

Christmas Buying Spurred by Mailing Of Savings Checks

Santa Claus will arrive six weeks early for 20,000 Oregon residents this week when First National Bank of Portland completes mailing of Christmas Club checks totalling \$1,500,000 to members throughout the state.

Each club member will receive a check for the amount saved during the past year, plus interest, in time to complete their holiday shopping before the real rush begins, C. B. Stephenson, First National president said. The Christmas club money is saved through the club's systematic weekly deposit program.

More than a billion dollars will be distributed nationally during November to approximately 15,000,000 Christmas Club members in 7000 institutions around the nation.

In Heppner slightly over 150 checks have been mailed out to local club members which added about \$10,000 to Morrow county Christmas sales potential.

Justice and Municipal Courts

Audie Joe Privett, no muffler, \$10 fine.

James William Talbot, failure to tag an elk, \$25 fine.

Richard E. Ruhl, violation of basic rule, 225 fine.

License Suspensions

Drivers license suspensions listed by the state department of motor vehicles:

Richard Ivan Applegate, Heppner, 90 days, following conviction of traffic violations.

EARN FOOTBALL LETTER

Among the 28 members of the Oregon College of Education grid team members to earn letters for this year was Jerry Flug, Heppner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flug.

Mrs. Peg Pearce, Bend, a former resident of Heppner, was visiting relatives and friends here early this week.

Mrs. James Valentine Heads Women Golfers

The women of the Willow Creek Country Club held a sack lunch and business meeting at the Elks lounge Monday noon.

New officers elected were president, Mrs. James Valentine; vice president, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle.

It was decided to dispense with the organized ladies day until warmer weather in the spring.

Awards were given and Bill Walton, pro at the Pendleton Country Club, spoke to the group, answered questions and discussed golf rules.

County Receives Big Tax Payments

Pacific Telephone November 15, paid its 1957-58 property taxes in Morrow county.

Manager D. A. Short said a check for \$17,126.05, the net amount after the discount for prompt payment, has been mailed to Sheriff and tax collector C. J. D. Bauman.

The telephone company's Morrow county tax bill this year was \$212.23 more than in 1956-57—an increase of about 1 percent.

Throughout the state Pacific Telephone paid property taxes totaling \$4,552,975.90. The figure was up \$613,504.79 or about 15 percent higher than the previous year.

Mr. Short pointed out that although the property tax is paid by the company, it is telephone customers who actually foot the bill.

Their monthly bill payments are the company's only source of revenue to meet its operating expenses, including taxes, he said.

The largest single tax payment to be received by the tax collector's office was received last week from the Union Pacific railroad. It amounted to \$70,338.69.

Union Pacific has been the county's largest taxpayer for many years.

Position Accepted At Bank of EO

Marion C. Green has accepted a position with the Bank of Eastern Oregon and will take over duties as teller at the commercial window on Dec. 1. Gene Pierce, bank manager announced this week.

Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Corneil Green of Heppner, a graduate of Heppner high school and attended Oregon State college for one year. He was formerly with Empire Machinery Co. for five years and has been in the insurance business for himself for the past year. He and his wife Gwyneth have two small sons, Gregory and Howard.

Local Servicemen Home On Leave

Servicemen arriving in Heppner during the past week include Private Conrad Lesser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson, who has 21 days leave from his Marine base at Subic, Philippine Islands.

AA Charles Bevan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bevan, who is in the U. S. Navy, and has been at Norman, Oklahoma, has two weeks leave.

HSAA Jesse Smallwood, son of Mrs. Leona Smallwood, also with the Navy has been here for 10 days from Corpus Christi, Tex.

Pvt. Ronald Reid, son of Mrs. Ruth Reid, is on convalescent leave from the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Ford Ord, Calif.

HOSPITAL NEWS

NEW ARRIVALS—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson, Fossil, a 7 lb 4 oz boy born Nov. 16, named Douglas Arthur. To Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup, Heppner, a 7 lb 13 1/2 oz girl born Nov. 20.

Patients—Olive Ingelman, Ione; Gail Enright, Monument, dismissed; Clarence Faurner, Portland, dismissed; Allen McNabb, Fossil, dismissed; Rose Hansen Goude, Condon, dismissed; Cecelia Robinson, Heppner, dismissed; Jean Rugg, Hardman, dismissed; Beverly Blake, Heppner, dismissed; Clyde Bailey Heppner (deceased); Nancy Ann Love, Condon, dismissed; Fred Tibbits, Heppner, (deceased); May Belle Davis, Fossil; Elsie Petersen, Ione (deceased); Mary L. Tipple, Fossil. Cora Wilson, Heppner, dismissed; Marion Olson, Heppner; Helen Boyles, Fossil, dismissed; Patrick Mollahan, Heppner; Jon Blake, Heppner, dismissed; Judy Ann McNeill, Kinzua; Mary Ellen Gates, Fossil; Ina Nichols, Lexington; Jean Mallory, Heppner, dismissed; George Smith, Kinzua.

AWARDS GIVEN

At a recent meeting of the Umatilla Sage Riders, trophies, buckles, and ribbon awards were presented by Altha Kirk, point tabulator, to the members earning the highest number of points during the past season.

Evelyn Broun won the buckle for the women's division with Altha Kirk receiving second place ribbon. Michael Broun won the buckle in the 12 and under class and also received one of the junior trophies.

MYF PLANS CANDY SALE

The Methodist Youth Fellowship made plans at its Sunday evening meeting for a candy sale to be held Saturday, Nov. 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Methodist women's tea and bazaar. All members are urged to bring homemade candy for the sale.

THREE DIVORCES GRANTED

Judge William W. Wells Monday granted divorces to Shirley Hein from Grant Hein; Katherine Robinson from Robert Robinson; and Juanita Moore from James Moore, granted custody of one child and support.

RADIO CLASS MEETS

The first meeting of those interested in the study of radio was held Monday night at the home of Stanley Holm at Heppner. Interested persons are invited to attend during coming weeks.

AT CONFERENCE

Sylvia McDaniel, Morrow county treasurer, is in Portland this week attending a convention of county treasurers.

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HUNTING HERE

Five Lebanon men, Ron Cox, Ron Cox Jr., Clifford Moynihan, John Warden and Stan Anderlik, were elk hunting near Heppner this week with Delbert Piper of Heppner.

Jesse Smallwood, who is in the Navy, is visiting here with his mother, Mrs. Leona Smallwood.

Masons attending a district meeting at Umatilla Tuscan lodge Tuesday evening were Harold Becket, R. B. Rice, Marcel Jones and J. O. Turner. Following a dinner served by members of the Eastern Star, Grand Master of Masons of Oregon, Rev. Kopp of La Grande, was the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart Sr., of Fossil visited Friday with their son, superintendent of schools Joe Stewart Jr. and family.

Hunting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin at their mountain cabin last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ward, Dick Ward and Pat Hanna of Bend.

Oregon Farm Prices Show October Gains, Says OSC Economist

Oregon farm prices rose in October, gaining back the ground lost in September, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

As a result, farm prices in the state are now at the same level as in August—about one percent higher than a year ago—Mrs. Horrell said. In contrast to the local situation, national farm prices turned downward.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and Luann and Shannon left the end of last week for their home in Everett, Wash. after a visit of two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson left today (Thursday) for a few days in Portland.

Reviewing reports from the U. S. department of agriculture, Mrs. Horrell found that livestock prices held about steady in Oregon, as lower prices on most meat animals and wool offset price gains in dairy products and eggs. Prices received for farm crops in Oregon moved upward and higher prices for grains, potatoes, vegetables, and seeds more than offset lower hay, fruit and nut prices.

On the cost side of the ledger, Oregon farmers paid less for millrun, mixed dairy feed, laying mash, scratch grain and broiler mash. Alfalfa hay cost the state's farmers more last month than in September, but cottonseed meal and soybean meal held about the same. All of these feed costs were lower than in October 1956.

Farm wage rates in Oregon are running higher than a year ago, Mrs. Horrell also reported.

Nationally, farm products felt a tightening of the squeeze as prices dipped lower while costs held about the same. Mostly re-

sponsible for the decline over the nation were lower price tags on most meat animals, oranges, corn and cotton. These were partially offset by higher prices for dairy products and eggs.

Despite the decline, national farm prices are still around three percent above a year earlier, Mrs. Horrell said.

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