



# Many More Gifts Due In "We Feel Like Santa" Game



SANTA ARRIVED IN OLD TIME STYLE Saturday when he made his special visit to Heppner to check up on all his young friends. He is shown here as he drove up in front of a crowd of over 500 youngsters in down town Heppner in this horse drawn buggy with Harold Johnston at the reins. The old buggy is the property of Johnston and Roice Fullerton, and formerly belonged to the father of Mrs. Burton Peck of Lexington. Doing the honors was Queen, Johnston's registered quarter-horse, who was bedecked with bells for the occasion. (GT Photo)



SERIOUS DISCUSSION resulted when Santa picked up this young man to find out if he had been a good boy during the year and what he would like to have for Christmas. Santa found well over 500 youngsters awaiting his arrival and spent nearly an hour passing out sacks of candy and talking with the kids. This young man wasn't quite sure of himself at first, but soon got into the swing and had plenty to say to his favorite bewhiskered gentleman. (GT Photo)

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### Special Postal Service Slated For This Sunday

Heppner postmaster James H. Driscoll announced today that more special opening hours have been authorized for the local post office during the remainder of the Christmas rush period to facilitate rapid handling of holiday mail.

It was previously announced that the Heppner post office would be open all day Saturday, but Driscoll revealed that mail will be received in Heppner on Sunday, Dec. 22 and that the post office will be open from 8 a. m. to noon for all regular business with the exception of the issuance of money orders. Mail will be distributed to boxes Sunday morning and packages may be claimed at the windows but there will be no outgoing mail Sunday evening. Mail which is deposited during Sunday will be processed and sent out at the regular time Monday evening.

Windows will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday, the last two days before Christmas.

**Christmas Business Up**  
Driscoll said that incoming mail during the past two weeks had been about as heavy as in past years and that the biggest pile-up came last Monday because of the normal Sunday holiday when no mail is brought in to Heppner. Monday was also the biggest day in the history of the local office when 9149 outgoing letters were cancelled, not including any bulk mailing or parcel post. Total first class mail cancellations since Dec. 3 (up until Wednesday) were 50,680 pieces, which gives indication that the total Christmas mailing will probably run slightly over last year.

Total receipts so far during the Christmas period have shown a big jump, Driscoll reported, with a gain of almost 35 percent over last year. This business represents all the business done by the post office during that time.

### Christmas Carols On P-TA Program

Men's night at the Heppner P-TA was held Dec. 11 and members enjoyed group singing of Christmas carols. Joe Stewart led the singing with Gordon Pratt accompanying. The program was under the direction of Jack Van Winkle. During the business meeting it was announced that membership dues are now due and Mrs. Marie Clary explained that subscriptions to the National Parent-Teachers magazine and Parents magazine are available to P-TA members at reduced cost for a limited time. Superintendent Joe Stewart spoke on the pressing need for high school science equipment and the Rev. Charles Knox urged mothers of Cub Scouts to help as den mothers.

Mrs. Stockard's and Mrs. Laird's rooms tied for room count and after the program second and fifth grade mothers served refreshments.

### WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Pr.
Thursday	52	29	—
Friday	49	24	—
Saturday	46	25	.03
Sunday	47	30	.04
Monday	39	31	.05
Tuesday	55	33	.16
Wednesday	53	37	.12

Rainfall for the week .40; for December 1.17; for the year, 16.74 inches.

### CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT REHEARSAL

In order that children may be able to attend the movie on Saturday afternoon, the time of the Hope Lutheran Sunday school pageant rehearsal has been moved ahead from 2 p. m. to 12:30 p. m. Saturday afternoon Dec. 21.

### COUNTY YOUNGSTERS INVITED TO THEATER'S FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Mrs. Elaine George, owner of Heppner's Star Theater, will again serve as "mass baby-sitter" Saturday afternoon as she invites all county youngsters to the theater's 24th annual Free Christmas show while their parents finish up last minute shopping chores in town.

The show will start at 2 p. m. and if there is an overflow crowd, the older children will be asked to return for a second showing which will follow the first show. Normal attendance is at least 500 youngsters and plans are being made for at least that many again this year.

In addition to the picture, all youngsters will be treated to free candy which will be provided by the Heppner Elks lodge.

### Driving Care Urged During Holidays by Highway Lifesavers

"Peace on earth . . . good will on the road."

That is the way C.J.D. Bauman, chairman of the Morrow county Highway Lifesavers summed up the most pressing needs for a safe holiday in Oregon.

"Everyone has a moral responsibility to his neighbor to drive safely," Bauman said "A little consideration and common sense can go a long way in preventing traffic accidents."

Bauman pointed out that December is the month when traffic deaths and accidents usually reach their peak in Oregon, according to state officials.

"That's why we must cooperate fully in enlarging the Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents campaign," he said. The attack is being stepped up in December to arouse more people to fight holiday hazards and reduce the traffic toll.

"During this season every driver and walker should dedicate his efforts toward making the season and the year following a safe one. Our goal must be the conversion of the potential dangers inherent in the holiday season into a sound, sensible safety behavior," Bauman said.

"Each of us must accept responsibility not only for his traffic performance, but for supporting official programs necessary to keep a growing volume of traffic moving safely," he said.

Last Christmas, Oregon recorded 192 accidents in which 69 people were injured and five were killed.

These figures, Bauman said, are only for the immediate Christmas period. "If we added all the accidents and deaths that occurred during the busy weeks preceding the actual holiday, the toll Christmas carelessness takes would be even more shocking."

### Lutheran Church to Present Pageant on Christmas Eve

The public is cordially invited to a Christmas Eve pageant to be presented at 7:30 p. m. on December 24 at Hope Lutheran church.

The program was written by the Sunday school staff and is entitled "The Guiding Star". The first scene reviews the role of the prophets Moses, Balaam, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Micah, Zachariah, and Hosea played in foretelling the coming of a Messiah. Scene two continues the narrative of Mary and Joseph as well as the Shepherds and angels surrounding the long awaited birth. The third scene reviews the worshipful attitude of Christians throughout the world as the kindergarten, nursery and primary classes speak their pieces as "Children of Many Nations."

Concluding the pageant the final scene portrays the magi from the East, having followed the guiding star, paying their tribute to the new-born king.

A special feature of the Sunday school program is a welcome spoken by Sunday school members in English, German and Swedish.

The feature film will be "Boys Town", a famous motion picture on the well known Boys' Town, and stars Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney.

### Chamber Elects Six Members to Board of Directors

Six new members were elected to the board of directors of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday at the annual election of the organization.

Chosen for a two-year term were Victor Kreimeyer, John Venard, Keith Imus, Joe H. Stewart and Robert Abrams. Harley Young was elected to a one year term on the board.

Holdover members on the 10-man board are Bruce Lindsay, Newt O'Harra, Jack Loyd and Paul Koenig.

The directors will meet within the next week to name a new president and vice presidents who will take over their offices Jan. 1. The three top positions are chosen from the members of the board of directors. Jack Bailey is current president of the chamber, being assisted by Jack Flug, vice president; Phil Blakney, secretary; and J. R. Huffman, treasurer.

In other business at the Monday meeting, it was reported that the field lighting benefit concert by the Pendleton men's chorus resulted in a net loss of \$15 and Gene Pierce, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, told of plans for the possible establishment of a large size continuing calendar of events which would be kept by the bank. The calendar could be used as a sort of clearing house for all events scheduled in the area and would be open for listings by all churches, organizations and groups.

### Odd Fellows UN Contest Under Way

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest, sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of the United States and Canada, for sophomore and junior students is now under way in the public schools of Umatilla and Morrow counties. This is the ninth consecutive year for the pilgrimage contest which consists of a 1000 word essay, to be judged in each high school by March 10, and a speaking contest for the winners of the essay contest from each high school to be held at Pendleton in the latter part of March.

One student will be chosen from Umatilla-Morrow counties to go on a four week all-expense-free bus tour to the United Nations in New York City. The winner and 15 other students from Oregon will leave Portland July 5 and Spokane Wash. the next day by chartered bus with 20 students from the high schools of Washington and British Columbia and three adult leaders. The bus will travel east across Canada to Quebec and the south to New York, where after visiting the United Nations and seeing the sights of the city for a week, they will travel back to the west coast across the United States visiting the historic shrines of both nations enroute.

Any high school junior or sophomore student interested in the United Nations should contact their school principal for details of the contest.

Jack Sumner, Heppner, a former winner, is district chairman for the contest.

### FIRE DAMAGE SLIGHT

Firemen were called to the home of Mrs. Casha Shaw on Linden way last Friday morning to control a blaze started by an overheated stove. The fire was nearly out by the time firemen arrived and damage was confined to one wall of the kitchen.

HERE'S THIS WEEK'S

## LUCKY NUMBER

No. 1158

GOOD ONLY

DECEMBER 19 to CHRISTMAS EVE

SAVE THIS NUMBER FOR FREE PRIZES!

SEE STORY BELOW

## FINAL WEEK OF 'NUMBERS' GAME OPENS TODAY

The fourth and final week of the popular "numbers" game sponsored by twenty-two of the Heppner stores is under way today with the distribution of this issue of the Gazette Times and a fourth new set of lucky numbers on the papers and in the stores.

All stores this afternoon displayed their new lucky numbers and free gifts which readers can claim if the number appearing in the box at the top of this page corresponds with the number in the store. This week's group of gifts must be claimed before Christmas Eve, the final day of the special "We Feel Like Santa" gift give-away.

For the benefit of those readers who might not be acquainted with the rules of the games, here they are briefly: Each of the 22 stores listed elsewhere in today's paper is displaying a number on a placard in the store which corresponds with the numbers printed on the front page of the Gazette Times. If your paper number is one of the lucky ones in any of the stores, just tear off the front page box containing the number and present it to a clerk and the prize is yours. Only the number on this week's papers are valid—numbers on previous papers are not good, and the box is dated so there will be no confusion. Each reader with a lucky number has from today until Christmas eve to find out if his number wins and claim his gift. No purchase is necessary and so that non-subscribers may have an equal chance to win, additional numbered copies of this week's Gazette Times are available at the GT office for no charge.

Again readers are reminded that just because they may have won gifts in previous week's contests, doesn't mean that they can't win again this week, for a complete new set of lucky numbers is drawn each week for participating stores—the reader has only to match this week's paper number.

### Assembly of God Sets Special Program

"If Christ Were Born in 1957", is the theme of the program to be presented in the Assembly of God Church Sunday evening, at 7:30.

Strictly original and amateurish, it has been prepared under the direction of Fern Graves with colored slides taken by Ray Barnett. Characters and scenery are mostly local. The presentation was planned to be both entertaining and thought provoking. The public is invited to attend this program.

### EARLY PUBLICATION DATES SET BY GT FOR NEXT TWO HOLIDAY WEEKS

The normal publishing schedule of the Gazette Times will be changed considerably for the next two weeks because of the Christmas and New Years holidays and the publishers ask those who have news or advertising for those papers to observe the change in dates.

Next week the Gazette Times Christmas paper will go to press on Monday and be distributed in the local post office that afternoon. The unusually early date is necessary to get advertisers' Christmas messages to readers ahead of the holiday on Wednesday. News and advertising copy must be received at the GT office by Friday evening or Saturday morning at the

with that in any store. Many stores again had their gifts claimed during the past week, but a full list of winners is not available.

The interesting and profitable "give-away" game is being sponsored by the many stores and the chamber of commerce and this week's collection of gifts is offered somewhat as a "Thank You" to the hundreds of persons who have made Heppner stores their Christmas shopping headquarters.

### Four Days of Free Parking Christmas Gift From City

Heppner's mayor W. C. Collins and members of the city council will extend Christmas greetings in the form of four days of free parking to all residents of the area who come to Heppner to do their last minute shopping.

In keeping with the tradition of recent years, all Heppner parking meters will be hooded Friday morning and remain covered until the day after Christmas and no pennies or nickels will be required of those who park downtown to do last minute shopping in local stores.

### Former Sheriff Taken by Death

George W. McDuffee, 80 years of age, died December 14 at a Portland nursing home. Masonic services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2:30 at the Heppner Masonic hall.

Mr. McDuffee was born June 20, 1877 and had lived in Morrow county for many years before moving to Portland in the early 1930's to make his home. He served as deputy Morrow county sheriff under sheriff Marion Evans from 1912 to 1914 and was elected sheriff in 1914 a position he held until 1928. He was a member of the Heppner Masonic lodge.

He is survived by his wife Lilah Jane McDuffee, Portland; three sons, Howard of Anchorage, Alaska; Paul L. of Medford; and Col. Ray W. McDuffee, London, England. He also leaves two daughters, Alva Mason, Hines, Or. and Mary Buhman of Burns. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

### Student Council Plans Projects

During the week of January 27, school children of Heppner will collect good used clothing for orphaned and needy children and adults, in the United States and 33 countries overseas, it was announced today by Len Ray Schwarz, president, high school student council.

The drive, which is part of World Clothing Week, will continue here for five days, January 27 through January 31. Len Ray expressed the hope that every family in Heppner will begin now to gather up all the outgrown and worn, but still serviceable, clothing which accumulates in nearly every household and send it to school during World Clothing Week. All types of infants, children and adult clothing and shoes are needed. Bedding, too, can be put to good use.

Last year, Heppner high was in the top 20 schools in the United States to win awards for collecting clothes for the needy of the world.

Through World Clothing Week, the school children of Heppner, and the entire community, can make a substantial contribution toward alleviating the distress of those less fortunate than themselves.

World Clothing Week is conducted under the auspices of the Christian Children's Fund, Inc. Since 1938, CCF has been active in child welfare work. Today, it provides vital assistance to orphaned and needy children in 250 orphanages in 34 countries. In addition to the United States, CCF operates its programs in Austria, Belgium, Borneo, Brazil, Burma, Chile, Finland, France, Free China, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Lapland, Lebanon, Libya, Macao, Malaya, Mexico, Okinawa, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Syria, Viet Nam, and Western Germany.

In addition to sponsoring the clothing drive, the student council has decided upon the purchase of a public address system of sufficient volume to be adequate for use at football games and other outdoor functions. The system can be operated from both a 12 volt and 110 volt power source. The student council will make the system available for community use free of charge.

### Local Stores Set Evening Hours

Several Heppner stores will remain open evenings between now and Christmas for the accommodation of last minute shoppers. Most have scheduled their extra hours for Friday and Monday evenings and will stay open until 8:30 those nights.

### Planning Group Surveys Needs

The home and community living committee of the town and country planning conference held its first meeting December 10. Mrs. Norman Nelson presiding. The group reviewed accomplishments of the past 10 years and thanked organizations and individuals for contributions toward improvements in recreation facilities.

A few items considered for discussion at future meetings include building materials for homes, crossroad identification, a Morrow county museum, a rodent control program and more picnic facilities along the roadside.

The next meeting of the group will be held January 13 at the courthouse in Heppner. Everyone is welcome to attend all of these meetings.

### Lexington Girl On Honor Roll

WALLA WALLA—The honor roll for the second six weeks of the fall semester at St. Paul's school for girls in Walla Walla, Wash., contained the name of a girl from Lexington, Paula Barak, announced Miss Hedwig Zorb, headmistress.

Paula, who is a sophomore at the college preparatory school which is celebrating its 885th anniversary this year is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barak of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick were in Portland on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tamblin returned Monday from Philadelphia, Pa., where they had spent the past nine weeks visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Joe Frank.