

Santa Due Back; Free Show Set

Santa Claus arrived on a red fire truck in downtown Heppner promptly at the appointed time of 1 p. m. last Saturday. His helpers report he enjoyed himself so much that he will return at the same magic hour next Saturday.

All the wonder and joy of the miracle of Christmas shone in the happy faces of the 450 plus youngsters who received a gift of a bag of candy at the hands of the jolly gentleman last Saturday. The white frosting on the ground added to the Christmas spirit and even intense cold did not dampen the fun of the occasion for young and oldsters alike.

Santa's second visit will give him an occasion to talk to the youngsters of the area and to visit in various stores. He said he will be on hand to find out what children would like to have for Christmas and will be happy to accept their Christmas lists.

To promote the spirit of the day the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a free show at the Star Theater.

Show time will be 1 p. m. with "Abbott and Costello and the Keystone Cops" as the feature. Santa will be around to see youngsters who attend the show after the free matinee, and children are advised to come early as a crowd is expected.

Merchants of the community report they still have a good stock of Christmas merchandise and parents may visit the stores while children enjoy the show.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Lagging; Needs Boost Here

Campaign for funds to support the Boy Scout and Cub Scout program in the Heppner area is lagging and needs help of all interested, Bob Abrams, chairman of the drive, said Monday.

Goal has been set at \$750, and as of this date only \$263 has been raised, he reported. At present there are some 40 Cubs enrolled in the several dens of the Heppner pack, and the recently reorganized program is well underway with Darryll Power as the new Cubmaster.

In the Boy Scouts there are about 15 at present in troop No. 86 with Avery Taylor as Scoutmaster.

Heppner is a part of the Blue Mountain Council, and funds raised here are used for leadership training and field service, direct unit services, and camping activities. Only a very small proportion is sent to national to share in the necessary expense of providing for the national leadership and program.

Abrams has been assisted in the local drive by Gene Pierce, Fred Gimbel and Ralph Richards. They urge that anyone who has not been contacted call or see them. They can give complete information on the program and answer questions concerning how the money will be used.

There has been some misconception that funds raised go out of the area, Abrams said. However, virtually all of the money is used in developing the program here. Field men from the Blue Mountain council come here to work with the boys and help with leadership training and developing local activities, as was just done in starting the Cub program for this year.

Abrams said that his interest stems in Scouting because it offers such a worthwhile program of activities for boys. In his work as district attorney, he is called upon to work with juvenile cases, and he has expressed the conviction that in many cases if these boys were in Scouting they would not be in trouble.

The Scout program is open to all boys, from 8 to 18. The younger lads have a place in Cub Scouts and from age 11, they may join Boy Scouts. Any boys interested who are not now members are welcome and they or their parents may contact Cubmaster Power, Scoutmaster Taylor or other Scout leaders.

Dr. Wolff Heads Hospital Staff

Officers were chosen for 1962 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital staff meeting Tuesday.

Dr. Wallace Wolff will be the new president, replacing D. C. M. Wagner. D. L. D. Tibbles was named vice president, and Dr. H. S. Huber was retained as secretary-treasurer.

Outing Set Saturday

The annual youth outing for green gathering for All Saints' Episcopal church is planned for Saturday, December 16. All boys, girls and friends of the Episcopal youth group will leave from the church at 9:00 a. m. Refreshments will be served at their destination, Black Mountain.

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JAN BEAMER, "Miss Rodeo Oregon," was among rodeo queens from all over the U.S. who competed at Las Vegas in the annual Miss Rodeo America pageant conducted by the Hotel Sahara. Jan is shown making the final turn in the barrel race, one of the qualifying events for the Miss Rodeo America title. A Jerome, Idaho, girl won the national title, Karen Lovens. Tops in horsemanship was Cathy O'Brien of Nebraska. In stiff competition the entrants had been chosen from many contests in all the western states and Nebraska. Activities during the three days included a get-acquainted pajama party, publicity pictures on Sahara patio, a Nevada party, presentation at a Rotary Club luncheon, being featured in a parade in downtown Las Vegas, and presentation at Rodeo of Stars. The girls were judged on personality, poise, beauty and horsemanship. Jan's trip was sponsored by the Pendleton Round-Up, where she had earned her title of Miss Rodeo Oregon, 1961. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer, Heppner.

Cards, Mustangs Bill Hoop Classic At Lone Friday

Traditional rivals, Ione and Heppner, will meet once more on the basketball floor Friday night when the Cardinals will host the traveling Mustangs on the Ione court. Jayvees of each school will open the evening's fair at 6:30, and the varsity game is due at 8 p. m.

At this time Ione is undefeated, having tripped Maupin and St. Jo of Pendleton, while the Mustangs have dropped four games to two mighty tough foes, a pair each to Madras and Sherman County.

The Cardinals' team is paced by Ron Crabtree, who tallied 19 points in the St. Jo game. Strong support is given by Rollie Ekstrom, Jim Martin and others, while Ken Nelson, a letterman, has been unable to turn out because of a football injury.

Coach Glenn Biehl had expected his boys would be slow starting this year because of their extended football season, but this has not seemed to bother them to date.

In the Heppner camp, the Mustangs are led by Veterans Bruce Moyer and Sonny Biddle. Needed strength has developed from Sophomores Lee Padberg, the team's leading scorer so far this season, and Doug Dubuque, Shan Applegate, Dick Springer, LeRoy Gardner have been performing well, and Kit George, late in turning out, is seeing considerable action.

Law Limits Issuance Of Chauffeur Licenses

New rulings on the issuance and renewal of chauffeur's drivers licenses is announced this week by the state license examiner, through the Morrow County Sheriff's offices.

Licenses will not be renewed by mail or from the field office from now on, but must go directly through the examiner or through the state office. The ruling also applies to application forms for chauffeur's licenses.

The next visit of the examiner to this area will be January 9. Applicants can see him at that time for new or renewal licenses.

Christmas Programs Scheduled Wednesday

Another unusual program will be presented Wednesday afternoon when primary children of first, second and third grades appear in a Christmas program. The title is "The Christmas Cards," carrying out the idea of one boy narrating selling of cards, which are pantomimed by others. A chorus of children will sing appropriate songs.

Virus On Wane In Schools Here

The flu virus which struck Heppner schools this week seems to be on the wane. Thursday (today), for the first time this week, less than one-fourth of the enrollment was absent in both the elementary and high school.

School administrators have been operating the schools on a day-to-day basis with a "wait and see" attitude.

"All children have already been exposed," County Health Officer D. L. D. Tibbles said Wednesday. He indicated that unless the picture became suddenly worse there was no reason to close the schools. "More students are returning to class than are dropping out now," he added.

The health officer warned that though the virus itself is not overly serious, after-effects may be. All those affected should take extreme care. Many children returned to school too soon, only to become ill again and have to go home, the doctor said.

Today's absent list was 43 in the high school and 102 in the grades. Monday was the peak for absentees in the high school with 65 of the 204 students absent. Tuesday was high for the grade school with 117 of the 440 absent.

Judge Suffers Fall

County Judge Oscar Peterson suffered a broken rib in an early morning fall on north Court street Wednesday. The judge fell on a slippery sidewalk on his way to the courthouse, striking his side on a fence. X-rays showed the upper right rib to be broken.

Public Response Makes Festival Success

IONE—The Fall Festival and Community Bazaar, held at the Ione Willows Grange hall Sunday was a huge success. The response was wonderful for which each group represented is grateful.

Thirteen different groups put together the fine booths, games and dinner. The affair ran from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. with the last door prize being called at 4:45.

The following is a list of the door prizes given and those receiving them also a short sketch of each organization's contribution to the festival.

Door prize No. 1 was given by the Lions club, whose booth consisted of the ribbons, rugs, brooms and mats made by the Oregon Blind and they also had a drawing each amount. 14 turkeys were sold. Wayne Hams received their door prize. Prize No. 2 was given by the 3-Links club, with Donald Bristow receiving it. Their booth consisted of ap-

Board to Check Cost Of School Addition

Directors of Morrow County School district R-1 voted unanimously Monday night to negotiate with architects to present estimates of costs of adding the proposed wing on the new Unit A building in Heppner that would complete the building for use as a high school.

The action followed presentation of petitions bearing 155 names by Robert Hopper, president of the Heppner PTA, asking that the board put to a vote the matter of a bond issue for the construction to complete the school.

Frank Anderson was present at the meeting and declared that he would like to see the board "get started on a building program."

Orville Cutsforth also appeared and stated that property owners are under a severe tax burden. However, he suggested that the county might be persuaded to take off a serial levy now used for roads and use it for needed schools.

"Right now it looks like we can't operate with the school, but we can without the road tax," he said. Cutsforth said that the serial levy on roads had produced more revenue than was intended

when it was initiated and said that road funds from other sources would suffice for the county for a number of years.

Director L. E. Dick pointed out that "it is not right" for the board to ask the county to drop its levy but that any such feeling to that effect should come from the people.

Cutsforth said that it is his feeling that the new school addition can be built if it imposes no additional tax burden on the people.

It seemed to be the consensus of the board that an election on a bond issue will be called if, after architects' estimates are determined, it appears feasible to present the plan.

Arnold Melby and Clarence Johnson, representing a faculty committee, presented a plan for a new county salary schedule based on an index system. They said that it had been worked out after sending a questionnaire to all teachers in the county.

The schedule was presented in an 18-page mimeographed brochure and shows a minimum starting salary of \$4297.50. Maximum salary in the system, which would be for a teacher with an M.A. degree plus 45 hours additional training and 15 years' experience, would be \$8347.50.

Some features of the merit system are incorporated in the plan. Because of the rather complex nature of the proposal, the board set a meeting for Tuesday evening to consider the salary schedule after each had time to study it over.

Supt. Robert Van Houte said that he had checked costs of moving the county office to the Lexington school. Most of the expense would be involved in remodeling the second floor for the office use. One contractor estimated that the work would cost \$5108, but the superintendent said that he felt half that would do the job by using staff labor.

The board passed a motion asking that the budget committee include \$3000 for the work. However, the board did not actually approve the move and Director Fred Martin, particularly, said that he has some objections about moving. He expressed the feeling that the county office in the school building might impair the educational program for the pupils there.

In other actions the board set policies on sick leave for part time regular employees, allowing them 5 days per year. Those working on an hourly rate on a part time basis will not be allowed sick leave but may have an opportunity to make up lost work at the discretion of the administration.

Resignation of Mildred Baker from the faculty at Boardman to be effective January 20 was accepted, and approval was given to contract to Mrs. Lyla Elliott in Heppner to fill a vacancy.

The board considered the matter of absences in schools because of illness and Supt. Van Houte reported that the absentee rate is running about 25% in Heppner. The board decided that it is a matter for each administrator to determine when rate of illness makes it necessary to close schools.

Report on attendance of board members at the Oregon School Board association meeting in Eugene recently was made by Chairman D. O. Nelson. He reported that Director Martin was appointed to the association's important legislative committee and is also a member of its executive committee.

Ione Garden Club Gets Federation Award From Sears

Notification of an award of \$240 was received this week by the Ione Garden club for a community improvement project undertaken during the past summer. A letter of congratulations was received from Mrs. Edna M. Rowley, state chairman of community improvement projects of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., in affiliation with the Sears, Roebuck and Company.

"The Street Tree Planting project was the only one qualifying in the Blue Mountain District No. 10, State Federation, of which the Ione Garden Club is a member," according to judges report on application. "This project will make more impact in beautifying the community than any other project I know—this is the best project recommended to date. I strongly recommend this one and wish to encourage other clubs to do projects like this. Do have a lot of consideration will be given in selection of trees, remembering it's not necessary to stay with the usual—inssofar as climatic conditions will permit. Recommend maximum amount. Best wishes to you in your venture to 'Bring Beauty to your Community.'"

A manager of the Sears, Roebuck and Company store in this area will contact the club in January, 1962, to present the allocation.

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(Leonard Gilliam, Observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	36	23	.29
Friday	34	22	.04
Saturday	30	0	—
Sunday	14	-2	—
Monday	24	11	—
Tuesday	24	16	.02
Wednesday	24	18	.02

2.4 inches of snow for week

Christmas Tree Goes Up . . .



. . . and So Does Parcel Pile



IN THE UPPER photo men of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and the City of Heppner are shown hoisting the community Christmas tree in place near the corner of Main and Willow. President Mike Whitesmith of the Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday that lights will be added to the tree from funds made available when the cooperative returned money offered it for labor on the decoration job. In the lower photo, Postmaster Jim Driscoll (right) and Senior Clerk Hubert Wilson (left) check the mounting pile of Christmas packages in the post office. Run of Christmas business has been heavy and steady, they report. (G-T Photo)

Ullman Steadily Improves From Accident Injuries

Rep. Al Ullman is making continued steady improvement following a serious auto accident in Virginia Friday that resulted in amputation of his left leg, according to latest reports received here.

Mrs. Ullman, who was with him at the time of the accident near Stephens City, Va., suffered a back injury and although her condition was not considered serious, remained in the hospital at Winchester, Va., at last report.

The representative in Congress from the second Oregon district and his wife were traveling in their small compact car between their home and Winchester when the husband driving. He remarked that he thought the left front door was partly open, and he attempted to close it.

When the congressman arrived at the Winchester hospital he was in extreme shock. His condition was first listed as critical, but he improved rapidly and at last report was in excellent spirits.

Mrs. Ullman was placed in traction for the back injury. The accident happened only a short time after the congressman appeared in Heppner on a visit. He made a speech at a banquet here on November 24 and then took an elk hunting trip with Lamb and Orville Cutsforth the following day.

His wife had not accompanied him on the trip west, and he had returned to their home in the east on the Monday preceding the accident.

Representative Frank Weatherford reported from Salem Friday that the State highway commission has appropriated \$250,000 for construction on state highway 207 between Spray and Heppner.

He was in Salem attending a hearing of the highway department together with Morrow County Judge Oscar Peterson, Commissioner Milton Biegel and Dick Wilkinson.

The group appeared to urge improvement of lower Willow Creek highway. No decision was made by the commission on that portion of highway 207 at the hearing Friday, though Rep. Weatherford reported "they gave us quite a bit of consideration."

A group from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce was also present at the meeting. Judge Peterson says that he is hopeful that within a reasonable time the Commission will allocate funds for the Willow Creek highway improvement.

The funds for the Spray highway will pave an additional 2.8 miles, he said.

Election of Officers On Rock Club Agenda

Election of officers is planned for the meeting of the Morrow County Gem and Mineral society in the old Library building Saturday at 8 p. m. President Randall Peterson announces.

An auction sale of rocks and minerals may be held as a program feature, he said. All members and others interested are invited to attend.

The door jerked on the back edge, was pulled open by the wind, Rep. Ullman lost control and was thrown out of the vehicle. Mrs. Ullman remained inside the car as it proceeded driverless and finally crashed to a stop.

Fast action by Mrs. Ullman applying an improvised tourniquet above the leg injury may have saved her husband's life, according to a report received by Al Lamb, Morrow County Democratic Central Committee chairman, who was in contact with Rep. Ullman's Baker office after the accident.

The leg was nearly severed below the knee. She used a fountain pen to twist the tourniquet and apply pressure to stem the profuse bleeding until further help arrived.

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Hospital Staff Urges Public Cooperation On Gifts For Elderly

Many clubs, groups and individuals have an annual policy of remembering at Christmas-time the patients who make their home in the Nursing Home of Pioneer Memorial hospital. Of course they are always grateful for being remembered at this time of year with gifts, homemade goodies and treats.

In order that there might be a little closer control over the time, amounts and quantity of sweet foods, especially, the hospital staff is asking the public to check with the nurse on duty before delivering them to the Nursing Home rooms. Some of the large quantities of sweets may be conveniently stored and spread out over several weeks, thereby extending the pleasures of their gifts and permits closer checking of some who are on restricted diets.

The staff does not wish to discourage the sharing of Christmas remembrances, but is merely hoping to control their distribution, urging individuals and groups to first check with the nurse on duty.