

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Holiday Opening Prize List Grows

Christmas Opening in Heppner is just nine days away, and a number of merchants have already announced prizes that they will give in the window guessing contest to be held Saturday, November 30.

Little has been heard from general old Santa Claus, according to Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, but indications are that he will be on hand to hear what youngsters of the area want for Christmas and will have candy treats for all who are on hand at the Opening.

Peterson said that Fred Gimbel and Harley Young of Pacific Power and Columbia Basin Electric have assured him that colored lights will be in place on the streets for the occasion, and the town will begin to assume a holiday atmosphere.

Another large crowd is expected to be on hand for the guessing contest, which will be open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

Among prizes that have been announced by stores to this time are the following: Electric blanket from J. C. Penney Co.; \$12.98 lady's robe from Elma's Apparel; \$10 cash from C. A. Ruggles Insurance Agency; electric wall clock from Western Auto; set of table lamps from Case Furniture Co.; \$17.75 Casco fire extinguisher from Heppner Auto Parts; Barns Knit sweater from M.Ladies Apparel; transistor radio from Gonty's; pair of ice skates from Peck's Ski Shop; and \$10 cash from the Gazette-Times.

Complete list of prizes will be announced in next week's paper, together with other details of Christmas Opening and announcements of special events planned for the occasion by individual stores.

Merchants are advised to report their prizes to the Gazette-Times no later than Monday to be included in the list to be prepared.

In the contest, all are eligible to participate. The contestant merely views the display set up by the merchant of holiday merchandise, goes into the store to obtain an entry blank and on it writes his guess as to the retail value of the merchandise. The one who comes closest to the actual value wins that store's prize, and the winner's name will be placed on a placard in the window after 4:30 p.m.

Merchants will have displays of gift items ready for holiday shopping, but no purchase is required to participate in the contest. A major purpose of the contest is to show the public what a variety of gift items may be obtained locally and to show how low the prices are.

Some stores will have variations of the contest to adapt to their particular type of business.

Displays are to be kept concealed until starting time, 9 a.m., November 30.

Santa Claus will be on hand that Saturday afternoon to greet children and hand out treats.

### Early Paper Slated; Public's Aid Asked

Because of Thanksgiving and to give advance notice of the Christmas Opening celebration, the Gazette-Times will be printed early next week and will be placed in the post offices of Heppner, Lexington and Lone late Wednesday afternoon.

Cooperation of the public is asked in submitting all news matter and advertising early. It is particularly requested that those who will have display ads for Christmas Opening have material ready so that the staff may have it as soon as possible. Many advertising contacts will be made tomorrow (Friday) and cooperation will expedite the big job to be done.

Sample copies of the paper will go to all boxholders in the Kinzua, Spray and Monument areas as a means of inviting them to come to Heppner for Christmas Opening.

### Record Hop Set Friday; Radio Disc Jockey Due

Ken Hickson, disc jockey of Radio Station KUBE, Pendleton, will be master of ceremonies at a Record Hop scheduled for Friday night in the American Legion hall under the sponsorship of Boy Scout Explorer Post 600, Heppner.

The "Hop" is open to the public and is staged to raise funds for the rejuvenated Boy Scout program here as well as to aid impetus to Scout movement in Heppner.

Admission will be by donation, and anyone over 14 is invited. There will be no ticket sales for the event.

Hickson will spin latest dance records, according to Paul Warren, master of the post.

Scouts and leaders promise everyone who attends a good time.

### Lighting Contest Offers \$60 Prizes

Sixty dollars in cash prizes are to be offered again this year in Heppner's annual Christmas lighting contest, Randall Peterson, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce merchants committee, announces.

The prize money is given by an anonymous donor via the Chamber of Commerce and is used to encourage residents and businesses to decorate their homes and stores in order to make a more beautiful city for the Christmas season.

Prizes are offered as follows: Out door residence lighting and display, \$10, first; \$7.50, second; \$5, third. Store windows, \$10, first; \$7.50, second; and \$5, third. Residential window lighting (and inside decorations visible in window), \$7.50, first; \$5, second; and \$2.50, third.

To be eligible the home or business decorated must be inside the Heppner city limits. Contestants will be asked to register and a deadline for registering will be set at a later time. Those who wish to enter now may sign up at the Gazette-Times office.

### League to Sponsor Harvest Moon Ball

Heppner High school Girl's League will entertain students, faculty and alumni at an annual semi-formal dance Saturday evening, November 23, in the high school multi-purpose room. Theme for this year's dance is "Harvest Moon Ball," with Pam Cochell serving as general chairman.

Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., with special entertainment and decorations planned for the evening. A special invitation has been extended to all Heppner High alumni.

### Methodists Win Foundation Award

Heppner's Methodist church has won a \$150 cash award from the Sears-Roebuck foundation for church improvement, and the Rev. Mel Dixon and Oliver Creswick, representing the church, received the award at a banquet Tuesday night in Eugene.

The Heppner church was judged second in its class, one of three divisions based on the size of the church. Winning first prize in this class was the North Bend Methodist church, and it received \$200.

The presentations were made as a part of the annual assembly of the Oregon Council of Churches by Miss Jean Lovejoy, representing the foundation.

Awards were based on church improvements made during the year, including construction, community service and program. Improvements at the local church included construction of a new parson and storage building that figured in the award.

### Power Manager Tells Details of Exchange

Exchange of facilities between Pacific Power and Light Company and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, which was announced last week as proposed to become effective January 1, 1964, was the result of two years of study for means of providing best electric service to the consumer, Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric, said Wednesday.

At the same time the exchange is designed for elimination of costly duplication of facilities, he said.

"Studies determined that Pacific Power could better serve the area along the Columbia River," Young said. "They also determined that Columbia Basin, with its present service in the rural area, could consolidate Pacific's outlying service areas into one compact operating unit. This will enable Columbia Basin to improve its services to the rural consumers in Gilliam and Wheeler counties and at the same time provide improved and additional services to the new consumers."

Columbia Basin Electric intends to establish a branch office in the Condon-Fossil area with a complete line and service crew capable of performing all construction and emergency maintenance required in the area, Young said.

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"Rate schedules to all consumers will not be disturbed in any manner whatsoever," Young said. "All commitments presently existing between Pacific Power and the city and county governments will be assumed by the Columbia Basin Cooperative."

"The power cooperative manager pointed out that another matter of concern is the tax revenue to the counties involved. "Columbia Basin has included in all its studies of the exchange of facilities, maintaining the same level of tax revenue to the counties," he said. "There are other benefits to the local communities, such as the increase of employees and additional payrolls."

At the annual meeting Friday the cooperative will act on an amendment to the by-laws which would give incorporated cities representation on the board of directors immediately.

As announced last week by the two concerns, Columbia Basin will purchase systems now owned by Pacific Power in Olex, Condon, Fossil, Lone, Lexington and Heppner and neighboring rural areas at a net amount of \$1,492,000. Pacific Power will serve the area along the Columbia River and will serve the Boardman industrial park, including some territory previously granted to Columbia Basin.



R. L. (BOB) HENRY has arrived to assume his duties as new manager of the J. C. Penney store in Heppner.

### Bob Henry Starts As Store Manager

L. R. (Bob) Henry, who has started as new manager of the Heppner Penney store, has been with the company for nine years. This is his first managerial position with the company and his first exposure to living in eastern Oregon. Bob replaced Mike Whitesmith who was transferred to the Hood River store.

Henry, who spent 4 1/2 years with the company in Moses Lake, Wn., and 4 1/2 years in the Oregon City store, said that Moses Lake was the closest he had come to living in eastern Oregon until this time.

Henry is married and he and his wife, Peggy, have two children, Jay, 5 and Mary, 6.

He said that his family hasn't joined him here yet but will be coming to Heppner as soon as they sell their house in Gladstone. Henry said that they will live in the house Whitesmith rented until they can find another place.

Most of Henry's time is devoted to his job, but any spare time might find him skiing, a sport he enjoys.

Henry is a native of Montana and graduated from Montana University in 1951. His wife is a native of Spokane, Wn.

Henry commented that the most pleasant feature of Heppner is its people. He said that he is impressed by the casual atmosphere the people create.

### Joint Thanksgiving Service Scheduled

Protestant churches of southern Morrow county will combine for a special Thanksgiving service, Thursday, November 28, at All Saints' Episcopal church, the Rev. Bill Alsop, chairman, announces. The service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

A special Thanksgiving message will be given by the Rev. Charles Knox, pastor of the First Christian church in Heppner. Other ministers of the South Morrow Ministerial association will participate, Rev. Alsop states.

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The talk will highlight the annual session which begins at 10:30 a.m. The address by Hill will be at 1 p.m. with the public invited. The morning's program is for members only, but the public is welcome to the afternoon meeting.

Adding special significance to this annual meeting is the recent announcement of the proposed exchange of service between Pacific Power and Light Company and Columbia Basin through which the cooperative will acquire systems of the private company in several cities of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

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By LEONARD GILLIAM			
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### MCGG Reviews 11 Years' Progress

Something of a spirit of thanksgiving pervaded the annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers held Monday night in the fair pavilion with some 300 persons attending. The dinner, although featuring champagne 4-H roast beef instead of turkey, was bountiful enough to be a Thanksgiving dinner. It was served and prepared by the Rhea Creek Grange.

President Paul Jones noted the spirit of thanksgiving when he recounted in his report the progress that had been made by the cooperative in the past 11 years.

"We were broke in the fall of 1953. We had no credit and our license was suspended. It looked as if we would have to close the doors," he said.

"We are now free of debt for the first time since we were organized, and it is a wonderful record."

The president gave much of the credit to the progress of the cooperative to Manager Al Lamb who came 11 years ago.

"It couldn't have been done without a manager with a cooperative background," he said.

President Jones also declared that several of the directors can take a great deal of credit for the healthy condition of the Grain Growers. He told how, in the darker days, a number of directors had signed notes in the amount of \$50,000 to keep the operation going.

He pointed to construction of the Hoag-Warner storage facilities, and to expanded storage facilities at Heppner and Lone in recent years. The president commended employees of the cooperative, stating, "Lots of credit must be given to the outside crew." He had words of praise for Assistant Manager Harlan McCurdy who is ill and could not attend the meeting, and introduced other employees who were present at the meeting. A bonus plan contributes to keen interest on the part of employees, the president declared.

Jones emphasized the almost phenomenal change in the cooperative's financial structure by citing the fact that it has distributed \$505,400 to its farmer members in the past 10 years. In addition it has cashed preferred stock and ownership certificates in the amount of \$100,000. Operating report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1963, shows net earnings of \$114,417.94 and assets of \$1,480,745.

In the year ended the Grain Growers received 2 1/2 million bushels of grain into the elevators, but there is nothing to indicate that there will be a greater volume in future years.

President Jones said that the cooperative expects a reasonable profit for 1963-64 but not as much as in some bumper years of the past.

Manager Lamb called attention to reports in the annual program and also said that next year's profit may be expected to be down.

"At 4c per bushel handling, we are not going to get rich," he said, "while everything else has gone up."

He pointed out that at least 1/3 of this year's crop was sold at harvest time because growers felt the price would not hold. By selling early, however, they lost at least 20c per bushel, he said.

Storage in the Morrow County Grain Growers' elevators at the present time is as low as it has ever been, Lamb said. For this reason, he does not look for much more income for the co-op this year.

One problem developed in handling this year's crop when much of it came in too moist, inviting it to become "buggy," Lamb declared. This may have been due to accepting the grain

### Marcia Wins Third In State Contest; District Honored

Marcia Rands, who carried Heppner's banner all the way to the state finals in the Soil Conservation speech contest, won third place in the state last Thursday afternoon at Grants Pass. The contest was conducted as a feature of the 3-day meeting of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation districts.

Another honor came to Heppner when Raymond French, district supervisor, received a plaque as state winner of the Goodyear award, topping all other conservation districts in Oregon.

Attending the meeting were Ralph Richards, conservationist of the Heppner district, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mrs. Maurice Groves, mother of Miss Rands, together with the speech contestant and her brother and sister.

State champion of the speech contest is Lois Hobbs of the Klamath Falls and second was Dave Albright of Silver Creek. In all, five competed in the finals.

Speaking of the Heppner entrant, Richards said, "We're real proud of her and her showing." He confessed to disagreeing with the judges and confided that he felt Marcia's talk to be the best of the five.

In reaching the state finals, Marcia won the local competition against five other contestants, the area against three others, and the semi-finals against three others.

This showing makes a remarkable record for Heppner during a 3-year period. Beverly Davidson was third in the state in 1961, Martha Doherty was state champion in 1962, and now Miss Rands sustains the state record with the third this year.

### Civil Defense Seeks Department Leaders For County Work

Seeking to renew interest in Civil Defense in Morrow county, a more closely knit organization is sought by local leaders. Preparedness for natural disasters, as well as nuclear attack, is of importance.

Additional help is needed to head the following departments of civil defense in Morrow county: Public relations, health and welfare, medical, transportation and communications in all areas of the county. Individuals or organizations interested in helping in any of these departments are asked to contact Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, director, or Mrs. Jane Mattair, who has an unlisted phone number, 676-5567.

"Medical Self-Help" class is expected to start in the near future, which studies emergency medical care as well as simple first aid training.

Civil Defense leaders from this area will attend a state meeting in Salem on Friday.

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ture to which municipalities and other communities may relate their programs. He stressed the importance of establishing priorities for efforts and uses of resources in the communities.

Price said a written annual program should be prepared by communities for use in directing their Civil Defense activities. This will insure continuity of effort and will assist in scheduling activities in order of importance.

Price's program in the highlight of the program. In the morning session were talks by Gordon Newton on "The Meaning and Importance of Civil Defense Today" and "Oregon State Civil Defense" by Louis Farnsworth on "Nuclear Weapons" and "Federal Civil Defense Program;" and by Price and James McAllister on "Civil Defense at Local Levels."

No-host luncheon was at Gunther's Fireside restaurant. In the afternoon, several workshop sessions met on various subjects connected with civil defense and Oliver Creswick of Heppner was chairman of one group that discussed shelters in Morrow county.

The conference wound up Wednesday afternoon with workshops on shelters, radiological defense, a film "About Fallout" and other discussions.

Among those attending from Morrow county were: Judge Oscar Peterson, Oliver Creswick, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Paul Jones, Dave McLeod, Wayne A. Brubacher, Gordon Pratt, W. S. (Sam) Miller, Ray Williamson, Lowell Chally, Charles Ruggles, and the Rev. Charles Knox, all of Heppner; Leonard Herick and Ralph Currin, both of Lone; Michael Tolar, Irrigon; and Ron Daniels, Boardman.

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