

# Tree, Lights Up; Prizes Offered in Guessing Contest

## Christmas Opening Saturday!

(See also page 1, Section 2)  
Holiday season makes its debut in Heppner this week-end at the annual Christmas Opening, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and all is ready for the gala event, according to Bob Henry, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Guest of honor, of course, will be that famous gentleman, Santa Claus, who is scheduled to arrive at 1 p.m., being transported to the main downtown corner on one of the city's bright red fire trucks. He will have treats for all the kiddies who come to see him.

Nineteen merchants have announced that they will take part in the guessing contest, which will be held here for the fifth consecutive year, and they will award 20 fine prizes, most of which are of at least \$10 in value.

In most instances, the person

taking part in the contest will guess the retail value of merchandise in a window or other display, but in some cases the participant will guess the number of nails in a jar, or some similar game.

The contest is open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and there is no cost or obligation. Entry slips are available in each participating store, and the simple rules are printed in a Chamber of Commerce display advertisement on page 1, section 2, of this paper. Anyone who is able to come to town to take part is invited to join the fun.

Winners names will be posted in window cards in each store at the conclusion of the contest and they will also be announced in next week's Gazette-Times. Only business people and their wives are not eligible to take part.

All of the prizes are fine

Christmas presents in themselves. They are as follows: Van's Variety, a tricycle; Peterson's Jewelers, sterling silver cake stand with glass plate; Western Auto, \$10 in merchandise; Gray's Saddlery, \$10 gift certificate; Gonty's, transistor radio; J. C. Penney Co., \$10 gift certificate; Murrays Rexall Drug, Parker Pen; Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware, teflon coated West Bend kettle and lid; Economy Market, 5 pound fruit cake; Gardner's Men's Wear, a sweater; Gazette-Times, \$10 in cash; Phil's Pharmacy, a Sheaffer pen; Case Furniture, a table lamp; Heppner Auto Parts, set of auto floor mats; Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company, a 3/4-inch electric drill; M & R Company, an electric toaster; Miladies, \$10 in merchandise; Elma's Apparel, \$10 gift certificate; and Central Market (two prizes) an Instamatic camera and 30-cup coffee percolator.

It is suggested that those participating clip the list from the top of page 1, section 2, in this paper to guide them in making the rounds Saturday.

Contributing to the color and spirit of the event is the Christmas street lighting that was installed in mid-week by crews of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, and the community Christmas tree, obtained through the courtesy of Oris Crisp, logging contractor, and erected Wednesday by Columbia Basin and City of Heppner crews.

"A special invitation is extended to those in rural areas and neighboring communities to come to Heppner for Christmas Opening," Henry said. "You'll have a great time, you will enjoy seeing the wide variety of fine Christmas merchandise offered by Heppner stores, and you will have an opportunity to get your shopping done early."

### CALLING ALL KIDS! COME SEE SANTA!



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### Collision Claims Chicago Couple East of Boardman

A Chicago couple, Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Hood, was killed late Monday afternoon in a head-on collision that occurred about seven miles east of Boardman on Highway 30 in Morrow county.

The accident happened as a result of a prior accident in which a pickup, mounted with camper, and a trailer it was pulling overturned on the east bound lane of traffic.

State police and volunteers directed traffic into the single lane on the north side of the highway around the hunting gear and debris. The highway is only two-lane at the place of the accident.

A car driven by Earl Taylor of White Bird, Idaho, going east, had stopped at the scene and was then directed into the open lane. Hood, traveling west, and his small foreign car without slowing down, collided with the Taylor car, it was reported.

Hood died almost instantly and his wife died within a few minutes after the crash. Taylor was treated in Hermiston for cuts sustained in the accident, and his wife was held for observation at the hospital there.

Bodies of Hood, 54, and his wife, Olive Rebecca Hood, 44, were brought to Sweeney Mortuary here and were shipped east Tuesday for final services. Hood's body was sent to Alva, Okla., for services and interment, and Mrs. Hood's body was shipped to Tell City, Indiana.

The couple was en route to Tacoma, Wn., to visit his daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Smith, when the accident occurred. Their home address was 1062 West Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago.

Identity of the hunters in the pickup was not reported. Their rather top heavy rig overturned after passing a large semi truck and trailer traveling in the opposite direction.

It was theorized that air suction between the vehicles in passing caused the camper to sway and go out of control.

It took some three hours to clear the highway of the debris of the overturned vehicles and the cars in the collision. Both of the autos were total losses.



**GARY WATKINS, 11, had to strain to hold these two good-sized steelhead up high long enough to have his picture taken. One is a 9-pounder and the other is seven pounds. They were the first fish he ever caught. (G-T Photo).**

### Annual Christmas Lighting Contest Offers \$60 Prizes

Sixty dollars in prizes are again offered in the annual Christmas home lighting contest sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Avon Melby, chairman, announces.

The prize money is offered for the best residential lighting and display with \$15 for the second prize and \$10 for the third prize. In addition, a \$10 prize is offered as a special prize for the best decorated residential window.

A poster of commendation will be awarded for the best commercial window entry.

Points to be considered in judging, according to Mrs. Melby, are: carrying out one theme, 40 points; simplicity, 20 points; originality, 20 points; and neatness and general appeal, 20 points.

Those who wish to enter may do so at the Gazette-Times office, either in person or by telephone, until noon on Thursday, December 23. A committee of out-of-town judges will do its judging promptly at 6 p.m. on the same day.

All residents are urged to decorate in keeping with the season and add to the Christmas spirit.

### Open House Set Sunday at College

Blue Mountain Community college will show off its new building Sunday afternoon, December 5, it was announced by President Wallace McCrae.

An open house, to be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the new campus on the west edge of Pendleton, will feature static displays and animated exhibits depicting various phases of college life.

The new building, completed early this fall, is the first of several expected to be erected on the new site. Plans for future buildings will be shown at the open house. Members of the College Board, administration, faculty, faculty wives, and student

body will be on hand to conduct tours and discuss the college program. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

A new observatory telescope obtained recently from the Tinsley Laboratories in California will be on display at the open house.

The telescope, built for planetary and stellar observation is one of several items of equipment to be on display. Also on display will be a portable telescope used for planetary and solar observation plus laboratories, classrooms and other facilities on the new campus.

### Murrays to Hold Grand Opening

Grand opening of the store's new gift section is announced for Saturday at Murrays Rexall Drug by Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray, owners of the store.

The store was remodeled and enlarged to include space formerly occupied by the Red and White store earlier this year, but grand opening was delayed until all work was completed. The owners are timing the opening to tie in with Heppner's Christmas Opening on Saturday.

The new section primarily contains nicer gift items, ranging from toys to fine china sets. The older section of the store also contains a wide assortment of gift items.

In inviting the public to come and attend the grand opening, the Murrays announce that they are serving coffee and cookies all day Saturday, and they are offering some special bargains as "door busters." They are participating in the Christmas window guessing contest and have other special attractions in keeping with the season and the opening.

### Auction to End Long Life Of Gilliam and Bisbee

Entire stock of Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware will be sold at auction on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, and the store, probably the oldest in the area, will be closed thereafter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke, owners, announce this week.

The auction, to be cried by Donald Kennedy of Portland, will start at 10 a.m. Friday, December 10, and continue through the two days. A wide range of merchandise will be sold, including the plumbing, pipe fittings, electrical goods, housewares, small appliances, tools, fishing tackle, guns and ammunition, miscellaneous hardware, and some of the stores office and shop equipment and fixtures.

Buschke and John Key bought the store as of February 1, 1955, from Leonard Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam and Lou Bisbee. Mrs. (Margaret) Buschke bought Key's interest in January, 1958, and the Buschkes have operated the store as a husband and wife partnership since that time.

The store has served the community for some 80 years and has had a history of being one of Heppner's best merchandising enterprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Buschke state that they plan to remain in Heppner and will devote their time to less confining endeavors. They own the building which houses upstairs the rental offices for the ASCS office, the county extension office, the Soil Conservation district office and the U. S. Forest Service ranger district office.

The Buschkes said that this notice and their display advertisement on page 2 of this pa-

per are the first announcements that they have made, even to closest friends and relatives. They said that they are making the move with some reluctance and regret, since they realize that loss of the store will be felt by the community and by those who worked and developed the business in past years. However, they said that they refused offers made by others to buy the store on the theory that any new owners might prefer to get a fresh start with all new stock and equipment.

Coffee and cookies will be served during the auction sale, and the first 200 buyers will receive small free gifts, they said.

### Heppner Booster Buttons on Sale

An additional supply of Heppner Booster buttons have arrived and are now on sale, Mrs. Clint (Marie) McQuarrie of the newly-formed Heppner Boosters announces.

The initial order of 100 buttons was sold out, and an additional 100 were ordered. These arrived Monday. Calls have been received for 44 of the new supply, so only 56 more are available.

Anyone wishing to purchase the big celluloid and metal buttons may get them from the Eddie Gundersons, the Gene Halls, the Jerry Sweeneys, the Ernest McCabes, or the Marion Greens. Proceeds from the sale will go towards boosting all local school activities.

Those going to the basketball games at Enterprise and DeSales (Walla Walla) this week-end are reminded to wear their buttons to boost the Mustangs.

### 2 Good Steelheads Gary Watkins, 11, Catches First Fish,

If Gary Watkins, 11, continues the way he's started, he's going to be a whale of a fisherman some day.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Watkins, caught the first fish he ever landed on the Columbia River Saturday, November 20. His first catch was a 9-lb. steelhead, and his second fish was a 7-pounder.

Most youngsters are content to get a small trout, just over the minimum six inches, on their first outings, but Gary initiated his tackle on the gamey steelhead.

Fishing in a boat with his father and Dave Eckman, Gary made his catches between 7:30 and 8 a.m. near the mouth of the Umatilla River. His father managed to land one on the outing and Eckman also landed one.

Gary used a flatfish lure to hook his steelhead. They were frozen when he brought them in to have his picture taken with them.

## Basketball Teams to Start Action in Games on Road

Basketball makes its debut on the 1965 sports stage this week-end for both Heppner and Ione High schools, but fans of either team will have to travel if they wish to see them in action for their openers.

Coach Bob Clough's Heppner High team plays Enterprise there Friday night in a doubleheader with the jayvees starting the action and varsity contest to follow.

Coach Gene Docketer's Ione Cardinals go to Umatilla Friday night for a jamboree with Stanfield, Riverside, Hermiston Jayvees, Echo and Umatilla. They scheduled game with Umatilla High at Ione on Saturday night has been cancelled because of conflicts with other activities at Umatilla High, Coach Docketer said. This was to have been the home opener for the Cards.

All Veterans to Start

Coach Clough said that he plans to start an all-veteran line-up against Enterprise with Gene Heliker and Jim Doherty at the guard positions, Mac Hoskins at center and David Clark

and Jim Jacobs at the forward spots.

It may be recalled that the Mustangs defeated Enterprise, 58-50, to win their way to the district tournament at La Grande at the end of the '64-'65 season, the game being played at Milton-Freewater. It may be presumed that the Mustangs would like to square this, although this season's non-counting opener will have none of

### Season Basketball Tickets Go on Sale

Season basketball tickets for Heppner High school games are now on sale, Principal Clayton Norton announces. Members of the H-club (Lettermen) are conducting the sale.

The ticket sells for \$7.50 and is good for the nine home games. Any wishing tickets who are not contacted may call the school. (Phone 676-9138).

the stakes that the last game had.

Coach Docketer has pretty optimistic hopes for his Ione team, having lost just one letterman, but a fine one, Joe Halvorsen, from last year's team. He has seven lettermen back and will start five of them in the jamboree. Ione plays Stanfield in the first jamboree game, starting at 7 p.m. and playing two 10-minute halves.

### Ione Starts Vets. Too

The coach said that he expects to start Jay Ball, 5-8 senior, and Stan Holstein, 5-10 senior, at the guard positions; Wes Holstein, 6-1, junior, and Leon Magill, 6-0 junior, at the forward spots; and Rodney Linnell, 6-1, senior, at center. Mark Halvorsen, 5-11 1/2, senior, a mainstay on last year's club, is just now getting over a broken finger suffered in football and is not ready for action. The coach hopes that he will be able to play starting next week.

Virgil Morgan, junior guard, is the other letterman who will

be counted on heavily this season. Three others making up the varsity are Leland Magill, junior forward; Monte Crum, junior, guard; and Chris Lovgren sophomore forward.

The jamboree will be held between half of the teams of the Morrow-Umatilla B league while another for the other half of the league is in progress in another town.

Following the Stanfield-Ione game, Riverside will take on the Hermiston jayvees, and Umatilla will conclude the evening's program against Echo. One of the highlights of the jamboree will be awarding of the coveted sportsmanship trophy.

### Cards Eye League Opener

With the Umatilla game Saturday night cancelled, the Cards will be idle on that night but swing right into league play the ensuing Friday night, December 10, against Pilot Rock on the Rockets' court. Pilot Rock dropped down from A-2 ranks this year and is now a member of the B league. Coach Dock-

ter figures that they will be one of the "teams to beat" in the circuit. Although they lost Rich Mikel they have three fine veterans back from last year's starting five. Many other teams in the league, however, were hard hit by graduation. Ione's first home game will be against Riverside in the Cards gym on Friday night, December 17.

In speaking to the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce about his team Monday, Coach Clough said that the Mustangs this year will have "pretty good" height and should be a stronger rebounding team than last year. All the starters are experienced, including the tournament wars on the district and state levels.

Clark has the big job of filling the shoes of Carl Bauman, and Jacobs, the solid junior, steps into the spot at which Bill Snyder generally started last year. Snyder is not out for basketball this year, the coach said.

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### Dates are Chosen For Fair, Rodeo

Morrow county rodeo in 1966 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, Jack Locke, secretary, announced following a meeting of the rodeo board.

The fair board has set the dates of August 23 through 26 for the county fair.

### WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of November 24-December 1 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	38	25	.27
Thursday	44	33	—
Friday	42	33	.08
Saturday	47	29	—
Sunday	48	20	—
Monday	42	26	—
Tuesday	45	23	—
Wednesday	55	31	—

Total precipitation for the month of November was 1.84 inches.