

Churches Prepare Special Christmas Services

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Programs Due On Sunday To Start Season

Churches of the area will observe the Birth of Christ in programs of worship during the coming week. Many of the special observances will begin on Sunday, December 17, with families gathering at their respective places of worship, for inspiration found in programs of both young and older members, alike.

Church of the Nazarene will welcome its new parish family, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Tesch. The Sunday School program will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 17, with children participating in "The Songs of Christmas." A short play, "The Prodigals" will be presented at the 7:30 evening service.

Christmas program of the Methodist church will be given by the primary, junior and sanctuary choirs, in conjunction with the Church School department, on Sunday evening, December 17, at 7:30. The dialogue, song and story program will be built around beautiful color film portrayals of the first Christmas night, entitled "Born in a Manger."

Sunday morning, December 17, Charles Gilliland, son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon, and seminary student in the east, will bring the Advent message at the 11 o'clock worship service at the Methodist church.

Valley Lutheran church will hold a children's Christmas service December 17 at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at Valley at 6:30 p.m., December 24.

Rev. Don Pederson announces that the Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran church.

A Sunday morning breakfast is scheduled December 17 for the Christian's Men's Fellowship of Heppner and Lexington churches, at the Heppner church at 7:00 a.m. A short program by Bob Jepsen will include slides of mountain climbing trips.

The Christian church choir will present a Christmas cantata, "The Carol of Christmas," directed by Mrs. Al Boschee. It will be a musical program with scripture readings, presented first at 5:00 p.m. at the Lexington church, and again at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner church. Sunday School program will be Friday evening, December 22, at the Heppner church, at 7:30 p.m., in the form of a family observance and party. The Lexington Sunday School will observe Christ's birthday at a program on Sunday, December 24, following the 9 a.m. worship service.

All Saints' Episcopal church will hold its church school program on Sunday, December 24, in conjunction with a service of lessons and carols at 10 a.m. in place of regular morning prayer. Holy communion will be served at 7:30 a.m. The Christmas Eve eucharist will be December 24, at 7:30 p.m., using the new liturgy and the folk mass, with assistance of the junior choir. Parishioners will gather at 9:00 a.m. for the Christmas Day eucharist.

Members of the Assembly of God church are planning their church school program for Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. There will be selections by the choir and a 30-minute film, "To Each A Gift." Sacks of treats will be distributed. Regular Sunday morning schedule will be followed on December 24, with services at 11 a.m.

Youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are planning a hay ride and Christmas caroling party on Tuesday, December 19, at 7 p.m., followed by a dance and refreshments at the American Legion hall. A special family program and Christmas service are planned for Sunday, December 24, at 10 a.m. at the Legion hall.

Chamber to Hear School Singers

Singers from the Heppner Elementary school will present the program at the regular luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday, Mrs. Avon Peterson, program chairman, announces. Their program will be appropriate to the Christmas season.

Five directors for the coming year will be elected at the meeting. Nominations will be made by a committee composed of Harley Young, chairman, Bob Abrams and Mrs. Nona Sowell. Others may be made from the floor.

Directors whose terms are expiring include Paul Jones, LeRoy Gardner, Jack VanWinkle and Herman Winter.

Officers for the new year will be chosen by the new board of directors. Because of the holidays, the next meeting will not be until January 8 at which time Lorin O'Gara of the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, Inc., will be speaker.

Work Underway On Remodel Job At First National

With the demolition last week of the old Cal's Tavern building, just north of the First National Bank building, work was underway on the remodeling job of the bank. An \$80,000 building permit was approved by the city council recently for the project, which will see construction of an addition in the former space occupied by Cal's Tavern and remodeling of the present building.

McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton is contractor on the job and Don Grossmiller of Pendleton razed the old tavern building in a matter of hours. The remains of the structure were burned.

McCormack is also contractor on the city's swimming pool job. Business at the bank will continue as usual throughout the entire period of construction and remodeling. Work of building the addition will get underway first, and a false wall extending some five feet into the present bank building will be installed after a hole is knocked in the wall. Tellers cages will be moved about eight feet south while the work is in progress next door.

Contract calls for the work to be completed by March 15, 1968. This is one of a number of construction projects and improvements underway or recently completed in Heppner. Case Furniture Company plans to move after the first of the year to the Gilliam and Bisbee building, now being remodeled.

A new fountain is being installed in Murray's Rexall Drug in the rear of the space formerly occupied by the Red and White Store.

The new swimming pool is well along on the construction project there.

Cal's Cafe and Tavern is now in operation in its new location in the former Heppner Hardware and Electric building with the interior being completely remodeled.

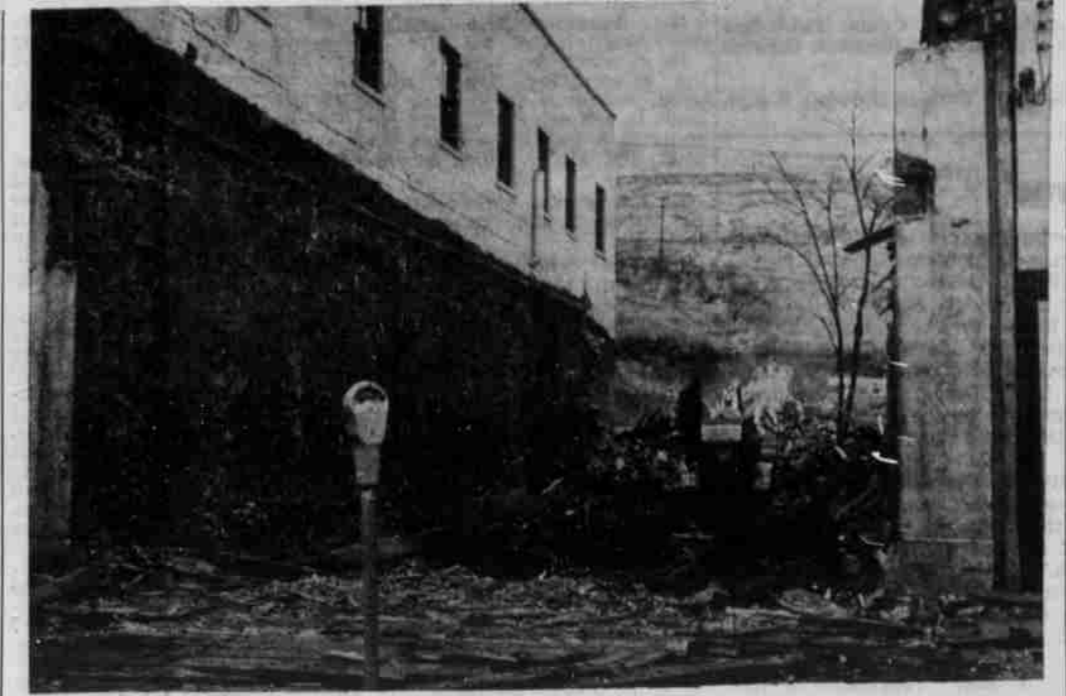
Wagon Wheel Cafe also has been redecorated with wood paneling added to the walls, and the Heppner Grill is open under management of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tabor of Lexington. It is also redecorated.

Painting of J. C. Penney Company was completed recently to bring a brighter appearance to the interior.

Churches to Sponsor Community Caroling

South Morrow County Ministerial Association is announcing plans to sponsor an all-community Christmas Carol Sing, on Saturday night, December 23, starting at 7:00 p.m.

All churches of the community are asked to participate, with men, women and children to gather by the city Christmas tree at the corner of Main and Willow streets to join in singing the familiar Christmas carols. It is planned to have instrumental accompaniment and an amplifying system to carry music of the carolers over the town.



"THERE IS A CAVERN IN THE TOWN"—to paraphrase an old song What once was a tavern now looms like a cavern next door to the First National Bank. Heppner branch. The former Cal's Tavern was razed in a few hours one day last week by Don Grossmiller of Pendleton for McCormack Construction Co. Grossmiller is shown here working on his "Cat" while fire in background burns what remains of the debris. (G-T Photo by Helen Sherman)

Officers Catch Trio After Night Chase

State, county and city officers joined Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in a successful attempt to apprehend two youths and a young woman, all of Yakima, who found themselves "cornered" in Morrow county after allegedly stealing a car in Yakima and another in Hermiston.

They were caught at the head of Sand Hollow about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday after City Police Officer John Mollahan had spotted them and gave chase at high speeds on a run that went out Hinton Creek highway. The three crashed through a highway sign in making the curve to the Sand Hollow road and eventually ran into the ditch near the top of the hill.

The young woman, Dolores Smothers, 18, remained in the car, and the two youths, Daniel Marvin Lamb and Lee Alvin Westcott, both 17, fled on foot. Meanwhile, State Police Officer Curtis Culp in his state vehicle and Glen Ward and Jack Melland in another vehicle followed out the highway after determining that the three had headed that way. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and Deputy Sheriff Dean Gilman also converged there.

The cold weather aided in the capture of the two youths who were clad only in light clothing. While the officers were searching for them, the two came back and gave themselves up, too cold to run any more.

An ambulance was called for the young woman who appeared to be suffering from shock, and she was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital.

First information came on the possibility that they might be in Morrow county when Officer Culp received a call from Lexington about 9:30 p.m. The three had stopped there, asked for gasoline and were given 2 1/2 gallons. Circumstances of the three youthful persons in the 1966 Chevrolet station wagon aroused suspicions. They had no money to pay for the gasoline.

They continued out the highway towards Ruggs and after midnight pulled in at Wright's Country Store, awakened Ken Wright, and asked for gasoline. He filled the car, and they left without paying. Wright called Officer Culp to report the incident.

It was just a short time later that Officer Mollahan saw them coming down the Heppner hill into town and gave chase.

Officers Culp and Ward saw skid marks and spilled gasoline on the highway at a spot that indicated the fugitives had headed out Hinton Creek, and this gave them the clue for their pursuit. In their hasty departure from Wright's store, they left before Wright could replace the gas cap.

At one time five state patrols were in the county looking for the trio, taking various highways and searching in Ione and Lexington.

The two youths were held in the county jail Wednesday morning. (Continued on page 8)

Christmas Greeting Paper Next Week; Art Students Help

Next week's edition of The Gazette-Times will be the annual Christmas Greeting issue which will contain holiday messages from many businesses to friends and customers.

Again this year, Heppner school art students of Miss Terry Linecum have drawn Christmas greetings which many of the businesses will select to use for their messages in the paper. This proved to be a very popular and interesting feature last year, the first time that it was done.

Pupils whose work is selected for publication will receive certificates of merit from The Gazette-Times and the merchants.

The paper will contact businesses this week-end on the greetings but should any be overlooked, they are invited to call the Gazette-Times office. The paper will be issued at the regular time next week, but it is planned to publish a day late for each of the ensuing weeks because both Christmas and New Years Day fall on Mondays. The publication of the paper a day late each week will give the staff an opportunity to enjoy the holidays.

Road Serial Levy Wins in County By 3-to-1 Margin

Vote was light in the special election on Morrow county's road serial levy Friday, but the measure passed handily, receiving a margin of about 3 to 1 for the affirmative.

Total count of the nine precincts was 375 yes to 144 no. The proposition received a favorable vote in each of the precincts, but it was close in Irrigon where the count was 30 yes to 29 no. One precinct, Northeast Heppner, gave it approval by nearly a 6 to 1 vote, 41 yes to 7 no.

Only 25.6% of the voters cast ballots. The number voting was 519 out of the total registration of 2026.

County by precincts is as follows: Southeast Heppner, 39 yes, 12 no; Northeast Heppner, 41 yes, 7 no; Southwest Heppner, 40 yes, 14 no; Northwest Heppner, 50 yes, 18 no; Irrigon, 30 yes, 29 no; Boardman, 35 yes, 14 no; Ione, 73 yes, 29 no; Lexington, 55 yes, 13 no; and Hardman, 12 yes, 8 no.

Heaviest turnout on the vote was at Ione where 102 cast ballots. This was about one-fifth of the total county vote.

Passage of the measure empowers the county to expend up to \$150,000 per year for a period of five years for the purpose of maintaining, improving, constructing and repairing roads in Morrow county. It continues the practice of using serial road levies to finance the road program, a method that was started here in 1948.

County Judge Paul Jones said that he and the county court are "gratified" at the result of the vote.

"People were informed all over the county as a result of the letters and advertising done by the Morrow county Road Improvement Association," he said. "This is a case of an informed electorate. When they saw the problem and saw the need, they met it."

First Entries In On Light Contest

First entries have been received on the 1967 Heppner Christmas lighting and decorating contest. Three have entered at The Gazette-Times office.

There is no obligation in entering, and it may be done by calling at the paper office in person or by telephoning 676-9228.

"Through the generosity of a local resident who prefers to remain unidentified, \$60 in prize money is offered, \$30 will go for the outdoor home decoration contest and \$30 will go to the window decoration and interior contest.

Each first place wins \$15, each second \$10, and third \$5. Deadline for entering is Tuesday, December 19, at 5 p.m. Judging will be done that evening.

Death Takes Lou Bisbee, Lifetime Resident Here

Louis Evans Bisbee, 86, lifetime resident of Heppner and for more than 50 years associated with the prominent hardware firm, Gilliam and Bisbee, died Saturday, December 9, in Pioneer Memorial hospital after a month's illness.

His father, Timothy Bisbee, was one of the early partners in the hardware firm, which was started as Gilliam and Coffey in 1887. Lou Bisbee entered the business about 1900 in the second generation of families that operated the store.

Leonard Gilliam, Clinton Gilliam and Earl Gilliam, cousins of Lou Bisbee, all joined the firm over a period dating from 1900 to 1909. Leonard, Earl and Lou continued the partnership until 1955 when the business was sold to Claude Buschke and John Key. Mrs. Claude (Margaret) Buschke bought Key's interest in 1958, and she and her husband operated the store until it was closed in December, 1965.

Bisbee retired when the business was sold in 1955, but he pursued a vigorous and active life in retirement. He was keenly interested in hunting and fishing until his fatal illness.

He was a member of Heppner Lodge, AF & AM for 62 years, and was a 50-year member of Heppner Lodge, BPOE No. 358. He was also a member of Royal Arch Masons No. 26.

His parents, Timothy and Julia Wright Bisbee were pioneer Morrow county homesteaders. He was born September 24, 1881, in Hay Canyon near Rhea Creek. His wife, Emeline, preceded him in death in 1955.

Bisbee served on the Heppner city council under three mayors and was active in community affairs.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 12, at All Saints' Episcopal church with Rev. Dirk Rinehart officiating. Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery with ritualistic services by the Heppner Elks.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Bisbee, of Waldport; a son, Orrin Bisbee, of San Francisco, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends are advised that donations to his memory may be made to the Heppner Library and Museum fund at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.



MAYOR W. C. ROSEWALL signs one of the 110 bonds of Heppner's municipal swimming pool bond issue while Gene Pierce, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, purchaser of the bonds, inspects another of the issue. (G-T Photo)

City Bonds Ready For Bank of EO; Work All Local

Signing of \$110,000 worth of Heppner municipal bonds this week by Mayor W. C. Rosewall and Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder, just about brings to completion an all-local transaction on the bond issue.

The bonds were purchased by the Bank of Eastern Oregon at an interest rate of 4.30% and the transaction will be completed as soon as bonding attorneys in Portland inspect some of the bonds to determine that all technicalities have been completed with.

Printing of the bonds was a local matter, too, with The Gazette-Times doing the rather complicated job. Attached to each of the 110 bonds is a varying number of coupons for interest, and the number of coupons per bond varies with the maturity dates.

Legal work on the issue was handled by Bob Abrams, city attorney, and as is customary with all bond issues, he was in consultation with the Portland firm of bonding attorneys who examine the issues.

The bond issue covers a 15-year period with the final eleven \$1000 bonds maturing January 1, 1983. McCormack Construction Co. has submitted its first bill for a percentage of work completed on the pool project, some \$13,000, and it is expected that this initial bill will be paid soon.

Cardinals Upset Mustang Hoopers

Ione High school's Cardinals, undefeated to date in this basketball season, came from behind Tuesday night to defeat the Heppner High Mustangs on the Ione floor, 59 to 52.

At one time late in the second quarter the Heppner team had a 15-point advantage, 30 to 15, but it dwindled in the third period, and the Cards came on in the fourth as their high-powered quint poured on the steam.

It was a cherished victory for the Redbirds, who as a predominantly sophomore team last year, took three defeats at the hands of the Mustangs. This year, the Cardinals comprise a squad that is listed as "the team to beat."

Heppner played without Bill McLeod who sprained his ankle and will be out for some time. Gary Kemp, who started in place of McLeod, and Dave Hall went out on personals late in the game to hamper the Heppner cause.

Frank Halvorsen was the big gun in the Ione attack, scoring 23 points. Jim Swanson followed with 16, and Bob Ball scored 13. For Heppner, Hall and Kemp each had 14 to lead the Mustangs.

Other scoring was as follows: Ione — Lovgren 1, Sherman 6, Heppner — McCabe 6, Stillman 4, Pettijohn 3, Kilkenny 4, Ashbeck 7, Palmatier, Nelson and Peterson also played for Ione but did not score.

Coach Gene Doekter said he used a man-to-man defense in the first half, but it was not working, and switched to a zone in the second half. He credited Halvorsen with doing a very effective defensive job on Kilkenny, limiting Heppner's tall man to four points.

Score: HEPPNER 12 22 10 8-52 IONE 11 12 18 18-59

Little Folk Invited To Chat With Santa

That kindly old gentleman, affectionately known as Santa Claus, will be available to talk with the younger set on the telephone as Jaycees again sponsor the "Call Santa" project.

Children may dial 676-9163 anytime between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Monday evening, December 18, to talk things over with Santa and let him know what they really want for Christmas.

Stores Open Late Friday Evening; Santa Due Back

Most of Heppner's merchandising establishments will be open Friday evening for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, Bill Hust, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce, announces.

At the same time, all will have special bargains for Friday evening only, as described on page 1 of section 2 of this paper.

Those who have announced that they will remain open until 9 p.m. Friday evening and have special bargains are Gony's, Gardner's Men's Wear, J. C. Penney Co., Van's Variety, Peterson's Jewelers, Murrays Rexall Drug, Lot's Electric, MILadies Apparel and Elma's Apparel.

Others also may be open. Meanwhile, Santa Claus is making preparations to return to Heppner.

The rotund gentleman with the long white whiskers will be back at 2 p.m. Saturday and will circulate through the downtown district to meet and greet the kiddies.

He was here on Christmas opening, two days after Thanksgiving, but this will be his last visit until he makes his nocturnal rounds during the night before Christmas.

Stores also will be open on Friday evening, December 22, until 9 p.m. for late shoppers' convenience, Hust said.

Temperature Drops To Season's Low

Temperature set a new low mark for the season Tuesday night when it went down to 16 degrees. Previous low was 17 degrees on Monday, November 27.

A skiff of snow was on the ground Tuesday morning bringing thoughts of a possible white Christmas, but the day brought no more.

A total of .07 inch of rain came during the week, most of it on Saturday.

Except for the one cold night, minimum temperature hovered around the freezing point with two nights well above at 35 and 39 degrees.

Complete report for the week as compiled by Don Gilliam, official observer, is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	43	30	—
Thursday	43	31	.01
Friday	43	29	—
Saturday	52	35	.05
Sunday	53	39	—
Monday	52	31	—
Tuesday	33	16	.01