

Santa Claus to Arrive Here Saturday at 1 P.M.

Free Candy Awaits Kids

That most popular rotund and bewhiskered gentleman, Santa Claus, will be in Heppner Saturday afternoon with bags of candy for children who come to greet him at the corner of Willow and Main streets.

He sent word this week from his North Pole residence that he would pay an official visit to Heppner at 1 p. m. and will arrive on a fire truck.

The truck will stop in front of the Heppner hotel, and there each child may step up and greet him, and in return, receive a bag of candy.

His visit here is arranged by the Elks lodge and the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

On the ensuing Saturday, December 16, he will return for another visit and will circulate through the business section to greet those who care to take a moment and chat with him.

Also on that day, a free motion picture will be shown to the children at the Star Theater beginning at 1 p. m. under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

All kids within driving distance of Heppner are invited to attend on each Saturday. Businessmen will form an escort for Santa to keep him from being crushed in the rush.

A large crowd is expected, and all youngsters are advised to come early. This is also Lucky Buck Saturday in town, and so there will be additional attractions for parents and all the folks for parents and all the family.

School Christmas Programs Listed

Christmas activities for schools of south Morrow county have been announced.

At Heppner the fourth, fifth and sixth grade musical program was held Wednesday night. The first, second and third grades will present their program at the school multipurpose room at 1:30 on the afternoon of December 20, under the direction of Mrs. Ola Mae Benson. That night the high school program will be at 8 o'clock in the gym under the direction of Arnold Melby and Mrs. Benson.

The seventh and eighth grade chorus will be directed by Mrs. Benson in Christmas music. The grade school honor band and high school bands will be directed by Arnold Melby. A highlight of the program will be the Halle-lujah Chorus from the Messiah with members of the faculty joining the high school chorus. Other vocal numbers by the chorus will fill out the program.

Lexington grades will present their program at the Lexington grade school auditorium at 8 p. m., December 19.

The Ione program will combine both grade and high school students in skits, choral and band at 8 p. m. on December 21 in the multipurpose room.

50 Lucky Bucks First Prize Due

First prize of \$50 and special prizes on Christmas merchandise will be features of Saturday's Lucky Buck Day.

Names will also be called for second prize of \$10, three prizes of \$5.00 each and five of \$1.00 each when the siren sounds at 2:30 p. m. To collect winnings those whose names are called must be within the business establishment of a participating merchant.

Holiday merchandise is on display throughout the business section of Heppner and early shoppers will find many good buys in specially priced Lucky Buck Specials.

Forest Service Sets Christmas Tree Policy

Those people desiring to secure their own Christmas tree may do so on the Heppner, Ukiah, Dale or Pomeroy districts of the Umatilla National Forest, the U. S. Forest Service announces. The Walla Walla district and Pendleton district do not have areas accessible for tree cutting due to the recent heavy snows.

One tree per family will be permitted. Permits for cutting on national forest land and other information relative to tree cutting may be obtained from the Heppner or Dale offices at Ukiah, district ranger's offices at Ukiah, Heppner or Dale. Persons are cautioned that when transporting trees they must have a permit to show proof of ownership of the tree.



4th Annual Lighting Contest Invites Entries

Prizes totalling \$60 are offered in the fourth annual Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Bill Collins, chairman, announces.

Entries are invited in each of three categories: Outdoor residence lighting with prizes of \$10 first, \$7.50 second and \$5 third; store or business windows, with the same prize list; and residential windows (inside decorations) with prizes of \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50.

Entrants are asked to register at the Gazette-Times office. Last day to enter will be December 18, and a committee of unbiased judges will make the rounds to select prize winners on the evening of Tuesday, December 19.

The contest is sponsored in an effort to encourage residents to decorate for the holiday and beautify the town. Entries are limited to homes or businesses within the city limits. To be eligible for judging the entrant must register.

Prize money for the contest is given by an anonymous donor.

Christmas Tree Up Near City Center

Heppner's community Christmas tree, resplendent in silver sheen, was placed near the Willow and Main intersection Tuesday to bring decorative cheer for the holiday season.

The project was a cooperative effort the tree being obtained by Kinzua Corporation, and Nate McBride gave it a spray coat of silver paint.

Crews of the City of Heppner helped men of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, with their new line truck, put it in place in front of the Heppner Hotel.

Auger of the truck bored a hole some six feet through the main street paving, and a section of pipe was inserted. But of the tree was dropped into the pipe and it was secured with sand tamped around it.

The tree is some 25 feet tall—not the biggest but one of the prettiest. A gallon of silver paint was used to give it the wintry appearance.

Paul Jones Chosen For Cemetery Board

Paul Jones, Heppner, unopposed, was reelected to the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance district board of directors at an election Monday. Jones has served on the board for a number of years.

Other members of the board are John Pfeiffer, Heppner, chairman, and Elaine George, Heppner, secretary-treasurer.

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Jaywalking by adults is a poor example for children who are not as wary of approaching vehicles, the women contended. They asked about the possibility of installing crosswalks in mid-blocks on Main street, one running approximately between Central Market and Case Furniture and another in the vicinity of the post office on the next block up.

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The matter was referred to the police protection committee, with John Pfeiffer as chairman, Conley Lanham and Ed Gonty are other members.

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State Completes Land Purchases Here

Basketball on Tap For Saturday Night

(See pages 7 and 8)
Ione and Heppner High schools have home basketball games scheduled for Saturday night. The Mustangs will meet Sherman county (Moro) here in a jayvee and varsity doubleheader starting at 6:30. The same squads face each other at Moro Friday night.

Ambulance, Fire Fighting Talked At Chamber Meet

Nominated for board of director offices for the coming year Monday at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce were Orville Cutsforth, James Myers, Gene Pierce, Pete McMurry, Gordon Pratt, Harry O'Donnell, and Ed Gonty. Nominations will remain open until next Monday meeting.

Communism Film Set For Sunday Showing

Morrow county residents will have a final opportunity to view the film, "Communism on the Map," Sunday, December 10, at the Star Theater. The showing will begin at 2 p. m. with no admission charge.

It was the showing of this film to U. S. army troops in Germany which, in part, led to the recent dismissal of General Edwin Walker by the State Department, according to Don Turner of the local Farm Bureau. Showing of the film has met with violent opposition from some quarters in this country, he said, despite the fact that it merely tells the story of the communist world conspiracy.

The film is sponsored by the Morrow County Farm Bureau, and the public is cordially invited.

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Mail Rush Starting; Longer Hours Set

Evidence that Christmas season is already in swing is apparent from the flow of Christmas parcels now being received and dispatched at the Heppner post office.

This year should provide a record volume of mail if the amount processed the first few days of December is indicative of final results, Jim Driscoll, postmaster, said.

The Heppner post office and rural stations of Lexington and Hardman will remain open in the afternoons on Saturday, December 16 and 23. It is tentatively planned to extend window service at Heppner from the 5:00 p. m. closing to 6:00 p. m. between December 11 and 22. Final approval of this has not as yet been received but is expected within a few days.

Mail will be received on Sunday, December 17, and patrons are urged to come to the post office on that day to remove mail from the post office boxes to make room for the next day's load.

Christmas cards may be sent for 3c if left unsealed, and if they contain no handwritten or typewritten messages. Messages by hand or typewriter are considered personalized and are therefore subject to the first class letter rate of 4 cents per ounce, sealed or not. The department strongly urges that patrons remember to place their return address on all cards sent at the first class rate in order that they may be returned in the event of non-delivery.

Within the next few days patrons will be furnished with a supply of labels, "Local" and "Out-of-Town." As in the past few years the assistance of mailers is solicited in the separation of their mailings as to local or otherwise. For purposes of separation, Hardman is considered local as well as patrons of route 1 and route 2 served by our star route carriers.

Bazaar at Ione Offers Food, Fun

Combining a carnival of fun and a turkey dinner, organizations of the town of Ione will also offer the public an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts at a festive occasion Sunday.

The occasion is the annual bazaar where all organizations of the community cooperate. Decorated booths of clubs, lodges and other groups will feature novelty gifts, house plants, holiday foods, needlework, decorations, and many pieces of merchandise which make the Yule season complete.

The dinner, prepared and served by women of Willows Grange, will be served from one to five. Prices are \$1.25 for adults, 50c for grade school students and pre-school youngster's meals are free.

Many door prizes are offered to add to the excitement of the occasion.

The bazaar will be at the Willows grange hall, with all members of the public welcome.

Direct Distance Dialing Due in Spring

Pacific Northwest Bell started the second major step last week on the \$750,000 project to bring Direct Distance Dialing to Morrow county towns and a dozen other northeastern Oregon towns by next spring.

Slated to join the DDD network are Pendleton, Arlington, Athena, Echo, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione, Lexington, Milton, Freewater, Stanfield, Umatilla and Weston, all served by PNB, according to Manager, Dale Slusher.

Independent phone companies in Helix, Condon, Fossil and Kinzua will also make DDD available for their customers, Slusher said.

A crew of 12 Western Electric technicians has been moved in to Pendleton to install the dozens of tons of electro-mechanical equipment that will make it possible to dial directly to some 67 million phones in the U.S. and Canada from those communities.

E. J. Luna, Western Electric foreman, said that his men will put some 200 man weeks of work in the new wing of the Pendleton central office building at 237

After separation a label should be placed on top of the bundle, a rubber band slipped around, or string tied, and the bundle can then be handed to the window clerk, or dropped in the special window for letter bundles. Not only is the mail greatly expedited, but considerable man hour savings are effected.

Heppner Ex-Resident Returns to Heppner On Theater Screen

An ex-resident of Heppner will come back to town Friday and Saturday in a different role—on the screen at the Star Theater—as he plays a role in "The Purple Hills," feature picture for the two days.

He is Archie Murchison, who was active in the Wranglers club and other riding groups some six years ago. Thus, "The Purple Hills" is a natural movie for him.

The coming movie includes such stars as Gene Nelson, Kent Taylor and Joanne Barnes. It is a colorful outdoor drama of the west with Floyd Crosby directing the photography. He also did the photo work in the Oscar winner, "High Noon."

Murchison has been doing very well in television and movies, one success being a major role in the "Palladin" TV series.

Murchison was employed prior to leaving Heppner as a salesman for Empire Machinery company, now Tryco Equipment Company. He was the amateur curl-roping champion for 1951 in the Morrow county rodeo, winning one of the prized saddles.

The Murchison family has made its home in recent years in Phoenix, Ariz., from where he has done free lance movie and TV parts for major companies.

"The Purple Hills" premieres November 8 in Phoenix, and attention was brought to the activities of Murchison by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles who noticed the review in the Arizona Republic.

Museum Commission Elects Bob Abrams

Robert Abrams was elected to serve as the new treasurer of the Morrow County Museum Commission at its Monday evening meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Duvall. He will take the place of the late J. O. Turner, who had served in that office since 1959 when work on the building of the library-museum first started.

At the meeting, routine business was transacted and bills were approved for payment.

On the commission are Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mrs. Ted Smith, Orville Cutsforth, Herb Hynd, Abrams and Mrs. Duvall.

Guests at the meeting were Rachel Harnett, museum curator, Mrs. Herb Hynd, Judge Oscar Peterson and Ralph Thompson.

Checks Paid In Boeing Site Deals

Two pieces of property totaling 12,250 acres were purchased by the State of Oregon here Friday to start a space age industrial park at Boardman.

Taking part in checking titles and deeds before the sale were Robert G. Danielson, assistant attorney general; Fred C. Deckebach, assistant clerk of the Land Board; and Douglas Decew, supervisor of state audits, all of Salem; and Mahoney and Abrams, attorneys for the sellers.

Deeds were recorded at Morrow county courthouse to the state for 11,450 acres from Hynd Bros., Cecil, and an 800 acre tract from Frederick Martin, Ione.

Checks in the amount of \$228,780 to Hynd Bros. and \$59,990 to Martin were paid by the Land Board out of a \$900,000 appropriation made by the 1961 legislature for the Boardman purchase.

The land purchased from Hynd Bros. lies west of the Boardman bombing range, and will be used as part of the 150,000 acre industrial park which the Boeing Co. is leasing from the state. The Martin land will be used along with \$16,000 to trade for 480 acres owned by George Miller. The Miller-owned land is also located in the proposed space age park.

Options on land in Morrow county were first taken up by the state over a year ago to put together the proposed industrial park. Half the present bombing range will be used by the state for the park and with the additional land under option will be leased to Boeing.

The transaction Friday was the first consummated sale on these options. Other major pieces left to be purchased are 19,966 acres owned by the Frank Wilkinson Estate and now being used as a sheep spread by George Rugg, and 960 acres from Ira Barnett. Both lie within the western boundary of the proposed park.

Snowfall Returns Thursday Morning

When residents awakened Thursday (today) they saw snow on the ground again. Snow early in the morning was heavy with rain. By mid-morning it turned into a steady heavy fall of wet flakes. Temperatures remained mild, hovering around 40 degrees.

No wind was blowing to pile the flakes and it was measuring up on surrounding fields, bringing more much needed moisture to area farmers.

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

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Thursday	52	40	.06
Friday	56	36	.02
Saturday	50	35	—
Sunday	47	35	trace
Monday	54	35	—
Tuesday	46	29	—
Wednesday	43	26	.21

Snow 1.3 at 9 a. m. and still falling.

Direct Distance Dialing Due in Spring

S. W. 1. McCormack Construction Co. recently finished the 2400 square-foot addition for the phone company.

Target date for the start of DDD in Pendleton is late March, Slusher said. In other towns served by PNB, DDD will arrive approximately the first week in May. Condon, Fossil and Kinzua will offer this service about the middle of June. Helix will follow later in 1962.

There will be additions and modifications of equipment in the local phone office of each community as well as the major installation in Pendleton which will serve as the DDD center. These jobs will be done by a second crew of Western Electric installers, starting about January 15.

The basic difference between DDD and the present long distance service is the speed of completing a call.

The first opening on the phone dial, number "1," is the key to DDD. When a customer dials this digit, his phone is connected with the long distance equipment.

Then a call to another phone in Oregon is made by simply dialing that number. For calls to phones outside of Oregon, a three-digit code is needed to direct the call to the area (there are more than 100 of them in the U.S.) where the distant phone is located.

This area code, plus the distant phone number, will connect the calling party to any dialable phone in the nation or Canada, whether Walla Walla or Winnepeg.

On each customer dialed long distance call, billing information such as the number called, the time and date is automatically recorded by a machine. The phone number of the person placing the call is also recorded on the machine, either by an operator or automatically.

Introduction of DDD will not mean layoffs of regular operators. The phone company has found in other areas that the need for operators has continued to grow after the change to DDD. Person-to-person, collect and credit card calls will still be placed with the operator. And operators are needed to relay the calling phone number to the billing machine for many DDD calls.