

Churches Plan Special Services For Christmas

Families in Heppner, Lexington and Ione will visit their respective places of worship as special Christmas services in observance of the Birth of Christ. Many churches are planning programs for Sunday, December 22, while others will have special services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Special Christmas observances at the Assembly of God church will be a program presented on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7 p.m. There will be recitations by the children in the primary Sunday School

classes, special Christmas songs by the church choir, and a musical cantata, with illustrated still life scenes of the Christmas story, presented by the young people of the church and the choir. The public is cordially invited to attend this special program and following the service, there will be treats for the children.

The church of the Nazarene has scheduled a special worship program of recitations and scripture readings by members of the Sunday School classes. This will be held in place of the regular Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m. Special evening services continue through Sunday, with an open house at the parsonage following the Friday evening service for guest evangelists, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Mickey.

A traditional service of "Lessons and Carols" will be presented on Sunday morning, December 22, at the 10 a.m. service at All Saints' Episcopal church. Included in the program will be numbers by church school children, the youth choir and adult readers. As the Christmas story is told from the Old and New Testaments. A choral eucharist will be presented at 11 p.m. at special Christmas Eve services and will be the principal service celebrating the Incarnation. Holy Communion will be celebrated at a 9 a.m. service on Christmas morning.

Primary Sunday School students of the First Christian church in Heppner will present a musical program for families and friends on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the fellowship room in the church basement. Following the program there will be a social hour with treats for the children and coffee and refreshments for the adults.

The Lexington Christian church program will be held on Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m. The program will be held during the Sunday School hour and all Sunday School children will participate.

A youth Christmas program, "The Christmas Message in Scripture and Song for 1968," will be given in the Heppner Christian church on Monday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m. Students participating are of the Methodist, Assembly of God and Christian churches. Everyone is welcome to attend this special program.

The Christmas Story, told in narrative and song, will be presented by the Sunday School department and sanctuary choir of the Heppner Methodist Church on Sunday, December 22, at 7 p.m. The evening program will close with traditional candle-lighting vespers.

Sunday School pupils and the choir at Hope Lutheran church will join together to present a musical program of choral selections and readings on Sunday, December 22, at 7:30 p.m.

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PRINCESS PATTI HEALY

Princess Patti Chosen By Lena For '69 Court

Miss Patti Healy, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy, has been chosen to represent the Lena community as its princess in the 1969 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court. The 17-year-old Heppner High school senior is the first princess to be chosen on the court of Queen Sheila Luciani, who represents the Lexington Grange.

An active outdoor girl, Princess Patti is a "natural" in the saddle and has ridden most of her life. She has developed interests in horses and in livestock while growing up on the cattle and grain ranch of her parents on Little Butter Creek. She has been a steady competitor in playdays of the Wrangler Riding club, of which she is a member, and has won several honors and awards.

Princess Patti is the oldest of six girls in the family. Others are Joan, 13; Susan, 12; Mary, 10; Janice, 9; and Maurer, 8. They assist their parents with ranch duties and are active in 4-H horse and livestock clubs, and compete against others in the county fairs.

In the 1968 fair, Patti was champion all-around livestock showman, was reserve showman and reserve champion in horsemanship in the 1968 fair, and was again reserve champion in horsemanship in 1967.

She is a popular student at Heppner High, where she is student body treasurer, an honor society member, historian of Future Business Leaders of America, member of the drill team, FHA, pep club and Girls League. She was named Miss Merry Christmas last year, was a princess for the 1968 Homecoming court, and served as president of the junior class both semesters last year.

Three other princesses will be chosen soon to complete this year's court. For her summer appearances, Patti will ride her favorite bay quarterhorse, "Babe Bar."

Wranglers Schedule Tryouts for Princess

Tryouts to choose the Wrangler rodeo princess are scheduled to be held during Christmas vacation on Sunday, December 29, 1:30 p.m., in the indoor arena at the rodeo grounds.

All girls, who are members of the Heppner Wranglers and are at least 16 years of age, or a junior in high school, are invited to attend the tryouts, which are being arranged by Bob Steagall and Art Vance. A panel of out-of-town judges will be present to judge the competition.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of December 11-17 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	44	35	.07
Thursday	43	32	.01
Friday	47	28	—
Saturday	53	40	—
Sunday	52	40	.02
Monday	42	32	—
Tuesday	36	26	.17

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CITY COUNCIL and city employees presented retiring Mayor W. C. Rosewall with an engraved gavel at a special council meeting Tuesday night. In the center Mayor-elect Bill Collins (left) presents the gavel to Mayor Rosewall. In the picture are (from left) Dick Robinson, who will become a councilman at the first of the year; Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder; Councilman Jerry

Sweeney; Councilman Joe Balfe; Mayor-elect Collins; Mayor Rosewall; Councilman Carl Spaulding; Councilman Clyde Allstott, who succeeds Harlan McCurdy, Jr., on the council and who took his oath of office Tuesday; and Councilman David McLeod. (G-T Photo)

Mobile Homes Provision Made; Hill Gets Permit

Heppner's city council Tuesday night at a special meeting adopted recommendations of the streets, properties and ordinances committee relative to providing for mobile homes in the city, and it granted a permit

to John Hill to locate a mobile home on his lot subject to five conditions.

The committee recommended against amending the zoning ordinance but rather that mobile homes be permitted to locate in Heppner under variance procedures for the present, and the council present each application to the planning commission on its individual merits.

Applications shall meet five requirements:

1. The mobile home shall be of true cash value of \$5500 or more.

2. If there is a structure on the property and a mobile home is moved in to replace it, the existing structure shall not be rented or occupied by another family; the existing structure shall be demolished within a reasonable length of time.

3. Building permits must be obtained for any additions to the mobile home or for additional structures on the property.

4. All zoning ordinance restrictions must be adhered to, such as lot lines.

5. The mobile home owner will be advised of restrictions at the time the permit to locate is granted, and the council and planning commission shall have the right to review the property at any time to determine whether the restrictions are complied with.

The permit was granted as a variance to John Hill subject to the five conditions and on condition that he demolish the present home within a year.

The council also approved placing a fire phone in the hospital where the staff can give 24 hour attention to it when officers in the department are out of town.

It also heard recommendations for placement of new street lights throughout the city from Bert Corbin, night police officer. His report was turned over to the street committee for review and recommendation.

Council Discusses Farra Memorial

A resolution honoring John William (Bill) Farra for more than 20 years service with the Heppner fire department prior to his death on December 4 was approved unanimously by the Heppner city council at a special meeting Tuesday night.

The resolution authorized a suitable memorial and plaque to be placed in his memory.

Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine, who was present, suggested that a smoke mask be purchased as the memorial, and this would cost in the neighborhood of \$300. It would be used in the department to supplement the three masks now on hand. The chief pointed out that firemen entering burning buildings should go in pairs, and there is need for one more because of the odd number now on hand.

Burkenbine said that some organizations had approached him about contributing to a memorial for Farra, and he suggested the smoke mask and air pack as the item most needed in the department.

The council agreed to check with local organizations to see if they will underwrite the cost of the memorial, rather than taking the money from city funds, since there is nothing budgeted for this purpose.

Those organizations which would like to help are invited to contact Mrs. Elaine George, recorder.

Wahtonka to Host Christmas Tourney

Heppner High's undefeatable basketball team will face their toughest test of the year to date on Friday night when they open in the Christmas basketball tournament in the Wahtonka gym at the Dalles.

The Mustangs, who have defeated Grant Union, Ione and Condon in their first three outings, will face the Wahtonka Eagles in the second game of the tournament at 8:15 Friday night. The Eagles are considered to be one of the stronger teams in the Greater Oregon league this year.

Opening the tournament will be the Condon Blue Devils versus the Sherman county Huskies at 6:30 p.m.

Winners will play at 8:15 Saturday night for the championship and losers will play at 6:30 Saturday night for consolation. Winner of the tournament will receive a championship trophy.

Admission each night will be \$1 for adults, 50c for high school students, and 25c for grade school students.

First Aid Class Signup Scheduled

Area residents are invited to sign up January 7 for first aid classes, scheduled to be offered during the month by qualified instructors.

Sign up time is 7:30 p.m., January 7, in the junior high school library. Classes will last about two hours per evening, one night a week, for approximately four weeks.

Advanced courses will be offered following the initial basic first aid course by instructors, Mrs. Bettie Doherty and Ken Methvin.

Anyone desiring further information concerning the class may contact Mrs. Doherty at 676-5566 after 6 p.m.

School Board Discusses Teacher Proposals

In an executive session that took 1 1/2 hours of the meeting time of four hours, directors of Morrow County School District R-1 discussed proposals of the teacher consultation committee at A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, Monday night.

Teachers last week presented four proposals to be considered in upcoming contracts — Increase of the base pay from \$6000 to \$6400, increase in the yearly pay increment from 4% to 5%, participation in the payment of the teachers' medical and hospital insurance plan by the district, and applying the administrators' index to the full 11 months salary instead of the present 9 1/2 months' salary.

It was agreed in the executive session that the board as a whole would make the final decision on the teachers' proposals. However, a sub-committee of the board will meet with a sub-committee of the consultation committee on January 6 with the hope that they may reach tentative agreement.

An ensuing meeting has been set for January 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the district office at which time the entire school board will meet with the entire teacher committee to try to reach a final agreement on the proposals.

Others Ask Raise

A letter from the new Morrow County School Employees Association, consisting of non-certified personnel, requested that salary increases of 9% be given them, 4% increase for a

cost of living increment and 5% general increase. The board tabled the request pending check with other districts on salary scales for non-certified personnel.

In his monthly report, Ron Daniels, superintendent, brought some good news when he stated that receipts from the Forest Reserve were nearly double this year, a check of \$13,000 being received by the district from this source. Normal receipts have been running about \$6500 from proceeds of the National Forest.

The superintendent requested that directors attend advisory board meetings in January and February because administrators' contracts will be considered at the January meetings and teacher contracts will be considered at February meetings.

Daniels also stated that the district must adopt a new hot lunch policy that provides for free lunches to children of low income families in order to qualify for the federal program. This policy must be adopted by February 1.

The superintendent discussed Gov. Tom McCall's proposed tax program, and some of his comments will be included in the School Bells column in this paper next week.

Contractors Ask Meet

Attorneys Bob Abrams reported that he had met with attorneys of three contractors on the Riverside school relative to the district's possible application of the penalty clause because work

was not completed on schedule in some instances.

They requested a meeting with the school board in order that they might explain difficulties that caused delays. A meeting with them was set for January 27 at Riverside school at 7:30 p.m.

Heppner Elementary's "hot fuse" problem was discussed again. This came up some time ago when inspectors found the hot fuses and suggested that an overload problem apparently existed that should be corrected. Electricians since have inspected the panels and wiring and declare that wiring is adequate and that fuses should blow out before any fire would occur. It is planned to have representatives of insurance companies meet with electricians on the matter. Estimates of rewiring the structure and placing a new panel run high.

Budget Meet Set

Date of January 28 was set for presentation of the district's annual budget document to the budget committee. At that meeting the remainder of the budget calendar will be established.

Irvin Rauch, Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Dr. Wallace Wolff and Albert Wright were appointed to a committee to work with Principal Dick Carpenter and Coach Dale Holland relative to problems being experienced with Heppner High's baseball program. Facilities at the rodeo ground have been reported as undesirable for baseball with a rough infield and the circling

track impeding play. Since no admission is charged for baseball, financing is also a problem.

Incinerator Bids Passed

The board received two bids for an incinerator at Riverside High school, one for \$1250 and one for \$1150. The board did not accept either bid, but rather will contact sanitation engineers to see what is necessary in the way of an incinerator to prevent air pollution. The thinking is that school personnel may construct a suitable incinerator at less cost.

Bill Parker, member of the advisory committee at Irrigon for years, submitted his resignation, stating that because of his eyes, he cannot drive at night and therefore must miss too many meetings.

Carroll Donovan of Boardman was appointed to a member of the advisory committee from Boardman.

At the request of Chairman Don McElligott, Clerk DuAnn McCarty included in the board minutes commendation for Bill Fletcher of Ione High School and Dennis McKay of Heppner High school for working out plans for the joint Heppner-Ione High school play and for staging the play.

Harold Beggs, Ione principal, reported on the Title I program and said that in addition to the summer program, reading programs will be also initiated at Riverside and Ione during the second semester of this school year.

Packwood Gains Three By Recount

Recount of the Sen. Wayne Morse-Robert Packwood vote in Morrow county was accomplished speedily Friday, and the net result of the recount here was that the incumbent Sen. Morse lost three votes, according to report from Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk.

Packwood gained one vote in the recount, bringing his total to 1010 as compared with the previously reported total of 1009. Sen. Morse lost two votes, bringing his total down to 963 from the previous total of 965.

The recount here brought a total of 113 challenges. Those representing Senator Morse challenged 58 of the ballots favoring Packwood, and those representing Packwood challenged 55 of the ballots favoring Morse.

Mrs. Parrish said that these ballots were sealed in envelopes and are locked up for later review.

The recount was accomplished by two counting boards, and Mrs. Parrish commended them highly for their very efficient work. Morrow county was one of the first counties in the state to complete its job.

One board, headed by Mrs. Verner (Margaret) Troedson of Ione as chairman, had its work done by 11:30. It counted the Boardman, Irrigon, Lexington and Northwest Heppner precincts. It had only three challenges.

The second counting board, headed by Mrs. Ted (Ella) Smith as chairman, was slowed somewhat by the heavy number of challenges and completed its work about 2 p.m. One precinct alone had 40 challenges. Mrs. Smith's board counted three Heppner precincts, Ione and Hardman.

Serving with Mrs. Troedson were Mrs. Wallace (Edith) Matthews, Mrs. John (Lorraine) Ledbetter, and Mrs. Marjorie Worden. Serving with Mrs. Smith were Mrs. Jack (Gwen) Healy, Mrs. Dean (Lois) Hunt, and Mrs. Elden (Eileen) Padberg.

The challengers came both from outside Morrow county, representing the two contestants, and partisans within Morrow county. They came and went during the count.

Report was Monday night, with the recount complete in more than half the state, that Packwood had gained two votes on Sen. Morse to that time.

Flu Wave Hits Eastern Oregon

Hong Kong flu—or perhaps other ailments categorized as this illness—has hit Eastern Oregon, but indications are that Heppner is not suffering too badly from it.

It was reported that schools in Burns and Prairie City were closed because of the flu, and television Monday night said that all 17 teachers in Adington were out because of illness, causing the schools to be closed there.

However a check in Morrow county showed that a big majority of both students and teachers are in good health. Absences at Heppner Elementary school Monday totaled 45, some of whom were not out because of illness. Only one teacher was ill and absent.

At Heppner High, 22 students were out Tuesday afternoon from the student body of 209. All teachers were on the job.

Mrs. Jerry Daggett, school secretary, said that absences were heavier two weeks ago.

Ron Daniels, county school superintendent, said, "We have been real fortunate on teachers." He noted, though, that absences are up among students, running as high as 14% at Boardman junior high. Normal absences are about four or five percent in the school system.

Elsewhere among the population, those in other endeavors were picking up the "bug" and quite a few around Heppner seemed to be smitten with varying degrees of illness, but nothing like an epidemic as yet.

Chamber Nominates Board Candidates

Candidates for the board of directors of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce for two year terms beginning in 1969 were offered by a nominating committee at the regular meeting Monday.

Those nominated include four now completing terms, Wes Sherman, who as past president will be an ex officio director; Jerry Sweeney, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., and Herman Winter, and four new candidates, Ed Dick, Harry O'Donnell, Gail McKay and Robert Abrams.

Winter withdrew as a candidate because he has served considerable time on the board, leaving six nominees for five positions. Election will be on Monday, December 23, after an opportunity is given for other nominations to be made from the floor. The new board will choose officers of the Chamber at an ensuing meeting.

Holder directors are Judge Paul Jones, Dick Carpenter, Elma Harshman, Gene Pierce and Dr. Wallace Wolff.