

# Merchants to Offer Many Prizes in Christmas Opening Contest November 25

Some 30 fine merchandise prizes, totaling about \$300 in retail value, will be offered by Heppner merchants in their window guessing contest which will be a feature of Christmas Opening here Saturday, November 25, a check this week among stores revealed.

The contest—in reality a game that young and old both will enjoy—will be one of the main attractions of the festive day, Christmas lights and decorations will be in place, Christmas merchandise will be on display throughout the city, and additional prizes will be offered through the regular Lucky Buck event that also falls on that day.

Each of the stores participating in the window contest will set up a display of merchandise. A contestant need only to obtain a slip in the store and fill in his guess on the retail value of the merchandise in the display. The one who comes the closest to actual value, as figured by the merchant, wins that store's prize.

The contest will be open from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. on Saturday. Each person—man, woman or child—is invited to submit a guess at each of the stores. Thus he will have a chance to win the prize at each store.

There is no obligation and no gimmicks attached, Pete McMurry, merchants committee chairman for the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, points out. The stores are anxious for the public to see the stocks of merchandise that they have for the holiday season and take this method of calling attention to it.

Some stores, however, will have special bargains for the day for those who wish to take advantage of them. Among the business firms already signed to participate are Phil's Pharmacy, Case Furniture Co., C. A. Ruggles Insurance, Western Auto, Wilson's Men's Wear, J. C. Penney Co., Gony's, Humphreys' Rexall Drug, M. Ladies Apparel, Elma's Apparel, Peterson's Jewelers, Heppner Hardware and Electric, Heppner Variety, Lott's Electric, Ron's Flowers, Tri-County Equipment Co., and L. E. Dick.

Others will be added to the list prior to next week, but it was not possible for the committee to contact all merchants prior to the deadline this week. At a special breakfast meeting of merchants Wednesday considerable enthusiasm was expressed for the plan, and the group agreed to extend a wholehearted invitation to all within driving distance of Heppner to come for the day and join the fun. The only ones who may not compete in the contest are merchants and their wives. However, their children may take part and their employees may submit guesses in stores other than those in which they are employed.

## School Board Acts On Many Matters

Directors of school district R-1 covered a wide range of business at their regular November meeting in the courthouse Monday night, starting with an "executive" session (closed) on a disciplinary problem and ending with another "executive" session to consider contracts of administrative personnel.

In between was a busy meeting that covered many matters. The closed session at the start of the meeting was devoted to talking with parents of four youngsters, and the children themselves, in regard to the vandalism done Friday night at the school gymnasium. This is covered in another story in this paper.

The concluding session at the end of the meeting was devoted to hearing those who wished to appear before the board, one at a time, to discuss the matter of administrative contracts. At the open session, Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Mrs. Andy Van Scholack and Mrs. Ray Massey represented the Heppner Parent-Teacher association with Mrs. Anderson as spokesman. She reported to the board that the PTA had voted to back the school board in any effort made towards finishing the second unit at the new school building here (Unit-A). Mrs. Anderson said that petitions are now being circulated for voters to sign, calling for completion of this building as a high school.

These citizen members will serve with the school board to compromise the 14-member committee. Tentative schedule calls for a preliminary meeting of the committee November 29, first regular meeting December 18, second regular meeting January 21, and additional dates to be set at the January meeting.

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Mrs. Helen Currin, teacher in Heppner elementary school, asked to be released from her contract as of December 4, and this was granted by the board. Mrs. Helen Western was offered a contract to fill the forthcoming vacancy.

Five members of the board and Supt. Van Houte said that they planned to attend State School Board Association conference in Eugene Thursday and Friday. Directors included are Chairman D. O. Nelson, Fred Martin, L. E. Dick, Harvey Warner, and Dick Wilkinson.

Robert Van Houte, county school administrator, gave a summary of building progress. He said that payment of \$10,000 to the contractor of Unit-A is being withheld until floor tile is re-laid. This part of the work at the school was found to be unsatisfactory by the board, and the work of re-doing the floor is expected to be done during Christmas vacation.

The community will join together for a special Thanksgiving Day observance next Thursday morning on the Courthouse lawn at 10:00 a. m. The special combined service is planned under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Association, according to Father Bruce Spencer, Episcopal minister, and is hoped that families of all faiths will attend.

The program will feature an old-fashioned community hymn sing, accompanied by the Heppner High school band, and a special Thanksgiving sermonette by the Rev. Kenneth Roberts, pastor of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches. Other ministers will also take part in the program.

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After the program, an "apple catch" of Oregon grown delicious apples will be staged for the children, according to Father Spencer.

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Members of the board discussed a joint meeting with the Umatilla county school board on November 27 to hear of the proposed community college. The dinner meeting will be at Sta. 1.

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## Ullman to Talk, Hunt on Visit

Al Ullman will be in Heppner for a dinner meeting Friday, November 24, and on Saturday, November 25, will go elk hunting with Orville Cutsforth. Al Lamb, county Democratic chairman, states. The dinner will be held at the American Legion hall beginning at 7:00 p. m.

## Peace Corps Test Slated Locally

Postmaster James Driscoll announced today that the entrance test for the Peace Corps will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28 and 29.

Ullman, who has just returned from a tour of duty with his Navy Reserve Unit in Berlin, will give a first-hand question and answer period will be held and persons attending will have an opportunity to meet their Congressman in an informal way following the meeting.

Information showing the place and time for the examination will be posted on the bulletin board of the post office soon.

E. D. Spencer, state chairman of the Democratic party, Salem, is also expected to be present as well as Frank Weatherford, state representative from the 22nd district.

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# Cards Down Bears, 20-12; Enter Semi-Finals

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**GARNETT BARRATT**, former county judge who expects to leave soon for Arizona, was honored at the meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday with presentation of a Keep Oregon Green plaque.

## Keep Oregon Green Honors Barratt At Chamber Meet

A plaque for recognition of "outstanding achievement" was presented Garnett Barratt, former Morrow county judge, by Gene Pierce at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. Citation accompanying the plaque was signed by Governor Hatfield. It was awarded for 12 years as county chairman of the Keep Oregon Green association. Pierce is the new county head of KOG.

## Misners Called East For TV Appearance

We've got a secret! The panel on Garry Moore's TV show, "I've Got A Secret," will be confronted with guessing the identity of two of Heppner's favorite newlyweds when the show is televised Monday evening.

## WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, Observer)

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Thursday	63	37	—
Friday	59	36	—
Saturday	54	26	—
Sunday	51	25	—
Monday	57	37	—
Tuesday	54	16	—
Wednesday	38	12	—

## PTA Backs School Building Program

Heppner Parent-Teacher association went on record at its meeting November 8 favoring the complete construction of the new high school plant at Heppner "as soon as possible." A motion that a committee be appointed to meet with the school board recommending a vote to provide funds to complete the buildings was passed at PTA.

## Columbia Basin Annual Meeting Due on Saturday

Annual meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., will begin with registration at 10:30 a. m. Saturday at the Morrow county fair pavilion, Heppner, and will extend through an afternoon program. Harley Young, manager, announces.

Principal speaker of the day will be Harold Cantrell, Waia Walla area manager, Bonneville Power Administration. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 by Ladies of the Rhea Creek Grange.

Election of three directors, each for 3-year terms, is scheduled on the agenda of the business meeting. Those whose terms are expiring include Richard Krebs, Cecil, now vice president of the Co-op; Jack Hynd, Jr., Cecil, presently secretary-treasurer; and Wayne Anderson, Condon.

Holdover directors include Walter Jaeger, Condon, president; Kenneth J. Smouse and Henry Baker, both of Ione; Walter Wright, Hardman; Virgil West, Blalock; and Dick Wilkinson, Heppner.

A motion picture, "Great Land," showing the development of Alaska over a 50-year period, will be shown as entertainment starting at 11 a. m.

After lunch, the Leonig Family will entertain with musical selections before opening the regular meeting at 1 p. m. President Jaeger will present his report after which Secretary-Treasurer Hynd and Manager Young will give their reports.

Door prizes and electrical exhibits, including heating and lighting, will be other features of the annual meeting.

Word came Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner, who climaxed a delayed 65-year romance with their marriage October 19, that they are to fly by plane to New York this week-end, ready to appear on the Monday program. They have been recent guests at the home of his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manekin.

The program is carried on the CBS network, Channel 19 in this area.

Judge Barratt retired from the county court three years ago. He recently sold his business, Barratt Sales Co., to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin. He and Mrs. Barratt will move the end of the month to the new home they have built in Phoenix, Arizona.

Barratt said they plan on spending the winter months in Arizona but are retaining their home here and will spend the summers in Heppner.

Mrs. Erwin's sixth grade class presented a Thanksgiving skit which was well received by the audience. The youngsters were dressed in the mode of the times of the first Thanksgiving 340 years ago. Taking part in the skit were Amanda Smith, narrator, Rosetta Hartle, Kathy Matthews, Dana McGhee, Frances Abrams, Frank Lovgren, Tim Loyd, Larry Richmond, Ricky Gimbel, Christine Munkers and Louella Roark.

Ether Kirmis, county extension agent, was introduced by Mrs. Arnold Meiby, program chairman. Miss Kirmis gave an informative talk on Civil Defense, particularly as it pertains to fallout, and protection from fallout.

The film strip "Rural Civil Defense" was shown and narrated by Miss Kirmis as she passed on to the public the information she received at a two-day meeting on the subject in Pendleton last week.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving theme, pumpkin pie and coffee were served by seventh grade room mothers, Mrs. Donald Turner, Mrs. William Cox, Mrs. Sam Jackson, Mrs. Jim Healy and Mrs. Darrell Harris in the cafeteria after the meeting.

## Early Paper Slated; Deadline Moved Back

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday, the Gazette-Times will be issued on Wednesday of next week and will be distributed in local post office boxes late that afternoon.

This will be the Christmas opening edition of the paper and it will carry details of the window guessing contest and other features of the event, together with merchants' advertising for the opening.

Combination of early publication and a large paper will mean that full cooperation of the public is needed in submitting news and advertising copy as early as possible. The staff will appreciate this consideration so that it can get the week's job done and enjoy the holiday, too.

## Family Of Naval Chief A. Schunk Makes Home Here

The family of Albert George Schunk, Jr., killed October 24 in an airplane accident in Japan, is now making its home in Heppner with Chief Schunk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schunk, Sr. The family came to Heppner with the parents Saturday after memorial services were held Wednesday, November 8, for Chief Schunk from the Chapel by the Lake in Owego. Burial was in the Willamette National cemetery, Portland.

Chief Schunk was one of six who lost his life when the plane on which he was on duty from the naval base at Atsugi, Japan, crashed into Mt. Daruma on Izu Peninsula when searching for a lost naval plane. He had spent 20 years in service, much of which was in the Pacific theater, and the family was living with him in Japan at the time of the accident.

His wife, Lois, and three sons, Dale, 12; Karl, 10; and Kert, 7, will make their home here until the end of the school year, while the boys are enrolled in school here.

Through World War II and other actions, Chief Schunk had been in heavy combat and once was down at sea for 11 hours before being rescued by Americans. The recent tragedy was attributed to a down draft caused by a typhoon, resulting in the crash, his father said.

The "Skywriter," official publication of the U. S. Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan, carried a message of condolence in its November 6 issue to Capt. James A. Masterson, commanding officer of the station, from Keiichi Sasaki, director of Plans and Foreign Affairs Dept., Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

He wrote, in part, "I do not know exactly how to express my sincere condolences to those men who had sacrificed themselves thousands of miles away from their homes in this unexpected mishap. I can imagine only too well how their parents and dependents are now feeling at the news. Kindly accept my most sincere sympathy for their untimely demise. I heartily desire that there will be no such recurrence."

## Ralph Taylor Takes Job at Moses Lake

Ralph Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Heppner, was accepted a position in electronics with Federal Electric Corporation and will be stationed at Moses Lake in a civilian capacity.

Taylor has been employed by Heppner Auto Parts since April, 1955. He has been secretary of the Heppner Odd Fellows for some time and is active in the Heppner Elks Lodge. He is a graduate of Heppner High school and a native of Heppner. He will leave for his new position Saturday.

## Grain Growers Annual Meeting Slated Monday

Annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers will be at the county fair Pavilion Monday, November 20, according to Paul Jones, president.

Election of two directors for three-year terms and seven associate directors for one-year terms will be held. Terms of Paul Brown and Lewis Halvorson, directors, expire this year.

At a meeting following the annual membership meeting, directors will elect officers of the Grain Growers for the ensuing year.

The organization is a farmer-owned and controlled cooperative. Net earnings in the past eight years were \$1,270,949.88. Al Lamb, manager will present the annual report at the meeting, and the complete financial picture will be given.

Some 300 persons are expected, and the main entree at the dinner, starting at 6:00 p. m., will be barbecued steer, purchased at the county fair. Ladies of the Rhea Creek Grange will serve the dinner.

This year, two steers were purchased, both FFA projects. One will be given as a door prize.

Special guest will be Beverly Davidson, Heppner's entry in the state Soil Conservation speech contest, who won her way to the state finals at Klamath Falls after winning at Heppner, Pendleton and Arlington. She will give her prize-winning speech. Libby Van Scholack and Sandra Harshman, second and third place winners in the local contest, will also be guests.

## School Play Due Friday, Saturday

Members of the cast of "The Death and Life of Larry Benson," Heppner High school drama class play, have been putting in long hours of practice this week in preparation for staging the play Friday and Saturday nights, according to Mrs. Janet Groves, director.

Dress rehearsal was held Wednesday night and will be again Thursday (tonight) in preparation for the opening Friday. A second performance will be Saturday. Curtain time will be 8:00 p. m. each night, in the multipurpose room.

The play is a serious three-act drama taken from a TV production. It concerns the strange circumstances of his arrival home after being reported as missing in war three years before. Startling developments create dramatic and suspenseful situations giving the actors an opportunity to really "live" their parts.

Included in the cast of this first drama presentation of the year are Linda Valentine as Freda Benson, Nat Webb as Sam Benson, John Stratton as The Benson, Linda Van Winkle as Nettie Clark, Cheryl McGhee as Grace Wilkie, Judi Hamilton and Chris Spencer as Mary Ellen, Carol Burkenbine as Susan, Mary Shannon as Mrs. Potter, Bill Cox as Mr. Potter, Beverly Davidson as Mrs. Fitch and Gary Van Blokland as Bud Merkel.

## Instructor's Test Scheduled Monday

A hunter's safety instructor test will be given at the American Legion hall at 8:00 p. m. Monday night, November 20, according to Glen Ward, game agent.

NRA National instructor's cards will be issued to those over 21 years who pass the test. "Whether or not one is interested in instructing, these cards are nice to have," Ward said.

## Hereford At Baker Is Next foe

Ione's crack 8-man football team moved another step towards its second consecutive state championship Saturday when the Cardinals rolled over Mt. Vernon's big Bears, 20 to 12, in a state quarter-final game at John Day.

This put them into the semi-final round, and they travel to Baker Saturday for a game with Hereford, starting at 1:30 p. m. on the Baker high school field. Hereford topped North Powder to earn its semi-final berth, and it has about the same team back as it had last year. Team members and fans of Ione recall that Hereford gave them their toughest battle enroute to the state title last season, and this promises to be another terrific contest.

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