

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## This Paper is a GREETING CARD

In this paper are the Christmas messages of the business firms of Lone, Lexington and Heppner extending the best of the holiday season to their friends and customers.

The number, representing a large percentage of the businesses in the three towns, gives one an idea of the many firms which are here to serve the public.

Selection of the messages was made with care, the sentiments expressed are sincere, and this Christmas edition of the Gazette-Times therefore becomes a veritable portfolio of greeting cards to the readers.

## Mustangs to Play In Condon Tournney

Annual Condon Holiday Invitational basketball tournament will be the setting for another outstanding series of basketball games. The same teams that played during the 1964 holiday tournament will see action in the Condon High School gym on December 28 and 29.

In the first game the Huskies from Sherman, with six returning lettermen, will match baskets with the Wheeler High School Falcons. The Falcons have played several games and are improving rapidly in spite of the prolonged football season which delayed basketball practice. They will present a well balanced scoring machine. The black and gold "Falcons" will meet the orange and black "Huskies" from Sherman in the first game beginning at 6:30 on December 28.

In the second game of the evening the Heppner High school team will go all out to advance to the championship bracket. The hosts "Blue Devils" will pull all the stops in an attempt to tame the blue and gold "Mustangs."

The losers of the two games on Tuesday, December 28, will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday, December 29. The winner of the first night's games will play for the championship on Wednesday, December 29.

Pasco Arritola has gotten off to a strong start in his first season as coach at Sherman High school. There are six returning lettermen on the Huskie roster. In early season games the team has come through with a well balanced scoring attack and has four wins to their credit.

The Heppner Mustangs have six veterans plus some very capable recruits from last year's junior varsity squad. Coach Bob Clough has 7 men between 6' and 6'2". During the 1964-65 season the blue and gold from Heppner won 16 games. They were district champions in the strong Greater Oregon League.

Wheeler High, like Sherman, has a new basketball coach this season. The coach and team have been putting in some long, hard hours at basketball practice in order to compensate for the late start. Several players have been handicapped because of lingering foot injuries. Coach Don Persinger hopes his team will be at full strength on December 28. The Falcon roster shows five boys 6'1" plus several others with good height.

Coach Ted Schadevitz's Condon team has the smallest number of experienced players. Only four players have varsity experience and none of them is over 6' tall. The coach hopes to find some help from the newcomers and develop a strong bench by the end of the season. The 1964-65 season was very successful for the Blue Devils as they won the district basketball tournament.

According to their rosters, none of the teams has a tall man this season. A young fellow on the Blue Devil squad is listed at 6'3". The tournament

should present some evenly matched teams that will provide the spectators with plenty of thrills to well played basketball.

## Teams to Receive Travel Jackets

Basketball team of Heppner High school will soon have new dress jackets to wear to games as a result of contributions being made for the purpose by a group of Heppner and Lexington firms and individuals.

The dark blue jackets will be the property of the school and will be kept for teams of ensuing years. It is hoped that it will be possible to include the Heppner High crest on the jackets, which will be ordered through Gardner's Men's Wear. The project is not one of the Heppner Boosters but stemmed from a volunteer movement. The 6 jackets to be obtained will include one for the team manager, two for the coaches and one for the bus driver on games away from home.

Contributing to the fund for the jackets are Lott's Electric, Winter and Balfe, Heppner Nor-Gas Company, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kilkenny, Sweeney Mortuary, L. E. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gunderson, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, Mahoney and Abrams, Central Market, Kinzua Corporation, Heppner Lumber Co., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Murrays Rexall Drug, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Morrow County Grain Growers and Gardner's Men's Wear.

Those of the present team will be measured for the jackets prior to ordering, and they will be altered as needed for teams of ensuing years.

It is expected that the new togs will arrive sometime in January.

## O'Harra Gives Report on Hospital

Pioneer Memorial Hospital is a \$200,000 per year business, Will O'Harra, administrator, told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. He was there to tell of the progress made by the hospital in its 15-year history, current needs and problems to be faced in the future.

Gross income in the 15 years has been \$2,300,000. Monthly payroll is \$12,500 and accounts payable are approximately \$4,000 per month, O'Harra said. The hospital has very little problem with collections, the administrator reported. Most of the patients admitted are now covered by some type of insurance. At the present time this runs to about 82% of those coming to the hospital.

While in Umatilla and Morrow county about 10% of the population is over 65, some 20% of the admissions in the hospital

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## Al Boschees Win First In Lighting Contest

With decorations by the Rev. and Mrs. Al Boschee, Heppner's Christian church parsonage won first place in the annual Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Christmas lighting and decoration contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward took second place, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hughes won third.

In the residential window contest, the Marshall Lovgren home took the single \$10 prize offered.

Heppner Grill was winner of a certificate of commendation for the decorated window in the commercial division.

Although not entered in the contest, the mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Prindle, E. Campbell Way, received special mention from the judges.

For those who wish to drive to view the winners' homes, the Christian parsonage is located at 275 Gale Street, the Ward home is at 525 South Chase, and the Hughes home is at 360 South Gilmore.

The Lovgren home is at 240 South Court.

A religious theme with rooftop decorations accented by floodlights is featured at the parsonage, while Santa Claus is the central focal point at the Ward home.

The Lovgren windows feature frosted edges and corners, outlined in lights, with a central window picture-framing a lighted tree.

Judges included Mrs. Omar Rietmann, lone, Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mrs. Mervin Leonard, both of Lexington.

The Boschees will receive \$25 for first prize, the Wards \$15 for second and the Hughes \$10 for third.

The judges also commented that many more fine decorations were observed around town which were not on the entry list and suggested that every encouragement should be given more to enter next year.

By rules of the contest, the winners must keep their decorations intact and lighted at night through New Years. Mrs. Avon Melby and Orville Cutsforth were in charge of the contest and the \$60 in prize money was given by an anonymous donor.

## Saturday Closing At Post Office Starts in January

Effective at the first of 1966 all financial transactions at the Heppner post office on Saturdays will be suspended. Postmaster James Driscoll has announced.

Windows will be open from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays for delivery of parcel post only. No stamps will be sold and no other financial transactions will be handled.

The postmaster said that this is in conformity with a policy in effect for some three years in larger surrounding cities and is an economy move of the postal department.

Mails will be dispatched and received on the same schedule as present without change, he said. Mail will continue to be distributed as usual.

## Ski Tow to Open At Arbuckle Run

Ski tow at Arbuckle Mountain will be in operation Sunday and skiing will be permitted throughout the day without charge. Bob Henry has announced.

Regular rates for skiing will start in January.

Henry reported that there is "fairly reliable" skiing with one foot of snow at the top of the tow at present and six inches on the lower run.

Plans for operating a bus to the mountain have not been completed as yet so there will be no public transportation for this Sunday. However, he said that arrangements are now being made to provide a bus for the ensuing winter season.

## Chamber Elects Six Directors

Six directors of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce were elected for two-year terms at the regular meeting Monday. They are Herman Winter, Judge Paul Jones, Harley Young, Jack VanWinkle, LeRoy Gardner and Jack Grossnickle.

Officers will be elected at a directors' meeting Monday. Holdover directors which, with the new members, complete the board are Ed Gonty, Bob Henry, Randall Peterson and Wes Sherman.

## State Man to Take Employment Claims

A representative of the Department of Employment from Pendleton will be at the Kinzua Corporation office in Heppner, Thursday, December 30, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to take claims for unemployment insurance.

Anyone interested in filing a new or reopened claim should contact the representative at the stated time.

Mrs. Nona Sowell in the Kinzua office reports that the mill will be down for its customary Christmas and New Years lay-off period starting with the conclusion of the shift Friday. Operations will resume on Monday, January 3.

## Gayle Cox to Play In East-West Band

Gayle Cox, now serving with the U. S. Coast Guard, will play with the Coast Guard band at the Shrine East-West game in San Francisco, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox of Heppner.

The young man entered the Coast Guard about Thanksgiving time and has been taking basic training at Alameda, Calif.

The East-West game will be played Friday, December 31, and will be televised.

## Kinzua Safety Record Best Of 488 Mills

Because of their outstanding safety record, employees of Kinzua Corporation are receiving Christmas turkeys this year, an appreciation gift from the company, according to A. B. Coleman of Kinzua, general manager.

This means that a total of 360 turkeys go to the crews at Heppner and Kinzua, 62 of which were distributed to the Heppner mill crew at Central Market.

The mill at Heppner has the enviable record of 395 accident free days, dating back to November 23, 1964. Jim Grady, safety director of Western Wood Products association, advises that this places the Heppner mill at the top of 488 lumber firms reporting their safety records to the Western Wood Products association of which he is safety director.

At Kinzua, truck drivers have an injury free record of 794 days dating back to October 21, 1963. They are followed by employees on the mill dry sorter with an injury free record of 539 days, dating back to July 3, 1964, according to Allen Nistad of the company.

Both mills operate under a trading stamp incentive program whereby 300 trading stamps are placed in their pay envelopes each month that a major department operates without a lost-time accident. The turkeys were an added award by General Manager Coleman in recognition of the overall safety record compiled by all departments since January 1, 1965.

Employers Mutual of Wisconsin, the mills' insurance carrier, will present a plaque award to the Heppner mill in recognition of its outstanding achievement of operating all departments without a lost time accident the past year.

"The safety record of our operation for the past year was an outstanding example of excellent cooperation and participation of all our employees in our safety program," Coleman said. "Safety depends on each one of us, and disabling injuries affect each of us also. The worker loses valuable wage earnings, the foreman loses a skilled employee and must carefully train someone else for the job. Both the worker and the operation suffer during this transition period. We hope that next year will bring a better record yet!"

## First Aid Class To Begin Soon

A standard Red Cross First Aid class is scheduled to start early in January, according to an announcement this week by Elwood Boyd.

"Every family should have at least one member trained in Red Cross First Aid," he states. "Very often the knowledge of what to do at the time of an accident, before the arrival of the doctor, often means the difference between life and death. Some equipment must be replaced soon because it has been in use 15 years and is 'going downhill.'"

One project about to be realized is the installation of television in the patients' rooms.

## New Ambulance Given to Hospital

Gift of a new Cadillac ambulance for use by Pioneer Memorial hospital was announced by Mrs. Amanda Duvall at a meeting held with county and hospital officials at her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Duvall, whose generous donations have been a boon to public institutions and the persons who use them, has made many previous contributions to the hospital and she gave the library-museum a number of years ago in memory of her late husband, Harry Duvall, and daughter.

The new ambulance will be a Superior coach and will be

fully equipped. Delivery is expected within three or four months. It will replace the ambulance that has been in use here for 16 years.

Will O'Harra, hospital administrator, had stated some time ago that replacement of the ambulance was one of the hospital's greatest needs. The present ambulance has been considered inadequate for some time, having been beset with mechanical troubles and not adapted to the type of use it gets in the eastern Oregon country.

At the meeting Wednesday were County Judge Paul Jones, Clarence Rosewall, chairman of the hospital board, Robert Lowe, hospital engineer, and O'Harra.

## Governor Appeals For Driving Care

Governor Mark Hatfield has issued an appeal to Oregon motorists to put a stop to the blood-bath that has already established a new all-time death record on Oregon streets and highways.

"The Christmas season is now upon us," the Governor said, "and with it comes the most dangerous time of the year in traffic."

For far too many Oregonians, he said, this will not be a season of happiness for "it will mark the first Christmas without some member of their family—someone among the more than 600 people already killed in traffic."

The Governor noted that the holiday period last year accounted for five deaths and 106 injuries. The last six hours of Christmas eve traditionally are the single most dangerous hours in traffic.

"I can think of no better advice for Oregonians than to practice courtesy . . . in thought and deeds during this festive holiday season," the Governor said.

The Governor echoed warnings of previous years in asking those who plan trips to start early and allow plenty of time for trips; adjust speed to road and weather conditions; use seat belts; and, finally, remember that "one for the road may be more than you can handle—and live."

## Hermiston Pair Wins in Bowling

Jim Schnase and Fran Copping, both of Hermiston, have won the handicap mixed doubles tournament of Fiesta Lanes completed Sunday night. Art Dyck, owner, announces.

The two will split \$100 prize money as winners. Their winning score was 1169.

Some 65 teams participated in the tournament with entries from Pendleton, Walla Walla, Hermiston and from Morrow county towns. The action took place over two week-ends.

## Students Show Talent In Christmas Program

Talents of Heppner High school students were very obviously enjoyed by the large audience Friday evening which came to hear and see the varied Christmas program, staged by the music and drama departments, in the school's multipurpose room. Words of welcome were given by Mark Brown, senior, who also presided over introductions and narrated the show.

Seven band selections, under the direction of Arnold Melby, featured the favorite Christmas carols, and was climaxed with an arrangement of the Messiah's "Hallelujah Chorus."

A recently formed high school mixed chorus, directed by Mrs. Rachel Dick, entertained with three Christmas selections, "What Child is This?", "Silver Bells," and "White Christmas." Piano accompaniment was by Kathy Melby.

Use of black light added brilliance to costumes worn by characters in the variety show, "Santa's Big Night." Drama and girls' physical education departments combined talents in dances and dramatic acts. Setting

## PUC Rules for UP On LCL Shipments; Stop January 17

The Union Pacific Railroad will be allowed to discontinue less-than-carload freight service in Oregon after January 17, State Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill announced today.

The commissioner, acting on evidence presented by the UP and protestants last October at public hearings in Portland, Condon and La Grande, issued an order lifting a suspension of a tariff that eliminates handling of all shipments of 4,000 pounds or less consigned to points along UP's main and branch lines between Portland and the Oregon-Idaho border. The UP late last June filed the tariff with all states through which its system operates. The tariff automatically went into effect on August 1 on all portions of its system except Oregon where it was suspended on July 22, after the utility commissioner learned there would be complaints from shippers.

UP witnesses testified at the hearing that LCL traffic has dropped steadily since 1946 despite their efforts to maintain it with good schedules, low rates and modern, fast freight handling techniques. They produced records showing 1964 LCL revenues had dropped to \$195,323 while their LCL expense came to \$293,825 for a net loss of \$98,502.

Although no protestants appeared at the Portland hearing, a number did appear at Condon and La Grande. The majority indicated they feared the loss of competition more than loss of the service.

Hill ruled, however, that there was no evidence that traffic would not continue to be a financial burden to the railroad and the public would not be adversely affected if it was discontinued. He pointed out that all affected by the discontinuance are adequately serviced by regular scheduled truck lines.