

SANTA AND PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!

86th Year

Price 10 Cents

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 17 store door prizes to be given away Saturday afternoon, according to 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 17 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.

Other Prizes Dec. 6

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.

When a person signs a slip, he also becomes eligible for the drawing for the bikes and transistor radios that will be given away a week later, Saturday, December 6, at 4 p.m. at the downtown corner. In this instance, the winner must be present to win.

All the registration slips from the participating stores, accumulated from November 29 will be dumped a week later into one large container for the December 6 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 6.

In any event, a person may

register only once in each store. **Stores Listed**
List of stores to give prizes Saturday afternoon is a long and interesting one. It is as follows:

Heppner Auto Parts, Case Furniture Co., Knox's Variety, J. C. Penney's, Western Auto, Gonty's, Cal's Richfield, Central Market, Elma's Apparel, Gardner's Men's Wear, Gazette-Times, MiLadies, Gray's Repair Shop, Jack's Chevron, Murrays, Peterson's Jewelers, Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply. As this is written the week prior, there may be other valuable prizes given by the time the contest starts. If you need a turkey, gifts and other nice things, please come on in to Heppner and have a good time with us.

Supt. Ron Daniels Tells of Dist. Plans

At Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Frank Turner was given birthday greetings by those present. He announced that "he wasn't the oldest feller in town."

Group thanked Orville Cutsforth who is to give Heppner a large Christmas tree. President Jerry Sweeney introduced Ron Daniels, County School Superintendent. Mr. Daniels is a member of the 7-member board on the State Athletic Activities Assn.

He said the present 7-A2 district comprises Heppner, Burns, Grant Union, Madras, Nyssa, Vale, Sherman County, Pilot Rock and Wahtonka.

The 1970-1971 program calls for a 6-A classification to include Heppner, Arlington, Cascade Locks, Condon, Culver, Dufur, Sherman County, Wasco County and Wheeler County.

Supt. Daniels said he wanted to avoid having Heppner compete with the smaller schools and had proposed a Region 3 District 6A. This would include Heppner, Sherman County, Condon, Umatilla, Pilot Rock and Wasco County. He has proposed regional tournaments for the A schools. In this plan there would be 4 regions, each area to do its own districting. There would be a 1st and 2nd place in each district to go to State. He suggested the regions could compete with small schools, large schools against large schools.

The regions would be based on geography and transportation.

Lights Needed on Bicycles at Night

With the shorter evenings, bicycle riders need to be reminded of the necessity of light equipment on their bikes. Several complaints have come in to the city office and Chief of Police Glen A. Kolkhorst urges kids riding their bikes at night to equip them with lights. A white light in front visible not less than 300 feet and red reflector or light in the rear visible not less than 200 feet. This meets the city ordinance and the State Bicycle code.

Another word of caution to bicycle riders. Riders are obligated to operate their bicycles under the same vehicle laws for the state in regard to observing stop signs and signals.

GRAIN PRICES

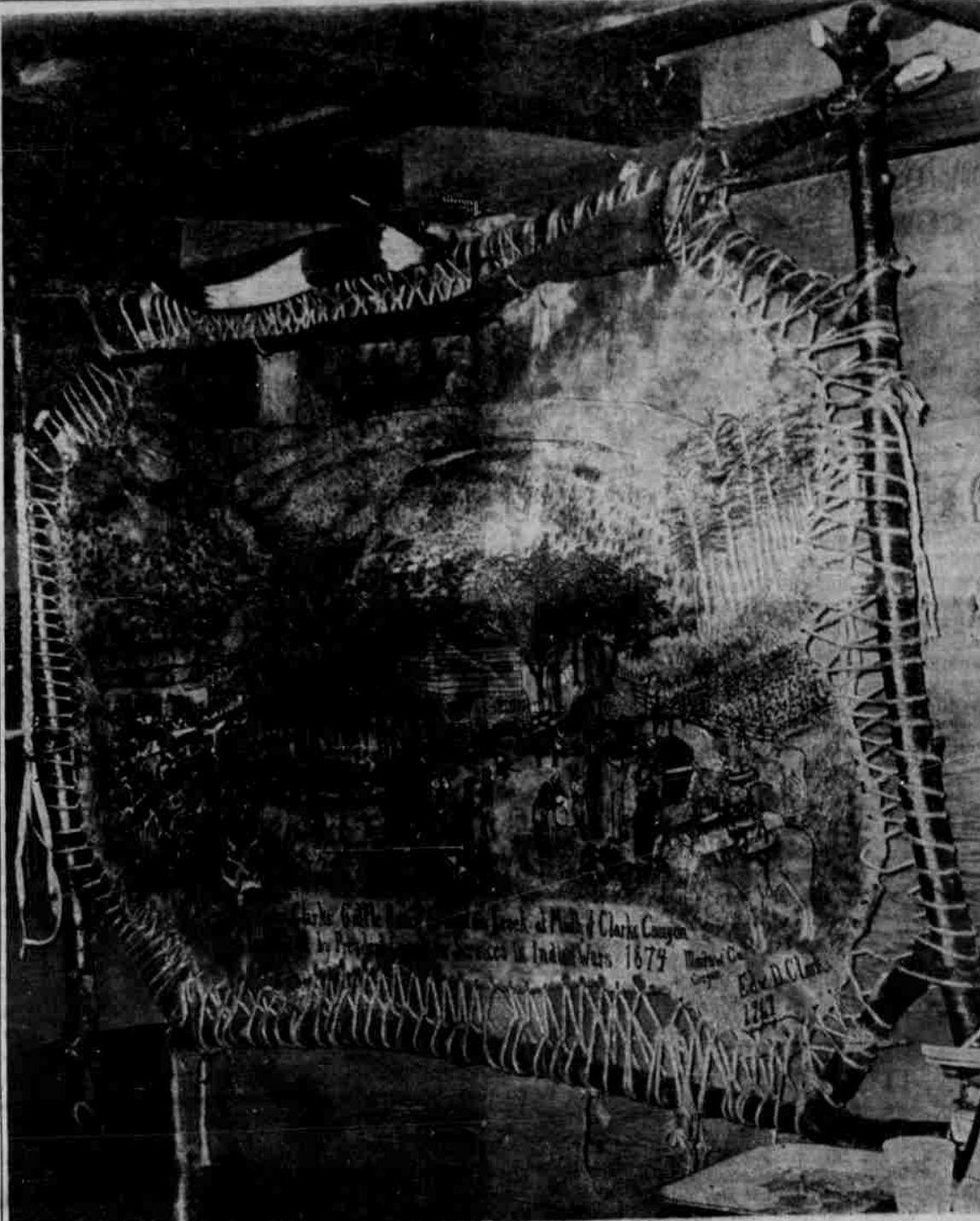
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers) F.O.B. Lexington

Soft White Wheat \$1.40
Barley 40.10

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SHOWN HERE IS A picture on a hide painted family of Morrow County. by Ed Clark, descendant of the pioneer Clark

County's First Thanksgiving Observed On Willow Creek

The first Thanksgiving observation in Morrow County was very likely in 1874 on the Oscar Clark cattle ranch. This place is now the Alvin Wagener ranch and is on Willow Creek at the mouth of Clark's Canyon below Lexington.

The ranch was a land grant from General Grant. Ed Clark explained that Chief Jim had told Oscar Clark about this very spot in 1847. General Grant had promised him a land grant consisting of land from the Blue Mountains to the Columbia River, bounded on either side by Willow Creek and the Umatilla River. This was to be a reward for his service to his country during the Indian Wars. Before Grant became President, the land laws were changed, and in 1874 Oscar Clark received a land grant signed by President U. S. Grant which he took at the mouth of Clark's Canyon on Willow Creek. President Grant also gave Chief Jim, Big-Mouth Joe, Wild Bill and several others, land at Umatilla for their homes. The rest moved to the Reservation near Pendleton.

Ed Clark remembers as a small lad some of the Indians who lived at Umatilla. For two years the family lived in a dug out before they had time to get logs out of the mountains, 12 miles distant. They hewed them into square logs and built a regular U. S. fort-block house on top of the dug-out as he didn't think the Indian Wars were over.

From there he made several cattle drives of 1,000 head to Sacramento, the nearest cattle market. The two boys, Dad and Uncle Sam, 12 and 14 years of age, are rounding up the cattle from the summer range. They saw they had company and rode in ahead of the cattle. The Indians are Chief Jim, Big-Mouth Joe, Wild Bill and their squaws and children on their way from the Blue Mountains to their homes at Umatilla.

This is probably the first real Thanksgiving on Willow Creek. The Indians had brought deer skins, sacks of dried camas, couse, wild onion, garlic, huckleberries, venison, fish, kinnik-

innick, and roots and leaves for seasoning. Jim's squaw has a pair of baby mocassins made of buckskin for the new baby, Uncle Elmer Clark.

Aunt Laura, still shy of the Indians, is standing by her dad. She had learned to knit the wool clipped from the sheep, washed and carded and spun into yarn. They had brought six sheep from Corvallis from whose wool they knitted caps, gloves, coats and socks. She made Chief Jim a blue sweater which he proudly wore until it was worn out.

Chief Jim raised his arms to the sun, peeping through the rain clouds, in thanksgiving to the Great Spirit, for the gifts his white friends had given them such as a quarter of beef (hanging in the trees), all the corn potatoes and squash they could dig for their horses. They remained "heap good friends" for the rest of their lives. The sun "peeped through the rain clouds and smiled 'All is well!'"

Between his mother and sister Laura is Uncle Ed Clark, first white child born in Morrow County. In the background are Aunt Emily and an Indian lad in a stick horse race from the outhouse to the hitching post. Uncle Davy is holding his hat in the air and timing the race, also judging the Indian on a bucking horse (the first Round Up in the county). It was the only game the children knew. Dogs are shown exchanging friendly greetings.

On top of the hill are two rock markers placed there before memory of the oldest Indians. They know not why or when—possibly by prehistoric people many thousands of years ago.

In the 1860's there was a well traveled road from Umatilla Landing through Stansbury Flat on Willow Creek to Grant County, made by gold rush seekers to Canyon City.

Oscar saw the need for obtaining supplies. He knew Henry Heppner who had a small store on Butter Creek on the Old Oregon Trail. Travel on this trail had fallen off so Oscar persuaded Mr. Heppner to move his store to Willow Creek on

the freight road from Umatilla to Canyon City. With a team and wagon Oscar moved him and this was the first store in Morrow County which became the town of Heppner.

Oscar was elected one of the first county commissioners in 1868 for Umatilla County. Pendleton had grown and Umatilla Landing's population had dwindled. Salem had voted to make Pendleton the county seat. Umatilla was unwilling to relinquish the County records and said they would fight. Oscar—not wishing bloodshed—bided his time until winter.

One snowy night when it was 20 feet below zero and snow was two feet deep he went down Stagecoach Gulch with Sheriff O. F. Thompson and the other commissioner in a sleigh. They did this in secrecy, driving to the unguarded office about midnight. They loaded the records and left without a sound except for a dog barking. They drove up Butter Creek to the O. F. Thompson ranch, staying the night. After a hearty breakfast they went on to Pendleton. No blood had been shed, no shots fired.

Tiring of a 120 mile ride each month for meetings, Oscar took the younger children and moved to Dayton, Wash. where he passed away in 1894 and was buried there.

The gun on the picture was issued to Oscar Clark in 1849 by General Grant and Captain Nesbitt.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
For Nov. 12-25

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	61	40	—
Thursday	60	35	—
Friday	61	35	—
Saturday	51	36	—
Sunday	44	32	.01
Monday	46	30	—
Tuesday	54	30	—
Wednesday	61	40	—
Thursday	64	42	—
Friday	52	37	—
Saturday	50	25	—
Sunday	58	26	—
Monday	47	25	—
Tuesday	54	25	—

Morrow County Receives \$1,395,919.68 in Taxes

Sheriff Mollahan reported that 80.3484% of the tax levy has been paid to his office, \$1,395,919.68. This compares with 1968 when 79% had been collected by deadline of Nov. 15 amounting to \$1,348,458. Total levy for 1969-70 is \$1,737,332.91.

Largest taxpayers are Pacific Gas Transmission at \$111,180.42; the Union Pacific Railroad, \$71,664.79; Department of Veterans Affairs (Boeing lease) \$36,569.19; Boeing Company \$18,052.66; Pacific Northwest Bell \$26,079.76; Morrow County Grain Growers \$29,887.09 Kinzua Corp. \$42,993.62.

Largest individual ranch taxpayer pungled up \$14,960.39.

Eleven other large ranch taxpayers paid from \$8,213 to \$13,489.



J. PHIL CAMPBELL

J. Phil Campbell Scheduled Speaker At League Meet

Word has been received from J. Phil Campbell, Undersecretary of Agriculture that he has accepted the invitation of the Oregon Wheat Growers League to be the luncheon speaker on Tuesday, Dec. 2 during their annual convention Dec. 1, 2 and 3 at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland.

Oregon wheat growers and guests will hear the highest ranking USDA official coming to Oregon this year and possibly the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Campbell is formerly the state commissioner of Agriculture in Georgia.

It has been reported that Secretary Hardin would possibly have his farm program ready by Dec. 1. If this should be the case our wheat growers would get first hand information on the new program according to Tom Vaughn, president of the League.

A subject people are all talking about is air pollution. Dr. Clair Patterson of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, Calif. will be the Monday luncheon speaker on this subject, Dec. 1. Dr. Patterson is one of the leading authorities on air pollution and will discuss the possibility of extracting alcohol from wheat for use as an additive to motor fuel in addition to air pollution.

President Vaughn urges all wheat producers and other interested people to attend all or part of the state meeting. The League has received special rates at the Sheraton and anyone writing for reservations should state they are attending the League meeting to receive these rates.

Bonneville Man Speaker at Chamber

Harold Cantrell, area manager of the Walla Walla district of Bonneville Power will speak and show a film at the Monday noon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at the Wagon Wheel in Heppner. The film, "Inertia" will show the use of Bonneville power in the California market.

Ruby Fulleton Elected Director

Ruby Fulleton has been elected Northeast director for the Oregon Barrel Racing Association. She is a sophomore at Blue Mountain College and the election was held at the State Association convention held in Albany.

Heppner on TV

Scenes about Heppner and an interview at the hospital here will be featured in a TV program Friday night at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 5, station KOAP.



C. J. D. BAUMAN

C. J. D. Bauman Receives 50-Year Masonic Emblem

Sixty members and visitors dived on hotcakes and sausages prior to the annual Past Masters' Night at Heppner Lodge No. 69, AF & AM on Nov. 18. More than 20 past masters were honored, including several from other lodges.

The feature of the evening was the presentation of a Grand Lodge 50-year emblem to C. J. D. Bauman by Paul Sorenson, Pendleton, Grand Master of Wardens in Oregon. A short biography of Mr. Bauman was prepared and read by Herman Winter. It included interesting and hilarious sketches of the ex-sheriff and long time Mason. He told of Mr. Bauman's experiences as a marine, sheriff, sailor and athlete.

Besides Mr. Sorenson, other visitors introduced were Harry Myers, Condon, District Deputy, Grand Lodge committee member; John Temple, Portland, chairman Grand Lodge Building Committee who is also editor of the Freeman and Worshipful Master of Research Lodge No. 198; Harold M. Rush, Pendleton; Resolutions Committee; Herman Winter, Heppner, Appeal and Grievances committee; Walter Jaeger, Condon, Dispensations and Charters committee.

Royal Arch grand officers introduced were Herman Winter, grand orator; Howard Bryant, grand sentinel and Harold Beck, district deputy of the grand high priest.

Year emblems were presented to Archie D. McMurdo, 45 years; E. E. Gilliam and John Forbes, 40 years; J. J. Hayes, 25 years and Kenneth Peck and Claude Graham 20 years.

Those present honored Lester Wick with a special honorarium.



LEE HUSON

Lee Huson Gets Highest Honor

By PAT KILKENNY

Lee Huson, standout Mustang end, has gained the highest honor ever received by a Heppner grid star.

Lee was named to The Oregonian all-state first team and to the Oregon Journal all-state second team. This was the first time in the history of Heppner High School that a player has received such recognition.

Lee was a unanimous choice this year for all-conference end, repeating the 1968 selection.

Lee, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Huson, is a senior. He came to Heppner in the eighth grade, from Irrigon, where his father and mother still own land.

It is difficult to describe the many hours of hard work that Lee has put into his "favorite" sport. Ever since his freshman year, when he starred in the district championship football game at Vale, Coach Ed Hiemstra has predicted this would be the outcome of Lee's efforts.

In high school Lee has received many other honors besides those affiliated with football. In his junior year he served as sergeant-at-arms of the Associated Student Body. He was also chosen as Boys' State delegate, and Boy of the Month for Citizenship.

In addition to his four letters in football, he has received one in track, and he has turned out for basketball all four of his high school years.

Head varsity Coach Ed Hiemstra commented that he was delighted with Lee's selection to the all-state teams and said Lee truly deserved the honor.

Although Lee's favorite sport is football, keep your eye on him this year in basketball; he will probably be one of the top boys on this year's varsity hoop squad.