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PUZZLE: FIND SANTA. He's the fellow with the white beard who is managing to wave weakly while engulfed in a sea of humanity, children with their mothers waiting to greet him here Saturday. (G-T Photo)

Drawing for TV Set Due Saturday; Christmas Opening Winners Told

Someone who is at the downtown corner in Heppner at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 7, will become a very happy person when his name is drawn as winner of a \$349 portable color television set.

The RCA Victor set will be given as the grand prize to climax Heppner's Christmas Opening and has been purchased by merchants from Randy Lott of Lott's Electric.

Slips containing names of all those who have registered for Christmas Opening prizes will be placed in one large container for the drawing. The winner must be present to hear his name called in order to get the set. Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, merchants chairman, states: "If the person is not present after the first slip is drawn, the drawing will continue until a winner is present."

When a person signed slips at each of the participating stores for Christmas Opening prizes last Friday or Saturday, this automatically entered him for the television drawing because the same slips will be used. Under the rules, a person may enter at each of the participating stores, which were listed in last week's Gazette-Times.

Still Time to Enter

Those who did not register for the individual stores' Christmas prizes may register this week at any or all of the participating stores, but only once at each store.

Final time for entering is at noon Saturday, after which time the slips will be turned in to Mrs. Gardner at Gardner's Men's Wear to be placed in the large container for the TV drawing. Participating stores are requested to turn in their containers containing the entry slips by 2 p.m. Saturday.

Santa Claus arrived on schedule last Saturday to greet a large crowd of children on the downtown corner. Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine drove the fire truck that brought him to city center and the chief also acted as host as Santa passed out treats to the kiddies. They consisted of sacks of candy tape through arrangements of Randall Peterson of the merchants.

Santa Claus is not scheduled to return this Saturday but is due back on Saturday, December 14.

Jaycees helped arrange for Santa's visit and cooperated with Christmas Opening.

Prize Winners Told

Merchants report an excellent response from the public to this year's Opening with many of them also reporting a brisk business and keen interest in the prize drawings.

Prize winners are as follows: Mrs. Harold Erwin, Christmas arrangement from Van's Creative Crafts; Mrs. Del Piper, Lexington, Corning ware skillet, Western Auto; Laurie Challey, table lamp, Case Furniture Co.; Dale Holland, five gallons gasoline, Cal's Richfield Service; Mrs. Cleo Childers, 12 lb. turkey, Central Market; Mrs. Lowell Chally, \$10 gift certificate, Elma's Apparel.

Mrs. Effie Johnson, Pendleton woolen sport shirt, Gardner's Men's Wear; Dale Arrington, \$10 in cash, Gazette-Times; Mrs. Stacey Lovgren, transistor tape recorder, County's; Maurice Elder, five gallons gasoline, Gray's Repair Shop; Dean Naffziger, five gallons gasoline, Jack's Chevron Service.

Sue Griffith, sweater, Miladies Apparel; Mrs. Wes Marlatt, \$10 gift certificate, Murrays Rexall Drug; Cindy Leonnig of McMinnville, nylon blanket, J. C. Penney Co.; Jane Bailey of Hermiston, anti-tarnish silver dish, Peterson's Jewelers; Harold Gray, gallon of Spred Satin and quart of Spred Latex paint, Pettijohn's Farm and Builders Supply; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cox, steak dinners, Hotel Cafe; Jerry Keithley, two dinners, Harris Drive-in; and Sandra Lamb, Seattle, Wash., electric knife, Lott's Electric.

Benefit to Aid Gorman After Thanksgiving Fire

Neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gorman will hold a combined benefit dance and shower for them Saturday night, December 7, in the Legion Hall at 8 p.m. Contributions will be made towards giving the family a new start after a Thanksgiving Day fire burned their home and destroyed virtually all of their possessions, all without insurance.

Admission to the shower and dance will be by donations only, either money, household furnishings, canned goods, appliances, and similar needs. Live music is planned for the event and refreshments will be served.

Fire broke out in the house, the former Bob Van Scholack

Allstott Chosen For City Council

Clyde Allstott of Heppner was formally appointed to the Heppner city council Monday night to replace Halan McCurdy, Jr., who resigned recently.

The council confirmed the action. Allstott, an employee of L. E. Dick, Standard distributor, is a past president of the Morrow County Jaycees and is a member of the Heppner fire department.

Heppner Merchants Slate Friday Meet

All Heppner merchants are asked to attend a luncheon meeting at the Wagon Wheel Cafe on Friday, December 6, at noon.

Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, merchants chairman, states that the group will consider thoughts on evening opening for the Christmas season, lay final plans for the drawing for the color television set Saturday and plan other forthcoming events.

An Inch Extra

Rainfall for November now officially stands at 1.10 inch more than normal for the month, according to report of Don Gilliam, weather observer here. Normal is 1.44 inches and November checked out with 2.54 inches, only a trace of which fell during the past week.

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	50	39	T
Thursday	49	32	—
Friday	55	37	—
Saturday	44	28	—
Sunday	40	33	—
Monday	44	32	—
Tuesday	55	41	—

Bill Farra Dies After Fighting Fire at Taylors

Bill Farra, assistant chief of the Heppner Fire Department, died about 4 p.m. Wednesday, apparently from a heart attack after fighting fire throughout the day at the home of Mrs. Avery Taylor, May and Gale Streets.

Farra had just stepped off the truck as it returned to the fire department garage when the attack came. Resuscitation efforts there and at the hospital a few minutes later failed to revive him.

The fire broke out in mid-morning in the Taylor home when no one was present. It gutted the interior and very few belongings were saved. Firemen and townspeople battled the blaze through much of the day.

Donations to aid the homeless Taylor family are being received at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Christmas Light Contest Prizes Doubled This Year

Prizes for the annual Heppner Christmas lighting and decoration contest have been doubled this year, according to Mrs. Melby, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge.

Offering of \$120 in prize money, as compared with \$60 in previous years, is hoped to induce more residents to participate in decorating their homes for the Christmas season and all are urged to enter.

At the regular Chamber meeting Monday, the group voted to add \$30 to the prize money of \$60 offered anonymously each year by an interested citizen. Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, said his firm would match the contribution of the Chamber, and so this brings the total to \$120.

There will be two categories in the home lighting and decoration contest, Mrs. Melby said, and each will have a \$30 first prize.

The first division is for outside lighting and decorating with \$30 first prize, \$20 second and \$10 third.

The second division is for window and interior lighting and decorations that can be seen from the street. Prizes of \$30, \$20, and \$10 are offered also in this category.

In addition, the best Christmas display and good of decorating by stores or businesses in Heppner will be rewarded with a special plaque or poster, Mrs. Melby said.

To enter either of the home contests, the resident must register at the Heppner Gazette-Times. This may be done by telephone. Registration will remain open until 4 p.m. Saturday, December 21, and judging will be done from 5 until 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 22, by an impartial committee.

Chili Feed Slated To Precede Game

Annual chili feed, sponsored by the Heppner Elementary PTA, will be prior to the 10th Heppner basketball game Tuesday evening, December 10, in the Heppner High cafeteria.

Serving will be from 5 until 7 p.m. and proceeds will go towards projects of the PTA. Further information is in an advertisement on page 2.



THIS IS THE remains of the auto of Joe Palmer following the accident in which he met death about two miles south of Lexington about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. (G-T Photo)

Wheat Meeting Plans Finalized

All the plans have been finalized for the 41st Annual Oregon Wheat Growers League convention to be held in Portland December 9, 10 and 11 at the Sheraton Hotel, according to Bill Hulise, president.

Morrow county is serving as host county this year and its president, Bob Rietmann of Avon, urges all growers to attend all of the sessions, or if not as many as possible.

McCurdy Toastmaster Harlan McCurdy, Jr., manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., will be toastmaster of the annual banquet which will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10.

Louis Carlson of Ione, chairman of the selection committee for the 1968 Conservation Men of the Year, according to Mrs. Melby, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge, will present plaques at the banquet to each county conservation winner at the banquet, including Peterson Bros. of Ione, the Morrow county winners. They will announce the state winner and present a rotating plaque to him.

Also at the banquet county cake baking winners will be honored, including Mrs. Carl Rhea of Lexington, representing Morrow county. State winner will be chosen at a contest at 8:30 a.m. Monday, December 9, at Polly Pacific Kitchen with 10 county winners participating. State winner will receive a \$100 cash award plus a year's possession of the trophy furnished by the Oregon Bank.

Cards, Mustangs To Open Season

After both teams see prior action this week-end, Heppner and Ione High basketball teams will face each other Tuesday night, December 10, in the opening game of the non-league season on the Heppner High floor in the first of a home-and-home series in the annual "civil war."

Ione's Cardinals, coached by Gene Dockett, play in the Umatilla-Morrow jamboree at Umatilla Friday night and then take on Arlington at Ione Saturday night in a non-league contest.

Meanwhile, Coach Bob Clough's Heppner squad travels to John Day to meet the Grant Union Prospectors. The Mustangs tipped the Prospectors in the district tournament last March, and it is expected that they have plans for the Mustangs when they get them in their brand new gym Saturday night.

While Heppner has had an edge over Ione in recent years, the series has always been typical of the traditional type game where it is hard to pick a winner.

Some would say that this year the Cardinals will come in the favored role since they have a team that pretty much has played together for four years.

On the other hand, the Heppner team, which suffered some by graduation, will have back five lettermen.

Preliminary game will be at 6:30 with Ione jaycees pitted against Heppner freshmen. The varsity game will follow.

Auto Accident Takes Life of Joe Palmer

Funeral services for Joseph Patrick Palmer, 25, of Lexington, will be today (Thursday), December 5, in the Lexington Christian church at 2 p.m. with the Rev. O. D. Harris officiating. Vault interment will be in the Lexington cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Palmer died in early morning Sunday, following a one-car accident about two miles south of Lexington on highway 207.

Officers who investigated said that his 1966 Mustang had veered off the left side of the highway as he was headed towards Lexington from Heppner. It traveled 255 feet parallel with the highway, eventually going over a 20 ft. embankment and rolling over several times.

Two youths passing by in another car first discovered the

wrecked auto which came to rest about 30 feet from the highway. They stopped to investigate and located the body some distance from the car. Officers later measured the distance at 149 feet. Palmer was alone in the car when the accident happened, probably about 2:30 a.m. son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer of Lexington. Joe was born November 5, 1943, in Heppner. He was a lifetime resident of the Lexington community and currently was employed at the planer mill of Kinzua Corporation. Prior to this, he had worked some time at La Grande.

Joe was a graduate of Ione High school and was an athlete there, playing both football and basketball, although he had suffered an attack of polio as a child. He had been a member of the Lexington 4-H Livestock club for six years, and his father had served as a club leader.

He was a member of IWA-BIO local No. 3312 and of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358.

Friends who wish to pay their respects to the young man are advised that donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Heart Fund, to the Cancer Fund, or to the American Red Cross.

Joe's brother, Mike Palmer, now serving with the army in Germany, was brought home through the Red Cross, arriving in Pendleton Monday.

Surviving are a daughter, Angela Jo of Elgin; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer, Lexington, the brother, Michael, with the U. S. Army in Germany; two sisters, Mrs. Dallas (Carol Ann) Craeb of Condon and Mrs. Janet Crabtree of Lexington; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall of Lexington; and other relatives.

Jaycees to Help Operation Santa Campaign Here

More than 3,000 mental patients in Oregon hospitals will be remembered with a gift on Christmas morning, according to plans announced by Lyle Jensen, chairman of Operation Santa Claus for Morrow county. This activity is conducted annually by the Mental Health Association of Oregon through its county chapters and the Morrow County Jaycees.

"This state-wide campaign," the chairman said, "assures that each and every one of these men, women and children in mental hospitals will be remembered. We must do our part so that patients from our county will be certain to receive gifts."

Donors can leave unwrapped gifts at the Heppner Barber Shop or with any Jaycee member. Collections will be received from Thanksgiving until December 22.

Typical gifts for patients include: new clothing, books, cosmetics, games, tobacco, records, hobby equipment, toiletries, and musical instruments. In fact, almost any item which would be chosen for family or friends is suitable.

Rusty Modrell Captures Top Fiddling Prize

Rusty Modrell of Terrebonne fiddled his way to top cash prize of \$75 and a large trophy when he won the Regional Open division of the second annual Fiddlers contest Saturday night, held here under sponsorship of the Morrow County Jaycees.

Other divisional winners chosen during the two-day event were Gladys Frazier, Weiser, Idaho, first, classic old time fiddlers, \$15 and trophy; Ivan McDaniel, Long Creek, first, intermediate contest, \$25 and trophy; and Pete Haynes, Baker, first, seven-county contest, \$25 and trophy.

As in the first year of competition in Heppner in 1967, this event proved to be a good success with a particularly large crowd on hand to watch the

Duane Boyer, Haines, and Mary Bryant, Heppner.

Each show began with a grand entry, all fiddlers and accompanists coming on stage to play three numbers. This was a great crowd pleaser. Another popular and well-liked feature was Don Gish's playing of "Orange Blossom Special." He hails from Yakima, Wash. Other contestants added entertainment throughout the shows as special features.

Classic old time fiddlers had to be more than 65 years of age.

Winners Listed

Divisional winners, other than first places, were as follows: Classic old timers: Charles Johnson, Portland, second, trophy and \$10 cash; Earl Cramer, Hermiston, third, trophy and \$5 cash.

Dayville, second, trophy and \$15; Don Haynes, Forest Grove, third, trophy and \$10; Amil Dumas, Ritter, fourth, plaque; and Barney Swan, Mt. Vernon, fifth, plaque.

Seven-county contest: John Murray, second, trophy and \$15; Barney Swan, third, trophy and \$10; Ivan McDaniel, fourth, plaque; and Bob Stevens, Hardman, fifth, plaque.

Regional: Pete Haynes, second, \$50 and trophy; Bill Yohey, McMinnville, third, \$25 and trophy; Don Gish, fourth, \$15 and trophy; and Lennie Baum, Twin Falls, Idaho, \$10 and trophy.

The Jaycees produced the event here in cooperation with the Eastern Oregon Fiddlers association, and merchants of Heppner and the Chamber of Commerce donated the trophies.