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Fun in Store Here Saturday

There is plenty of fun in store in Heppner Saturday! New feature of Christmas Opening this year is the guessing contest. Where this has been done in other towns it has proved to be a festive event for all ages with excitement and interest for everyone.

Each of the participating stores is offering a prize in the guessing contest, and this adds up to many. In addition, the days offers the regular Lucky Buck prizes, totaling \$55.

Christmas lights will be in place, Christmas decorations will be up, and glamorous Christmas merchandise will be on display. The holiday season begins with Thanksgiving.

Old Santa Claus himself is due to arrive for an early appearance, and this alone assures the success of the day for children.

Most merchants will have a guessing contest on their holiday window displays, but some will vary their contests to have the public guess the number of beans in a jar, the number of toothpicks in a bowl or some similar deviation.

Heppner merchants are laying out the welcome mat for this event. All friends for miles around are invited to come and join the fun. You'll meet your neighbors on the street, and the spirit of goodwill will prevail.

If you have Thanksgiving visitors, bring them along. They will find this real enjoyable entertainment. Everyone who wants to take part can enter at each of the stores and therefore has a chance on each prize. It's all free and there is no obligation.

We hope YOU win a prize!

WHAT OTHER EDITORS ARE SAYING—

Training for Western Living

With western movies, television shows, comics and stories becoming more popular as time moves on, it is about time for some of our institutions of higher learning to introduce some of this western literature and art into the college and university curricula. The opportunities to entertain people and to make money in this field should not be overlooked in the academic zeal to get teenagers to appreciate the literary values of Hamlet and Canterbury Tales. The money values in "Riders of the Chico Trail" and "Rawhide" are worth consideration too.

If millions of people are going to spend a major part of their time and money on western music, stories and pictures, the young college students should be getting expert training in this field so they can go forth and cash in on this bonanza.

We should have university courses available in such subjects as "Introduction to the Quick Draw Technique," "Elementary Principles of Shooting and Dying," "The Art of Slugging," "Fundamentals of Bar-room Brawls," "Introductory Course in How to Find and Impress Western Women," "The Principles of Writing Cowboy Ballads and Laments," "Beginners Course in Nasal Singing and Guitar Strumming," and many similar subjects of equal value. An up-and-coming college should have a department devoted to this field and perhaps should even have a "School of Western Entertainment" similar in prestige to a School of Medicine or a School of Business Administration. Then a youngster who spends most of his hours with his eyes glued on TV westerns and reading western stories in the pulp magazines would be singled out for his special interests and would be encouraged to work toward a degree in this field instead of being reprimanded by his parents.

A lad who would like to become a real man of the west should be able to learn to get a 36 waist into a 32 pair of Levis, how to roll his own cigarettes, how to leap-frog into a saddle from the back end of a horse, how to stroll nonchalantly when enemies are gunning for him, how to toss tables and smash banisters and bars with his fists, how to convert barnmaids and carry off suppressed women, and many other things which are essential in the role of an actor, a writer or a manager of western shows. He also needs to know how to write mournful tunes so that these laments can be sung in appropriate nasal twang to the accompaniment of a steady whanging on the guitar. If the universities were doing their job they would be teaching him these things.

It looks like the westerns are big business and are here to stay. It is time that our educators recognize the fact and took some time away from Latin and Shakespeare to offer technical training in the field where most Americans are spending their time and money.

—From Willowa County Chieftain, Enterprise

Norman Nelson Heads Farm Bureau

Norman Nelson was elected president of the Morrow county Farm Bureau at the meeting Nov. 15 at the Jack Barak home in Lexington. Others elected were Jack Barak, first vice president; Herman Blettell, second vice president; Irvin Rauch, voting delegate; Harold Beach, alternate; and Martha Barak, women's chairman.

State convention this year is Nov. 26-29 at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland. Plans were made for those to attend. No December meeting is slated but will meet again in January.

Municipal and Justice Court

Charles Lindberg Hamilton, driving with suspended license, fined \$100.

Charles Rogers Chapman, 22,000 pound combination overload, fined \$66.

Lloyd Archie Ginger, 1600 pound combination overload, fined \$48.

Ellen Henry Johnson, no operator's license, fined \$5.

John Essberg, trespassing, fined \$25.

Gerald Leon Wagner, violation of basic rule, fined \$25.

Samuel Umiker, possession of game animal in closed season, fined \$25.

Vester Hams, larceny of goods less than \$75, \$40 bail forfeited.

John Clayton Brandenburg, no motor vehicle license, fined \$5.

Richard Dale Olson, using full metal-jacketed ammunition to hunt elk, \$25.

Ralph Wallace Leftt, driving while under influence of intoxicating liquor, fined \$150.

Officers of Lex Grange Seated At Last Meeting

Alvin Wagenblast was elected master of the Lexington grange at the regular meeting Saturday, Nov. 11. Filling out the rest of the slate are Karl Miller, overseer; Frances Smouse, lecturer; Cecil Jones, steward; Ken Smouse, assistant steward; Pearl Devine, chaplain; Jean Nelson, treasurer; Wilbur Steagall, gate keeper; Nora Turner, ceros; Freda Majeske, Pamona; Bertha Hunt, flora; Laura Richards, lady assistant steward; Eva Miller, musician; and Earl Evans, executive committee member for three-year term.

A potluck supper preceded the meeting and program. Chetlyn Smouse played two selections on the piano. Nora Turner gave an interesting Thanksgiving reading, and Lee Wagenblast gave a patriotic reading.

Plans were made for the Christmas program and party at the December meeting. On Dec. 3 at 2:00 p. m. all Morrow county grange members will meet at the Lexington grange hall for installation of grange officers. A potluck supper will conclude the afternoon program.

Claude Victor Butler, possession of more than one elk tag, \$25 fine, suspended on payment of statutory costs.

Robert W. Currin, drunk on the street, \$15 bail forfeited.

John Weems, excessive motor noise, fined \$10.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE QUESTION that some of the folks at Lone brought up earlier in the year when we talked to them is now answered. As they looked back on the fine football team of 1960-61 and noted the top players lost by graduation, they didn't know whether this year's team could go all the way to the state finals or not.

Well, the team has really proved itself with a capital "P," and it has done it the hard way. Do you realize that every tough game the Cardinals have played has been away from home? Usually that is good for quite a few points for the home club.

They met St. Jo at Pendleton in their toughest league contest. In the playoffs, all their games are on the road. They downed Mt. Vernon at John Day, Hereford at Baker, and now have to go to Sisters in the championship game Saturday. Last year the lone squad got to pay at home part of the time.

Every effort was made to get the championship game at home, but the state association said, "No soap."

It is another great year for the Cards, and a wonderful year for Coach Glenn Biehl who is compiling his best season in six years of coaching.

The Cards have a little secret to settle with Sisters, since they were the last to defeat Lone—that in state playoffs two years ago. Since then, the Cardinals have won 18 straight.

We certainly hope that they can make it 19 with the state championship and know they have the stuff to do it.

THIS WEEK we were beginning to believe that annual meetings were a plague for us, but the tide turned Monday night in the cordial atmosphere of the Grain Growers when Momma Sherman won 75 pounds of beef and pork in their door prize drawing.

Just as we were getting ready to go to the Columbia Basin meeting Saturday, the Linotype machine broke down—and this a short week with a big paper. As a result, we arrived late at their dinner. By the time the meeting was over, however, Arnold Raymond and Clark Casto, who has used his mechanical talents to bail us out of trouble before, had the machine going again, and all was fine.

Monday night, just as we were getting ready for the Morrow County Grain Growers meeting, the caster, a vital piece of equipment for an edition such as this Christmas Opening paper, ceased to function. We left for the meeting apprehensive and biting our fingernails, arriving late again.

We didn't have tickets for the drawing, but we sat across from Bert Huff of First National, and he urged us to get them. So after the dinner we contacted Harlan McCurdy and he fixed us up with tickets. I had only been back at the table a few minutes when the drawing started, and Mrs. Sherman's ticket was one of the lucky ones.

We didn't realize what we had won until two men from the Grain Growers came lugging in 75 pounds of prime meat. What a bonanza! We have been claiming eastern Oregon meat to our western Oregon friends and now can really show them first-hand when they drop in! And a big thanks to the Grain Growers!

BERT HUFF must be good medicine for us—and after the unkind thoughts we had about him! As treasurer for the Chamber of Commerce, he conducts the weekly drawing for the "pot," a little door prize put up by the assembled members.

In six months here, we watched others win—some two or three times in a row. Never in that time was the Gazette-Times called.

While Bert was conducting the drawing Monday, I was declaring to someone across the table, "I am going to make Bert file an affidavit that the Gazette-Times name is in the pot."

As I made the statement, I turned and saw all eyes focused on me. They had drawn the name of the Gazette-Times. Whose face was red?

I don't believe in horoscopes, but certainly Monday must have been under some lucky sign. But how the heck do you figure the Linotype and the caster going haywire? Then Tuesday, we thought we were going to lose a motor on the press (Fire Chief Charlie Ruggles will tell you that fires and disasters come in threes).

Dick Zita at Condon proved a good friend again when he allowed us to use his caster Monday night and got us out of trouble on that one, and we sure thank him for it. Herb Stroeber got out of sick bed to come down Tuesday and got the motor going strong again. It's nice to have friends like these.

ED GONTY likes to explore new places, and though he has lived here all his life, he still finds plenty of out of the way roads to run out on Sunday afternoons right here in Morrow county and vicinity.

He asked the Shermans to go along Sunday afternoon with his family, and we struck off towards the "Sands" in their station wagon.

We came upon a stone marker with plaque surrounded by a fenced enclosure, and stopped to investigate. The result was highly interesting to me. This marked the death of Col. Cornelius Gilliam on March 24, 1848.

I have written a good many words about Col. Gilliam, who was a pioneer in organizing schools and county government there. He was among those most prominently mentioned when Dallas had its big Centennial Celebration in 1947.

At the time of the Whitman massacre, Col. Gilliam organized a corps of volunteers to help put down the uprising. After a rather lengthy campaign, he was headed back with his men when a loaded gun, with a ramrod in it, was accidentally discharged. The rod hit him in the head and he died instantly.

Col. Gilliam's story, too long for the telling here, is a real dramatic one. It certainly was an intriguing thing to me to run on to the spot he died. Earle Richardson, editor of the Itemizer-Observer, Dallas, is planning on coming over on a visit soon.

He edited two volumes, "Polk County Pioneer Sketches," which include the life of Col. Gilliam, and no doubt will be keenly interested in visiting the marker and plaque that commemorate the highly respected pioneer.

MYSTERY of the week is, "Who is Joan Palmer?" Her name has been on a good many lips since her letter to the editor last week, giving advice to the merchants. Most merchants have pressed the opinion that her letter, as they put it, was "a good thing."

She will be glad to note that one store is advertising yarn this week (which, ironically, had been ordered prior to her complaint that none was to be found in town). Another merchant has a good-sized display addressed to her.

But no one knows Mrs. Palmer. Consensus is that the writer used a fictitious name. But from the interest aroused, our "Alias Mrs. Palmer" seems to be the woman of the week in Heppner.

PERHAPS THE Leonnig family has appeared at some time on a TV amateur or talent show. If they haven't, it would certainly be fitting and appropriate to have them on some national program. They surely have the musical talent right down the line to the youngest tot.

First time we saw and heard them was at the Grain Growers meeting. Ed Sullivan has had a lot of performers on his program not nearly as good as the Leonnigs.

WHEN MARY Van Blokland, who saw the high school play Friday night, told us that the kids did such a good job on the dramatic parts that it brought tears to one's eyes, we were skeptical. But when we went Friday night, we found that as the plot reached its dramatic climax there were probably few dry eyes in the place—except maybe for



DOROTHEE LOUISE DUNKEL, daughter of Mrs. Hertha S. Dunkel of Longview, Wash., whose engagement to Gerald Eugene Bristow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Bristow of Lone, is announced. A December wedding is planned. (Fifth Avenue Portrait Studio)

Engagement Told Of Dorothee Dunkel To Gerald Bristow

Mrs. Hertha S. Dunkel of Longview, Wash., announces the engagement of her daughter, Dorothee Louise, to Gerald Eugene Bristow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond W. Bristow of Lone.

Miss Dunkel was graduated from Lower Columbia Junior college in Longview, and completed training as a medical technologist at the Children's Orthopedic hospital in Seattle, Wash. She is currently employed at the Bess Kaiser Foundation hospital in Portland.

Mr. Bristow is a graduate of Eastern Oregon College at La Grande, and is now teaching at the Liberty Junior high school in Tillamook.

The couple invites friends to attend their wedding Saturday, December 16, at 8 p. m. in the Emanuel Lutheran church in Longview.

some spectators who have glass ones.

Director Janet Groves has an interesting tradition of having the cast get in a huddle and give a cheer, "Good Luck!" just before the production, just like an athletic team. It's a nice custom, and maybe it has some bearing on the skillful performance.

FOUR BIG books of Christmas cards from which to make your selection at the Gazette-Times, as low as \$2.95 for 25. With or without name imprint. INVENTORY time is coming up. Get your inventory sheets at the Gazette-Times.

TO THE EDITOR . .

To the Editor:
The Three Link club of Lexington wish to thank the owners and staff of the Gazette-Times for the good advertising you gave on our dinner and sale held Sunday, November 5. It was very profitable to us.

The Three Link Club
Mrs. Annie Keene,
Secretary

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