

Church Presents Cantata on Air; Residents Travel

By LAVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON—The Irrigon Assembly of God church presented a Christmas cantata "Love Transcending" at their church Sunday evening, and also presented the cantata over the Hermiston radio station Sunday morning.

Solo passages were by Mrs. Perry Pummel, Mrs. Harvey Warner, Ronald Berg, David Kenney, Anita Pummel, and Bob Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Sharon and Tom, and Mrs. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Floyd Reed, drove to La Grande Saturday and spent Christmas with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart, and Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Doris Courtney and family. They returned to Irrigon Sunday evening.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow were Mrs. Markham's sister, Miss Snow McCoy of Hermiston, and Mrs. Markham's sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Berg and Ronald of Vancouver, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Mills, Ricky, Randy and Steve of Hermiston.

Miss Clara Fay Coy of Portland spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coy and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coy and family.

Mrs. William Vigil and sons Glenn, Paul, Dale and Clifford of LaPorte, Colo., are spending the Christmas holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coy and family and her son, LeRoy Vigil who left for induction into the Marine Corps on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lampson and family of Kennewick, Wash., drove to Irrigon Tuesday evening to visit her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Markham.

Joan Gasser, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gasser, underwent eye surgery at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton last Tuesday, and is convalescing at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rucker and family of Arlington spent the Christmas holidays in Irrigon visiting Mrs. E. L. Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bentley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Adams and family.

Scott Adams, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adams, is convalescing at his home following surgery at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton.

A ham dinner was served to Irrigon Grange members and their guests at their annual Christmas party. Singing, gift exchange and games were enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCoy, Jimmy and Judy of Long Beach, California, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ruth McCoy and his brothers and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCoy and Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy of Vancouver drove to Irrigon over the week-end and visited his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow and Sheyl. While in the area they also visited her mother, Mrs. True, a patient at Valle Vista Home, and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Goodwin and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goodwin and Gary, Hermiston.

Trolley Ordinance Upheld

Irrigon Council met last Tuesday evening and voted unanimously to uphold the trailer ordinance which provides that trailers within the city limits must be parked in the trailer court, unless parked on land owned by occupant of the trailer. The council renewed package beer licenses to the Complete Food Grocery store and Clark's One-Stop Grocery store. The council accepted a letter of resignation from Attorney William Belt, who is moving to Salem. A new attorney has not yet been selected. A street report covering a 5-year development program was approved.

Mrs. Beulah Pummel of Portland spent the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pummel, Anita, Donna Kay and Darrel. Sunday afternoon they were all dinner guests of Mrs. Beulah Pummel's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Obern Standerfer of Hermiston.

Mrs. Perry Pummel attended an Avon Christmas party and sales meeting at Pendleton last Monday. The luncheon and meeting were at the Tapadera banquet room.

A/3C Allyn Hobbs, who recently completed schooling at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, is home on leave with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hobbs and family. Hobbs will be stationed at Mathers Air Force Base near Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jorgensen spent Saturday in Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. J. W. Bunnell of Clarkston, Wash., is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Estes and family.

The Busy Knitters 4-H club met at the old school last Thursday and watched a movie on knitting. The girls worked on their hot-dish holders and were served refreshments after the meeting. Girls present were Danelle Leighton, Debra Huwe,

Services Slated For Condon Man

Funeral services for Kenneth C. Johnson, 59, Condon, will be at the United Church of Christ, Condon, Friday, December 31, at 10:30 a.m. He died Wednesday, December 29, in a hospital at Pendleton after a long illness.

Johnson was born in the Hardman area on February 20, 1906. He worked on ranches and also was employed by Condon Motor and Implement Co. prior to his illness. He went through school at Condon.

The Rev. Walter B. Crowell, pastor of the Ione United Church of Christ, will officiate at the services. Concluding services will be at the Hardman cemetery Friday at 1 p.m.

Johnson, who was unmarried, is survived by two brothers, Albee's Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Car in Skid Hits Truck at Bridge

An auto owned and driven by LeRoy Gardner, Jr., sustained damage principally to the front end when it skidded and collided with a large commercial truck on the east side of the John Day river bridge detour on the Columbia River highway on Christmas morning.

Gardner, student at Eastern Oregon College, was driving behind his parents who were traveling in their car ahead, bound for The Dalles. The son had expected to continue on to Salem and thus took his own car, a 1965 model.

The young man had slowed down for the first turn of the detour, going off the main highway, and was in third gear. The car hit a slick spot and went out of control, colliding with a cab-over-engine truck that was just coming up the hill from the detour.

Some damage was done to the truck, which was carrying another cab-over-engine truck piggyback. Two tires of the truck were ruined, Gardner said. No one was hurt in the accident.

The mishap occurred at about 9 a.m. before highway crews had a chance to sand the slick approaches to the detour. The young man's mother observed the accident from their car ahead. The damaged auto was towed to Pendleton, and the owner proceeded to The Dalles with his parents.

Students Arrive

The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon received a telephone call from their daughters Wednesday evening from Wilmore, Ky., reporting that they had arrived there safely after leaving by auto from here Sunday. The two girls, Marti and Sharon Dixon, were accompanied by Chuck Gilliland of Carry, Pa., who spent Christmas here with the Dixons. The three are students at Ashbury College, Wilmore. In view of the severe weather conditions at this time, the parents were particularly concerned about their safe arrival.

High Ind. Game—Gene Doherty, 218; High Ind. Series—Hubert Wilson, 549; High Team Game—Willow Creek CC, 1023; High Team Series—First National Bank, 2822.

Father Critical in Hospital Here

Stanley Dixon, father of the Rev. Melvin Dixon, was reported to be in critical condition and sinking in the Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday night. He has been bedridden in the nursing home at the hospital for the past 2½ years, having suffered a paralytic stroke prior to his confinement. Mr. Dixon is 78 years of age.

Arriving last Wednesday for several days visit here with relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Case of Poulso, Wn. They enjoyed the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jessie Griffin, and also in the Forrest and Archie Burkenbine homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman and family enjoyed Christmas dinner at Stayton Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Samek and family. The Sameks are parents of the Shermans' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Sherman, of Salem. On Sunday, the Heppner family went to Forest Grove to have another Christmas family gathering with Wes Sherman's mother, Mrs. Harry Sherman, Sr., and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman, Jr., and family. Some of the group also went to Reedville to visit another brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sherman. On the trip Mrs. Sherman also renewed a lifelong friendship with Mrs. Kathryn Middlebrook, now of Stayton. The two attended college together at Linfield in McMinnville and were sorority sisters there. Joining the Shermans at Forest Grove was another lifelong family friend, George Barkley of Tracy, Calif., who expects to come to Heppner today (Thursday) for a New Years visit with the Wes Shermans.

Those who received medical care, and were later dismissed, were the following: Jennifer Johnston, Heppner; Irene Huit, Boise, Ida.; Edna Turner, Heppner; James Marvin, Ione, and Edwin Heidlage, Kinzua.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bryant of Kinzua are parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Colleen, born Sunday, December 26. Her birth weight was 9 lb., 1 oz. She joins a family of five other children.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gamrott of Hillsboro became parents of a first child, a daughter, on Sunday, December 26. The young miss weighed 6 lb., 8½ oz., and has been named Sherri Lynn.

Mrs. Amanda Duvall had as her guests for the three-day Christmas holidays her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waid and their son, Jim; her granddaughter, Miss Lois Wickersham, and her cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tubbs, all of Portland. Her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waid of Ukiah, joined the group as dinner guests on Christmas Day.

Debbie Keith, Sharon Stewart, Sheryl Partlow, Cheryl Hinkley, Robert Acock, Bonnie Bush and reporter Linda Reed, Mrs. Mary Adams is the girls' leader, and she is assisted by Mrs. Lois Shade and Mrs. Donald Leighton.

Personal Property Benefits Depend on Prompt Filing

Persons and firms wanting to make sure of receiving the benefit of new legislation reducing property taxes on inventories should file their personal property returns no later than March 2, according to County Assessor Rod Thomson. He said that his office mailed out some 800 personal property return forms this week.

The law, passed by the 1965 Legislature, definitely states that omitted property added to the roll because it was not properly reported will not receive the reduction in assessed value provided by House Bill 1498, whose purpose is to give inventory owners some tax relief.

It is intended that this relief will approximate 10% the first year, 20% the second year, 30% the third year, 40% the fourth year, and 50% the fifth year and succeeding years.

The assessor points out, however, that the actual percentage is determined by a formula which distributes state appropriations for inventory relief. The legislators appropriated \$2 million for 1966, to be given to the counties on the basis of the tax on inventories levied in each county in 1965. Relief will be on the basis of their portion of the tax on inventories in 1965.

This makes it unlikely that the percentage of relief ever would be exactly 10%. It could vary considerably from this figure because of an increase or decrease in either inventory value or taxing district levies. It will also vary from county to county.

The \$2 million appropriation for the first year of relief was merely an estimate of what it would take to provide a 10% reduction. The amount appropriated in future years will, of course, influence the size of further reductions, the assessor said.

The Legislature included all livestock as inventory. Also affected are materials, supplies, containers, goods in process, finished goods, and other personal property owned by, or in possession of, the taxpayer which are or will become part of his stock in trade.

Items which are not now, or never will be, part of the stock in trade will not receive the reduction and must be reported separately from other items that meet the test as inventory, according to the assessor.

One difficult category is supplies, because some, such as packaging items, are deemed to become part of the stock in trade and thus inventory, while others used in plant maintenance are not properly inventory. As the years go by and the inventory value reduction rate approaches 50%, the matter of whether a certain item is inventory or not becomes increasingly important.

Under the new law, the State Tax Commission is required to check the classification of personal property on the assessment roll to make certain each taxpayer receives his correct reduction.

For this reason, the Tax Commission will be making field audits of personal property returns during the first seven months of 1966. Each return will be subject to a check by Commission auditors to determine whether the taxpayer has reported all his personal property, including inventory, livestock, furniture and equipment, farm machinery, other machinery and equipment, boats and vessels, and any other taxable personal property. Special attention will be given to determine whether the property reported is in the right category.

The county assessor invites anyone with questions to contact his office.

BOWLING

Commercial			
Team	W	L	T
St. Patrick's Church	50	14	1
A. L. Daggett, Dist.	40½	23½	3
Bank of EO	38	26	2
Willow Creek CC	38	26	2
Heppner Studs	26	38	2
First National Bank	24½	39½	2
L.O.O.F.	21	43	2
Gardner's	18	46	2

Thursday Nite Ladies			
Team	W	L	T
C. Ed Cole	45	15	1
Ruggles	34½	25½	2
L. E. Dick	33½	26½	2
MILadies	31½	28½	2
Columbia Basin	29	31	2
First National	27½	32½	2
Murrays	24½	35½	2
Wishing Well	14½	45½	2

High Ind. Game—La Vonne Bloodsworth, 218; High Ind. Series—Jo Ann Hughes, 514; High Team Game—C. Ed Cole, 973; High Team Series—C. Ed Cole, 2694.

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Mustangs Defeat Host 5 in First Round at Condon

With their fast break exploding early in the first quarter, Heppner's Mustangs roared to a 21 to 8 lead over host Condon Tuesday night in the Condon invitational basketball tournament and then coasted to a 58-44 victory.

Jim Doherty and Gene Heliker were key figures in the fast break that sealed the doom of the Blue Devils. Doherty potted four field goals and a free throw in the first period for nine points, but this was his total scoring for the evening.

Condon gained its composure in the second quarter and actually outpointed the Mustangs in the period, 13 to 12, but the Mustangs held a 33 to 21 lead going off the floor at the half.

The game was on the rough side with two from each team retiring on personals. Going out for Heppner were Jim Jacobs and Tim Driscoll, while Rhinehart and J. Logan were whittled for five fouls each by the officials.

Mac Hoskins' 12 points, coming on two field goals and eight free throws, was good for game honors, while Heliker was second with 11. David Clark of the Mustangs had 10, along with Kim Logan and LaRue for Condon.

Coach Bob Clough said that Clark played a good game for the winners after turning in another good contest in the previous game with Ione.

Wheeler County downed Sherman county 59-50, in the opener Tuesday night, setting the stage for the Wheeler-Heppner final Wednesday night.

Score:

HEPPNER 58			
Player	Fg	Ft	Pt
Jacobs	1	2	5
Clark	3	4	10
Hoskins	2	8	0
Heliker	4	3	0
Doherty	4	1	0
Driscoll	2	2	5
Wagenblast	0	0	2
O'Donnell	0	0	0
Flaiz	1	0	0
Warren	0	0	1
Gray	0	4	0
Kilkenny	0	0	0
Totals	17	24	14

Mrs. Velma Glass, former Morrow county health nurse, returned to her home in Brownsburg, Ind., this week after visiting friends here during the Christmas holidays. She and her son, Tom Glass, now on the faculty of Portland State College, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Leonard in Lexington. She has continued her work in public health nursing in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blevins, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty, and family and Terry's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Blevins, all of Ukiah, visited Christmas eve with the Gontys, returning home later that night.

Miss Loma Mae Jones will leave by plane late this week to return to her mission work in Indianapolis, Ind., after spending a Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones.

Here on their annual "Christmas visit" are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill of Coos Bay. They came Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Harris, and plan to return on New Year's day. They missed the peak of the storms in coming to Heppner but have been interested in reports of some damage from high winds along the coast. Hill, who was reared in Heppner, left here in 1948.

CONDON 44			
Player	Fg	Ft	Pt
LaRue	4	2	10
Fatland	0	1	2
Rinehart	2	0	5
Grabenhorst	1	1	3
K. Logan	2	6	4
Stinchfield	2	0	4
Hollen	0	0	2
Wood	0	0	2
Humphrey	0	0	0
Bennett	3	0	6
Johnson	3	0	2
J. Logan	0	0	5

Totals			
Player	Fg	Ft	Pt
Heppner	21	12	15
Condon	8	13	9

Score by Quarters:

Quarter	1	2	3	4
Heppner	12	12	13	5
Condon	8	13	9	14

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Morrow County Grain Growers