

Heppner Stores Still "Feel Like Santa" as More Free Gifts Are Offered

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Monday's 71 Degrees Breaks Another Record For Local Weather

The year of 1957 continued to set various kinds of weather records as last Monday's high temperature of 71 degrees broke a December high record of at least 17 years standing and probably an all-time record here.

Heppner's summer-like 71 degrees on December 9 was apparently unique in the entire northwest as the sun shown brightly during the day, unhampered by any clouds or fog which lay over much of the rest of the northwest. Pendleton's temperature in the middle 60's ranked closest to Heppner's, while many other Columbia Basin temperatures were in the 20's and 30's. The balmy weather was short-lived, however, as the mercury dropped to a low of 26 Monday night—much more in line with normal December weather.

According to weather maps the unusual thermometer reading was caused by a big high pressure to the south which brought warm air up from California and Nevada.

Temperature records at Heppner are available now only as far back as 1940, but Leonard Gilliam, local observer, felt certain that the 71 degrees broke all existing records here for a December day.

Monday's high was the third weather record to go by the boards so far this year—the other two are in the rainfall department. The month of March was the wettest single month in the history of local weather recording when 4.09 inches fell here; and on Tuesday, October 1, 2.05 inches fell to give that day the all-time record for the greatest amount of rain in any one day. The entire year of 1957 stands a chance of setting another all-time rainfall record should any great amount of moisture fall between now and January 1. To date 16.34 inches

has been recorded in Heppner, making 1957 one of the wettest years in history, though not yet a record by more than an inch.

Another indication that ranchers can hopefully look forward to another good crop year in 1958 is shown in the amount of rainfall in the area since September 1, the start of the crop year. To date Heppner has received 5.96 inches since September 1. Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry weather observer, reports a total of 5.15 inches has fallen there in the same period. This compares with only 1.92 inches for the same period in 1956.

The early fall rains have given grains an excellent start, it is reported and few farmers feel there is much danger of any freezing out now, with the possible exception of some barley should the cold weather hit wrong.

Christmas Seals Aid in TB Fight

Experience from previous flu epidemics leads to a warning that the recent prevalence of Asiatic flu can result in reactivation of tuberculosis in previously inactive cases.

The 1957 Christmas seals, showing the faces of Santa Claus and a delighted child reflected in Christmas tree balls, are reminders that the seals pay for a wide program of tuberculosis control.

They pay for health advisory services providing information on TB hospitals and sanatoriums, assisting in arranging for admission, and helping families of TB patients.

They provide counseling to help convalescing TB patients get back to work and to a normal life—estimated to cost an average of \$15,000 per patient.

They finance a year-round program of public education for TB prevention. They help pay for chest X-rays, and they finance medical research against TB. 94% of all Christmas Seal funds remains in Oregon which had 70 deaths from TB in 1956.

Christmas seals need not be returned even though no donation can be made, states Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr., Seal Sale chairman for Morrow county. "Help fight tuberculosis by using the seals on your letters, your Christmas cards, your packages. They remind us all that we must still fight TB and be on guard against it."



60 YEAR MEMBER—J. A. Troedson, right, is receiving congratulations from Lincoln Nash, noble grand of the Heppner Odd Fellows lodge after being presented with a 60 year jewel. Mr. Troedson is a member of the Morgan lodge and an associate member of Willow lodge of Heppner. The presentation was made by Fred Ely of the Morgan lodge.

Wranglers Building New Club Arena; Work Day Slated

Another work day is scheduled for Sunday at the new Wranglers Riding club corral now under construction about one mile west of Heppner on property the club recently purchased, committee heads announced this week.

The new arena is being built on a three-acre plot located about halfway between the Heppner city limits and the Heppner Pine Mill and is rapidly nearing completion. Some fencing remains to be done, it was said, and the group is now putting in bucking, calf and dogging chutes for use of club members. The new arena will be large enough for all club events.

The Wranglers will furnish coffee for all who can join in the Sunday work party.

Christmas Decorations Adorn Local Streets

Downtown Heppner streets took on a festive air early this week as city of Heppner, Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and PP&L crews hung Christmas decorations and lights for the yule season.

Additional illuminated decorations were purchased this year by the chamber of commerce and the green fir bough streamers were prepared by members of the Heppner high school chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Post Office Asks Help in Avoiding Last-Minute Jam

"The time has passed to talk about 'mailing early' for Christmas," postmaster James H. Driscoll said today, "but you can still help us to avoid a tremendous last minute pile-up of Christmas mail if you will send all your gift packages and Christmas cards right now."

The post office at Heppner will be open for business until 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, and during the Christmas season the windows will open every day at 8 a.m. The postmaster asked customers to note the extended hours and make use of them. The public is also requested to refrain from using the telephone to ask such questions as "is the mail all out," "do I have a package," or "is the post office open?"

It is also requested that during the next two weeks at least, that children who cannot open the lock boxes shall not be sent to pick up the mail, as the window clerk does not have the time to tend to such requests. The postmaster said the last request was directed to all youngsters—from 6 to 60.

Rates for unsealed Christmas cards with only a signed name, anywhere in the United States are two cents; sealed Christmas cards can make the same trip for three cents and in addition any sealed card can include a written message. The department also requests that return addresses be used on all mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Cole have returned to Heppner to make their home having been living at Bayview, Idaho on Lake Pend Oreille. Prior to moving into the Worden house on Center street, they have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gilman. Mr. Cole will be employed by the Lexington Implement Company.

BOY SCOUT COUNTY FUND DRIVE UNDER WAY; 21 SALESMEN WORKING

The annual fund drive in Morrow county for the Boy Scouts opened last week with a kick-off luncheon at the Wagon Wheel with La Verne Van Marter Jr., as campaign chairman. There were about 20 persons present.

Van Marter said Wednesday that money had been slow coming in so far in the drive with only about \$200 of the expected \$700 to \$800 reported.

Claire Story, Hermiston scout executive, told the group that "All money collected will support the Blue Mountain council which includes Heppner." A budget of \$77,000 has been set for 1958 to cover eight counties in Oregon and four in Washington. The share for the Covered Wagon district, which includes Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties, is set at about \$3,000.

Story urged the salesmen who are collecting in the drive to ob-

Santa To Make First Visit to Heppner Saturday

As was promised last week, Santa Claus will make his annual pre-Christmas visit to Morrow county youngsters next Saturday and is due to arrive downtown at 1 o'clock loaded with sacks of free candy for all kids who come to talk to him.

The old fellow sent word to members of the chamber of commerce, who are sponsoring his trip here, that he is getting tired of coming to town on fire trucks so arrangements have been made to meet him and bring him in by horse and buggy (or horse-drawn sleigh should there be enough snow to accommodate the vehicle). When advised of his means of transportation, Santa agreed it would be ideal, and said that though he had been delivered by planes, trains and even helicopters, that so far this year no one had met him with a buggy and he was looking forward to the trip.

Santa will spend a half hour or so in front of the Heppner Hotel visiting with his young friends and finding out what they want him to bring them later in the month. He can only spend 30 to 45 minutes here as he has several other appointments later that afternoon, he advised the committee.

Chamber Hears Talk on Changes In Traffic Laws

State patrolman William Labhart Monday at the chamber of commerce luncheon, explained the several new traffic laws which were enacted by the regular 1957 legislature and interpreted how they could affect the individual.

Among the law changes of importance to the general public is the one prohibiting driving a car with parking lights on, and several which had to do with changes in speed laws. Labhart also explained the use of Oregon's basic rule as it related to driving speed and conditions.

Nominations for new board members were held and election of new directors will take place next week.

Lyle W. Cork, 42, Dies Here Monday

Lyle William Cork, 42, of Fossil, died Monday evening at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He was operator of the Arlington-Fossil mail truck.

Mr. Cork was born Aug. 14, 1915 at Caton, S. D. He is survived by four brothers, Owen of Portland, Clayton W. of Salem, Darrell O. of Burns, and Orin E. of Roseburg. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Fair Sweek of Ridgefield, Wash.

Services will be held Friday, Dec. 13 at the Monument church with the Rev. Albert Chan officiating. Interment will be in the Monument cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and daughter of San Jose, California, and Mrs. Tuda Swanson of Ione, were callers last Saturday at the Alfred Troedson home. Mr. Clark and Mr. Troedson are cousins.

Look

HERE'S THIS WEEK'S

LUCKY NUMBER

No. 1130

GOOD ONLY

DECEMBER 12 TO DECEMBER 18

SAVE THIS NUMBER FOR FREE PRIZES!

SEE STORY BELOW

Many Gifts Claimed As Third Week of 'Give-Away' Starts

The third big week of the "We Feel Like Santa Claus" event sponsored by 22 Heppner stores gets underway today with the distribution of this week's Gazette Times and a whole new set of lucky numbers, both on the papers and in the stores.

Each of the 22 stores which are listed elsewhere in today's paper, have put up another fine free gift for the coming week, and all that readers have to do is compare the lucky number in the box on the upper right hand corner of this page with the numbers in the many stores. If the paper number is the same as the number in any store, the prize goes to the holder of the number. This third week's lucky number

will be good from today (Thursday) until next Wednesday evening, Dec. 18. Readers are reminded that no purchase is necessary to win, and that only the lucky numbers on this week's paper are good during this week's "give-away"—numbers on older copies of the Gazette Times are not usable during the present week, and the box containing the lucky number is dated so there will be no confusion.

Readers are also reminded that just because they may have won during one of the previous two week's events, doesn't mean that they can't win again, for every week a new set of lucky numbers is drawn for the stores and it is possible for the same number to be drawn more than once over the four weeks the special event is in progress.

Several of the gifts were claimed during the past week and some of the lucky winners were Mrs. Edith Matthews, Darrell Blake, Mrs. Emma Jones, Nellie Doney, Mrs. C. E. Lynch, and Mrs. Earl Bryant. There may be several other winners who claimed prizes prior to the close of the past week's event last night.

Each store participating in the interesting "numbers" game is displaying a big placard in the store with its own lucky number and persons who do not receive a copy of the Gazette Times may obtain a numbered copy of the paper at the GT office.

Local Stores Plan Night Shopping Hours

Several Heppner stores this week announced plans to remain open until 8:30 for three evenings between now and Christmas, starting Friday, Dec. 13, for the convenience of shoppers.

The stores plan to remain open Friday nights, Dec. 13 and 20 and Monday, Dec. 23.

At least a half-dozen stores have indicated they will be open on the three evenings and several more are expected to join, it was said.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be in Heppner Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the court house between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Pr.
Thurs.	54	33	—
Friday	49	34	.08
Saturday	57	37	.58
Sunday	56	33	—
Monday	62	40	—
Tuesday	71	26	—
Wed.	44	26	—

Rainfall for the week .66; for December .77; for the year, 16.34 inches.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP FIGHT TB

Two Local Men Rate High at Light Horse Judging School

Two Heppner men who attended the recent light horse judging school at Oregon State college placed among the top 10 high scores. They were Wayne Martin, who was third with 353 out of a possible 400 points, and Floyd Jones, who was fourth with a total of 346 points.

In addition Huddy's Smoke, owned by Floyd Jones was among the top horses at the Boise quarter horse show held in the Idaho city Nov. 25. It won first in the reining class, second in the halter class and sixth in the cow cutting class.

New Feed Lot Handling 620 Cattle

With the recent unloading of many truckloads of cattle—620 head to be exact—another promising new enterprise got under way within the last few weeks in Morrow county.

The many whiteface and Angus cattle are now standing around in new, well drained, well planned feeding pens on the Denward Bergevin ranch, a short distance south of Ione, eating up sizeable quantities of grain feed, hay and

wheat chaff and putting on weight so they'll get just right to adorn the dinner plates of northwest residents as top quality T-Bones, rib steaks, roasts and other wanted cuts of good eating beef.

Cattle feeding in this section of Oregon is nothing new, but the system being employed by Bergevin is of interest for he is doing what is known as "finish" feeding of the beef for packing

house trade. The animals are on a dry feed which consists of barley, grown on his own ranch, corn, beet pulp and murea, all of which is produced in the northwest, (some quite close), and is stored in quantity, ground and mixed in Bergevin's own elevator. When the cattle are on full feed, they are given 16 pounds of grain and 4 pounds of alfalfa per day in two feedings and then can eat all the chaff they want from stacks running the length of the pens. The chaff stacks also serve a double purpose as effective windbreaks.

The chaff is providing a vital part of the feeding program, according to Bergevin, and by such feeding he is using a local product which normally is left in the field.

Bergevin has laid out his pens in such a manner that a minimum of work is necessary to care for the cattle. By bulk handling with a truck the grain feed is lumped in the mangers in 15 minutes time for each feeding, and the hay is stored along the edge so that a few minutes time is all that is required to break up sufficient bales for the feeding.

The finish feeding angle is what Bergevin is planning on and it is expected that the cattle he feeds out on the dry feed program will dress out about 62%, high enough to bring a premium price.

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MODERN FEEDING PENS on the Denward Bergevin ranch south of Ione are capable of handling at least 400 head of cattle for finish feeding operations. Feed is dumped by truck into troughs along the center dividing roadway and the stacks of free-feed chaff can be seen on the left. Hay is stacked along the lower edge of the pens, out of the picture to the extreme right. (GT Photo)