



RANDY LOTT of Lott's Electric shows off the RCA Victor 14-inch portable color television set that Heppner merchants are giving away at a drawing here on Saturday, December 7, as an added feature of Christmas Opening. The set's retail value is \$349. Store prize drawings will be this Saturday, November 30. (G-T Photo).

SANTA AND PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!

## Christmas Opening Invites Everyone

All the color, fun and brightness of Christmas Opening will come to Heppner this week-end with Santa Claus to be on hand and 19 store door prizes to be given away Saturday afternoon, according to Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, chairman of the Heppner merchants.

The genial old gentleman from the North will arrive at the downtown corner Saturday at 2 p.m. to greet the kiddies and give them treats. As usual, he will come in on the bright red fire truck befitting his bright red suit and white whiskers.

Each of 19 stores and businesses will have good prizes to give away in drawings at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and each person coming to town is invited to register once only at each place. Registration may be Friday or until 4 p.m. Saturday.

The person need not be present to win, but the winner's name will be posted on the window of the store after 4:30. No window guessing is involved this year.

Official entry slips are available only in the participating stores.

TV Drawing Dec. 7

When a person signs a slip, he also becomes eligible for the drawing for the color portable television set that will be given away a week later, Saturday, December 7, at 3:30 p.m. at the downtown corner. In this instance, the winner must be present if he wishes to receive the set.

All the registration slips from the participating stores, accumulated from Friday, November 30, will be dumped a week later into one large container for the TV drawing. Anyone who does not register for the store door prizes on Friday and Saturday of this week may enter his name once in each participating store throughout next

week and until noon Saturday, December 7. In any event, a person may register only once in each store. Prizes Listed

List of prizes to be given Saturday afternoon is a long and interesting one. It is as follows: Hotel Cafe, Fred and Cecile

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### NO GUESSING NEEDED IN SEEKING PRIZES

Those who are used to the Christmas Window Guessing contest that has been featured at Christmas Opening here for several years are reminded that there is no guessing involved in seeking prizes this year.

The headline on page 1, section 2, "Window Guessing Contest Prizes," was printed through error. It should read: "Christmas Opening Prizes." Winners will be selected by drawing after they have registered at the participating businesses.



SENATOR-ELECT KEN JERNSTEDT



REP. IRVIN MANN

## Legislators Call Meetings To Hear Public Views

Representative Irvin Mann of Stanfield and Senator-elect Kenneth Jernstedt of Hood River announce that a series of meetings will be held with the people of four of the counties they represent jointly in the state legislature to aid them in preparing legislation for the 1969 legislative session.

They said that their two specific purposes for holding the meetings are to determine what special local problems need legislative attention and what the local attitudes are on major issues of the state.

Among the major issues listed by the legislators are those of tax reform, beaches, greenways, change of ownership

brand inspection, farm land tax deferral, and others.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Morrow county—Monday, December 2, Boardman city hall, 3 p.m., and county courthouse in Heppner, 7 p.m. Wheeler county—Tuesday, December 3, Mitchell, 11 a.m. Gilliam county—Tuesday, December 3, Arlington grade school, 8 p.m. Sherman county—Wednesday, December 4, county courthouse, Moro, 2 p.m.

Especially encouraged to attend are members of the county and city governments, port commissions, and any organization or interested citizen who will be affected by the next legislative session.

## Navy Officers Say Boardman Range 'Absolutely Vital'

Lt. J. W. Pate, veteran Navy pilot in the Vietnam war and holder of the Navy Cross for valor in action there, told the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday. "The single most important thing going for me there was the practice in low level flying at the bombing range here. "I'm grateful a thousand-fold for Boardman."

He was one of five top Navy officers, including Rear Admiral Herman Trum, commander of Fleet Air, Whidbey Island, who came to the Chamber meeting to tell of the importance of the bombing range and to help clear up any misunderstanding about its use and future needs at the range by the Navy.

Others in the group were Commander W. B. Warwick, commander of VA128, the train-

ing squadron at Whidbey Island; Commander Patterson; and Lt. Jim Anderson.

Change Would be Costly

Commander Warwick told the group that a move of the range to Wagonfire, in southeast Oregon as has often been proposed, would result in a first year cost of \$32 million and would impose other severe handicaps on the training of pilots destined for Vietnam.

In remarks prefatory to talks by the other officers, Admiral Trum said, "Boardman provides us with a unique training facility."

He said that 175 aircraft are based at Whidbey, including patrol aircraft, heavy tankers and all weather bombing craft, five squadrons of which use the Boardman range. Including wives and children, there are

18,000 at the installation at Whidbey.

During the time the range has been in use, 34,000 training ordnance drops have been made.

"Until a few weeks ago, there was no problem," he said, referring by inference to the incident at Boardman which resulted in some speculation that the range should be moved.

The Navy last February asked the FAA to increase the size of the area of restricted air space north of the range, but there was no intention of seeking an increase in the land area, Admiral Trum said.

Safety Stressed

Commander Patterson later pointed out that the increased air space would be restricted for private and commercial planes only when flight visibility is less than three miles. This is

intended both for safety of the Navy personnel and the private and commercial fliers, he said.

He also said that it would cost \$1 million to establish the facilities in Wagonfire that are now at Boardman.

"The terrain is unsatisfactory at Wagonfire. Boardman is the only spot in the Northwest that offers the training we need," he said.

Lt. Pate described a strike that he made in an A6A Intruder on a railroad at Hanoi, important because it connected to a main line of supply for the enemy from Red China. While attacks are made in daylight part of the time, night attacks are preferred, typically alone as a "wolf type" attack, he said.

On the Hanoi strike, he left the carrier in the monsoon season and ascended to 20,000 feet,

going over the sea. Cutting inland to Hanoi, he descended to low level flying, about 500 feet, below radar. He took a devious route to reach the target.

Opposition on such a flight is expected from three sources—enemy aircraft, anti-aircraft fire and surface to air missiles, Lt. Pate said.

Training Vital

Training received in low level flying at Boardman was vital to him in that he could fly below radar. At one point he saw a surface-to-air missile launched, but it accelerated to go above his Intruder and exploded harmlessly overhead. The low level flying prevented radar from "locking" in on his ship.

Commander Warwick has trained almost 180 pilots and (Continued on page 5)

85th Year

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Of Local Churches  
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## MCGG Notes Lean Year Sees Brighter Future

Members of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., took note of a lean year in their operations at the annual meeting Monday night in the fair pavilion, but a spirit of optimism seemed to anticipate a brighter future.

President Barton Clark declared, "There is nothing wrong with the company that a good rain wouldn't fix," and this seemed to be the keynote of the evening.

The poor crop year, due to lack of rain, with a resultant loss in sales of machinery and other farm needs was held responsible for a net loss of \$39,531 reported in the cooperative's financial statement.

The grain division showed a net operating income of \$14,018.98, and the petroleum division netted somewhat more at \$14,991.99. However, the new machinery division showed a net operating loss of \$26,457.16.

Gross operating profits from the three divisions was \$2,553.81, but after \$12,195.32 in other income had been added and administrative expense of \$48,106.80 and interest expense of \$6,173.53 had been subtracted, the net loss stood at the \$39,000 figure.

Depreciation throughout the three divisions is some \$37,000.

Banker Says Condition Good

A. E. VanWinkle, vice president of the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives, in the principal talk of the evening, stated that the general financial condition of MCGG is excellent and is a credit to the past management.

He told of a check made with other cooperatives on some key points to measure the co-op's standing. In a study of 39 such cooperatives, the average amount of debt against their facilities is 36%, he said.

Morrow County Grain Growers has no debt against its facilities. Ratio of net worth to total assets, another index of condition, shows 60% as the average for the 39 cooperatives. MCGG has a ratio of 76%, he said.

VanWinkle also called attention to the fact that the cooperative has investments of \$295,820 in other co-ops, including North Pacific Grain Growers, Pacific Supply Co-op, and the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives.

This gives full benefit to the large capital of these organizations he said, "direct access

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ED PATTERSON  
State Jaycee President

## Fiddlers to Vie In 3 Programs Here This Week

Fiddlers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will compete for a host of trophies and cash prizes here Friday and Saturday in the second annual Fiddlers Contest, sponsored by the Morrow County Jaycees in conjunction with the Eastern Oregon Old Time Fiddlers association.

There will be a liberal number of local entries, too, to add color and interest to the Jaycees' big show.

Four divisions are scheduled—the intermediate contest, the seven-county event, the regional contest, and the classic old timers.

The first two divisions will compete Friday evening, starting at 7 p.m., in the Heppner Junior High gym. Wheeler, Baker, Grant, Union, Malheur, Umatilla and Morrow comprise the 7-county division. Admission will be \$1 for this program.

Paul Budke, state vice-president of the Jaycees for district 13, will be master of ceremonies Friday night.

Patterson to be M.C.

Saturday afternoon, starting at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym, will be the regional preliminaries, and Ed Patterson, La Grande, state Jaycee president, will be master of ceremonies for both the Saturday afternoon and Saturday night events. Saturday afternoon performance admission will also be \$1 per person.

The regional contest finalists and classic old timers will make music with their fiddles Saturday night starting at 7. Admission to the program will be

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### More Moisture

Rainfall for November climbed to 2.54 inches this week with a total of .37 inch added. This is more than an inch above the normal of 1.44 for November, Don Gilliam, weather observer, reports.

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	59	32	.05
Thursday	57	40	.06
Friday	56	43	.06
Saturday	57	39	—
Sunday	50	33	.15
Monday	46	32	.05
Tuesday	53	36	—



FRANK HALVORSEN (10) of Ione still has the pigskin tucked under him after crossing the Huntington goal line for an extra point in Saturday's state semi-final B-B game at Ione. Earl Pettyjohn (66) raises arms to show gloom that the point is good, while Official Jim Eardley comes up from right. Scott Cimmiyotti (15), Huntington halfback, is on his knees after futile attempt to halt big Frank. Other players identifiable are Jim Yeates (41) Huntington guard, and Carl Magill (80), end and halfback for the Locomotives. Halvorsen's extra point came after Eddie Sherman had run back a kickoff 85 yards to score for Ione, but the Locomotives won, 66-26. (G-T Photo).



IT ISN'T HARD to tell from the faces of Head Coach Gordon Meyers and Assistant Coach Gene Dockett that the Ione Cardinals were faced with grim business as they played Huntington at Ione Saturday. The Locomotives were ahead, 19 to 7, when picture was taken, and went on to a 56-26 victory. End Scott Peterson, waiting call to go back into the game, mirrors concern. (G-T Photo).

## Huntington Strikes Cardinals To End State Title Hopes

Football team of Ione High school came through with its familiar early lightning bolt in the state semi-final B-B game at Ione Saturday, but Huntington came back with the thunder and won the contest, 66-26.

Thus, the Cardinals' bid for statewide glory came to an end after one of the most impressive football seasons in the school's history.

The big and powerful Locomotives from far Eastern Oregon will play Mohawk for the state championship on the upcoming Saturday. Mohawk won its way to the title competition by defeating Arlington from neighboring Gilliam county, 27 to 19.

At the start of the Saturday semi-final at Ione's Memorial field on a super-beautiful fall day, the Cardinals looked like the team that crushed all opposition through the regular season.

Ione's lightning bolt came on its first play from scrimmage, stunning the visitors and electrifying the good-sized crowd that lined the field.

Frank Halvorsen pitched a long pass to Eddie Sherman who took it on a full gallop, all alone, and he crossed the goal line untouched, a 58-yard play. The play completely caught the defenders napping. Halvorsen ran the extra point, and the score was 7-0.

But this was the last time that the Cardinal supporters had much chance for exultation. Huntington's thunder took over and boomed them to three first quarter touchdowns, mostly on sheer power of the fully-packed boys of the railroad town.

Scott Cimmiyotti, one of three sparkling backs of the visitors, tallied all three scores, the first being a one-yard run, the second a 33-yard run, and the third a 35-yard run after he had intercepted an Ione pass. He completed the first quarter scoring (Continued on page 8)

## Extension Aide Named to Assist Work in County

The appointment of Mrs. Garry (Blidine) Tullis, Ione, as Extension aide has been announced by Gail McCarty, county extension agent, Heppner. She will assist in organizing home extension units and 4-H clubs and setting up training meetings, special interest meetings, and 4-H activities and events.

Umatilla County Extension agents, Molly Saul and Mary Speckhart, will continue to do the home economics subject matter training in Morrow county. Mrs. Tullis will assist with the organizational activities.

This is a trial arrangement, funded by state monies, resulting from Morrow county losing its home economics extension agent in February, 1968. At that time, Oregon's financial situation led the 1967 Legislature and the 1968 special session to reduce funds available to the extension service.

## Basketball Movie, Scrimmage Slated At Mustang Preview

A 15-minute movie is scheduled as part of the HHS Mustang Basketball Preview Wednesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. The movie is in color and is entitled "Know Your Basketball."

This second annual "Preview for Fans" will be held at the high school gymnasium. There is no charge for the Preview, which will be headed by Bob Clough, varsity basketball coach.

Dale Holland, an Oregon Scholastic Association certified official, will give an explanation of the signals used for basketball. A question and answer period on the rules of the game will follow.

The Mustang team will run through a few drills, followed by an explanation of the offense. A short scrimmage will conclude the evening.

Season tickets will be on sale at the preview. They are \$10 per ticket. General admission this year is \$1.25, making a savings on the ten home games of \$2.50 for season ticket holders.