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### Church Services To Mark Season

Christmas religious services will be brought to a climax this week-end with several specially prepared programs in churches of the area.

A combined community chorus made up of singers from several churches will present a sacred public concert of favorite Yuletide carols Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the new high school multipurpose room. The chorus is under the direction of Gordon Pratt, with Mrs. Fred Gimbel accompanying. With the musical numbers will be the reading of the Christmas story by local ministers and some community singing of favorite carols. The public is invited.

Hope Lutheran church will have its annual Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., according to the Rev. Kenneth Robinson. The children will portray the message of Christmas through song, verse and tableau. A festive Christmas worship will be conducted on Christmas eve at 6:00 p.m. at Valby and at 8:00 p.m. at Hope. The service will include the singing of carols with a candlelight ceremony at the closing.

Kindergarten and primary Sunday school students of the First Christian church will present a brief program Sunday evening, followed by a family candlelight service, with both junior and adult choirs participating. A coffee hour in the church basement will close the evening and treats will be distributed to the children.

The annual Christmas eve family worship will be in the Methodist church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Included in the musical vespers hour will be numbers by a children's chorus, youth choir, sanctuary choir, solos and group numbers. The Rev. Melvin Dixon will narrate the scriptural background. Christmas will be observed in the Lexington Christian church with a special evening service Sunday, according to the Rev. Earl Soward, pastor. Children of grade school ages will present a Christmas pageant at 7 p.m. This will be followed by a special play by high school and upper grade students, under direction of Carl Marquardt. The Rev. Soward will speak on the topic, "When the Christ Child Came," at the regular Sunday morning worship hour.

Choral Eucharist mass will be sung Christmas Eve at 11:30 at All Saints' Episcopal church under the direction of Father Bruce Spencer. Eucharist mass will be at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. Youth of the Assembly of God will have a special program Sunday evening at 7 p.m. when Sunday school classes will present recitations of the Christmas story, a youth choir will sing and treats will be given to the children. The Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor, will bring a special message at the morning hour with Christmas musical numbers planned.

The Rev. Father Raymond Beard will officiate at midnight high mass at St. Patrick's Catholic church Christmas eve, joined by parish members of St. William's church in Ione. Low Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 Christmas day at the Heppner church and at 9:15 at the Ione church.

Youth of the Church of the Nazarene had their Sunday school program last Sunday evening, presenting a Christmas skit for the enjoyment of family and friends, under supervision of Rev. J. G. Weller, pastor. Special church services are planned for the morning worship hour this week.

Ione United Church of Christ will bring to a close its Christmas observances Sunday with young people conducting a service at 5 p.m. Sunday. A church fellowship is planned for 5:30 and at 6:30 the choir will sponsor carolling in the community.

Twelve appeals, involving 21 pieces of property of Morrow county taxpayers, were heard here Monday and Tuesday by Jack Burke, hearings officer of the State Tax Commission, on tax increases that came about because of the state's changing the Morrow county tax ratio for the year 1963-64.

Those appealing were urban owners whose property had been reappraised recently at true cash value and placed on the rolls at the 25% ratio. In October the state commission announced that it had changed the county ratio to 19%, but assessments on the urban property remained at 25%. Utilities assessors were reduced to 19%.

The announced change of ratio to 19% was made by the commission on the grounds that farm properties were actually on the rolls at approximately 18% of true cash value.

As a result, many urban property owners found their taxes considerably higher this year and the 12 resorted to the appeal offered by the state.

The hearings in most instances were brief. Burke asked each property owner, as he appeared, whether he would be willing to accept the true cash value figure at the ratio of 19%. In virtually all instances, this was the only relief they sought.

Burke said that outcome of the hearings would not become known to those appealing for several months. Transcripts go to the State Tax Commission for consideration.

### Mustangs, Condon To Open New Gym

Hurrah! After a period of waiting in anxious anticipation, Heppner high basketball fans will get to see the Mustangs in basketball action in their new gym.

The Mustangs will take a record of four wins against no defeats into the contest against the Condon Blue Devils when the teams tangle Friday night.

The much awaited arrival of the wayward supports for the baskets in the new plant was announced this week by Bob Cantonwine, Mustang basketball mentor. The new plant, located at the new high school will seat 960 spectators and give the Mustangs more room to roam than the old gym.

Thus far in the season the Mustangs have taken two from the DeSales quint of Walla Walla, Wn., beaten the McEwen Scotties of Athena and trounced Gervais of the Capital Conference.

Little is known about the Blue Devils' 1964 casaba quint. However in the past two years the Condon quint has proved tough. In 1961-62, they represented their district, 6-B, in the state playoffs. Last year the Blue Devils finished second in the district.

This will be the first meeting between the teams in four years but many Heppner fans can remember the thrilling games the teams have played against each other in years passed.

Leading the Mustangs this year is Lee Padberg. The senior letterman has singled the strings for 101 points in four outings for an average of 25 per game. Padberg hit for 33 points Friday night against the McEwen quintet to produce the biggest point output by an A-2 player in a single game this season.

### County Bridge Load Limit Draws Group's Protest

A 10-ton load limit imposed by a recent county ordinance on many of the Morrow county road bridges has brought strong protest from some quarters, County Judge Oscar Peterson said Tuesday.

Truckers and farmers are among those who opposed the action. Loaded grain trucks of ten weigh far beyond the 10-ton limit, which, if observed, would prohibit them from hauling over the bridges.

At least 20 bridges in the county have been posted with the weight limits with signs on either end.

In view of the protests, the judge said that the county court had given some consideration to a policy of "travel at your own risk." However, in such an instance, insurance on heavy vehicles may be found not to be effective in case of accident, and this, then, would not settle the problem.

The judge said that the county is rebuilding bridges needing replacement as fast as it can. Orders have been placed for steel for some that are to be replaced, but he declined to say which are to be rebuilt soon.

Two bridges in the county went down under heavy loads this year, one in front of the judge's ranch home in the Eight-mile district and another in Blackhorse Canyon, south of Lexington.

### Next Paper Planned For December 26

Next issue of the Gazette-Times will be published on the regular schedule and will come out on Thursday, December 26, after the staff joins everyone else in taking a day off for Christmas.

Some had asked if the paper might be coming out on Tuesday prior to Christmas. This is not feasible in this instance because it would allow the staff only two days to get the paper ready and distributed.

Tournament, December 27 and 28, will be announced. Teams competing in the tourney are Heppner, Condon, Sherman and Wheeler County high school of Fossil. A drawing for opponents will be held that evening. The first two games will pit the A-2 representatives against the B representatives. Sherman and Heppner are the A-2 teams while Condon and Wheeler are in the B bracket. Should Heppner draw Wheeler, they will play their game at 6:30 p.m. If they draw Condon they will play at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday night the losers of the Friday games will meet in a run for the consolation prize. The two winners of the first night's action will play at 8:00 p.m. for the championship.

### Bids Rejected On Music Room At New School

Two bids on completion of the music rooms at Heppner High school were received by the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 Monday night, but both were rejected as being too high.

A sum of \$18,000 had been budgeted for the work in the district's 1963-64 budget.

Eastern Oregon Construction Co., which built the lone high school, submitted a basic bid of \$25,000. Elimination of a first alternative would have brought the total to \$23,000, and elimination of a second alternate would have deducted another \$1250 to lower the sum to \$21,750 still nearly \$4,000 more than funds available.

The Timber Company of Hermiston, builders of the new high school here, submitted a basic bid of \$26,495. Allowing \$1800 for elimination of the first alternate and \$1800 for elimination of the second alternate, the total would be lowered to \$22,895, nearly \$5,000 more than available.

Supt. Wayne Brubacher said after the bid opening that the directors are still resolved to continue study in the hope that something may be done to complete the project.

"We're not giving up hope," he said. On the other hand, he said that the directors feel that "nothing else can be deleted and still have a worthwhile music room."

The large area for the band and music departments sits below the gymnasium. Its completion was left undone as one of the alternates exercised in order to get the school construction project within the amount provided in a bond issue voted by the residents of the district.

Directors will undoubtedly review the matter at ensuing meetings.

Also on Monday night the board appointed two men to the district's budget committee, Elwynne Peck of Lexington and Terry Thompson of Heppner.

### Bowling Benefit Billed at Lanes

A handicap bowling tournament at Fiesta Bowl, Heppner, will be held Sunday, December 22, and Sunday, December 29, for benefit of Mrs. Stanley (Shirley) Cox who will have heart surgery soon, Art Dyck, Fiesta manager, announces.

The tournament was arranged by women friends of Mrs. Cox, he said.

Entry fee will be \$3 per person and each will compete in three games. There will be trophies for the winners.

All prize money will be donated towards the forthcoming hospital expenses of Mrs. Cox. Dyck asks that those planning to enter reserve their spots at once by calling Fiesta Bowl (676-5835).

A person may enter as many times as he wishes, and handicaps are to be based on 70% of 200.



MICHELLE (MIKE) MORRISON

### Mike Morrison Nominated For Far West Classic Queen

Michelle Kay Morrison, a 19-year-old OSU sophomore from Ione, has been chosen as Oregon State's candidate for "Queen of the Far West Basketball Classic," according to Jim Barratt, managing-director of the holiday tournament to be held in Portland's Memorial Coliseum December 26-30.

Miss Morrison, better known as "Mike" on the campus, was chosen by the Oregon State University basketball team to represent OSU. Candidates will also come from other participating schools, including Louisiana State, Iowa, Colorado State, Brigham Young, Seattle, Washington State and Oregon.

Selection of the Queen will be made from photos submitted by the eight schools by the Portland linebackers, a group of Portland businessmen who give active support to intercollegiate athletic events in Portland.

Miss Morrison, a brunette majoring in elementary education, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morrison of Ione. She has two sisters, one of which is Tass, an 18 year old freshman

### Charles Phegley Chosen Cub Master

Charles Phegley was elected cub master at a Cub Scout meeting held Monday evening in the junior high gym.

Don Wilkes of Pendleton, district councillor of the Blue Mountain area, was present to explain many aspects of Scouting. Interest in Scouting in Heppner seems to be lagging as there were less than 10 persons who attended this special meeting.

Due to the poor attendance, little was definitely decided except the necessity of more community participation in order to provide an active Cub Scout program here.

Those wishing further information may contact Mrs. Elmer Steers, Mrs. Alice McCabe or Charles Phegley.

### McCurdy Home

Harlan McCurdy Jr. is home from Pioneer Memorial hospital after undergoing a siege of illness that dated back to October 28. He recovered from an attack of hepatitis and was dismissed but had to return for treatment of phlebitis. Harlan was dismissed again last Thursday but is confined to his home. He says that he is feeling very much better although still weak.

### State Tells Plan to Build New Bridge

Oregon State Highway Commission has announced its plans to construct a new bridge over Willow Creek on North Main street, replacing a structure long considered hazardous to vehicular traffic and pedestrians. The bridge nearby over Hinton Creek will be widened.

The announcement came to the Gazette-Times this week from Floyd Query, secretary of the commission. He said that the proposed project will be approximately .02 mile north of the existing Hinton Creek structure and extend southerly to approximately the northerly side of the Church street intersection.

Included in the plan is grading and paving of approaches as well as the replacement of the Willow Creek bridge and the widening of the Hinton Creek bridge, with minor curve and grade revisions.

Total length of the project is approximately .17 mile. Query submitted a legal notice in compliance with federal regulations, and it is printed on page seven of this section. It directs those interested in a public hearing on the project to submit such a request to the Heppner city council before January 3, 1964.

No announcement has been made as to when the project will be undertaken. It is presumed that a call for bids must be made and contract awarded before the work can be done.

The Willow Creek bridge presents a considerable hazard to traffic because of its narrow width and sharp angle to the highway on the north side. The narrow Hinton bridge is considered a hazard to pedestrians, and the whole vicinity is dangerous particularly to school children who must use the route to go to the elementary schools.

### Lighting Contest Entries Lagging

Only two entries have been received for Heppner's annual Christmas lighting and decoration contest, both in the residential division.

Deadline for entries is Saturday at 5 p.m. Those interested are asked to register by calling or coming in to the Gazette-Times office.

A total of \$60 in prizes, offered by an anonymous donor, is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. There are divisions for outdoor residential decorations, inside window decorations and commercial window displays.

### Mrs. Rasmus Hurt

Mrs. Nora Rasmus is in Pioneer Memorial hospital after evening and fracturing her wrist. Her doctor said that she was in surgery Thursday morning and the arm was placed in a cast. She apparently slipped and fell in her kitchen to cause the break.



### Businesses Insert "Christmas Cards"

"Christmas Cards" in the form of greetings ads from businesses of Heppner, Ione and Lexington appear throughout this paper as the firms take this means of extending greetings and appreciation to all their customers and patrons in the area.

In many cases it is not feasible for the firms to send cards to everyone because of the number involved, and they use the paper to convey their messages. In doing so, they ask that readers consider the greetings as sincere as if they were able to send individual cards to all.

### Park Free Saturday

Saturday will be a free parking day in Heppner, Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce announces. The city council agreed to hooding the meters for this day as a convenience to those coming to the city for their late Christmas shopping.

### WEATHER

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Thursday	28	15	—
Friday	31	19	—
Saturday	44	24	—
Sunday	37	27	—
Monday	37	29	—
Tuesday	33	29	—
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