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## A Good Appointment

Announcement by Governor-elect Tom McCall that he is appointing State Senator Walter Leth of Salem as director of agriculture indicates again that the new governor has the capacity of choosing the right man for the right job.

Sen. Leth, who has served Polk and Benton counties in the senate since 1955 when he took the seat of the late Sen. Dean Walker of Independence, has had a lifetime of experience in agriculture in many of its phases. He is dedicated to the development of agriculture in Oregon and believes that the state can best look to this field for its economic future.

Accompanying his agricultural experience, Leth has the virtue of being a sound and logical thinker. He is a hard worker and a clear and excellent speaker.

Once a high school teacher, he served as Polk county agent in the 1940's and was president of the Oregon County Agents association in 1946. He has been a county Livestock Man of the Year, operates a ranch between Independence and Corvallis, is past president of the Oregon Horticultural Society, past chairman of the Raw Products Committee of the Northwest Canners and Freezers, is field superintendent of the Blue Lake Packers Coop, and served nationally as a judge for the American Jersey Cattle club.

Oregon Voter says that Leth has probably served on more interim committees in the last 10 years than any other legislator. He was minority leader in the Senate last session. A keen business ability goes with his agricultural background.

Sen. Leth has sponsored numerous important legislative bills, many of them connected with agriculture. He will be missed in the State Senate, but he will serve the state well in his new position.

## KINZUA NEWS

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris went to Spanaway, Wn., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Norris. Ken is stationed at McChord Field near Tacoma. Enroute home, they stopped at Lake Oswego to visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Hyatt and family went to Portland Saturday morning to spend Christmas a week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Worlein and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Vader of Astoria visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell.

Mrs. Frank Ferrel and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock were in Heppner Friday for business and shopping.

Dan Jordan of Mitchell visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan of Camp 5. On Saturday, the Tom Jordan family went to Mitchell to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jordan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Messerschmidt and family and Mrs. Barbara Alamas and family of Post Falls, Idaho, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Medlock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Rhoton were business visitors to The Dalles Tuesday.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sitton and daughters were Mr. and Mrs. David Sitton and daughter Debby of Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sears of Covina, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steagall and family of Albany, and Mrs. Cora Burnside of Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wall and son John spent Christmas visiting with relatives in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and family spent from Saturday until Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Layton Strom at Castle Rock, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and daughter Linda spent Christmas at La Grande visiting with Mrs. Mae Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lynch left last Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays at Yucca and Desert Hot Springs, Calif., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller and son Todd of Portland spent Christmas visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller of Fossil. When they returned to Portland Monday they were accompanied by Steven Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stephens and son Michael went to Weiser, Idaho to spend part of the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stephens.

Miss Florence Bell of Pendleton spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bell.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Slinkard were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oylar of Prineville, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rice and family, Mrs. C. W. Breese, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Conner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvyn Bell and family went to Baker Saturday morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reid and daughter D'Rina spent Christmas at Spray with Mrs. Reid's family, the Dale Sinclairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller and

family spent Christmas week-end visiting with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rector and son Jeff had Christmas at Spray with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Perry went to Cascade Locks Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Rush and family.

Vincent Allen and sons went to Weiser, Idaho to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen.

## Boardman News

(Held over from last week)

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — The board of the Boardman Park and Recreation District met recently at the city hall with Tom Slater and B. C. Christiansen of Walla Walla, Wash. to discuss the final plans for the proposed waterfront park. The final design is to be ready in January, and all construction work which will be under water will be completed before the water is raised by the John Day dam in 1968. Completion of the park will be accomplished shortly thereafter.

Ralph Skoubo was elected to the board of the Boardman Cemetery Maintenance District for a term of three years at the election December 20.

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely included their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lilly and children Jimmie, Janet, Jay, Jerry and Joyce of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Marc McGowan of Monmouth.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bedord included Bedord's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mel DeBack of Frenchtown, Mont. his brother Albert Bedord of Missoula, Mont., his sister, Mildred Bilyeu and daughter Bonnie, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bilyeu, and daughters Michelle and Tana LeeAnn, all of Crabtree, and Ray Johnson of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higuera and children Susan, Karen and Jeff of Othello, Wash., spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Higuera's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ferguson.

Rev. and Mrs. George Neeley are the parents of a 6 lb., 15 oz. son, born December 23, in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston. He has been named Marvin Bernard. Grandparents are Mrs. Herman Neeley of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goncheranko of Los Angeles, Calif. Great-grandparent is Mrs. George Neeley of Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Robert Abrams went by train, December 22, to Salt Lake City, to meet her mother, Mrs. Sara Morrow, of Prescott, Ariz. She then drove to Heppner for Christmas. Mrs. Morrow plans a short visit with the Abrams family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Espy, Condon, former Heppner residents, are welcoming a new daughter born December 20, in Portland. Named Anjanette Elaine and weighing 8 pounds at birth, she joins a sister, Sandra Joyce, and two brothers, Dault and Scott, at home.



THIS IS A SCENE from the Christmas program presented recently by students of Heppner High school. Combining musical numbers and pageant, the program was presented under the leadership of J. W. Fielder of the speech department and Mrs. Rachel Dick, in charge of the music. Terry Corbin was Joseph in the nativity scene and Helen Anderson was Mary. (Heppner High Photo).

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

OUT AT the Herman Winter residence Saturday night, friends of the Nels Andersons who are now at Niamey, Niger, Africa, were all set up to start the New Year out right again. They planned to call the Andersons at the stroke of midnight and wish them a Happy New Year. The same group had done this last year with the call going via France.

Herman even had a conference telephone installed especially for the occasion so all could talk in turn and listen to the Andersons' comments. Dave and Doug Anderson and their fiancées, Barbara Bloodsworth and Karla Luciani, were present.

The call was placed at about 11:45, but after some delay, the operator came back with the disappointing news, "I'm sorry, but there is no telephone service to Niger on Sundays." So that settled that, and all the trouble went for naught.

We're sure, though, that when the Andersons hear of the efforts of their friends they will be highly pleased just the same.

THEY TELL this on Jerry Sweeney, but we take no responsibility for its accuracy. However, Jerry What's-His-Name hasn't denied it.

The Heppner Investors' club held a meeting the other night. Finally, one of the members said, "Well, I've got to go." He stood up and then went to get his coat.

Whereupon Jerry also murmured something like, "Yeah, it's time to quit." He, too, stood up and started to put on his coat.

Then someone reminded him that the meeting was in Jerry's own home.

The question in mind is whether Jerry is really the absent-minded professor type, or whether he is just the shy one who figured it was time to get the gang out of his house.

EVERYONE in Heppner knows where Pasadena, Calif., is and can figure out a way to get there. Unfortunately, though, not everyone in Pasadena knows where Heppner, Oregon, is nor how to get there.

Mrs. Rachel Smith of the Pasadena area planned a trip to the Northwest and thought she would come and visit her granddaughter, Mrs. Spike Pardee.

She went to her travel agent and asked about routing her by public transportation to Heppner. He consulted his time tables, maps and folders and finally announced to her: "Why, that's in the middle of nowhere! Lady, you just can't get there by bus, plane or train." He suggested a taxi from Pendleton.

So Mrs. Smith never made it to Heppner. However, the Pardees visited with her in Seattle, which can be reached, we understand, by bus, plane or train.

One can't quarrel with the travel agent too much, since we do not have public transportation to our community. There are those who would argue, however, that Heppner is the center of everything instead of the "middle of nowhere."

Now this presents a challenge to the Chamber of Commerce. Spike Pardee is willing to head a committee to enlighten a certain California travel agent with information about the Morrow county Banana Belt.

THERE ARE THOSE who think that the winter is an awful time to take a vacation in the Northwest, but after the publishers relaxed and visited friends from Christmas to New Years, we'll have to disagree. One thing is sure, you can find more of your friends at home during that time.

Incoming Christmas cards were sort of an inspiration to go around and look up folks we hadn't seen for years, and we did that, although we didn't get as far as we expected. When

we got home Saturday, we listed more than 60 friends and relatives that we had visited.

RATHER than going deep into California as we had planned, we only got as far as Smith River in the northern part of the Golden State on the coast. There we visited lifelong friends, the Dean Bramons, who operate the redwood sawmill of Carl Diebold Mills, Inc.

Like all other sawmills, the redwood plants are hit by the general recession in the industry throughout the land, attributed largely to the "tight money" situation.

The redwood operations have special problems of their own. The lumber produced has to dry perhaps 10 months in the yard before it can go into dry kilns, and Bramon said that they have more than 26 million feet of lumber on hand. It was piled everywhere. It will go into everything from fence posts to finished siding for fine homes. It finds a market throughout this country and abroad, going to such places as Hawaii and Australia.

When the huge redwoods are felled in the woods, beds have to be prepared for them to cushion the shock of the impact and prevent shattering.

Bramon took us deep into a state redwood forest park, off the beaten path. On the overcast day, one felt as if he were in another world as he stood dwarfed by these silent and towering giants.

In the protected park, many of the redwoods are overripe and will never go into lumber. Bramon said that the industry is opposing a plan to develop a national park of the redwoods, which he feels would cripple the industry. The redwood operators believe that it is right to preserve reasonable acreages of the giant trees but believe it unwise to set aside vast tracts of them.

He points out that unless the trees are thinned, there is little chance for reproduction. Only broad-leaved plants will grow in the almost perpetual shade they create. Much of the lower Oregon coast and northern California is dependent on the lumber industry.

It's a beautiful area from Bandon south, especially enjoyable now with the highway improvements made in recent years. If you haven't been down there, we recommend it for a trip sometime.

By the way, fishermen are hauling some mighty big and beautiful steelhead out of the world-famous Rogue River at Gold Beach now.

WE STAYED last Thursday night in Roseburg and slept soundly in a motel there. Our sleep would either have been interrupted or would have gone on forever if we had been in the same spot on one fateful night in 1959. Just a block from the motel was where the dynamite truck exploded that devastated the city less than eight years ago.

You'd never know it now. There are few scars left. Fine new business buildings grace the city. Although it was a terrible tragedy, the blast was responsible for a face lifting in Roseburg.

The motel operator said that they still find some reminders of the blast that leveled a good many city blocks. The city recently replaced a sewer line and found that parts of it had been collapsed by the impact. The woman at the motel produced pictures that she had taken of the explosion. A huge crater marked the spot where the truck had been parked, and much of the rest of Roseburg looked like a blitzed city of World War II.

Roseburg now measures its history from the date of the explosion, just as Heppner does from the date of the 1903 flood.

HAVE YOU ever stopped to

## Nativity Story Used as Theme For Program

Outstanding performances by Bob Dobbs as narrator and by Nonda Clark as prologue speaker led a fine Christmas program "The Birth of Christ in Prophecy and Gospel" at Heppner High school, Thursday evening, December 22, in the multipurpose room.

Characters for the impressive tableau of the nativity scene were played by Helen Anderson as Mary; Terry Corbin as Joseph; Matt Hughes, Randy Stillman, Earl Struckmeyer, Carey Davis, Bob Van Winkle, and Ron Cecil as shepherds; Dennis O'Donnell, John Cox and Mark Tullis as the wise men.

A beautiful setting for the tableau was devised by members of the speech classes with the help of Mrs. Ernie Winchester.

Music for the program consisted of both well-known and less familiar Christmas songs sung by a volunteer chorus under the direction of Mrs. Ed Dick. The chorus of 29 students found time to practice for the program during activity periods and spare time. Accompanist for the program was Susan Jepsen of lone.

Director for the program was J. W. Fleiler, speech teacher.

think how many cities of the Northwest have suffered nearly total devastation from either manmade or natural causes? They could form a League of Total Destruction.

On this trip we drove through Bandon, which once was destroyed when a forest fire reached and swept through the town. Astoria was once destroyed by fire. Crescent City, in northern California, which we visited, was virtually leveled by a tidal wave. Roseburg had its blast. Mitchell and Heppner both were victims of floods, and another flood destroyed Vancouver and left it extinct.

Maybe you could add others.

ONE SHOULD NEVER underestimate the powers of nature. When we first walked into Bramon's office at Smith River, one of his office employees came up to him excitedly and said that he had just gotten word that his car, containing four of his friends, had been washed off the jetty at Crescent City.

The man had loaned his Volkswagen to the four visiting from L.A., and they went to the neighboring city to see the sights, driving out on the paved jetty. A big wave came suddenly, crashed into the little car and tossed it some 10 or 15 feet down to the rocks on the other side. Fortunately all four got out with minor injuries, but the VW looked like a badly bashed little bug when we went down to see it.

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TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

As a native of Heppner and a lifelong resident of Oregon, I would like to say "Bravo" to the recent interest in the writing of a history of Morrow county, its people and country. Special thanks should go out to Oscar Peterson, O. M. Yeager and Giles French and others for their efforts thus far extended.

A history of Morrow county certainly must appeal to all natives of this country because it is not the "dead" subject so many of us remember from school. Morrow county history is very much "alive" with the names of many families who homesteaded this country. I've always been proud of the fact that my family settled here three generations ago.

I hope the organizers of this campaign recognize the responsibilities of such an undertaking and organize their efforts toward a central goal.

I would like to see the formation of committees with a responsible chairman to sort, interview and screen the information received and submit it to the editorial staff.

If volunteers for any work connected with this history are ever needed, please add my name to the top of the list.

Darrell Blake  
Fred V. Greiner  
Insurance Agency  
Condon, Oregon

## Region Seal Sale Reaches \$18,415

Christmas Seal sale for the eastern Oregon region has reached \$18,415.67 so far, according to Mrs. Max Barclay, Heppner, representative director for the Morrow county Council to the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association.

By this time last year, \$18,353.87 had been received in the region. This represents 80 per cent of the total 1965 Seal income.

Colorful reminders were sent recently from the region of the association as a plea to those who received Seals to send contributions through the Oregon TB and Health association.

"If you have already contributed and receive a reminder a week or more after you mailed your contribution, please let us know immediately so that we might correct our records," Mrs. Barclay said.

"One hundred per cent accuracy in sending reminders cannot always be achieved for your contribution may be in the mail at the same time your reminder is in the mail. We would have no way of knowing your contribution is on the way. So please do not feel slighted if this should happen to you."

"Contributions are needed for expansion of the association's program to wipe out TB (and control other respiratory diseases)," Mrs. Barclay added. "Christmas Seal funds make possible health education programs, medical research, patient services and tuberculosis case finding as well as the protection of your priceless health."

## Poem is Published Of Former Student

A poem, written by Miss Gail Silva, a student at Heppner High school last year, has been published in a national Christian Church youth magazine, "Straight," according to information from Rev. Al Boschee, local pastor.

The religious, thought-provoking poem, "Delinquency," is featured, appropriately presenting the answer to youth's problem of "searching for understanding." She wrote it in her English class here last year.

The national magazine is read by Christian youth over the United States, and the local church uses it as study material in Sunday School classes.

Gail is now attending Reedsport High school. Her mother, Mrs. Opal Silva, taught last year in the lone grade school, and the two made their home in Heppner. Gail was active in Christian Youth Fellowship work here last year.

## Choir Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the concert of the famed "Choir of the West" of Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, Wash., to be here Saturday, January 28, are now available to the public, the Rev. Don Pederson, pastor of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches, announces.

Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 50c for children (grade eight and under). They may be purchased from Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz in Heppner, Mrs. Raymond Lundell in lone, or at the church office of Hope Lutheran.

Because of the size of the junior high auditorium, where the concert will be given, only a limited number of tickets are available for the event, which will be at 8 p.m. They are available on a "first come, first served" basis. No reservations will be taken.

## Kinzua Community Church Unites With Village Missions

At a special meeting held recently at the Kinzua Community church, it was voted unanimously to affiliate the Kinzua Community church with the Village Missions. It will be approximately the middle of January before a resident pastor will be able to come to Kinzua. The community will provide a suitable house for the pastor and his family. It was also voted to again have a Communion service every quarter with the first service to be held Sunday evening, January 1, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilliam, Mary Jo and Paul were here from Spokane for a Christmas Eve visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam, and then continued to Portland to join in a family reunion with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake, at the home of Miss Gwendolyn Jones. Donald Blake, brother of Mrs. Gilliam, flew from New York where he is in business, to be with them. The Howard Gilliams planned a second visit in Heppner at New Years.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL  
Heppner vs. Enterprise Saturday, Jan. 7, Heppner High gym  
First league game  
Heppner vs. Burns, Friday, Jan. 13, Heppner High gym  
Heppner vs. Grant Union, Sat., Jan. 14, Heppner High gym  
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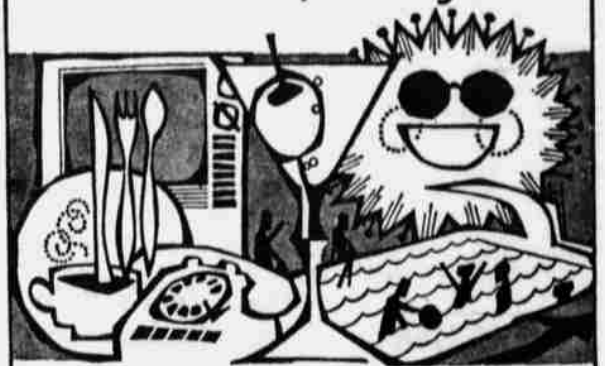
ELEMENTARY PTA  
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m.  
Business meeting, special program on school budget, Grade school multipurpose room.

LODGE INSTALLATION  
Sans Souci Rebekahs, Willows IOOF, joint installation  
Saturday, Jan. 7; dinner, 6:30, installation 8 p.m.  
Heppner IOOF Hall.

TEENAGE DANCE  
Saturday, Jan. 7, after basketball game, St. Patrick's parish hall  
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