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12. Arrangements were made early this week at a meeting of the executive committee.

An interesting two-day program is planned with business meetings and committee reports scheduled for Friday and Saturday morning. A social hour sponsored by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland is set for Saturday evening to be followed by the annual banquet that night. All the business sessions and the social hour will be held at the Elks lodge with the banquet to be served at the fair pavilion.

Several well-known outside speakers are being arranged for and a complete program will be announced later, it was said. Taxation and other important matters will be discussed by the speakers and in committee meetings.

Officers of the county association include John Graves of Hardman, president and Bill Barratt, Heppner, vice president.

All meetings will be open to the public.

Many Students Home For the Holidays

Home for the Christmas holidays from colleges around the state are the following students: University of Oregon: Sally Cohn, Lance Tibbles and Wayne Soward; Portland State: Lowell Turner; Eastern Oregon College, La Grande: Jean Marie Graham and guest Millie Kawagoucha of Hawaii, Mary Ruth Green and guest Monte Carnes, Steven Green, Al Parent, Nancy Anderson, Connie Newman and Mike Monahan; Oregon State College: Adelia Anderson, Jim Hayes, Darrell Blake, and David Cox; University of Portland: Jack Monagle, James Monahan and Larry Lindsay; Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls, Bob Stevens.

Early News and Ad Copy Requested During Coming Weeks

Early news and advertising copy during the next two weeks is asked by the Gazette Times because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays which break into the normal publication weeks.

Correspondents and others with news items or advertising copy are asked to get it to the office on Mondays during the next two weeks if possible to give time to get it prepared for the papers. Copy not received until Wednesday or Thursday may of necessity be held over until the following week because of lack of time to get it set into type.

PFEIFFER NAMED TO CEMETERY BOARD

John Pfeiffer was elected to a three-year term as a director of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district at a special election held recently. He replaces Harold Becket who did not seek reelection.

Other directors are Paul Jones and Elaine George.

Mrs. Grace M. Eager, Portland, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mankin.