

Your Best Buys Are Right At Home... This Christmas Shop Heppner FIRST!

THE COST GOES UP—

Envelope Parking Tickets to Stop; \$1 Citations Due

Starting January 2, motorists who violate the city's overtime parking ordinance by forgetting to put money in parking meters, will receive a parking "ticket" rather than an orange envelope, which has been in use for nearly three years.

The ticket won't admit the violator to anything, either, except the municipal judge, where its presentation will probably cost the holder \$1.00.

The Heppner city council Monday night ordered the reinstatement of regular overtime parking citations starting the first of the year because too many

motorists have been taking advantage of the present "give-back-a-nickel" program which was instituted nearly three years ago and has been financed by the chamber of commerce and local merchants.

Since the start of the "Give-Back . . ." program in which police put a nickel in a parking meter which had expired and left an orange envelope under the windshield wiper which asked the motorist to repay the nickel and leave the envelope at the nearest business house; the number of motorists who "forgot" to put money in the meter has been gradually increasing. The fund, which local businesses provided for police to use in the meters, has gradually gone broke, it was reported, and only recently another collection was made to keep it in operation. Last week alone police told the council, the outgo was about \$1.50 greater than the income.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman told the council that the envelope program was greatly appreciated by nearly all non-Heppner residents and that most of them appreciated that their overtime parking cost them only five cents instead of \$1.00. He said that there is getting to be a considerable number of consistent violators, mostly Heppner residents, who were "taking advantage" of the program.

The council was told that the city's income from parking meters had been dropping greatly in recent months due to the envelope system, and members pointed out that when the plan was instituted, it would be continued only as long as returns held up and drivers did not take advantage of it.

Anyway, as a final outcome—overtime parking cost in Heppner will go up, starting January 2, from 5 cents to \$1.00 per violation just because too many drivers couldn't "remember" to pay back the nickel that had been put in their meter as a special courtesy.

Reorganization, New Board Set Up for Campfire, Bluebirds

A reorganizational meeting of Heppner Bluebird and Campfire Girls was held here early this week with the help of Miss Jane Baker, Spokane, from the regional headquarters of Campfire Girls, Inc.

The new local organization will be known as Heppner Campfire and Bluebirds Association and the purpose of the reorganization is to give the girls a broader scope by bringing in outside interests. Two-thirds of the membership on the new executive board will be from non-leaders, and one-third from leaders. The board is composed of James J. Farley, William C. Collins, Robert Abrams, Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, Mrs. L. E. Dick and Mrs. Helen Cox.

This week Campfire Girls and Bluebirds are decorating Christmas trees, that were brought in by FFA boys, in a contest. They will be displayed in downtown store windows. On Thursday evening, Dec. 17 they will sing carols on the hospital lawn and in front of Mrs. Harry Duvall's Christmas scene. All Bluebirds and Campfire Girls will take part and then will have a party and refreshments at Hope Lutheran church.

It was announced that the candy sale will be continued next Saturday. The money from the sale will be used to institute a group camping program.

Fourteen Confirmed At Episcopal Church

The Right Rev. Lane W. Barton, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, was in Heppner Wednesday evening to confirm a class of 14 into All Saints' Episcopal church.

Those in the class were Danny McQuarrie, Diane Schaffitz, Chris Burkenbine, Bruce Thomson, Barbara Gribble, Joyce Nolan, Claudia Nolan, Nonda Clark, Steve Anderson, Jeff Turner, Bobby Dobbs, Linda Thompson, Gerald O'Malley and Hillard Brown.

After the service a reception was held in the parish house for Bishop Barton and those confirmed.

Robert Abrams was in Portland Thursday and Friday attending a State District Attorney Association meeting.

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CHRISTMAS PRETTIES GO UP—Columbia Basin Electric crew, aided by City of Heppner employees, Monday started hanging cross-street decorations to give the city a festive Yule look. The bright lights and ornaments are installed each year by the chamber of commerce, and again this year, the members of the Heppner high school chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America spent a hard day tying the green boughs on wires for the streamers. The REA portable "crows nest" shown in this picture, cut installation time measurably. (GT Photo)

Water Resources Meeting Slated

There will be a meeting of the Morrow county water resources committee, and all interested persons Tuesday, December 15 at 2 p. m. at the county agents office, it was announced today by county judge Oscar Peterson.

Though the court itself, presently constitutes the only active water resources committee, many members of the former group are still active and it is hoped they will attend the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for some planning on the county's water resources and future development. Quentin Bowman, field representative for the state water resources board, will be present to aid with the planning.

Farm Bureau Opens Member Drive

The annual Morrow county Farm Bureau membership drive will start next Monday with a breakfast at 7:30 a. m. at Stefani's Fine Food in Ione. N. C. Anderson, county agent, will speak at the kickoff breakfast. This will be followed by a checkup meeting at the Gene Cutsforth ranch on Wednesday.

Heading up the county drive are Don Heliker, Harold Beach, Herman Blettel and Jack Barak who attended the state membership drive meeting held in Bend, Dec. 4.

Grand Jury Returns Three Indictments

The Morrow county grand jury met Monday and returned two true bills and one secret indictment.

The true bills were against Jack Davis, Heppner who was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Later that day he pleaded guilty to the charge in circuit court and judge William W. Wells sentenced him to three years probation.

The other true bill charged John Richard Brodersen with assault with attempt to kill. Ball was set at \$5,000. He is now in custody in Clark county, Washington under a Camas murder charge.

A trial was also held Monday in circuit court with Roy Westenberg plaintiff, versus James Valentine, defendant, and W. A. Wilson, intervenor. The verdict was found in favor of Valentine and Wilson.

REPUBLICANS SLATE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Morrow county Republican Central Committee will be held Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p. m. at the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance office, it was announced today. All interested Republicans are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr. left for Portland Sunday for a few days.

Christmas Tree Permits Needed in National Forest

Persons who wish to obtain a Christmas tree from National Forest lands should call at one of six district ranger offices or the Forest Supervisor's Office of the Umatilla National Forest in Pendleton and secure a Christmas tree permit. This is issued free of charge and entitles a person to cut one tree. Only one tree is allowed per family.

Supervisor Rector said that in cutting the Christmas tree for which the permit is obtained the person should be guided by the following general rules: (1) The tree to be cut must be at least 200 feet from the road right-of-way, (2) The person should not cut a large tree and then take only the top out of that tree for the Christmas tree. (3) If several trees are to be cut they should not all be cut in one spot as the justification for harvesting Christmas trees is to give growing room to the remaining trees. (4) The stump height should be as low as possible, and the tree should be completely severed from the stump so that it will not remain a host for insect infestations. He also wished to caution that the permit, which is issued by the Forest Service, is only applicable to National Forest lands and that much of the lands surrounding the Pendleton area are not National Forest.

The person cutting the tree should make sure of the ownership before he exercises his right to cut his Christmas tree. Supervisor Rector also wished to caution that at this time of year many of the roads where the better Christmas trees are located are snowed in and are very difficult to travel. Persons traveling in this area should be equipped with chains, a shovel and any other equipment necessary to travel these roads.

Most wheat ranchers in the county are hoping that some of the snow will find its way into this area, as extremely dry and cold weather during the entire fall is causing some concern for fall seeded wheat and barley, particularly in the Lexington, Ione and Morgan areas where practically no moisture has fallen for nearly two months.

Memo to Kids—Santa Coming Soon

Youngsters were given a reminder this week to keep Saturday afternoon, December 19 open—there will be a lot going on they'll want to take in.

First of all, Santa has scheduled his first visit to Heppner shortly after noon. Then there will be a free show at the Star theater and plenty of candy will be passed out to all kids.

It's an important date for all young fry.

Van Houte Leaves For National Meet

Morrow county school superintendent, Robert Van Houte, left Wednesday for Washington D. C. for the annual National Education Association conference on federal legislation affecting schools.

This is the second year that Van Houte has served as chairman of the Federal Legislation committee for the Oregon Education Association.

He was accompanied by Ed Elliott, director of field services for the Oregon Education Assn.

John Pfeiffer was reelected to the board of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District at the regular annual election held at the city hall Monday. Elaine S. George is secretary-treasurer of the district and Paul Jones the third member of the board.

DOCTOR PASSES
Funeral services were held Monday morning in Portland for Dr. Leonard Ross Purkey, it has been learned here. Dr. Purkey practiced in Heppner prior to 1920.

GRANGE GETS SENATORS' AID IN BOMB RANGE RELEASE

Alvin Wagenblast, Morrow county Pomona Grange master, recently received letters from the offices of senators Richard L. Neuberger and Wayne Morse, stating that they are making efforts to aid the county, and the grange, in obtaining the release of the Boardman bombing range for private use.

The Pomona Grange recently adopted a resolution asking that the land be returned to the county, and the county court and other groups have been seeking its release from government ownership.

In Senator Neuberger's letter, he stated that the senate armed services committee and the Navy, which is now using the area, have been advised of local opposition to continued governmental use of the land, and that the senate armed services committee has told the department of the Navy to reconsider use of the range on completion of the John Day dam project.

Neuberger's letter also stated that Congressman Al Ullman has arranged for a hearing on the bombing range question early next year after congress reconvenes.

Senator Morse's letter told the grange that he was aware of local interest in obtaining release of the range for farming and industrial purposes and that just recently he received word from the department of defense which stated, "A review is being made of the status of the bombing range and intended plans of the department of the Navy for use of this facility. You will be further advised."

The county court, the grange and several other groups plan a continued effort to obtain release of the bombing range, feeling that when the John Day dam is completed the area will offer some of the finest industrial sites available in Eastern Oregon.

Freezing Fog Blankets County; Causes 2 Wrecks

Fog and freezing weather held most of Morrow county in its grasp this week and was responsible for at least two accidents in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area. There were no serious injuries in the wrecks.

The fog settled over the area Monday night and froze on highways making travel dangerous. Monday Charlene Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones of Lexington, lost control of her car between Heppner and Lexington. It left the road and overturned causing severe damage but only bruising the driver, who was alone in the car.

Tuesday afternoon a car driven by Russell Dolven of Ione left the key road near the Jordan substation and hit a telephone pole. Again, the car suffered damage but the driver was not hurt.

Heppner was well fogged in Tuesday and much of Wednesday, but conditions down Willow creek from Lexington to Heppner Junction were reported much worse, as were all roads to Hermon and Pendleton. The official high temperature in Heppner Tuesday was 28 degrees, and it was reported colder and foggy toward the Columbia river.

A break in the fog appeared in the offing late Wednesday, and the weather bureau issued a warning that snow could be expected Wednesday night and Thursday in the Willamette Valley and Cascades.

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Grange Installation Set For Sunday

Installation of new officers for Pomona and subordinate granges will be held at the Lexington Grange hall at 2 p. m. Sunday, December 13, it was announced this week. Roy Means, Redmond, state deputy, will be the installing officer.

The Lexington Grange invites grangers to stay for a potluck supper which will follow the installation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones left for Orinda, California to visit his brother, Don Jones and family. A. W. Jones accompanied them and will remain with Don for the holidays.

Museum-Library Nearing Completion; Donations Sought For Fixtures

The Morrow County Museum Commission announced this week that the new library-museum is nearing completion and probably will be finished a month or two ahead of the scheduled date.

Members of the commission, who handled the job of planning and construction, said that the contractors have done an excellent job on the building and feel the city and county will have a beautiful and useful building.

While the original contract was for \$65,000, the building is going to cost considerably more, the commission said, probably

between \$75,000 and \$80,000. There have been many changes made, and Mrs. Harry Duvall, who donated the building, has insisted that only the best materials go into the building to make it beautiful.

However, in addition to the building itself, it is going to cost from \$7,000 to \$10,000 to put in the furnishings and equipment required for the museum and library. Friends of the project are being asked to donate for this purpose only. The commission stated that more than \$3,500 has already been received for the fixtures.

A bronze plaque is to be cast

Conley Lanham Fills Vacant Council Post

Conley Lanham Monday accepted an appointment to the Heppner city council to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Lowell Gribble. Gribble had served on the council since the last general election.

Lanham was sworn in at the Monday night meeting and took a seat on the council. He had previously served one term as Mayor of Heppner about 10 years ago. Gribble, who also has resigned as member of the Morrow county school board, indicated that the press of personal business forced his resignation from both positions.

The council was told that a state highway district engineer has recommended that the highway department construct a foot-bridge on the east side of the Hinton creek bridge on Linden Way in North Heppner. The bridge now has no facilities for foot traffic and nearly all youngsters from the north end of town are forced to use the roadway to get to and from school. The engineer indicated that the foot-bridge would adjoin the highway bridge but would be of a temporary nature inasmuch as long range federal highway plans call for a possible relocation or complete revamping of the present bridge.

Action will have to be taken by the commission, but the engineer indicated he would recommend construction of the bridge.

The council ordered a survey taken to determine the number of street signs required to properly designate all streets in town. If sufficient money can be found in the budget all, or at least a portion of the signs needed, will be ordered in the near future. When the city's renumbering program was instituted last year, it was planned to continue the project and install new street signs. Only about one-half, or less of the city's intersections are now marked.

Building permits totalling \$4,900 were approved for the following: S. D. Wright, alterations and repairs, \$200; James Johnson, remodeling residence, \$3,000; Elva Ruhl, alterations and repair \$700; L. E. Dick, alterations \$1,000.

Civil Defense is Theme of Chamber Of Commerce Talk

In observance of Civil Defense Day, December 7, which was the 18th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the chamber of commerce Monday heard a program on nuclear bombing fallout, and what can be done to protect the public against such fallout.

The talk was given by Oliver Creswick, Heppner Forest Service employee, who recently attended a school on radiological monitoring conducted in Salem.

Creswick explained the power and action of various types of bombs and told how fallout from such a nuclear bombing can affect a wide area. He showed monitoring instruments which are used to detect radio-activity, and explained that the Heppner ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest has been established as a monitoring post and will have the necessary instruments always available here.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, county Civil Defense head, introduced the speaker.

Chamber president Robert Abrams announced the appointment of a three-member nominating committee which will present nominations for positions on the chamber's board of directors at the next meeting. Election will be held December 21.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	56	28	.05
Friday	49	22	—
Saturday	43	20	—
Sunday	41	20	—
Monday	57	29	—
Tuesday	50	23	—
Wednesday	28	23	—

Rainfall for the week .05; for December .05; for the year 10.45 inches.