

## Past Years

Thursday, December 19, 1969  
FORTY YEARS AGO

A hand-operated mimeograph machine has been received by Lucy E. Rodgers, Morrow County school superintendent, for use in her office. The machine will be set up by a company representative this week. Addition of the equipment is expected by Mrs. Rodgers to greatly facilitate the preparation of bulletins for teachers and school boards.

Possession of the merchandise of the Fair Store, owned by M. H. Kopple, was taken by C. J. D. Buaman, Morrow County sheriff, on Wednesday, to satisfy a delinquent personal tax of \$423.01, owed by Kopple. An invoice of the goods has been taken and the stock will be offered for sale to the highest bidders by the sheriff at the store on Saturday, December 28, at 10 a.m. Merchandise to the amount of the delinquent tax, only, will be sold.

M. H. Kopple, who has been in business in Heppner for the past several years, left the city on the Tuesday evening train.

### Bells, Bells, Bells

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes—announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes" as the different chants and tonal combinations are called.

### Of Wreaths

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent season, the four Sundays before Christmas—a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches interlaced with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may be placed on a door, set on a table or hung from the ceiling.

Stuart Dick and Erin Dick are both home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick. Both have been at EOC. Stuart expects to transfer to Oregon State next term and will do his practice teaching at Albany.

Erin who attended BMCC for two years is interested in a PE-Math major in education.



"First, is there any chance at all of you getting around more than just once a year?"

### Heppner Chapter No. 26 R. A. M. Installs Officers

Officers of Heppner Chapter No. 26 R.A.M. enjoyed the distinguished honor of being installed by Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Paul Jones on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. This is the first time in Chapter history that officers were installed by a Grand High Priest, and may never happen again.

Elective officers installed for the ensuing year are as follows: Excellent High Priest, Howard Bryant; King, Ryan Steink; Scribe, Louis Rucker; Secretary, Larry Cook; Captain of Host, George Simonson; Principal Soj., Cecil Rill; Royal Arch Capt., John Wood; Master of 3rd Veil, Don Gilliam; Master of 2nd Veil, Jerry Phillips; Master of 1st Veil, Hubert Wilson; Sentinel, Herman Winter and Chaplain, Clarence Baker.

This installation was held jointly with Heppner Lodge No. 69 AF & AM. All Brethren and Companions enjoyed refreshments after the ceremonies.

### For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing ball". This evergreen ball had mistletoe for kissing hung from the center. But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

Christmas dinner will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Josephine Flemming and her daughter Stella McCarty. Enjoying the day with them will be Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sweek, Mike, Dana, Curtis and Sheridan of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds, Sandy and Karen of Monument and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Reynolds of Prineville.

Mike Sweek is home from Oregon State. He graduated at the end of the fall quarter with a Science major. As his draft number is 73, he anticipates going into the service in a few months. He is hoping to find a job. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek.

Ski questionnaires may be picked up at the Gazette-Times. Fill out and return to the G-T office.

### Jack Sumner Shows Farm Pics

Jack Sumner showed pictures of farms and farm operations he took while on tour of the mid-south and south last summer at Rhea Creek Grange Friday evening. There were pictures of test plots of millet, alfalfa, cotton, soy beans, all money-making crops in that area. There were feed lots with 320 acres of beef and huge dairy operations.

The pictures followed a sumptuous potluck supper hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer.

### Thinking of My Daddy At Christmas Time

(This poem was written by Susie Ployhar, daughter of SFC and Mrs. Darrel G. Ployhar. Her father is in Vietnam this Christmas.)  
Thinking of my Daddy at Christmas time  
My father is in Vietnam,  
He is not here where I am,  
I wish he were home, and not so far away,  
So he could see the baby play,  
My brother is sad,  
And he misses his dad.  
When daddy is home, he helps with the tree,  
He wants it just right for all to see,  
He is fighting in the war,  
While my mommy's cleaning the floor,  
Although we all are far apart,  
We can still share Christmas in our hearts.  
By Susie Ployhar, Fifth Grade

## Lutherans Elect New Officers

Hope Lutheran Church elected Bud Peck, Don Robinson and Orval Matheny to the church council at the annual meeting held in December. Wayne Evans was elected secretary of the council and Warren Plocharsky, treasurer.

Valby Lutheran Church elected Robert Peterson, deacon; Eugene Dockter, trustee; Louis Carlson, secretary and Roger Palmer, treasurer at their annual meeting.

### Daisy Blechinger Buried in Heppner

Graveside services were held Saturday, Dec. 20 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery for Daisy Blechinger, 80, who passed away in San Mateo, Calif., on Dec. 17.

Mrs. Blechinger is survived by one sister, Mrs. Effie Munkers of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Springer and Mr. and Mrs. David Springer and Jamie will take Christmas with them to be with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer, Alona and Billy for Christmas dinner.

### COURT DID NOT OBJECT TO GAS

The following letter was sent Dec. 11 to Joe Burns of the Hermiston Coordinating Council and signed by the members of the Morrow County Court: Dear Sir:

The Morrow County Court met Wednesday, December 10. After having considered the recommendations made by various communities and groups in Morrow and Umatilla Counties, the following motion was passed.

Be it resolved that the Morrow County Court offer no objection to the storage of gas at the Umatilla Army Ordnance Depot.

and,  
Be it further resolved that since gas in modern war is no respecter of persons, the Court urge its ultimate destruction.

### TO BE ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



## Local News Items

Donald Drake and three sons, Kevin, John and Kelley of Stockton, Calif., came over from Hood River last Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ray Drake. They had been called to Hood River by the death of his wife's father.

Coming in to have lunch with them at Mrs. Drake's home were Grace Drake and Alfred Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Dick of Portland announce the arrival of a daughter born Dec. 14. She has been named Devonna Cherle. She only weighed 4 lb. 14 oz.

She joins a sister Debra and a brother Trevor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Groves of Hemet, Calif., Lavelle Nelson and Kemp Dick of Portland. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pieper of Lexington.

P. O. 2/c W. W. Weatherford, III, has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherford, that he has re-enlisted in the Navy for a six-year period. Billy is presently aboard the destroyer O'Brien off Vietnam on the last tour of duty of his first four year enlistment.



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## Greetings



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