



**SANTA VISITS**—Well over 500 area youngsters (so many even, that Santa ran out of sacks of candy for them) came to Heppner last Saturday afternoon to shake hands with Santa Claus on his first visit of 1959 and to let him know what they want for Christmas. This youngster is unidentified, but he got a big thrill when Saint Nick picked him up to talk to him. After Santa had a chance to talk to all his friends, 438 of them trooped on up the street to the Star Theater where they were treated to a free show by the chamber of commerce. (GT Photo)

## MORROW AREA EXAMINED BY GROUP OF INDUSTRIALISTS

A group of executives of one of the nation's large defense and science-oriented industries was in Morrow and Umatilla counties last week to look over potential industrial sites. They viewed much of the area by plane and by automobile.

The men were in the state at the invitation of Governor Mark Hatfield who had asked them to come to Oregon to consider locations for a possible industrial expansion during the coming year. They were accompanied by a representative of the Governor's office, members of the state department of planning and development, the U S corps of engineers and others.

The Governor's office refused to name the firm or to identify the type of industry, which is

permitted under the authority of the last legislature when the potential industry requests anonymity.

Following the trip to Eastern Oregon, the group conferred with the Governor.

## Yule Decoration Winners Named

Christmas decorations gleamed brightly through the lowering fog Tuesday evening as judges checked entries in the chamber of commerce Yule decorating contest and named eight winners of cash prizes for excellent artistic arrangements.

Top money winner was Mrs. Ernie Winchester, Main and Church streets who won two first place awards out of the three categories. Her outside residential display and her business window arrangement won for her two \$10 prizes.

Other winners were in the outside residential division, second prize, Gene Pierce home at Gale and Church streets; and third prize to James Norene, Alfalfa street.

First prize for residential window decorating went to the Raymond Williamsons, 585 Gale street; second place was won by the L E Dick youngsters for their stained glass window; and third place to the Arnold Melby home on Union avenue.

Only two awards were given in the business window division, first place going to Lois' Beauty Shop, and second prize to Haskell & Haskett, Inc. on North Main street.

Many more Heppner homes are gayly decorated than were entered in the contest as prior registration was required if they were to compete for prizes.

## Chilly Weather Expected to Stay

Chilling and foggy weather has been the fare during most of the past week in this area, and from what the weatherman says, more of the same is in prospect for the rest of the week.

According to Uncle Sam's weather experts, there doesn't seem to be too much chance that youngsters will have any snow in which to try out new sleds or skis, but any who receive earmuffs or fur lined jackets for Christmas, will probably find them mighty comfortable.

## New Year's Paper To Appear Early

For the second week in a row, the Gazette-Times will publish one day earlier than usual next week to allow complete distribution ahead of the New Year's holiday.

All advertisers and news correspondents are urged to get copy to the paper at least a day ahead of usual deadlines. The paper will be in the mail Wednesday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Bill Turner, Darlene and Ted were in White Swan over the weekend to attend a Christmas party and to visit friends and relatives.

Mr and Mrs Harry Bongers and their son spent Saturday in The Dalles visiting friends.

## WEATHER

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| Thursday | 46 | 27  | —     |
| Friday   | 40 | 25  | .01   |
| Saturday | 46 | 20  | —     |
| Sunday   | 44 | 23  | —     |
| Monday   | 37 | 23  | —     |
| Tuesday  | 33 | 27  | —     |

Rainfall for the week .01, for December .32; for the year 10.72 inches.

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## "Bull Day" Again On Agenda For Livestock Meeting

Again this year a "Bull Day" is planned as a part of the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association to be held in Heppner, January 15 and 16. The Bull Day, which has been so successful during the past two years, will be held on Friday, January 15. Livestock Growers officers said this week.

Arrangements will be much the same as in past years with bulls coming in that morning, and the morning reserved for swapping bulls among the consigners and interested ranchers. For those who wish, an auction sale will be held at 1 p m that day.

Association officials reminded ranchers that there is only three weeks left until the meeting and they are urging stock growers who plan to have some bulls for swapping, to let officers know. Growers can contact Don Robinson, Heppner 6-9761 or word can be left at the county agent's office, but it is hoped that growers who plan to bring bulls will let it be known right away.

The program for the meeting is developing rapidly. It was (Continued on Page 6)

## County to be Asked To Assume Operation Of Lex Airport

The county will be asked to take over operation of the Lexington airport, if the court accepts the feeling of a resolution passed Monday by the chamber of commerce.

The chamber approved such a resolution at its Monday meeting after hearing a request for such action by Orville Cutsforth, Lexington, one of the men who originally donated the land on which the airport is located. Cutsforth said that the port was originally established as a public field, but that there is a chance that it could revert to private ownership unless the county takes over its operation. He said the city of Lexington had no objections to such a plan.

Cutsforth told the chamber that the field is returning a small profit, and should continue to do so, but that his interest in the change was to assure its continued operation as a public airport.

Miss Susan Newell of Wiesbaden, Germany is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs W W Weatherford this week. Miss Newell is attending the University of Oregon this year.

Mr and Mrs Ray Ayers and family were in Portland and Salem on Sunday.

## Schmidt to Head Chamber for 1960

Elmer Schmidt, Union Pacific agent at Heppner, Wednesday was named new president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. He will take over his new duties early in January and will replace Robert Abrams, who has headed the organization for most of 1959.

Other officers named by the board of directors are Mike Whitesmith, J C Penney manager, first vice president; and John Hartman, Heppner Elks manager, second vice president. The officers also reappointed Gene Pierce, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, secretary; and Don Pyle, assistant manager of the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank of Oregon, treasurer.

The top officials were named by the board of directors who were elected Monday by the membership of the chamber. The five new directors chosen for a two year term are O W Cutsforth, county judge Oscar Peterson, Mike Whitesmith, James J Farley and R G McMurtry. The five holdover directors who still have a year to serve are John

Hartman, Rod Murray, Al Mattoon, Elmer Schmidt and Robert Penland.

All new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

## Former Heppner Woman Taken by Death at Boise

Funeral services were held in Boise, Idaho last week for Mrs. Ethel Booher, 60 who died recently in a Boise hospital.

Mrs. Booher was born March 11, 1899 at Eight Mile. She was married to Gerald A Booher at Vancouver, Wash Sept 21, 1918. They lived at Heppner and Hardman before moving to Twin Falls, Idaho in 1934.

From 1934 to 1941 they lived at Las Vegas, then moved to Boise. She had been in poor health for about two years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Earl Saling of Pasco, Wash and Marion Saling of Pendleton, and two sisters, Mrs Violet Myers of Pendleton and Mrs Mary Scott of Pasco.

## Strict Traffic Enforcement Due During Holidays

Morrow county sheriff C J D Bauman and Heppner city police under chief Dean Gilman announced today that they will cooperate with state police and Governor Mark Hatfield in an effort to apprehend intoxicated drivers, those without licenses and other violators over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Oregon's rapidly increasing traffic toll, which for 1959 could be the worst in the state's history, brought the directive to state police, county and city police. The governor's message said:

"I have directed state police to establish interception stations at unannounced locations on state highways Christmas eve and New Year's eve in an effort to apprehend drivers without licenses, those who are intoxicated and others in obvious violation. Oregon's tragic death toll requires unusual measures and I urge you to join with me by also establishing rigid local preventative measures for drivers during these two holiday periods. Only by city, county and state law enforcement agencies using their maximum efforts can we accomplish an effective check on the drive-ability of our citizens during these days of heavy holiday traffic."

Though Morrow county has been more fortunate than most other Oregon counties in the number of serious accidents during the past year, local law enforcement officials said they planned extra patrols during the two evenings in cooperation with the governor's request, and in an effort to prevent any accidents.

## J R "Rosy" Huffman Dies Wednesday

J R "Rosy" Huffman, Heppner manager of Pacific Power and Light Company, died at 2 p m today at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Services will be announced.

## Post Office Xmas Business Gains

Christmas season cancellations and total volume for the first 18 days of December at the Heppner post office is up over the same period of 1958, postmaster James Driscoll revealed this week. The gain is not great, but it is in keeping with the trend at the local post office over the past 10 or more years.

Through December 18, 59,258 pieces of first class mail had been cancelled here. Last year the figure was 57,154. Stamp sales for the same period amounted to \$3,118.95 this year, compared with \$2,972.75 last year.

The post office also did a heavy business during the early part of this week, but Driscoll said that very little difficulty was experienced in keeping "on top" of this year's annual rush period. He gave much credit for this to regular arrival of mail trains and the lack of bad weather and icy roads during the past three weeks, which frequently slows up mail delivery from Arlington to Heppner.

Driscoll said he also expects the year's total business to show a small gain over 1958.

## Vet's Property Taxes Here Over Average

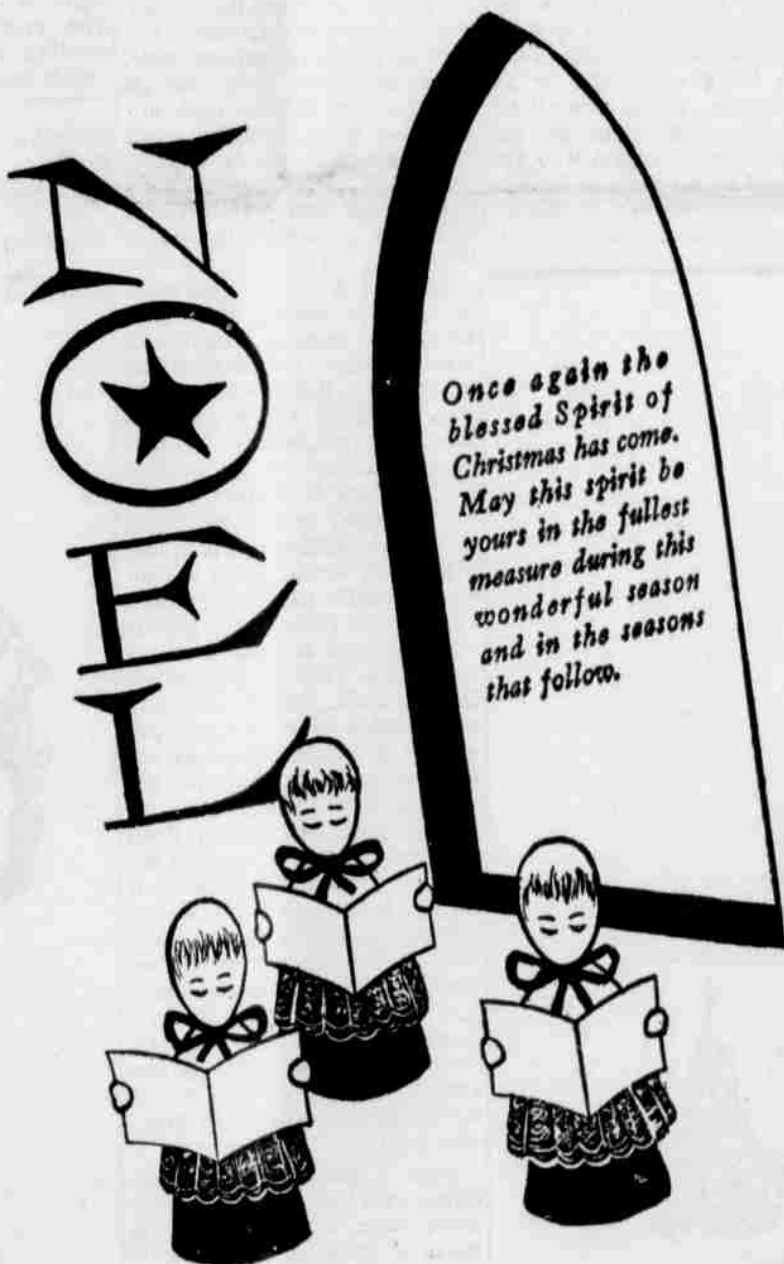
The average ex-GI with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of nearly \$194 last year, as compared to \$168 last year and \$145 in 1957.

This figure was reported by Roy V Bell, auditor for the state Department of Veterans' Affairs, which paid the 1959-60 taxes last month on the properties of 14,915 World War II and Korean veterans who have state loans. The total amount paid in taxes was \$3,626,343.

In Morrow county, the tax on 39 properties amounted to \$8,515.61. The average tax here was \$218, compared to the statewide average of \$194.

The borrower pays his taxes monthly to the state veteran's department along with his loan repayment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it before November 15 to earn the veteran a 3 percent discount. The discount this year saved the veterans \$112,125.

Mr and Mrs Bill Glennie and children of Pendleton were Saturday night guests at the Jerry Daggett home.



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