

Alaska Town Hurt Severely, Letter Reports

Recent communication to Frank Turner from his daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Jeanette) Hadleston, tells of extensive damages which their home town of Valdez, Alaska, suffered in recent devastating storms which centered primarily in that area.

Valdez had just begun to rebuild from the Good Friday earthquake of March 27, 1964, and many new homes and businesses that were still under construction in the new town-site were severely damaged.

Following excerpts from her letter gives an indication of the extent of damages.

"Will try to give you a short run-down on what has happened to poor little old Valdez in this last disaster, although I do not think we will be declared a disaster area this time.

"It seems that the entire financial loss to the town is about \$290,000 at this time (Dec. 5), but that is an estimate and the wind is blowing again. We did have a lull for 24.36 hrs. but last night it began once more and it is continuing to carry debris through the air, which is one of the most dangerous hazards we've had.

"Of course we have another vital housing problem, since so many trailers were completely ruined. It is quite a miracle that no one was hurt in them and quite a few did have people in them at the time, especially women and little children. The new motel, which had just been finished, opened their rooms to anyone who needed housing, and many others have taken people into their homes. We understand that the ASHA (Alaska State Housing Assoc.) homes will be made available to anyone who is without living quarters. Let us hope that most of our people stay as we do want a town here, despite our great discouragement and depression over this disaster. Even the old-timers like us are almost ready to pull up stakes.

"The biggest damage was done to many of the almost-completed homes and many of them were absolutely ruined. Quite a few homes were hit by flying debris and when one hole was made, that is all it took to cause much greater damage or demolish them.

"We thought we were doing pretty well here until the storage building we had beside our house just exploded. Then, a piece of the roof hit the side of our house and made a horrible hole in the bathroom and back bedroom wall. It broke the thermopane window out of the back room. I spent six hours yesterday trying to get all the glass up so no one would get hurt. We are managing to keep warm and clean via the kitchen and basement bathroom.

"Think they estimated we had gusts of 125 to 135 miles per hour. Doubt that any wind gauge would register that high, unless it was for a special purpose.

"Oh yes, our garage blew away completely, too, and that is really the biggest loss of all. It was a "tough wind."

December 22 Set For Heppner High Christmas Play

Stage settings are now being readied for the coming Christmas program, to be held at Heppner High School December 22, at 8:00 p.m.

Nonda Clark will open this year's pageant with a presentation of "The Virgin's Story" (as told by Mary, the Mother of Jesus.) A biblical account of the birth of Christ in the prophecy and gospel will be read by Bob Dobbs. These readings will be illustrated by live actors and the traditional setting and songs of Christmas.

The boy's and girl's choirs will present selected and appropriate carols at intervals during the scenes. The choir will be accompanied by pianist Sue Jensen, and directed by Mrs. Rachel Dick.

Terry Corbin and Helen Anderson will portray Joseph and Mary. Casted as the three wise men are Dennis O'Donnell, Mark Tullis, and John Cox. The shepherds will be enacted by other boys from the student body.

The nativity scenes and stage settings have been constructed by the speech classes.

Mr. J. W. Fielder is directing the program and supervising stage work.

McCurdy Elected To Council Board

Harlan McCurdy, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, was elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Cooperative Council at a meeting in Salem on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Six attended the meeting from here, including Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy. Munkers is assistant manager of MCGG and Walter Jacobs is president.



BERNIECE MATTHEWS, lone High school senior, has won the Oregon Wheat Growers League newspaper article contest with her paper on the production and marketing of Oregon wheat.

Lone Girl Wins Article Contest

Winner of the Oregon Wheat Growers League's annual newspaper article writing contest this year is Berniece Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews of Lone, Dick Skiles, chairman of the league's public relations committee, announces.

Miss Matthews, a senior at Lone High school, will receive the top award of \$75 and a trip to the annual Wheat League convention. The winner is very active in school affairs, being president of Girls' Athletic Association. She is a member of the paper and annual staffs, is a cheerleader, and is a member of the band and chorus. She also was a delegate to Girls' State.

Second place and \$50 in the contest went to Judi Schaffner of Klamath Falls High school. Third place and \$35 was won by Judy Batchelor of Hillsboro High school. Fourth cash award of \$1 was won by Sandi Axt of Myrtle Creek.

Among merit award winners were Deniece Matthews, sister of Berniece, of Lone. Twenty others around the state won merit awards.

Churches Schedule Services for Christmas

Many fond memories of childhood (and perhaps some not so fond) revolve about participation in Christmas Sunday school programs and special services.

To adults these special occasions are a source of inspiration and amazement. Amazement at time found by parents and clergy for hours of preparation and practice at the busiest time of the year, and inspiration found in beautiful music and meaningful worship.

Congregations of churches in the Heppner area will be celebrating Christmas in special observances; many of them beginning with Sunday, December 18.

Sunday School program at the Church of the Nazarene will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 18, and will consist of recitations and songs by the children. Christmas Day services will be at the regular worship service hour, 11 a.m. There will be no Sunday School and no evening service.

Heppner Methodist church will have its Christmas Eve program at 7:30 p.m. on December 24, with special choir music, speaking parts and candlelighting ceremonies, carrying out the theme, "The Gift of Light."

Sunday, December 25, Sunday School will be held at the regular hour and the congregation will attend regular Sunday services at 11 a.m. with special Christmas message and music.

Valby Lutheran church will hold a church school program December 18 at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at Valby at 5:45 p.m. and Holy Communion will be at the regular time, 9 a.m. on Christmas Day.

At Hope Lutheran church Christmas Eve candlelight services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Holy Communion will be at 11 a.m. on December 25.

Heppner First Christian church will hold its Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. The congregation will worship to-

gether at 9 in the morning on Christmas Day and there will be Sunday School at 10 a.m. There will be no evening service on Christmas, and no evening service on New Year's Day.

First Christian church, Lexington, will have its Sunday School program at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 18; Christmas Day there will be regular worship and Sunday School.

Lexington and Heppner Christian church congregations will join in a caroling party on Friday, December 23, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Christian church. The party will finish at Lexington Christian church with refreshments.

All Saints' Episcopal church will hold its Sunday School program at 7:00 in the evening immediately before the candlelight Holy Communion service, which begins at 7:30. Both services will feature the special music of the children's choir. There will be no Sunday services on Christmas Day at All Saints', as the Rev. Dirk Rhinehart will be holding services at St. Michael's in Condon.

Members of the Assembly of God church will have their Sunday School program at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, December 18. This program will consist of recitations and exercises by the junior, primary and beginner departments and a Christmas cantata by the young peoples' department. The church will follow the regular Sunday morning schedule on Christmas Day and will combine the youth service and regular service at 7:00 that evening.

Sunday School youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will have their Christmas program from 10:30 to 11:30 in the morning on Sunday, December 18. Plans at present are for regular Sunday services on Christmas Day.

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Holiday Greetings To Feature Art Of School Children

Next week's edition of the Gazette-Times will be the Christmas greeting issue, and this year it will feature art work done by Heppner school children under the instruction of Miss Terry Lincecum, art teacher.

The paper will use many drawings by the school children in merchant-sponsored greetings. Art pupils from the first in grade through high school have participated in drawing their interpretations of Christmas. Many business firms inserting greetings will use the drawings of the children to express their sentiments of the season to the public.

Names of the children will be used in the displays together with names of the sponsoring merchants.

It is felt that this will add considerable reader interest to the Christmas greetings, and at the same time gives the opportunity for the public to see some of the work the children are doing.

Because of the large number taking art in the schools, not all of the pictures drawn can be used.

Miss Lincecum will write an article for next week's paper to explain the work being done in the art classes.

Installation of the new Fairchild Cadet photo-engraving machine at the Gazette-Times makes it possible to use the locally drawn pictures.

Businesses which have not already been contacted for greetings and who would like to sponsor drawings of the children are invited to call Spike Pardee of the Gazette-Times staff (676-9228), and he will bring the selection to them.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS for all makes of machines, 98c; Carter's X-Pert Carbon Paper, 39c; pkg.; boxed typing paper, 500 sheets, \$1.95; adding machine paper, 25c roll; carbonized and non-carbonized sales books, and other office supplies, Gazette-Times office.

CowBelles Promote Beef Certificates

For the fourth successive year, the Oregon beef industry is promoting its own brand of Christmas presents—beef gift certificates. Oregon's CowBelles are heading the drive, and in Morrow county Mrs. Walter (Mildred) Wright is in charge.

The beef gift certificates are on sale at the First National Bank of Oregon, Heppner branch. Further information is available from the bank or from Mrs. Wright. The certificate comes in denominations of \$5, \$10 or \$15. They are equivalent of cashier's checks and are redeemable for beef in any grocery store in the U. S.

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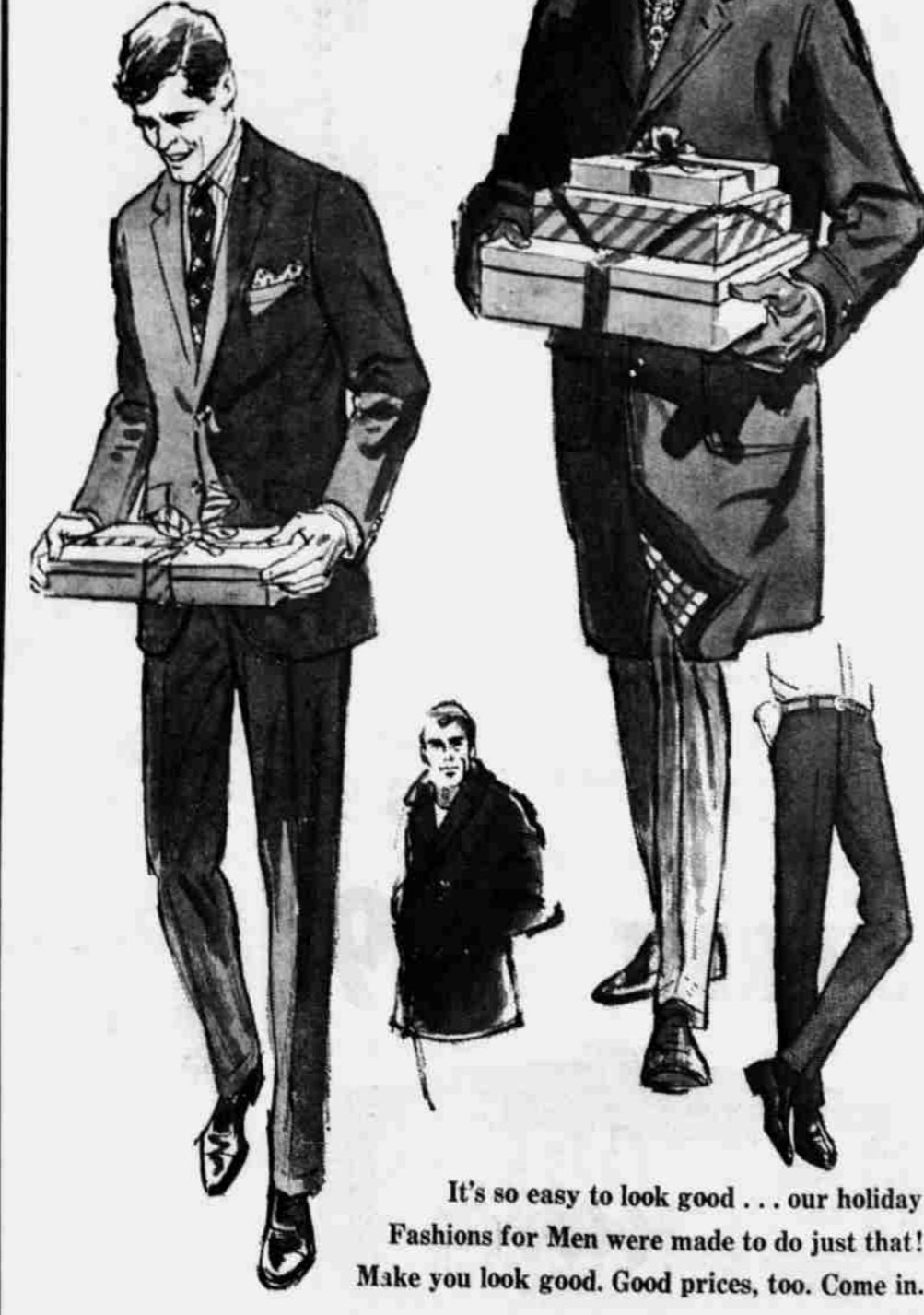
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