



**GIRLS SHOWED** the boys that they can play basketball, too, when teams from lone and Heppner played in a preliminary contest here Friday night. Edna Hartle of Heppner (left center) and Janice Snyder of lone (right center) battle for the ball in this shot. At left is Brenda Steagall of Heppner. In background (right) is Kay Huson, Heppner, and at right is Linda Pettyjohn, lone. Two girls partially visible are unidentified. lone won the game in overtime.

## Ione Girls Edge Heppner Quintet

An odd quirk of fate handed the Heppner girls' basketball team a defeat Friday night in its first game with lone. The teams were tied at 18-18 at the end of the fourth quarter, and when the game went into overtime, the lone girls exploded with a six-point surge of power to clinch the defeat of the Heppner team.

When adding up the girls' individual scoring, it was found that the score at the end of regular play was really 20-18 in favor of Heppner. The overtime in which lone won the game was unnecessary.

The game honors for high scoring went to Kay Huson of Heppner with 11 points. Maureen McElligott and Karen Snow, both of lone, made eight each. All the girls who played are not expected to score because the girls' basketball rules designate two players on each team as defensive. These girls never get a chance to score because they can't cross the mid-point line.

The two teams will play again in the near future in lone.

Heppner (20): Kay Huson (11), Brenda Steagall (3), Debbie Bennett (4), Jill Padberg, Linda Orwick, Vicki Steagall, Sue Chally, forwards. Guards were Edna Hartle (2), Debbie Barnett, Ginny Clough, Nancy Campbell, Mona Marshall.

lone (24): Karen Snow (8), Joy Beggs (4), Sandy Boyce (3), Maureen McElligott (8), Charly Beggs (1), Sandy Carlson, Kristine Peterson, Linda Pettyjohn, Willa Johnson, Janice Snyder, and Karen Edwards.

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## Boardman School Presents Operetta

An operetta, "The Lost Doll" was presented recently by the Boardman Grade school in the school gymnasium at the annual Christmas program. The cast included: Mother, Denise Henkle; Doris, Kathy Hilling; floorman, Bill Wheelhouse; personal shopper, Davene David; shop girls, Neta Phillips, Roberta Scard; shoppers, Pam Hug, Amy Hilling, Kay Hamilton, Arley Hamilton, Bobby Risley, Steve Higel, Bonnie Moore; candles—Julie Zielinski, Karen Baker, Mary Dixon, Reta Phillips, Peggy Brandt, Diane Wright; blocks—Scott Higel, Steve Wilkie, Kenneth Scard; David Hug, Steve Hilling; trees; Dorena Wilkie, Teena Phillips, Tamera McKenzie, Kathy Skoubo, Janice Wilkie; bows and bells—Charlotte Hilling, Kay Wright, Narita Wheelhouse; three bears—Jerry Zielinski, Linda Jones, Cally Broadbent; peppermint canes—David Jepsen, Dale Baker, Don Russell, Sherman Locker, Danny Shoemaker; dolls—Goldilocks, Linda Skoubo; colonial—Pam Daniels, Terry Crowder; Dutch—Mary Lou Jepsen; Ballet—Tammy Risley; lost doll—Julie Hug; jiggin' Sambos—Gay Phillips; Jack Donovan.

The rest of the program included songs by the Riverside High school chorus under the direction of Robert Chilman: "What Child is This", soloist, Julie Alexanian; "We Three Kings", soloist Anna Obermeier; "Silent Night", duet, Kathy Hinton and Mike Linnell; "O Holy Night", trio, Pam Kuhn, Leslie Bushman, Theresa Ball; "Silver Bells" by all.

At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared and presented treats to all children present.

## Irrigon Council Discusses Plans

By DONNA EPPENBACH

IRRIGON—The City Council met for its regular business meeting in December. Present for a preview of council duties was councilman-elect John Henner. Max McKay was absent.

Agenda items included a letter from the Rural Fire District requesting permission to cross city streets and alleys with a temporary water line from the Wilson home to the new fire station and asked use of the city backhoe for digging the ditch. A resolution granting these requests was adopted with stipulations.

A resolution was adopted authorizing contingency funds to pay tuition to a police science course at Blue Mountain Community college for Police Chief Perry Pummel.

Current street work was discussed. Work on Fifth Street between Oregon and Washington Avenues and on Sixth between North and Main and Oregon was outlined to begin immediately after the first of the year. Work is being done by the city with city equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase McCoy of Newport Beach, Calif. were visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ruth McCoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCoy and other relatives.

Mayor and Mrs. Chester Wilson, Jim, Leon and Larry were visitors at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nora Wilson of Portland Saturday. They also saw his sister, Mrs. Lois Land and a brother, Joe Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Paxson and Danny of Vancouver, Wn., were Christmas visitors with his mother, Mrs. Elvora Paxson. They also visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Eppenbach, his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eppenbach. Mrs. Inora Paxson returned home with them for New Years.

Mrs. Jiggs Lathrop went to The Dalles to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. Mr. Lathrop joined her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCoy, Judy and Jim of Vancouver, Wn., were week-end visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ruth McCoy, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy and family. Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCoy, Ben McCoy, Susan McCoy, and Vernon Stewart went to La Grande to the funeral of Mrs. Mac McCoy's mother, Mrs. Eva Bowery.

Students home from college for the holidays were John Lathrop, University of Oregon; Douglas McKay, Oregon State; Susan McCoy, Eastern Oregon; Terry McCoy, Eastern Oregon; Mike Smith, Eastern Oregon; Lyle Hobbs, Blue Mountain and Sheryl Witherspoon, Blue Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berg and Ronald of Vancouver, Wn., were the holiday visitors of Mrs. Berg's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Partlow and Sheryl. They went to Hermiston Saturday night to the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Mills and family.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pantelis Vrontakis and Jeffrey of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rand and girls of Portland were visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Battie Rand. They also visited the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rand and family of Hermiston.

Lloyd Berger won the rock table that was the first prize of the Irrigon Lions Club raffle.

Jiggs Lathrop, John Lathrop and Mrs. Itoi Rucker went to Lodi, Saturday for the funeral of Bill Lathrop, who died in a silver mine accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rucker of Arlington, were visitors Friday in Irrigon and attended the A. C. Houghton school program.

Miss Mary Kenney of Tracy, Calif., is spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Kenney and David. Miss Kenney is a teacher in the Tracy school system.

Stuart Dick, 1965 graduate of Heppner High school, is playing guard on the first string of the Eastern Oregon College Junior Varsity.

Stuart, an outstanding ball-handler for the Mustangs in their drive to State Tournament, was also on the EOC Junior Varsity last season.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans and children spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs, in Portland and returned to be hosts to her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Krebs and their three children of Crescent City, Calif.

## Heppner Visitor Injured in Wreck

Parents and brother of Mrs. Robert Jones of Heppner were involved in a traffic mishap Friday, December 24, as they traveled to visit the Joneses in Heppner for the Christmas holidays. Fortunately they sustained no disabling injuries; although their car was heavily damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Fellers and son, Whit, were struck from the rear, when they slowed down to avoid a collision with another car that was out of control. The incident happened in the tunnel near Bonneville Dam on U. S. Highway 80.

Mr. Fellers, who suffered a temporary paralysis after the accident was taken to a hospital in Portland for X-rays and treatment but was released the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones made a hurried trip to cascade Locks where they were joined by Mrs. Fellers and Whit, and then continued on to Portland where Mr. Fellers had been taken. The families were able to return to Heppner together Saturday and celebrate Christmas nearly as planned.

According to Mrs. Jones, her parents and brother are suffering from numerous bruises and from the losses of luggage and Christmas presents packed into the trunk of their car. They feel that they came out of the accident as well as they did because they had their seat belts fastened at the time it occurred.

In talking with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams at the Gazette-Times office, it was discovered that the Williams' son, Warren Williams of the U. S. Navy, hurrying home for Christmas from Moffett Field near San Francisco on a 72-hour pass, was involved in the traffic congestion resulting from Mr. and Mrs. Fellers' accident. His car was damaged in a minor collision outside the tunnel and he was delayed but managed to reach home and have Christmas with his parents and brother. The two boys and their father then made sufficient repair so that Warren could return to Moffett Field before his pass was expired.

## Relatives Travel To Kit George Home

Mr. and Mrs. Kit George of Ft. Collins, Colo., were cheered by visits from their Heppner families, Mrs. Elaine George, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Pat, John and Jim.

Mrs. Van Winkle and Patricia flew to Ft. Collins December 8 in order to be there when Mrs. George (the former Shirley Van Winkle) returned from the hospital with baby Robert Cameron (Cam) George.

The men of the Van Winkle family then drove to Ft. Collins, leaving Heppner on December 14. The family returned home by automobile reaching Heppner Tuesday, December 20.

Mrs. George arrived at son Kit's home by train just before the Van Winkles departed on the trip north and was able to visit with them until after Christmas. She reported heavy snowstorms in Idaho and Wyoming as she returned home the first of last week, but said Colorado enjoyed a sunny Christmas while the snow flew in Heppner.

SSgt. Snider has been overseas since May, 1966.

## Sgt. Snider Cited For Vietnam Work With Survey Team

SSgt. Harry C. Snider of the 14th Air Police Squadron serving in Vietnam has received a Letter of Favorable Communication from the Nha Trang project engineer for his work as an escort on a survey project in a jungle area north of Nha Trang Air Base. The latter brought endorsements from two officers of the Air Force.

Snider, originally from North Carolina, at one time was stationed at the Condon Air Force Station, and his wife, Darlene, lives in Heppner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blettell. The Sniders have a son, Mark, and a daughter, Vickie.

In his letter to SSgt. Snider, William D. Burroughs, Nha Trang project engineer, wrote: "For a period of approximately 20 days during the month of October, 1966, the Associated American Engineers' Overseas Incorporated Project of Nha Trang, was required to make a survey of a mountainous, jungle dense area north of Nha Trang Air Base.

"The 14th Air Police Squadron provided escort which consisted of approximately eight men. Some of these men had worked an 8-10 hour shift and volunteering for this duty added an additional 10 hours to their day.

"This area was under the continuous threat of hostile fire and on several occasions hostile fire occurred. The reactions of the Air Policemen were immediate, courageous and professional.

"I take this opportunity to convey my appreciation to the members of the 14th Air Police Squadron which included SSgt. Harry C. Snider for so ably representing their organization in providing protection for the Survey Team, thus enabling them to complete the assignment in a timely and efficient manner."

Additional letters were directed to SSgt. Snider from Col. J. E. Gueydan, USAF commander, who wrote, "Your actions during this critical time period have contributed substantially to the effectiveness of our mission here in the Republic of Vietnam," and farm Major Jay H. Quick, USAF commander, who wrote, "Your voluntary protection of a civilian survey team in a hostile area under enemy fire was truly in the best Air Police tradition. It is a sincere pleasure to be associated professionally with men of your calibre."

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## Harshman Recovering From Head Wounds Of Vietnam Injuries

Sp/4 Larry Harshman, who was seriously injured in combat in Vietnam on October 30, is showing steady improvement following an operation to remove metal and bone fragments in the head, according to word received by Mrs. Zelma McDaniel, an aunt. He is the son of Mrs. Walter Jensen, Walthburg, Wn., and Buel Harshman of Silver Lake, Ore.

Harshman is recovering from the operation at Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma. According to word from Dr. Howard Lieberman, chief neurosurgeon, he received a shrapnel wound on the left side of the head, resulting in increased pressure and a blood clot inside his skull. An operation was immediately performed, with metal and bone fragments being removed along with the clot.

When he arrived at the hospital he was unable to speak and unable to move the right side of his body and had visual defects on the right side. He is now speaking, and although his memory remains somewhat poor he is able to answer most questions. His recovery is expected to take a considerable length of time and may be six months before his mental faculties have returned to normal and his speech is up to par, according to the doctor.

For those who would like to write to him, his address is: Sp/4 Larry Harshman U. S. 56378554, Ward 8, Box 66, Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Wn. 98431.

## Band Students Give Christmas Concert

Heppner Elementary band students under the direction of Arnold Melby entertained parents and friends at a Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening, December 21, in the Junior High auditorium.

Fifth grade students opened the evening playing eight selections which they have learned since school began. These students displayed considerable poise for beginners.

Sixth graders, now in their second year of work with an instrument, presented a total of nine pieces. Soloists for this band were Mary Abrams, Kerry Coppock and Bill Jepsen.

The 7th and 8th grade combined band, largest of the three bands and with three and four years experience, climaxed the program with six longer selections including "White Christmas," "Christmas Bells," "What Child is This" and a rendition of "The Holy City," with Bruce Marquardt as cornet soloist.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heinrichs and Paula entertained at a Christmas-Eve and Christmas gathering for her mother, Mrs. Snoda Blake and family. Here from Monmouth were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blake and daughters, Jennifer, Kathy and Karen; Mr. and Mrs. David Fitzgerald (Bev. Crly Blake), and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Heribson (Barbara Blake). Guests from Condon were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Blake and children.

Ray Smith of La Grande, and sons Patrick, Daniel and Collin were in Heppner Christmas Eve to drive Tim Smith home for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Smith and Amanda returned with Tim, Tuesday, December 28, and remained overnight with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mahan. Friends of the family will be interested to know that Mike Smith is still stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla.

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