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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Christmas Speaks of Giving

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The beautiful lights that shine so bright and colorful, the green tree all decorated and trimmed, the gifts in the store windows tell us the news. It's Christmas again in Heppner. Christmas shoppers are busy picking out that special gift for that special someone, the gift that best shows the expression of one's love to another. The cash registers ringing, the children all singing and awaiting that big day, to see what will be under the tree for them. Folks running to the post office to mail the Christmas cards to friends and loved ones. The buying and giving of gifts lets us know it's Christmas again.

Well, maybe Christmas has become too commercialized. Maybe all this buying and giving and sending of cards, and treats for the children has gotten out of hand. But still down through the years Christmas has always spoken of giving.

We read about the wise men who traveled from afar to see the Christ child. "They presented unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh."

Christmas speaks of giving. Christmas began with a gift. The greatest gift ever given throughout the course of human history. Christmas began with the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ. "When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His son . . . to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:4, 5)

God's gift to the world was the expression of His great love "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

What a great and wonderful gift was the Babe of Bethlehem, the most beautifully wrapped Christmas gift ever given. Here in the manger was God Himself wrapped in human flesh. (John 1:1)

God's gift was not for only a few, but for all of mankind. The announcement of the angels, to the shepherds, gives the universal scope of this great gift.

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." The value of a gift is determined by its usefulness to the recipient and its adaptability to his needs. God's gift is adaptable to every condition and circumstance.

God's gift, His son, can and does meet every need the Bible says of Him, "He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul." This is the testimony of millions who have accepted God's gift, and have found He meets the deep needs of the human heart.

Truly Christmas speaks of giving. Christmas tells us of giving gifts to friends and loved ones, and those in need who are less fortunate than we are. Christmas remains God's greatest gift, given on that first Christmas morn.

Christmas speaks of giving. God gave His son for you. What have you given Him? There is only one gift that God is asking of you. He is not asking for gold, frankincense, or myrrh. His request of you is, "My son give me thine heart."

Make this Christmas the best you have ever had, accept God's gift of His son and give Him your heart.

God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

## Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

IT DOESN'T take a lot of words to say "Merry Christmas" and mean it, and as we express this once again it is done with the greatest of sincerity. We only regret that it isn't within our power to adequately convey our feelings to the many very fine persons whose loyalty and support to the Gazette-Times make all the long hours worthwhile. If we started to list them it would more than fill this page, so we trust that all will understand that our best wishes come from the hearts of the publishers and the small Gazette-Times staff.

ONE OF the truly fine gifts to the community at this Christmas time is the donation of the new ambulance by Mrs. Amanda Duvall. The fact that the gift comes just prior to Christmas is really only coincidental, but is nonetheless fitting.

Mrs. Duvall was very reluctant to make any public announcement of the new ambulance, and it was only after hospital and county officials urged her to release the news that she was prevailed upon to do it.

With all deference to her feelings on the matter, we must extend this word of appreciation to one whose many kind acts for the community, county and her church have done so much good.

There will be many who will have need of the ambulance in the future or whose loved ones use it that will have occasion to bless her for this gift.

IN ALL fairness to the post office, we'll eat just a bit of crow this week. Folks at Hardman didn't get their papers on time last week. They were a couple of days late, but it wasn't because of zip codes! We found the Hardman bundle slipped down out of sight behind some of our equipment Friday after the rest of the papers had gone out on time Thursday. After challenging the postal department on zip codes in the issue two weeks ago, it was a rather sheepish editor that came totting the Hardman bundle to Postmaster Jim Driscoll Saturday morning.

Jim, who has been very good natured about this whole matter of zip codes, said with a grin, "Are you going to publish that, too?"

Yes, we are, Jim. Postmaster Driscoll has really been working to check out mail delays around here, and he's trying to ferret out in specific instances if Mr. Zip is at fault.

In the meantime, we have had quite a reaction from the editorial, coming from individuals, businesses and other editors. If trouble continues after the holiday rush is over, we might elaborate on some of these, but we know our local postmaster is doing his best to check out complaints and run them down.

WE'RE SORRY to see that Charlie O'Connor has resigned his position as mayor of Ione. He has always been a good contact

for the paper, and whenever anything happened that was of importance newswise concerning Ione, Charlie was always readily approachable with a frank and straightforward answer.

After four terms and previous service as a councilman, Charlie figures it is someone else's turn. He's probably right.

We want to take this method of thanking him for the good work he has done as "Mr. Ione."

SOME INTERESTING bits came out when Roger Thompson, public information representative for Pacific Gas Transmission Co., spoke at the Lions club last week.

Someone asked what happened when they get a leak in the pipe and how the leak is located.

Chet Bond, who is in charge of the pipeline in this area, responded by saying they had a leak in the pipe recently in Morrow county. In this instance, although it was just a tiny leak, they spotted it by airplane.

How? Simple. The line in this place was under a wheat field. They just flew straight over the course of the line and came to a spot where no wheat was growing in a space about 50 feet in diameter. The gas had killed the grain.

To repair such a leak, they cut the pressure in the pipe way down and have a process of welding it that prevents fire or explosion. How they do this is a little technical for us.

In the case of a major leak

at any place along the 1400 mile line, they shut down the pressure, but this doesn't put their California users out of service for the simple reason that the pipe itself has 3 1/2 billion feet of gas inventory in it.

It's kind of interesting to think, as one drives across the line on the bomb range road, or on the Willow Creek highway or at Ione that the gas underneath is headed for California for domestic and industrial consumption and that it will be several days before it arrives. It takes six days for the gas to go from the Alberta fields to its California market.

### Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, January 4, 1966, at the Court House between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL  
Tuesday, Wednesday, December 28, 29  
Christmas Tournament at Condon  
Condon High gym, double-headers, first game, 6:30 p.m.  
Support the Mustangs!

RAINBOW DANCE  
By Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls  
Monday, December 27, 9:00 p.m.  
IOOF Hall, Heppner  
Music by Dartell Five of Pendleton.

NEW YEARS DANCE  
Heppner Fair Pavilion  
Friday, Dec. 31, 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.  
Music by the Henchmen of Heppner  
Admission, \$1.50.

WE WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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## Greetings

We wish all our friends a very joyous and cheerful Christmas Season.

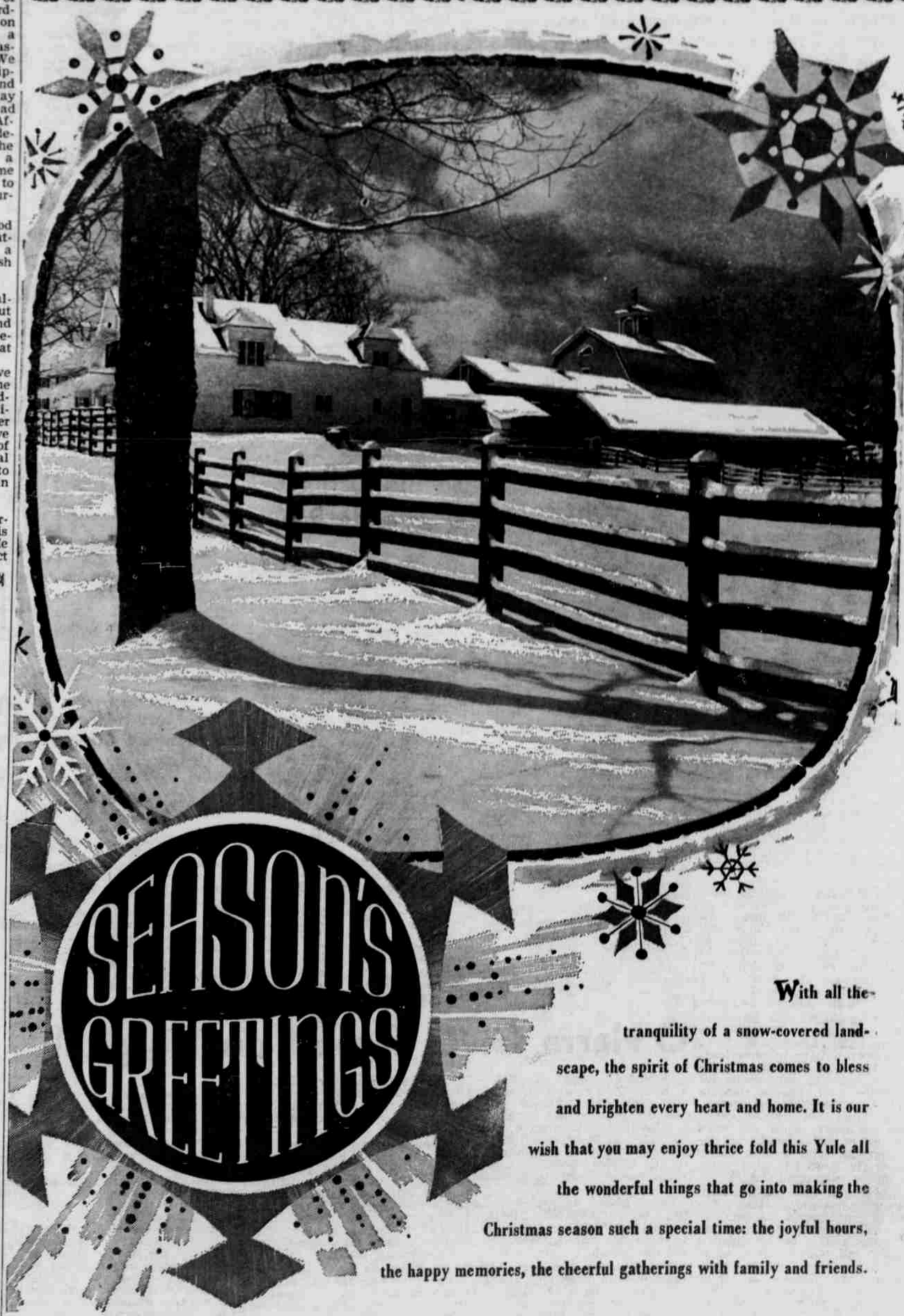


## The Heppner ROLLER RINK

WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS WEEK-END

SKATING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 and JANUARY 1, 7 to 10 P.M. and SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2 to 5 P.M.

—THE HUDSONS



SEASON'S GREETINGS

With all the tranquility of a snow-covered landscape, the spirit of Christmas comes to bless and brighten every heart and home. It is our wish that you may enjoy thrice fold this Yule all the wonderful things that go into making the Christmas season such a special time: the joyful hours, the happy memories, the cheerful gatherings with family and friends.



## Greetings

Peaceful as a countryside wrapped in snowy white, the quiet contentment of Christmas spreads across the land. We greet you with the wish that great joy may be yours at this happy, holy time. And with sincere thanks, we extend to you our great appreciation for your favors and friendly good will.

## Gardner's Men's Wear

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