



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Chamber Backs Hermiston Site

By unanimous vote, the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting Monday supported the Hermiston site as the permanent location for the Blue Mountain Community college.

The matter was presented by several speakers, including Robert B. Abrams, who gave a non-partisan summary of all sites that the board has been considering.

Robert Van Houte said that indications are that growth in Umatilla county will be in the Northwest part of the county and in Morrow county it will be in the northern end. Thus, while Pendleton may be more nearly the center of population at the present time, Hermiston may assume this role in the future.

Gene Pierce said that he believes population in a 30-mile radius with Hermiston at the hub is very close at the present time to a similar radius with Pendleton at the hub.

County Judge Oscar Peterson said that he understood that utilities are developed to the Hermiston site, and that it is accessible by railroad as well as highways.

The local chamber was cognizant of the fact that Hermiston has volunteered to give the site to the college district and that it has ample acreage for future development. The members also recognized that it is closer for students commuting from Morrow county.

L. E. Dick made the motion that the chamber go on record favoring the Hermiston site over those under consideration in Pendleton. The motion carried unanimously, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter, conveying the action, to Ralph McEwen, Athena, chairman of the board of directors of the college district.

Hearing on the sites will be held tonight (Thursday) by the board at 7:30 p.m. in the Pendleton High school auditorium. It was reported late Wednesday that the Pendleton city council has agreed to give the site near the airport junction to the col-

lege if it will choose that for a permanent location.

In all, 10 sites were under consideration, including six in Pendleton, two in the Hermiston area, one between Stanfield and Hermiston, and one south of Echo.

Receiving most favorable consideration to date apparently are the Hermiston site and the airport junction site in Pendleton.

## Bank of Eastern Oregon Dividend Paid Stockholders

Fourteenth dividend of the Bank of Eastern Oregon since its founding in 1945 was paid to its 120 stockholders on December 19, Gene Pierce, vice president, announced Wednesday.

The dividend was \$10 per share for the 1500 shares, representing a payment of \$15,000 in Morrow and Gilliam counties. All stockholders are in the area encompassed by Heppner, Ione and Arlington.

On March 3, 1945, the Bank of Eastern Oregon opened as Gilliam County Bank, and the name was changed July 1, 1957. The Heppner branch was opened in August, 1957, and the Ione branch in June, 1959.

L. C. Buchner retired as president of the bank October 1, 1962, after being with the firm since it was established in 1945. Gene Pierce, vice president, became executive of the bank at that time. It is expected that the presidential appointment will come at the annual meeting in January.

Other officers are Jim Green, now acting manager at Arlington; and Marion Green and Bill Siwert at Ione and Heppner.

D. L. Lemon of Arlington is chairman of the board of directors, Earl P. Hoag is vice president, and John Krebs of Arlington, Art Allen of Boardman, Gar Swanson of Ione, and Howard Bryant and Pierce of Heppner are other members of the board.

## Mrs. Keithley Hurt in Accident

Mrs. Everett Keithley is in Pioneer Memorial hospital with injuries suffered in a one-car auto accident Friday about 12 miles southwest of Heppner.

Mrs. Keithley was driving a late model car from Heppner Auto Sales to Condon for delivery when it went out of control and rolled over.

Floyd Jones, who passed by shortly after the accident, brought Mrs. Keithley to the hospital. She sustained a fractured collar bone, broken ribs, lacerations and bruises.

Her condition was reported to be good Wednesday and she was hoping to be home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Keithley are living in Condon where he is manager of Condon Auto Sales.

Two other auto accidents were reported during the week. A wheel came off the car that Don Mills of Echo was driving as he was pulling a trailer load of wood four miles north of Heppner on the Willow Creek highway. The car left the road and was badly damaged but Mills was not injured. He was employed on the Laurence Becket ranch.

Dee Jones of Heppner lost control of his car at the south end of Main street Saturday night. It struck a pole by the highway, and David Springer, a passenger, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital with a scalp laceration. Jones is not to be confused with D. H. Jones Jr., who lives on the Heppner-Condon highway.

## Ruhls Visit Here After Trip to Bowl

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ruhl arrived from Portland Tuesday to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, during the Christmas vacation. Their daughter, Dana Marie, had been with the grandparents while the Ruhls were in the east for the Liberty Bowl game. Dick played for OSU in the game.

Dick and wife, Suzanne, spent two days in New York on a sight-seeing tour following the game last Saturday in Philadelphia. Suzanne said they really enjoyed seeing the Empire State building, Statue of Liberty, Greenwich Village, Yankee Stadium, Polo Grounds, the excitement and crowds of a premier, and many other interesting sights in the big city. The time was just too short as they were back in Portland Monday evening, she said.

## Stock Growers Meet Date Set

Annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, Gerald Swagart of the association announces.

Banquet will be Saturday evening in the fair pavilion at the fairgrounds with women of the Lexington Grange Home Economics club serving.

Friday's meeting will be at the fairgrounds and Bank of Eastern Oregon will serve coffee and doughnuts. On Saturday, the meeting will be continued in the new Elks temple, starting at 9:30 a.m. First National Bank will provide a social hour starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Additional details of the meeting are in the column of Nels Anderson on the farm page of this paper, and ensuing editions will contain more information.

## Jean Collins Due To Head Campaign

Jean Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins, will be chairman of the 1963 March of Dimes campaign in Morrow county, Mrs. Jack Loyd, county chapter chairman, announces.

Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz will be treasurer of the campaign which starts January 1 and will continue through January 31.

Miss Collins is able to be up and around on a limited scale after being confined in the hospital and at home following an automobile accident last summer. She is making good improvement.

## Next Week's Paper Due Out on Time

Despite the Christmas holiday, next week's issue of the Gazette-Times is due to be printed at the same time and will be distributed as usual Thursday afternoon.

Cooperation of all advertisers, correspondents, and those submitting items to the paper is urged to submit material early. The paper would appreciate receiving material, in all cases possible, by Monday in order that its staff may get a head start and enjoy the holiday, too.

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## Monument Tree Lit With 1007 Lights

By MARTHA MATTESON

MONUMENT — Maynard Hamilton must have the most brilliantly lighted Christmas tree in Eastern Oregon—and one of the biggest.

The tree, growing in his front yard, is now 45 feet tall and is all decked out with 1007 lights on it. Other decorations surround the tree and bells are set to ring when they are plugged in.

## Chamber Chooses Dr. Wagner; Eyes Hearing on Dam

Dr. C. M. Wagner was elected president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors at their meeting Wednesday noon. He will succeed Fred Gimbel, retiring president, after the installation meeting in January.

Dr. Wagner served as first vice-president through 1962. Al Lamb was elected first vice-president moving up from second vice-president. Oliver Creswick was elected second vice-president.

Secretary and treasurer positions are yet to be filled by appointment of the president and confirmation of the membership. Wes Sherman was secretary in 1962 and Bert Huff was treasurer.

Directors elected for two-year terms beginning in 1963 by the membership Monday include Dr. Wagner, Al Lamb, Randall Peterson, Oliver Creswick and Barney Malcom. Wagner and Lamb were reelected.

Holdover directors include Gordon Pratt, Ed Gonty, Harry O'Donnell, Gene Pierce and Jim Myers.

Plans to participate in the January 14 hearing of the Corps of Army Engineers on the Willow Creek dam project were made at the Wednesday meeting of the directors.

The group decided to invite the group of Engineers coming for the hearing to also attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting on the same day, just prior to the hearing. Arrangements may be made to hold the luncheon meeting at the school. The hearing will be at the elementary school.

Committees will be set up at once to contact all businessmen and urge that they prepare statements, either pro or con, for the hearing.

## Arbuckle Ski School Application Printed

Application blank for the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce—Arbuckle Ski club ski school is printed on page 2 of this section of the Gazette-Times.

The school will be in January, to be conducted on Saturdays for four weeks, and is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the ski club.

There will be classes for "beginning beginners," beginners and intermediates. An instructor of Pendleton will conduct the classes.

Those interested may fill out the blank and send or take it to Peek's Ski Shop, Heppner, or to Alice Vance, secretary of the ski club. The lessons will cost each pupil \$5.

## Applegate Named 'Most Valuable'

Shan Applegate, Heppner High's breakaway halfback, was announced as the most valuable player for the 1962 Mustang football team at the football banquet for players and parents at the school last Wednesday night. Shan was chosen by vote of his teammates and was also picked as the most valuable back on the team.

Dick Springer was selected as most valuable lineman. Dean Lovgren was picked as the most improved player, and Mike Lesser was cited as being the most inspirational to his teammates.

Bill Mulflur, sports writer for the Oregon Journal, stressed the importance of scholarship in connection with athletics in the main talk of the evening.

## GREETINGS!



In this Christmas edition of the Gazette-Times, merchants and businesses of southern Morrow county extend greetings to customers and friends and extend their "thank yous" for the year's patronage. Attention is called to their messages throughout all three sections of the paper.

## Saturday Deadline For Light Entries

Saturday at 5 p.m. will be the deadline for entering the Christmas residential lighting contest, Mrs. Arnold Melby, contest chairman, announces.

Deadline for business entries closed Saturday night, December 15.

There are two categories for the residential, one for outdoor displays and the other for indoor window scenes.

As of Wednesday there were only six entries in the outdoor category and three for the windows. Registration may be completed by coming to the Gazette-Times, or by phoning the paper (676-9228). Judging will be after 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 23.

## Youth Departments Combine for Program

Presentation of "O Holy Night," a pantomime supported by youth choirs and soloists, will be presented by the Methodist church Sunday School department at a special program Sunday evening at 7 p.m. All departments will be represented in the large cast under the direction of Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor.

After the program, the high school youth will have a caroling party, returning to the church basement for a chili supper at the close of the evening.

Special organ and choir music will be a part of the Sunday morning worship, at which time Rev. Dixon will preach on the subject, "Will Christmas Ever Come?"

## WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	38	34	.19
Friday	57	34	.07
Saturday	52	34	.15
Sunday	45	33	.32
Monday	46	37	.04
Tuesday	44	31	—
Wednesday	51	30	—

Rainfall for the week was .77 of an inch with fog Thursday through Monday.

## Hope, Valby Churches To Observe Christmas

The Sunday School Christmas program of Hope Lutheran church will be Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the program is "God Gave, We Give" and centers about the gift of God in Christ and our gifts of love in return. The gifts of the children will be those of song and verse.

Following the program a fellowship hour over coffee, Christmas cookies and breads will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The public is invited.

Christmas Eve worship is scheduled at both churches. A 6 p.m. service at Valby and 8 p.m. at Hope. The service will be of candlelight and Carol singing with sermon by Pastor Ken Robinson. Valby choirs (adult and children) will sing and a solo will mark the special music at Hope.

## Church Youth Groups Prepare Program

Christmas will be observed at the First Christian church Sunday evening with a special program planned by young people of the Sunday school classes, kindergarten through class e.s. school, combining in music and recitations. Rev. Charles Knox, pastor, extends an invitation to the public to attend, starting at 7 p.m.

The intermediate and high school groups are preparing a play, "The Wonderful Baby," as part of the program.

## Christmas Eve Mass Planned by Episcopal

Christmas services at All Saints' Episcopal church will include a Christmas eve high mass at 11:30 p.m. Monday, with choral Eucharist under the direction of Gordon Pratt, according to Father C. Bruce Spencer, pastor.

Members are also reminded of the Christmas Day services at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

## Willow Project Hearing Scheduled

Public hearing on the Willow Creek dam project—an all-important date for Morrow county residents—has been set for Monday January 14, at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary school, Col. J. H. Beddow, district engineer of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, Wn. announces.

All interested parties are invited to be present, or represented, at the above time and place.

## Coordinating Group Meeting Called

Meeting of the local Willow Creek project coordinating committee, consisting of representatives from all local organizations, has been called for Thursday night, December 27, at the courthouse to lay plans for the forthcoming hearing on the project.

Every organization is urged to be represented at this meeting, considered all-important to the future of the project. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

## Incoming Mail Hits Rush Peak At Post Office

Heppner's post office as of Thursday was in its peak rush period for the season. Postmaster Jim Driscoll said. Outgoing mail probably was on the decline but the incoming mail surged to the year's high.

The holiday mail seemed later getting started this year, the postmaster said, but with the current volume, indications are that the total will be about the same as last year.

Mail will be received at the post office Sunday morning and will be worked. There will be no dispatch after 8 a.m. on that day, however. There will be limited window service from 10 a.m. until 12:30.

The post office will be open until 5 p.m. Saturday to accommodate the public. On weekdays until Christmas the parcel post window at the office is being kept open until 6 p.m. but money order window is closed at 5:30 p.m.

## Cards Face Tilts; Mustangs to Rest

Ione High school's basketball team takes to the road for two league games this week-end in the only remaining hoop action by southern Morrow teams until after Christmas. Heppner High draws a rest until its games with Stanfield here on Saturday night, December 29.

Coach Glenn Biehl's Cardinals expect a tough game Friday night when they go to Boardman to meet Riverside. The Riverside five has defeated a Washington team and came close to upsetting highly regarded Athena but lost after one of their stars, Johnny Partlow, fouled out. Partlow is a 6-1 center.

On Saturday night the Cards go to Athena to play McEwen, labeled the favorite of the Umatilla-Morrow B league. Bob McMillan and Mike Shields are hotshots for Athena. Ron Crabtree and Rolfe Ekstrom are high scorers for the Cards, who are 1-1 going into the week-end.

## Stove Causes Alarm

An overheated oil stove at the home of Paul Breeding resulted in a general alarm Friday with firemen and trucks responding. No damage was reported.

## Lights Look Sparse? Blame It on Fire

Colored lights and decorations on downtown streets, put up last week by Harley Young and his Columbia Basin Electric Co-op crew, add Christmas spirit and brilliance to the town. However, if they appear to be a little sparse, it can be blamed on the Elks temple fire.

Several strings of the lights were destroyed in the fire after being placed in the building for storage, and this left them short of covering the town.

The Chamber of Commerce Monday discussed a plan to get replacements for future years and add to the decorations.

including representatives of Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies, commercial, civic, irrigation, flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife interests; also property owners and private individuals concerned, he said.

This hearing is being held to present the tentative findings of the survey conducted by the Engineers and to obtain suggestions and comments on the proposals which have been developed on the basis of these findings, in order that full consideration may be given to these views before the report is submitted to higher authority.

Information will be presented at the hearing concerning the feasibility of a multi-purpose dam and reservoir project located just upstream from the City of Heppner, consisting tentatively of a dam 150 feet high and a reservoir with a total capacity of 11,500 acre-feet. This project would afford the City of Heppner and the Willow Creek valley below the dam with flood protection from a flood such as the flood which occurred in June 1903 and killed 247 people. The project would include storage for irrigation and would provide facilities for wildlife, sports fishing, and recreation.

"All parties will be afforded full opportunity to express their views concerning the water needs and requirements, the proposed improvements, and related matters," Colonel Beddow said. "Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in quadruplicate, as the record of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Secretary of the Army. Written statements may be handed to the undersigned at the hearing or mailed to him before the hearing at the above address."

## Four Mustangs On All-Star 11; 5 Get Mention

Four Heppner High Mustangs made the first team of the Greater Oregon Western sub-district all-conference team, it was announced this week by Bob Cantonwine, athletic director at Heppner High. Five others received honorable mention, but none of the Mustang gridlers were placed on the second team.

Lee Padberg was chosen for an end position, John Porter was named for one of the guard spots. Dick Springer was chosen for center, and Shan Applegate tied with Chris Palmer of Burns for a halfback post on the team.

Honorable mention went to Mike Lesser, LeRoy Gardner, Dean Lovgren, Doug Dubuque and Larry Muessig. Dubuque was injured through much of the season, and had it not been for this he probably would have been a first team choice.

Burns and Heppner led the all-star selections with four each among the 14 on the first team. The tie for the halfback spot and a 3-way tie for one of the end positions accounted for the 14, instead of 11, being named.

Sherman County, Grant Union and Pilot Rock each had two named for the first team.

First team is as follows: Ends—Padberg, Heppner; Bob Hamilton, Pilot Rock; Virgil Fields, Sherman county, and Pete Murray, Grant Union, the latter three all tied for one position.

Tackles—Tim Tyler, Burns; Jack Kellogg, Sherman county.

Guards—John Porter, Heppner; Joe Horn, Pilot Rock.

Center—Springer, Heppner.

Quarterback—Tom Madarieta, Burns.

Halfbacks—Jim Lenz, Grant Union; Chris Palmer, Burns, and Applegate, Heppner, tied.

Fullback—Leonard Waterman, Burns.

Second team selections were as follows:

Ends—Mike Wilbur, Burns; Mike Lane, Sherman County.

Tackles—Bruce Rodabaugh, Burns, Clayton Harris, Burns.

Guards—Dick Drinkwater, Burns, Van Williams, Grant Union.

Center—Lynn Hillman, Burns.

Quarterback—Doug Bish, Sherman County.

Halfbacks—Dave Woodfin, Burns; Bill Doolin, Sherman County.

Fullback—Art Spino, Pilot Rock.

Coaches in the conference voted on the selections. Of the nine Mustangs to be chosen for honors, five are seniors, including Gardner, Applegate, Springer, Porter and Lesser. Three are juniors and will be back next year. Muessig, Dubuque and Padberg, and one, Lovgren, is a sophomore.