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THERE WAS NO MERRY CHRISTMAS HERE. Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine stands by the decorated Christmas tree that is the lone remaining furnishing in the house that was occupied by the Syrel Gallihier family before fire struck last Thursday morning. In the foreground is some of the debris that littered the place after the fire was extinguished. (G-T Photo).

Loan to Spur Projects Set By Co-op

Senator Wayne Morse and Representative Al Ullman have announced that a loan in the amount of \$838,000 will be awarded to the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., by the Rural Electrification Administration. They made the announcement jointly in a telegram to The Gazette-Times on December 22.

Harley Young, manager of the cooperative, said that approval of the loan will speed projects planned for improvements in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Construction of new headquarters facilities will "start very soon," he said. Wes Korman of Pendleton is architect on this project, and work will get started as soon as his plans are completed.

The building will be erected at the present site of the Columbia Basin substation, located near Gray's Union service station and repair shop on the north side of town.

Other improvements that the loan will finance, most of them in Gilliam and Wheeler counties, are:

1. Thirty-nine miles of distribution line to service 100 new customers.
2. Twenty-three miles of 69-kilovolt transmission line.
3. System improvements including five miles of new tie-line, conversion of 39 miles of existing line and related facilities, and increased substation capacity.
4. Installation of three substations with a combined capacity of 2400 KVA, and a new 1500 KVA transmission substation near Lexington.

Manager Young reported on these projects, contingent on approval of the loan, at the annual meeting of the cooperative in Condon in November.



NO YOUNGSTERS have been hanging around the Heppner swimming pool, waiting for it to open, but good progress is being made on the project by McCormack Construction Co. as this view shows. The concrete block bath house has taken shape

and the roof is going on, while work of rebuilding the pool proper has also started. It appears that the pool will be ready in good time for the summer season of 1968. (G-T Photo).

Pre-Christmas Fire Routs Family, Destroys House

A forlorn Christmas tree, with its holiday decorations something the worse for wear, was virtually all that remained inside the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Syrel Gallihier a few hours after fire struck the home at 280 North Court about 5:30 a.m. last Thursday.

The family of six escaped unharmed from the smoke-filled house after Mrs. Gallihier awakened and smelled the smoke. After the alarm was sounded, friends and neighbors responded quickly to help volunteer firemen remove belongings and furnishings of the family.

Only a few items were lost, including a mattress, a bed, rugs, some Christmas gifts and other items, Gallihier said. The family's belongings were taken to the old Tracy building for temporary storage, and the Gallihiers spent two days with the Harley Young family before moving to the Sara Adkins residence, 370 Union. With the assistance of friends and neighbors, they recovered in time to have a nice Christmas for the four Gallihier children who range in ages from four months to six years.

The house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark, now of La Grande, was valued at \$10,000 and was considered a total loss.

After Mrs. Gallihier had awakened at the early morning hour, she aroused her husband. He went to the basement from where the smoke was issuing. There was no evidence of flames at that time, but he theorized the problem came from the furnace. He went back upstairs, turned off the furnace radiators and then went next door to the home of the Armin Froemans to call the fire department.

The general alarm sounded at 5:55. When the firemen arrived, they found that the fire had spread into the walls, through furnace ducts and into the attic. It was difficult to reach because of false ceilings and other problems, Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said. Sixteen volunteers battled it for several hours before extinguishing it.

The chief said that wiring connected to a receptacle located in the floor of the living room was listed as the source of the fire. Heaviest damage was done in the upper levels, but water and smoke damage contributed to the loss.

Of the goods that were saved, considerable damage was done to some by water and smoke, Gallihier said that no insurance was carried on the family belongings, but the house was covered by insurance.

Chief Burkenbine said that 3,000 gallons of water were used on the fire which occurred in 12-degree weather. The volunteers encountered a mechanical problem with one fire hydrant that hampered their efforts somewhat.

County to Build Frontage Road

Road department of Morrow county was preparing this week to start moving equipment to the north end of the county to begin construction of a frontage road 3.8 miles in length, County Judge Paul Jones said.

This will be on the south side of highway I-80N. It will begin at a point one mile east of the Patterson Ferry overpass and will extend east to link with an existing 1.2 mile frontage road constructed by the state that connects to the Ordinance overpass. The state also will build one mile of frontage road running east from the Patterson Ferry overpass.

The judge said that the county has obtained permission from the state to use the state highway department's construction site, and this will save the county several hundred dollars.

Death Takes Mrs. Buschke; Services Held on Tuesday

Mrs. Claude (Margaret) Buschke, 53, who was born near Heppner and lived here all of her life, died Friday, December 22, in the Pendleton Community hospital.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 26, at 10 a.m. in All Saints' Episcopal church with the Rev. Dirk Rinehart and the Rev. Melvin Dixon officiating. Vault interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Buschke had been in ill health for a number of years. She had undergone two delicate major operations to her heart in recent years and met her problem with courage, with devoted support of her husband. She was hospitalized again a number of weeks ago with another illness that resulted in her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Buschke had operated a farm for several years after their marriage in 1933. They purchased the Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware, one of Heppner's best known businesses from the early days of the city, in 1955 and operated it until December, 1965, partly because of Mrs. Buschke's ill health. She was born March 21, 1914, daughter of Walter and Carrie

Mustangs Playing In Sherman Meet

Heppner High's Mustangs open play in the first round of the Sherman County basketball tournament tonight (Thursday), starting at 7 p.m. The holiday tournament is sponsored by the Sherman High Huskies.

Competing in the tournament, which will be held two nights, Thursday and Friday, are the Wahtonka Eagles, Columbia Bruins of White Salmon, Wash., Heppner and Sherman County.

Tonight's games are at 7 and 8:45 p.m. Losers will play for consolation at 7 p.m. Friday night and winners will play for the championship at 8:45.

A trophy will be presented to the champion team's captain by the Winter Wonderland Queen of Sherman High.

Heppner goes into the tournament with a record of two wins and four losses. The Mustangs have defeated Burns and Enterprise and have lost to Grant Union, Lone, Condon and DeSales of Walla Walla. The loss to DeSales was Friday night at Walla Walla by a lopsided score.

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Forbes Beckett, and was married to Claude Buschke in Pendleton on November 17, 1933.

Mrs. Buschke was a member of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge and had been baptized in the Episcopal church.

She and her husband enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing, and following their retirement from the store looked forward to taking trips in the camper that he had built and furnished.

At the funeral services Tuesday the church was filled with relatives and friends, and more than 100 stood outside. Mrs. W. S. (Pauline) Miller sang, accompanied by Mrs. Dirk Rinehart. Casket bearers were Dick Wilkinson, John Mollahan, Gene Orwick, Howard Bryant, Hubert Wilson, and Don Greenup.

Concluding services were at the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33 participating with ritualistic work. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Buschke is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckett; two sons, Robert Buschke of Heppner and Jerry Buschke of Canyon City; a brother, Laurence Beckett, of Heppner; and three grandchildren.

Weather Warms After Cold Snap; Year's Rain Low

Winter officially arrived Friday, December 22, but somehow the seasons seemed to be confused.

It was on Friday that minimum temperature shot up to 38 degrees from the previous day's eight degrees, and the maximum went to 52 from the 39 of December 21.

After recording as low as four degrees one night the previous week, the minimum temperature Monday of this week was a summer-like 50 degrees. A person might have slept outside with some degree of comfort that night.

Last Wednesday brought another inch of snow, making a total of approximately four inches for the season here, according to Don Gilliam, official weather observer.

Through December 27, the year 1967 brought only 8.62 inches of rain, Gilliam reported. He checked his records to determine if this is a new low for the area, and found that it was not, but only two years on record had less rain.

The year 1939 was the lightest on rainfall with 7.81 inches, and 1928 had 8.20. The year 1910 had 8.74 inches. Whether 1967 finishes with the third lowest rainfall on record will be determined between now and Monday.

By months, rainfall in 1967 was as follows: January, 1.30; February, .19; March, 1.49; April, 1.88; May, .67; June, .33; July, .00; August, .7; September, .53; October, .75; November, .71; December to date, .77.

The week's complete weather report is as follows:

	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	23	.08*
Thursday	39	.01
Friday	52	.14
Saturday	56	.44
Sunday	53	.44
Monday	57	.50
Tuesday	53	.45
Wednesday	52	.42

Paper to be Late Again Next Week

Because New Years Day comes on Monday, The Gazette-Times will be late again next week. It will be placed in the mail and in Heppner post office boxes next Thursday afternoon. Normally it would be in the boxes Thursday morning. The paper will go to press during the day Thursday instead of the usual Wednesday.

Office of The Gazette-Times will be closed Saturday to give the staff another 3-day week-end during the holiday season.

After next week's paper, the regular schedule will be resumed.

Dance Set Saturday

Young people of the area are invited to attend a New Year dance at the Heppner fair pavilion Saturday night, December 30. Music will be provided by a local combo, The Henchmen, with dancing from 9:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. A special invitation is extended to college youth who are home for their holiday vacations.

BMCC to Offer Adult Classes

Blue Mountain Community college will again sponsor evening classes for interested adults in the Heppner-lone areas. A class in painting will be given January 18. The 10-week class will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 until 10 p.m. and will be instructed by Dr. Margaret McDevitt.

Additional subjects offered are conversational Spanish, income taxes, tailoring, typing modern math for parents, and sociology. Anyone interested in the courses may attend an organizational meeting at Heppner High school on January 11, at 7:30 p.m., or further information may be obtained by calling the high school, 676-9138.

Arbuckle Ski Season To Open January 6

Arbuckle Mountain ski course will open to the public for the season on Saturday, January 6, 1968, at 10 a.m. Operation of the corporation decided at a meeting recently.

Season tickets are now available from L. E. Dick or Herman Winter at \$60 per family or \$25 per individual for a minimum of nine week-ends (18 days) of skiing.

It is expected that the course will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through the season. Operation on Saturdays will be conducted through the 4-H ski clubs with Dick McElligott in charge, and on Sundays the Morrow County Jaycees will be in charge.

Buses again this year will take 4-H members to the course where they will receive instruction in skiing and practice the sport. They will receive a special rate that includes their bus fare to the mountain and back. Ski patrol will operate at the mountain with Alan Martin, Loren Lucore and Curtis Culp as registered patrolmen.

The ski course has been operated with rope tow for several seasons since the formation of the Arbuckle Mountain Corporation after the Arbuckle Mountain Ski club first started development of the course. Interest has climbed slowly but steadily here, and all proceeds received to date have been re-invested in the development

30 Prizes Await Area's 1968 Baby

Thirty fine prizes await the first baby born at Pioneer Memorial hospital in the new year. Young Mr. or Miss 1968 will receive a wide range of gifts — from diapers to 25% off on the hospital bill — with the compliments of Heppner merchants and the hospital.

First baby to arrive in the hospital after midnight December 31 will win the bonanza in the First Baby Contest, which has been held here annually for many years.

According to the rules, the baby must be born in the hospital or on the way to the hospital, and the parents must be residents of Morrow, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam or Umatilla counties, all of which are served by the hospital.

In some previous years the New Year's baby has arrived promptly — within hours or perhaps even minutes after the stroke of midnight. In other years, the arrival hasn't been so punctual.

Last year, it took 20 days before Ann Rinehart, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dirk Rine-

hart, was born on January 20 to claim the First Baby Contest prizes. She weighed six pounds, two ounces at birth.

Now about to relinquish her First Baby title, Ann will observe her first birthday on January 20, 1968.

Many of the prizes offered this year are in cash or savings accounts. Others are in merchandise, and some are for the parents.

The complete list is as follows:

Twenty-five percent off on hospital bill from Pioneer Memorial hospital; 10 gallons of milk from Hager's Dairy; \$5 for savings account from Morrow County Grain Growers; \$5 in cleaning from Heppner Cleaners; \$5 savings account from Bank of Eastern Oregon; \$5 in merchandise from Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply; one year subscription from The Gazette-Times.

Five dollars for savings account from Heppner Nor-Gas Company; \$5 off on January electric bill from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op; \$5 savings account from First National Bank; surprise gift for dad from Fulleton Chevrolet; \$5 for savings account from M & R Company; \$5 in merchandise from Miladies Apparel.

Electric bottle warmer from Heppner Auto Parts; \$5 in merchandise from Central Market; \$5 in cash from Turner, Van Marder and Bryant Insurance; sterling silver cup with name engraved from Peterson's Jewelers; \$5 in baby food from Economy Market; first shoes from Gonty's; shirt for dad from Gardner's Men's Wear; one dozen diapers from J. C. Penney Co.

Quart of Plasolux colors from Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company; \$5 in merchandise from Case Furniture Co.; one dozen stretch diapers from Van's Variety; baby carry-all from Western Auto Store; \$5 for savings account from C. A. Ruggles Insurance; vaporizer from Murray's Rexall Drug; \$5 for savings account from Lott's Electric; 10 gallons of gasoline from Jack's Chevron Station; \$5 in baby clothes or baby blanket from Elma's Apparel.

Will O'Harra, administrator at the hospital, said Tuesday that no maternity cases were in the hospital at that time, but the staff knew of several who were expected in within a few days. It seems quite possible that the 1968 first baby will arrive quite soon after the departure of old 1967.

As soon as the winner is determined, the Gazette-Times will furnish a letter to the parents to be used in claiming the prizes.

Complete information on the contest is printed in the announcement on page five of this paper.

School to Resume

After being on holiday vacation since December 22, school children and teachers of Morrow county will return to class Tuesday morning, January 2.