



STORES OPEN EVENINGS

Most Heppner stores will be open again Friday evening, December 18, until 9 p.m. for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, and they will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, also until 9 o'clock.

FREE MOVIE SATURDAY

The motion picture, "Aladdin and His Lamp," in color, will be shown Saturday afternoon in the Elks temple, free to all kids of the area. A cartoon will also be on the program. Heppner Jaycees are in charge of the showing in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Elks.

Teachers Ask \$500 Increase

Teachers of Morrow county have requested a \$500 per year salary increase "across the board" for 1965-66. The proposal was made by Mrs. Juanita Carmichael, Heppner elementary teacher, who spoke on behalf of a county teacher committee at the regular school board meeting Tuesday night.

However, the increase would include normal increments on the salary schedule and therefore in most instances would not amount to \$500 additional for the teachers.

Mrs. Carmichael said that last year Morrow county's salary scale for starting teachers was below those of 116 school systems in the state, above 50 schools and the same as 32 others. This year, she said, it is below 156 systems, above 29 and the same as 17.

The proposed scale would start new teachers with a bachelor degree in the system at \$5100 per year as compared with the present \$4600.

Mrs. Carmichael said that the teachers realize that some of the sources of school income have been "hit pretty hard this year," but said that the county must take steps to encourage young new teachers who can only be obtained with added inducement because of the rather remote location here.

The Morrow system should become more nearly the average of salaries across the state, she said. Also proposed were additional steps on the salary schedule as follows: one more step for those with a bachelor degree, two more for those with bachelor degree plus 45 hours and three for those with a master's degree.

The teachers' spokesman requested also that the board take action to grant leaves of absence for teachers who feel the need to take the time for advanced training, this with the thought that they would have a "job to return to." No salaries would be paid during the leave, according to the proposed plan, although consideration should be given to allowing credit for a year's increment on the salary schedule.

A meeting of the board, budget committee and teachers was scheduled for Wednesday night to discuss the proposals. Director Andy Van Scholack asked that an ensuing meeting be called to discuss the matter with the public, and it was agreed that this could be done.

Potter Gets Contract
Supt. David Potter received a new two-year contract by unanimous vote of the board. The salary for the first year of the contract will be \$12,000 and salary for the second year will be set at a later date.

Pine City Property Sold
Spirited bidding between W. F. Hoskins and E. B. Wattenberger marked the auction at 7 p.m. Tuesday for the Pine City school property. Hoskins was high bidder finally at \$1000. Prior to the auction he exercised a family option, written in the deed, providing that the heirs of the donor, of which he is one, could buy back their portion of the property for \$50 if it were no longer used for school purposes. Thus he paid the \$50 in addition to the \$1000 for the other 1.63 acres in the school tract.

Budget Members Named
Bob Sicard of Boardman and Charles Carlson of Ione were elected to the school budget committee by the board of directors. This now completes the committee.

Architects Considered
Supt. Potter submitted a list of 12 architects whom he had interviewed to the board as possible architects to draw plans for

the north end schools. The board passed a motion requesting him to narrow the list to four, and these will be called to meet with the board on January 5 and 6 for interviews, after which one firm will be chosen.

Contract Approved
A contract for Mrs. Gladys

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Schools Combine For Christmas Program Tuesday

Music and drama departments of Heppner High school and upper elementary grades will combine their talents Tuesday evening, December 22, for a public Christmas program in the old gymnasium auditorium. The program, presented without charge to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"Christmas Windows" is the theme chosen by Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens, vocal instructor, for the music program by children in grades 6, 7 and 8. All children will participate either in the 60-voice choir or as characters which will depict settings for songs in the Christmas windows.

Window scenes, following the prologue "I Love to Hear the Christmas Bells," will include "Silent Night," "The Three Kings," a motion choir presenting "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Angels We Have Heard on High," an Indian manger scene of the Huron Indian song of Jesus' birth, "Jesus Athalonia," "Toyland," and the epilogue combining "What Child is This?" "Fairiest Lord Jesus" and "Bring Peace on Earth."

Two high school drama students, Mark Brown and Jean Siewert, will give short speeches on the subject of Christmas, under direction of Mrs. Janet Groves, speech instructor.

Over 100 band students will be heard in numbers under the direction of Arnold Melby, band instructor.

Sixth grade band will play four Christmas numbers, "Christmas Tidings," "Toyland," "Away in a Manger," with flute solo by Debra McBath, and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Seventh and eighth grade band will be heard in "White Christmas," "Christmas Chimes," with trombone solo by Terry Peck, and "The Christmas Suite," made up of a medley of favorite Christmas songs.

Closing the program will be five Christmas numbers by the high school band. These will include "Christmas Greetings," "Christmas Fantasy," "Christmas Party," "Carol of the Drums," and "The Hallelujah Chorus."

The school's music programs are being combined into one evening this year for the convenience of parents.

Early Paper Slated Again Next Week
To allow time for distribution of the Gazette-Times next week prior to Christmas day, the paper will be out on Wednesday once more. This also will give the staff a chance to make plans for the holiday.

Frigid Blast Closes Schools Here

81st Year

Number 42

Six Below Recorded In Heppner

Blizzard-like weather closed schools in Heppner and Ione Wednesday as some three inches of snow covered the landscape and temperature dropped to six degrees below zero in the early morning hours Wednesday.

The frigid weather brought shivers to the populace, stalled autos, froze water pipes and did other assorted damage.

Leonard L. Gilliam, weather observer, couldn't say immediately Wednesday how long it has been since weather this cold was recorded here but thought this was the coldest for several years. Even colder weather was in prospect, however.

Game, Feed Are Off; No School Thursday
Scheduled basketball game between Ione and Heppner High schools at Heppner Wednesday night has been called off because of the snow and cold weather, Principal Gordon Pratt announced Wednesday morning. It is tentatively planned to reschedule it at a later date.

The PTA chili feed, which was planned to precede the game in the high school cafeteria, has also been canceled for the present. Forrest Burkenbine, PTA president, said.

There will be no school on Thursday in Heppner, Supt. David Potter announced. Prospects are that the temperature may drop to 20 degrees below zero Wednesday night and early Thursday.

As of noon Wednesday, however, no decision had been reached on a closure of Ione schools for Thursday. Everett Holstein, principal, said that he had not decided as of that time.

Supt. Potter said that indications are that school will resume in Heppner on Friday.

The bitter cold hit suddenly. Temperature during the night had ranged around the freezing point during the week—a degree or two above or a degree or two below—but the six below early Wednesday was 39 degrees colder than the 33 above minimum the previous night.

Gilliam said that he could not tell exactly how much snow fell because wind blew it off his gauge. All he could measure officially was 1 1/2 inches, but it was estimated that the average in Heppner might be around three inches.

Schools were closed in Heppner and Ione because of the difficulty of buses in making their rounds. However, schools continued open in Boardman and Irrigon where snow was reported as three inches deep and "cold."

Snow started falling Tuesday morning while a brisk wind was blowing, assuming the characteristics of a blizzard for a time. It piled up quickly and, driven by the winds, piled up in drifts in spots.

Complete weather report is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	44	29	.28
Friday	39	27	.01
Saturday	46	33	—
Sunday	47	32	.05
Monday	47	33	.26
Tuesday	40	-6	.13

Wind Breaks Pane, Teacher Suffers Gash Above Eye
A heavy gust of wind that hit Ione during a storm Tuesday morning shattered a big window pane at Ione elementary school about 10 a.m. and glass struck Gene Docket, teacher at the school. He suffered a gash on his right eyebrow that required 10 stitches to close.

Docket had started to close the window just as the gust hit. The additional pressure caused the pane to shatter, resulting in the injury. No children in the room were close enough to be hurt.

Principal Leonard Herrick brought Docket to Heppner where a doctor sutured the injury. The teacher wanted to go right back to work and spent the rest of the day on the job.

Herrick estimated that winds hit 40 to 50 m.p.h. in gusts at Ione. There were only traces of snow there, but the wind was accompanied by a driving rain while Heppner was having a brief blizzard with heavy snow falling for a time.

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Mac Griffith Shot, Killed in Prineville

Joy Rill Weighs 1 lb. 10 oz.

Dramatic Effort Saves Tiny Premature Baby

Joy Lene Rill, tiny premature baby of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Rill, is alive in the Doernbecher hospital, Portland, today because of the cooperative work of many persons made in a dramatic effort to save her.

She was born in the Pioneer Memorial hospital December 8, weighing only 2 lb., 2 oz., and remained there until Saturday. On Friday it had become apparent that the tiny infant was having difficulty breathing and the family physician felt it was necessary to take her to the Portland hospital for adequate care.

But to get her there required elaborate preparations and the help and services of many, according to Will O'Harra, Pioneer Hospital administrator. It was necessary to set up an air lock in the ambulance, and to operate it a trailer had to be rigged with generators and attached to the ambulance.

Dee Jones prepared oxygen hoses, Harold Becket fixed the trailer hitch for the ambulance; Archie Padberg furnished a trailer; the county shops furnished a generator and Don Wise furnished another; Father Bruce Spencer offered a trailer but the hitch wouldn't fit; and Bob Lowe and Frank Connor made preparations at the hospital.

O'Harra, incidentally, worked 40 hours out of 48 Friday and Saturday on the preparations. The ambulance and trailer left Saturday, driven by Lowe, with Grace Josi, registered nurse, and the baby's father, Myron Rill, also making the trip.

At the Multnomah county line, the ambulance was met by a sheriff's escort which accompanied it to the hospital. The only real trouble encountered was the difficulty that the escort had in finding the proper section of the hospital, which required a little extra time.

Upon arrival, Joy's weight had dropped down to 1 lb., 10 oz., which is normal in premature babies, but the precious little girl arrived in good condition because of the helpful persons who had worked so ardently to

save her life.

A telephone call from Doernbecher hospital Tuesday night reported that she is doing fine. O'Harra said that he believes Joy is the smallest baby to be born in Pioneer Memorial hospital, although one other weighed 2 lb., 4 oz., just two ounces heavier and is still living. Joy was about three months premature.



MAC GRIFFITH

Man Held On Charge Of Murder

Mac Griffith, 26, nationally-known rodeo performer and son of Mrs. Eva Griffith of Heppner, died shortly after arrival at a Prineville hospital at an early hour Wednesday after being shot from a bullet from a .22 caliber derringer in Prineville about 1:30 a.m.

Police arrested Duane Harvey, 33, mechanic, at his home in Prineville about 5:30 a.m. and charged him with first degree murder, according to Gene Dilkes, editor of the Central Oregonian, Prineville, who telephoned the Gazette-Times with the information.

It was reported that the shooting was apparently the outgrowth of an altercation between three RCA cowboys, including Griffith, and Larry Irwin, an Oregon State policeman, who was off duty at the time. How Harvey became involved was not made clear in the early report. The other cowboys involved were Jim Bothum and Ronnie Raymond.

The shooting occurred on a parking lot at the rear of a hotel in Prineville.

Harvey was to be arraigned before a justice of the peace in Prineville Wednesday morning. Griffith, whose widow, Marilyn, lives at their home in Pilot Rock, attained fame as a rodeo performer, winning many titles and trophies. He was all-around cowboy at the Pendleton Round-up in 1963 and won the IRA world championship bronc riding title in 1961. He was champion Northwest Amateur saddle bronc rider in the Morrow county rodeo in 1959 and twice had won the all-around cowboy title in the Northwest Rodeo association.

Mac graduated from Heppner High school in 1956. He started his rodeoing as a boy of 12 or 13 when he entered junior rodeos and soon became a top hand.

The body will be brought to Heppner where funeral arrangements are now pending.

Jerry Sweeney left in mid-day Wednesday for Prineville after the Crook county medical examiner advised him that he would release the body. An autopsy was performed the same morning.

Griffith was born May 26, 1938, son of J. J. and Eva Griffith. Besides his mother and widow, he is survived by a brother, Don, of Spray and other relatives. A complete obituary will be printed next week.

Churches Schedule Family Programs for Christmas

Churches of the area will observe Christmas with special religious services during the coming week. Several family devotional programs have been announced for Sunday evening, December 20, as well as Christmas eve observances.

Families and friends of the First Christian church will join for a dinner at 5:30 in the church dining rooms, followed by Christmas fellowship program, and caroling by the young people. Supply pastors have been filling in since the recent illness of Rev. Len Fishback.

The Sunday school of the Church of the Nazarene will present its annual Christmas program Sunday evening, starting at 7:00 p.m. It will consist of children's recitations, a play entitled "The First Christmas," and the music of Christmas directed by Mrs. Wayne Wilson assisted by Mrs. Douglas Steen. At the close of the program friends and parents are invited to a time school social room, and treats will be provided for the children.

At Valby Lutheran church, the Sunday school program is planned for Friday evening, December 18, starting at 6:30 p.m., with a family fellowship hour following.

Christmas will be observed at Hope Lutheran church Sunday evening with a youth program at 6:00 p.m., followed by congregational family Christmas caroling in the community and social refreshment hour. The of refreshment in the Sunday special festival Christmas worship will be on Christmas eve with a service of "Candlelight and Carol" at 6:00 p.m. at Valby

and at 8:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran.

Observance of Christmas will be a part of the regular Sunday morning worship hour at the First Methodist church with special organ and choir numbers and the pastor speaking on the sermon theme, "Who Follows the Star?" Youth and adults will join in a special evening program Sunday of Christmas music and scriptural tableau under the direction of Rev. Melvin Dixon. Treats will be given the children at the close of the service.

Youth of the Assembly of God will have a special program Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. when Sunday school classes will present recitations of the Christmas story and two plays, "The Substitute Shepherd" and "Christmas Stranger" will be presented by teenage and junior youth. Children will be remembered with treats.

Choral Eucharist mass will be sung Christmas eve at 11:30 at All Saints' Episcopal church under the direction of Father C. Bruce Spencer. Eucharist mass will also be observed at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Ione United Church of Christ will bring to a close its Christmas observances Sunday with young people conducting a service at 5:00 p.m., followed by a church family supper, and Christmas caroling under the leadership of the choir.

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.

Joan Dyson House Damaged by Fire

Five Heppner firemen answered an alarm in the bitter cold at 1 a.m. Wednesday to the home of Mrs. Joan Dyson and family, near the Wishing Well. An overheated stove ignited a wall, and the fire burned through the partition and up into the ceiling and attic.

Answering the alarm were Chief Charles Ruggles, Bill Farra, Clyde Altstoff, Chuck McClinn, and Forrest Burkenbine. Temperature was four degrees at the time of the fire, and it was snowing. Mrs. Dyson had attempted to extinguish the fire by dousing it with water and this helped check it, the chief said.

House was filled with smoke and firemen had to use masks to enter the building. Damage did not appear to be very severe, Chief Ruggles said, and he thought that the family could continue living in the building.

First game of the evening's program, which starts at 8 o'clock, will match the young Lions, aided by some Ione Townies, with the Jaycee outfit from Heppner. This will be a full-fledged game, according to Lindsay Kincaid, chairman of the event for the Ione Lions.

The second contest will feature "old men" over 35 from the Lions and the Chamber of Commerce. Lions say the quarters will be four minutes, but Chamber members announced they would be two minutes. This may involve the opposing contestants in a rubarb right at the start.

Admission will be \$1 for adults, 50c for high school students, 25c for grade school and pre-school youngsters will be admitted free.

Lions, Chamber Gird for Hoop Battle

Basketball—from the ridiculous to the sublime—will be in play Friday night at Ione when the Heppner Jaycees and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce teams accept the challenge of the Ione Lions. (See "Chaff and Chatter," page 2).

While the out-of-shape businessmen may come off the floor bruised and sore, the Ione school band uniform fund will benefit. Proceeds will go for this purpose.

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Coach Farley was a little unsure of his playing squad but said he had a tremendous squad of bench warmers. He did, however, announce a starting lineup composed of Bob Abrams,

Rod Murray, both forwards; John Venard, center; Roice Fullerton and P. W. Mahoney, guards. Coach Farley said he would re-leave Mahoney to shoot left-handed in order to give the Lions a chance.

Farley said, however, that his starting five is subject to change without notice. Trainer for his formidable outfit will be Dr. A. D. McMurdo, who undoubtedly will be the busiest man in the gym that night.

Coach Boyce will start Ted Palmateer at center for the Lions oldsters, Charlie O'Connor and Gar Swanson at forwards, Paul Pettyjohn Sr. and Leonard Herrick at guards.

On the Lions youngster club will be Carol Miller, John Jensen, Roy and Art Lindstrom, Herb Ekstrom Jr., Lindsay Kincaid, Francis Rea, Leland McKinney, Gordon Meyers and Gene Docket.

The doubleheader will undoubtedly produce quite a show for the enjoyment of the public with antics both planned and impromptu. Arrangements may be made to keep an open telephone line to the Pioneer Memorial hospital in case Dr. McMurdo gets too much business to handle.

The Ione band will be on hand to whoop it up, and they will also conduct a cake auction during the course of the evening. The Lions club Honda, to be given away in February, will be on display.

Judge Oscar Peterson and Peck Leathers have been announced as officials for the second contest.

Coaches for the various squads are Ray Boyce for the Lions oldsters, Don Eubanks for the Lions youngsters, Jim Farley and La Verne Van Marter for the Chamber of Commerce, and Harley Sager for the Jaycees.

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