

### Lola May Bennett Dies In Pendleton

Death came to the family of Ed Bennett, Heppner, twice in the past week. His brother, Charles Irvin, died Thursday and funeral services were Sunday. His wife, Lola May, died Sunday at a Pendleton hospital where she had been a patient for seven years.

Mrs. Bennett was born November 25, 1882, at Eugene, the daughter of Eugene and Sarah Matteson. They moved to a ranch near Heppner while she was a baby. She spent her entire life here until her illness.

She was married to Ed Bennett at Heppner, December 29, 1919. He was a merchant here until he retired four years ago.

Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Christian church at Heppner and of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

Besides her husband of Heppner, she is survived by two sons, Donald, of Arlington, Va., and Robert, Portland; four brothers, Loren, Lyle, Delvin and Lawrence Matteson, all Heppner, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. at the Creswick Mortuary with the Rev. Charles Knox officiating.

Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

### Charles Bennett Services Held

Funeral services were held for Charles Irvin Bennett, 87, Sunday at Creswick Mortuary.

Mr. Bennett, a member of a pioneer family of Gilliam and Morrow counties, died Thursday at Pioneer Memorial hospital following an illness of about four years.

His parents were James R. and Ellen Bennett who came across the plains from Missouri to Oregon, following the Old Oregon Trail, about 100 years ago. They first homesteaded in Goshen in the Willamette Valley, later selling out there and coming to Gilliam county where they purchased a ranch at Lonerock.

Mr. Bennett was born at Pendleton April 5, 1874, grew up in Lonerock and attended there. In 1893 he married Millie Ardell Noel at Heppner. They ranched in Gilliam county until 1914 when they moved to Heppner where he continued in the sheep business.

He was a member of the First Christian church of Heppner.

Surviving are two daughters, Oma Cox, Heppner, and Leola Irwin, Spokane, Wn.; one sister, Anna Noel, Casper, Wyo.; one brother, Ed, Heppner, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Lonerock cemetery.



**APPOINTMENT of Wallace L. Holmberg of Yakima as district line superintendent for Pacific Power and Light Company in Pendleton was announced Wednesday by Homer Beale, Oregon division manager for FP&L. Holmberg was named to succeed Sanford A. (Piper) Karl, veteran line superintendent, who retired January 1. Holmberg has been the assistant line superintendent in Pacific Power's Yakima district for 10 years.**

# Review Shows 1961 Was Busy and Eventful Here

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Fredrick Martin, Ione, was valedictorian at Ione, with Kenneth Lynn Smouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse as salutatorian. At Heppner, Larry Tibbles, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles and Dennis Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, shared honors as valedictorians. Lydia Van Houte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Houte, was salutatorian. At Riverside high in Boardman, Linda Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren, Irigoin, was valedictorian and Sandi Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Irigoin, was salutatorian.

**Fire Covers 30,000 Acres**  
The Ditch Creek fire, in the middle of July, laid waste to approximately 30,000 acres of forest and grassland in both U. S. Forest Service land and state protected private lands. Residents of the area prepared sandwiches and food, some working all night, to feed the 1000 fire fighters who responded to put out the fires in the area. Two other stubborn blazes were burning at the same time, one at Sunflower Flat and one at Thorn Spring.

Len Gilman, a native of Heppner, won national fame in Texas when he subdued two gunmen who hi-jacked a continental Airlines Boeing 707. Gilman shunned publicity and turned down TV appearances on the Jack Paar and Art Linkletter shows and refused a family spread which Life Magazine wanted to do.

Hottest day of the year was August 5 with a reading of 107. A lightning storm, worse than anything on record for the area, struck around Heppner August 14, bringing reports of between 30 and 40 fires to the city fire chief. Chief C. A. Ruggles was too busy to keep any accurate record of calls but the whole area would have burned up, he said, if rain had not arrived, bringing .64 inch in a 10-15 minute period. It settled the dense smoke which had made breathing difficult in the town of Heppner, surrounded by flames on the south, west and east sides.

**Flood Hits Ione**  
The next night people of Ione suffered from weather violence when a flash flood caused water to swirl hubcap deep down the center of the business district.

The town was cut off from outside contact for a while when main roads were closed and telephone lines were down. People of the community mopped up and county road crews got busy replacing a bridge and damage to county roads in the Rhea Creek area.

The Morrow County Fair and the Rodeo were divided for the first time in 1961, the fair held one week earlier than the Rodeo. Outstanding exhibits in both livestock and other divisions were shown at the fair. Fun and excitement predominated at the rodeo. Joan Moe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moe, Heppner, reigned with her court, made up of Princess Sandra Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, Ione; Princess Marlene Fetsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, Heppner; Princess Ronnie Beisma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O'Brien, Heppner and Princess Pat Partlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Partlow, Boardman.

Jan Beamer was chosen Miss Rodeo Oregon at the Pendleton Round-Up, joining Sandra Eubanks who had been "putting south" Morrow county on the map all season in the rodeo world. Sandra was named all around senior cowgirl at the Junior Rodeo at Redmond. She placed in many other rodeo events of the year, winning tops in most of them.

**Cardinals Enter State**  
The Ione Cardinals went to the state playoffs in both basketball and 8-man football in 1961, placing second in the state in each sport and continuing their remarkable record in athletics.

A one-car accident near Rock Creek on highway 207 brought the first traffic fatality of 1961 on October 15. Two days later a tragic accident took the lives of two Forest Service men when their car failed to make a turn just three miles from the same spot. A fourth traffic fatality was listed December 27 when a two-car accident occurred within the city limits of Irigoin.

A Portland hunter was lost during elk season, but walked out while a posse was being formed. No serious accidents were reported in the area during hunting season despite the many people in the woods.

The first snow fell creating a white Thanksgiving but residents had no white Christmas. Instead balmy weather prevailed.

**Cubs Sell Cakes, Have Christmas Parties in Dens**  
Cubmaster Darrel Power reports that the Cub Scout annual fruit cake sale was very successful. The money is used to further the Cubs' year activities.

For several weeks the boys had spent their den meetings making Christmas gifts for their parents. Some of the dens had Christmas parties given by the den mothers.

Mrs. Elmer Berry's Den 1 made decorated card boxes for their mothers. Den 2 with Mrs. Clarence Johnson as den mother, had a Christmas party on December 21. They played games and had group pictures taken for a gift to their parents. Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter entertained Den 3 with a party Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19. She gave each boy a plaster of paris wolf head and served pop and popcorn balls. Den 5 met December 19 to finish the candle holders and knife boards they made as gifts for their parents. Mrs. Darrel McLachlan is the den mother. Mrs. Don Munkers met with her Den 6 Cubs to finish the candy wreath gifts for their parents. Den 7 was entertained with a Christmas party December 19. During the past weeks they made candles as gifts to take home. Mrs. Robert Hopper is the den mother. Mrs. Wayne Harsin, den mother for Den 8, met with the Cubs to finish their gift project of wooden picture frames for their mothers.

Cubs will meet in their dens again in January with a pack meeting the last Tuesday of the month.

**'Communism On Map' To Be Shown By PTA**  
The film "Communism on the Map" will be shown at Heppner Parent-Teachers association meeting Wednesday night, January 10. The much talked about film strip follows the advance of Communism since its inception. The picture has been purchased by the Farm Bureau and will be shown by Don Turner, who will also narrate.

Reports will be given by the ways and means committee on anticipated finance raising projects, including a talent show in March.

Adult study courses will be discussed by members of that committee during the short business meeting preceding the picture, according to PTA President Robert Hopper.

Fifth grade room mothers will be in charge of refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blevins traveled to Superior, Mont., to spend the New Year's holiday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blevins, and brother, Philip, who was home on leave from the Navy. The local couple left Saturday and returned Tuesday.

**Youth is Jailed On Check Charges**  
John Jay Stratton, 18, Heppner, is being held in the county jail at Pendleton on a charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretenses. His bail has been set at \$500.

District Attorney Robert A. Thomas said Stratton attempted to pass bad checks in several local establishments.

The youth was taken to the Umatilla county jail by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman last Saturday to wait preliminary hearing.

**Tree Sale Nets Boy Scouts \$126**  
Boy Scout troop 86 made \$126.25 from its Christmas tree sale, Scoutmaster Avery Taylor reports.

Stating that this was considered a "big success," Taylor added, "The boys wish to thank all who made it a success, and as the scoutmaster I wish to take this opportunity to thank the boys for their cooperation."

The troop enjoyed a New Year's party Wednesday night with 19 persons present.

**George Barkley of Tracy, Calif.,** friend of Wes Sherman since boyhood days, spent the New Year's holiday with the Sherman family here. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman met him in Portland Saturday and he returned with them Sunday. On Tuesday he returned to Portland and Mrs. Harry Sherman Sr. of Forest Grove, mother of Wes Sherman, who has been visiting here for two weeks, accompanied him.

with temperatures in the low 50's and high 40's. Lowest record of the year was December 10 when the low was a cold minus two and the day's high was 14.

Despite the variety in the news, life went on as usual for most residents. In Heppner business went on as usual with 33 building permits issued totalling \$220,800, indicating a fairly prosperous year.

**Businesses Change Hands**  
Several businesses changed hands in Heppner during the year, bringing new faces to the business district. Earl Ayres, manager of Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., announced March 30 that he had purchased the business from Griffith Enterprises Corporation. Hotel Heppner was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Struckmeier from Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Schei in April. Announcement of the purchase of the Heppner Gazette-Times from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wildman by Mr.

and Mrs. Wes Sherman was also made in April. The Shermans started operation of the paper on June 1. In July, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Blakney announced the sale of Phil's Pharmacy to Mr. and Mrs. James Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Barratt sold Barratt Sales Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamlin. Ron's Flowers opened for business under Ron Reid, owner-manager, in late October.

Dr. Roy Lueallen brought more recognition to south Morrow county when he was named chancellor of the state's higher education system late in the year. Lueallen attended a one room school near Ione and is a graduate of Ione high school. He had been president of Oregon College at Monmouth since 1955 and had been an outstanding administrator. He is remembered with respect and affection by many county residents who wish him well in his new position.

**HOSPITAL NEWS**  
Mike Campbell, Lonerock; Barbara Erickson, Heppner; dismissed; Julian Gilliam, Condon, dismissed; Elma Hartmann, Heppner, dismissed; Orlan Lane, Heppner; Cassi Shaw, Heppner; Barbara Gribble, Heppner; Lynn Liebe, Pilot Rock, dismissed; James McNamee, Heppner; Larry Hull, Fossil; Verna Hull, Fossil; Joseph Stone, Heppner; Ola Ruggles, Heppner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buschke, Heppner, a 7 pound 12 ounce son, Robert Byron, born December 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard, Heppner, a 11 pound 13 1/2 ounce son, Craig Stephen, born December 31, 10:45 p. m.

**Winners Claim 36 Lucky Bucks In Final Drawing**  
Thirty six Lucky Bucks were awarded in the final drawing Dec. 23. Placing first and receiving 25 sheepskins was Esther Bergstrom. Mary Johnston Lovgren won second and ten Bucks, and Mrs. Ray Massey received a special prize of one.

Names called, but not present to claim winnings, were Rusty Anderson, third prize of \$5; Grace Schmidt, fourth prize of \$5; Nellie Doney, fifth prize of \$5; and special \$1 prizes to Mrs. Lee Palmer, Maxine Gray, Mrs. Rhaton and Jean K. Muessig.

This is the final drawing in this series of the Lucky Buck contest which started in the fall, and has been a popular bi-weekly shopping feature. No decision has been reached by merchants of the community as to the possibility of continuing the drawings.

**King, Queen Crowned At Christmas Dance**  
Friday, December 22, at 8:30 p. m. was the time of the annual Christmas dance at Ione High school. It was sponsored by the band, as in the past, and the music was supplied by the dance band.

This year, for the first time, a Snow King and Queen were elected by band members.

Coronated as King was Wayne Hams, who was crowned by band president, Ron Crabtree. Geraldine Morgan was elected Queen and was crowned by Tass Morrison, publicity manager.

Another new attraction this year was the dance contest. The music for the contest was supplied by a series of three records so as to give dance band members a chance to enter.

After much consideration, with faculty members as judges, Merrie Jo Morrison and Marvin Padberg were announced the winners.

**Umatilla Co-op Seeks Allocation**  
Umatilla Electric Co-op, Assn., Hermiston, has filed an application with the state public utility commissioner asking for an allocation of the territory it serves exclusively and adjacent unserved territory in Morrow and Umatilla counties, it was revealed today.

Umatilla thus becomes the second electric utility to file such an application with the PUC. Columbia Basin Co-op at Heppner filed for an allocation of about one fourth of the territory it serves in Morrow and Gilliam counties last September, and received the first grant on October 30, under the terms of Senate Bill 487 passed by the 1961 Legislature, after a hearing had been held on the case.

Umatilla has asked for a grant to exclusively serve the territory surrounding but not including the communities of Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo.

Pacific Power and Light Co. serves the Consumers within the three towns as well as parts of the territory to the south and east of that applied for by the Umatilla. The territory to the west is served by Columbia Basin Co-op.

Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said the application was now being studied. No date has yet been set for a hearing, he said.

**Municipal and Justice Court**  
David Hollis Ritchie, defective equipment, fined \$10.  
Ernest L. Lister, possession, displaying and operating a game of chance, bail of \$50 forfeited. Ralph J. Davis, same case, possession, displaying and operating a game of chance, bail of \$50 forfeited. Electronic gaming device ordered destroyed by the court.

Thomas P. Dodge, violation of basic rule, excessive speed, fined \$10.  
Joel O. Yackley, violation of basic rule, obstructing traffic, fined \$500.

Overtime parking, fined \$1.00 each. Jenina Johnson, Bruce Moyer, Stanley Kemp, Morrie Elder, Rufus Piper, Charles Phegley, Riley Munkers, Oregon Insurance Co., J. O. Hager, Art Ferguson, Clara Schunk, Mrs. Leon Matteson, Ronald Gray, Arnold Raymond.

**Pleads Not Guilty**  
J. F. Neeley, Payette, Idaho, was arraigned before Judge W. W. Wells December 22 at the courthouse on a charge of larceny by baillee. He pleaded not guilty and was returned to jail at Pendleton to wait trial.

### Heppner Phones Now Total 901

Heppner phones increased by 14 in 1961, raising the total number now serving the area to 901, according to Pacific Northwest Bell's local Manager, Dale Slusher.

The number of phones served by the company in Oregon passed the 600,000 mark in December. Net increase for the year totaled 29,400. And long distance calling went up about 5 1/2 per cent.

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grille knives	3.30
place knives serrated blades	3.30
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grille forks	2.20
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