

# HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

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### Frigid Blast Drops Mercury to 8 Below

Temperature plummeted to a low of eight degrees below zero as of 7 p.m. here Monday night as a frigid wave, accompanied by a general snow storm, hit the Northwest.

Predictions were that the weather would get even colder before a break comes. Don Gilliam, official weather observer in Heppner, reported that the high temperature on Monday was three degrees below zero and the low was eight below. It again reached eight below on Monday night.

#### WEATHER HALTS MAIL COMING FROM WEST

Severe weather conditions Tuesday morning prevented incoming mail from Portland and the west from reaching Morrow county. Jim Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, said.

Mail coming from the east, from Pendleton and from local area points arrived on schedule. Postmaster Driscoll said that he had received no information to indicate that any special temporary service would bring an off-schedule delivery from Portland. However, he indicated that if severe weather conditions in the Columbia Gorge keep truck traffic blocked, the post office department might make temporary arrangements to send the mail by train.

#### 'Stay Home!'

Icy conditions were prevalent on many highways, and officials urged that travel be limited to essential trips. Those who must be on the highways were urged to carry chains. In some instances, they are required for travel.

Electric power service went off in the Heppner area in late afternoon Monday when a fuse blew out in the substation. This was due to overload conditions caused when demands for heat and other uses of power overtaxed the system. The outage here ranged up to an hour and 15 minutes in some parts of town.

Condon also was without service for a time, and Clarks Canyon and Rock Creek had longer outages.

The power company crew took emergency action to get the system back in service, hoping that it would hold until after the dinner hour when the load drops because electric ranges are turned off. It held.

The usual rash of frozen pipes, stalled autos and other sub-zero weather problems reported. Serious local emergencies were reported.

**Rural Areas Colder**

While the eight below was recorded on the official thermometer here, some ranchers in higher elevations reported that their thermometers recorded lower marks. Frank Anderson said that his showed 12 below early Monday.

Meanwhile Pendleton had recorded 12 below and 23 below at the Pendleton experiment station. The sub-zero temperature came suddenly, although weather forecasters had predicted the cold wave as "one that would be remembered for some time to come." Maximum temperature here Saturday was a relatively moderate 37, followed by nine above Sunday and three below on Monday. On the same days, minimums were nine above, three below and eight below.

**Snow Added**

The frigid cold was accompanied by some snow with three inches coming Saturday, 6 inch Sunday and 3 inch Monday. Other areas of the state, particularly in the Willamette Valley, were hit with heavy snow Sunday night and Monday.

eight below on December 18, and warming to one below on December 19. Record low in modern history in Heppner is 18 below zero. This mark occurred on at least three occasions prior to 1964, Gilliam said.

Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	55	35	.19
Wednesday	42	28	.03
Thursday	41	30	—
Friday	44	37	—
Saturday	37	9	.24*
Sunday	9	-3	.04**
Monday	-3	-8	.03***

(\* 3 inches snow; \*\* 6 inch snow; \*\*\* .3 inch snow).

### Schools to Stay Closed Until Monday Morning

Morrow county schools will remain closed through Thursday and Friday, Superintendent Ron Daniels announced Tuesday morning.

School now is scheduled to resume at the regular time on Monday morning, January 6.

Several reasons, all connected with the cold weather, made the decision necessary, the superintendent said.

When an attempt was made to start buses at the bus sheds Tuesday, only one out of five would start. Roads are reported to be in bad shape, particularly in the south end of the county, where ice and snow make them dangerous to travel.

At Heppner High school, the heating system is not adequately heating the building, and a check Tuesday showed temperatures in the halls to be 50 degrees. In one place, a water fountain inside the building was frozen.

Supt. Daniels also said that he had checked with local doctors who reported that the prevalence of influenza was on the increase. They recommended that consideration be given to postponing opening of school until Monday.

It is also feared that some teachers, who have gone away for the vacation period, may have difficulty getting home because of the hazardous road conditions.

### Fire Chief Urges Extra Fire Caution

Extreme caution in the home is advised by Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine during the sub-zero days, to help prevent serious losses by fires.

Careful use of electric and butane heaters and keeping inflammable materials at a wide distance from them is advised. Also, overloading of electric circuits and improper use of faulty or worn extension cords should be avoided. Overheating stoves and furnaces in early morning hours often results in chimney fires or in other fires without warning.

The firemen urge extra effort on the part of all residents to check for fire safety throughout the home during the winter months.

### Film to Precede Panel Discussion On Social Issues

Officers and members of the Elementary PTA are planning a special program for Wednesday, January 8, which will be of interest to parents of all school children in the Heppner schools and surrounding areas. The program will follow a short business meeting in the multipurpose room, scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. an educational film strip, "Sex, the Moral Dilemma" will be shown. Panel discussion will follow the movie, with Mrs. Herman Winter as chief moderator.

Informal discussion will be given by members of the chosen panel, consisting of Father Raymond Beard, Rev. Dirk Rinehart, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Lynn Pearson and Mrs. Kenneth Smith. Questions from the audience which are related to the topic will also be discussed. High school students are encouraged to attend, with or without parents.

### Capt. Bob Nichols Wins Silver Star

Capt. Robert Nichols, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thorpe, formerly of Heppner and now of Banning, Calif., has been awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with silver star in Vietnam, according to information received by his brother, Ray Nichols of Heppner.

Capt. Nichols is a member of the advisory team with the Vietnamese Army's 12th infantry regiment. Details of the action which resulted in the award were not available.

### Lexington Fire Razes Smith Home

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and children in Lexington was destroyed by fire that hit in the freezing cold of Sunday afternoon. Neighbors and members of the Lexington fire department pitched in and saved virtually all of their belongings and furnishings, but the house is considered a total loss.

There was no insurance on the building. Mrs. Smith said that they had just finished Sunday dinner when they noticed smoke issuing from the attic. At nearly the same time, neighbors spotted smoke coming from the roof.

The fire department responded quickly, as did neighbors and friends, but their efforts in fighting the fire were hampered by the severe cold.

The fire apparently broke out near the flue and is believed to have been caused from the overheated flue.

Temporarily the family has moved into the home of Mrs. Lola Broeding, mother of Mrs. Smith, who is visiting in Tennessee for the winter.

### Mustangs, Cards To Play Tuesday; Other Games Set

Basketball is scheduled to get back to full swing this weekend with both Heppner High and lone High facing a full slate.

The two teams will play the second game of their home and home series when they meet Tuesday night, December 10, at the lone gym, the preliminary starting at 6:30 between lone Jayvees and Heppner's freshmen. Varsity game will follow.

Heppner High varsity won the first game here December 10 by a score of 65-49.

The Cards are scheduled to travel to Helix Friday night for a game there and are on the road again Saturday night, playing at Arlington in a non-league game.

Heppner's Mustangs are due to entertain Grant Union here Friday night in their second meeting, and then are slated to go to Burns Saturday night, both non-league contests. They are scheduled to play their first game at John Day on December 7, 54-39.

With the weather uncertain at this writing, the scheduled games are subject to cancellation or postponement unless conditions abate.

### Chamber to Install Officers Monday

Officers of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce for 1969 will be installed at the regular meeting in the Wagon Wheel Cafe at noon Monday with Past President Herman Winter as installing officer.

### Prizes Await Arrival of First '69 Baby



P. W. (PHIL) MAHONEY, friend of Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman for some 50 years, gave the principal talk in reminiscing about the sheriff's 40-year career in the office when the Chamber of Commerce honored Sheriff Bauman Monday. From left are Mahoney, Sheriff Bauman, Mrs. Bauman, and their son, Carl Bauman.

### 29 Firms Offer Gifts To Number 1

Who will be the first baby to be born in Pioneer Memorial Hospital in 1969?

That is the question which remains to be answered in naming Mr. or Miss New Year, and when the reply is known, the first baby will receive 29 fine prizes from Heppner merchants.

Included will be a total of \$45 in cash or in savings accounts, \$30 in gift certificates or merchandise of the parents' selection, 25% off on the hospital bill, and many other gifts.

Last year's first baby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenison, waited until January 3 to make his debut. Keith Alan weighed 9 lb. 4 1/2 oz. at birth. On occasion, the first arrival has checked in shortly after midnight on December 31, but in a few other years it has taken even longer for the new arrival to appear on the scene.

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In all, the prizes to the first baby and its parents will total probably \$200.

Rules of the first baby contest are listed on the page announcing the event on page five of this paper. Parents must be residents of Morrow, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam or Umatilla counties, and the baby must be born in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Included in the list of prizes, and the donors, are the following: Surprise gift for dad, Fullerton Chevrolet Co.; \$5 savings account, Bank of Eastern Oregon; \$5 in merchandise, Case Furniture Co.; \$5 in merchandise, Central Market; \$5 off on January electric bill, Columbia Basin Electric Co-op; \$5 gift certificate, Elma's Apparel; \$5 savings account, Stott's Electric.

A diaper stacker, Murrays Rexall Drug; \$5 for savings account, M & R Company; \$5 in merchandise, MLadies Apparel; \$5 for savings account, Morrow County Grain Growers; \$5 worth of infant's merchandise, Pennys; sterling silver cup with name engraved, Peterson's Jewelers; \$5 in merchandise, Pottjohn's Farm and Builders Supply.

Twenty-five percent off on hospital bill, Pioneer Memorial Hospital; \$5 for savings account, C. A. Ruggles Insurance; 12 regular cans of milk, Thomson's Grocery; \$5 in cash, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, Insurance; \$5 in cash, Van's Creative Crafts; and a diaper pail, Western Auto Store.

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If weather continues severe, there is some possibility that the Grant Union game here may be postponed.

### Severinsen to Play For President's Inaugural Ball

Carl (Doc) Severinsen, who has many friends in Morrow county, and his NBC "Tonight" show orchestra, will play at the inauguration of Richard M. Nixon's inauguration in the nation's capital on January 20.

Severinsen said the band will play at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington for the main inaugural ball. Other balls are scheduled at various sites, including the U. S. Museum of Natural History, to accommodate the influx of visitors attending the gala events planned in connection with the swearing-in of the newly-elected president.

Mrs. Severinsen said that the orchestra leader will wear the traditional white tie and tails "whether he likes it or not." (Ed. Note: Doc probably still has some of the traditional disdain for formal dress that comes from his Arlington heritage).

Mrs. Severinsen and other members of the family are thrilled with the invitation. She and daughter Judy, a student at Southern Seminary College at Buena Vista, Va., close to Washington, D. C., will accompany Severinsen to the inaugural.

### Evening School Courses Offered

Announcement of four courses to be offered in the Heppner area through Blue Mountain Community College, starting in January, has been made by the college.

Tax accounting will start on January 8 with meeting night to be Wednesday from 7 to 10 o'clock at Heppner High school. Tuition is \$12.50 for the 10 weeks course.

Painting will start January 9 with class nights to be Thursday from 7 to 10 at Lexington. Tuition is \$12.50 for the 10 weeks course.

Accounting II, will be 7 to 10 p.m. at Heppner High school with time and starting date to be arranged. Tuition is \$15 for the 12 weeks course and textbook cost is \$3.85.

Sociology 206, a college transfer course, will start January 8 at Heppner High school. Meeting night is Wednesday from 7 until 10 and tuition is \$15 for the 10 weeks course.

Further information on these classes may be obtained by calling Heppner High school (676-9138) on January 2 or later.

### Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman Honored at Meeting

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, who shall have completed 40 years in office as Morrow county sheriff when he leaves the position at the start of the new year, received tributes from a grateful community at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The meeting, arranged as a surprise for the sheriff who has served longer in that capacity than any other sheriff in Oregon's history, also honored his wife, Hazel, and son, Carl, a senior at the University of Oregon.

Although many guests from around the state had to cancel plans to attend because weather conditions made it impossible to travel, the sheriff received a portrait as a gift from Mrs. Ed Hunt, a wall plaque from the Chamber, and was felicitated in a talk by Attorney P. W. Mahoney, who recounted both humorous and serious incidents that have occurred in the 50 years that they have known each other.

**Mrs. Bauman Recognized**

Mrs. Bauman received recognition for her part in the sheriff's life of public service when she was presented a box of candy and an orchid corsage by Mrs. Avon Melby on behalf of the Chamber.

Others who spoke in recognizing Sheriff Bauman were Frank Turner, State Police Officer Bill Labhart of John Day, and President Wes Sherman who presented the plaque.

Attorney Mahoney said that his first recollections of Sheriff Bauman were when the latter returned as a hero of World War I. He recalled them swimming together as young men and told of Bauman's feats as an athlete, particularly his boxing ability.

The attorney also recalled the days when the sheriff hunted for stills and captured bootleggers during prohibition and desecrated how one defendant was freed by a jury which was predominantly "wet."

He told of some of the more serious cases that "hit the headlines" and how the sheriff had competently handled them.

Through all the years, Mahoney said that he has maintained admiration for Sheriff Bauman who never lost his temper even when he had strong provocation to do so.

**Portrait Given**

Mrs. Hunt's portrait of the sheriff, which she painted from a photograph, was presented as a personal gesture in appreciation of what Sheriff Bauman has meant to the county. Her husband was also a guest at the meeting.

The plaque from the Chamber carried the words, "To Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman in grateful appreciation of forty years' faithful service to Morrow county." In making the presentation, Sherman cited Sheriff Bauman's record of integrity, honesty and economy.

The sheriff, though touched by the tributes, responded with words of appreciation and regard.

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### Forestry Meeting To Air Complaints On Fire Patrol

Bill Holtsclaw of Prineville, Eastern Oregon area director of the State Board of Forestry, will conduct a public meeting in Heppner at 7:30 p.m., January 8 in the circuit courtroom of the county courthouse to explain the duties and responsibilities of the State Board of Forestry to interested landowners.

The meeting is of primary interest to landowners in Morrow county whose property is protected from forest fires by the State Forester.

It was called as a result of complaints voiced to Senator-elect Ken Kerstedt of Hood River and Rep. Irvin Mann of Stanfield at their pre-legislative hearing in Heppner on December 2.

According to Rep. Mann, these complaints ranged from inefficiency, duplication of effort and poor communication to inclusion of land in protected areas without hearings.

At the meeting there will be discussion on the use of the annual fire patrol assessment on private lands. A report will also be given on the recent developments in improving service by moving Chapin Creek Guard Station to Hardman.

All affected landowners are urged to attend to present their feelings with a view towards clearing up misunderstandings.

"I feel a great many of these complaints can be cleared up by this meeting and that it will be productive to the State Forester as well as the landowners," Rep. Mann said. "I know the State Forester will be very anxious to maintain good public relations."

Rep. Mann said that he plans to attend if pre-legislative press allows. The session starts just five days later—January 13.

### Weather Cancels Game at DeSales

Because of bad road conditions, the scheduled basketball game between Heppner High school and DeSales at Walla Walla, Wash., Saturday night was called off. Supt. Ron Daniels said Monday.

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