

87th Year

Price 10 Cents

GRAIN PRICES
(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
Soft white wheat 1.64 1/2
Hard red winter wheat 1.64 1/2
Barley 46.50

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	42	28	.14*
Thursday	48	28	.09
Friday	46	28	.02
Saturday	39	23	—
Sunday	32	17	tr.
Monday	42	23	.07*
Tuesday	49	35	.02

*—1/2" Snow.

Heppner, Oregon 97836, Thursday, December 17, 1970

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Princess Tryouts Set for Dec. 27 At 2:00 P.M.

Girls who like to ride and are at least 16 years old and Juniors in high school are urged to explore the possibilities of trying out as a Princess for the 1971 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court.

Princess Try outs will be held Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. Four Princesses will be selected. They will include a Princess from Lone, Boardman, Butter Creek and the Wranglers. Each participant must have a sponsor. Any girl interested is asked to call Pat O'Brien, Queen and Court director at 676-9602.

Following the resignation of Don Greenup on the Rodeo board, Pat O'Brien was appointed to finish out his term of office.

R-1 School Board Ponders Problems

Morrow County School Board meeting was held at the A. C. Houghton Elementary, Dec. 10.

There were no delegations present.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Daniels reported that he had been working with the architect, Mr. Glazer, to see what could be done to solve the problem of the dry wells at Riverside filling up and overflowing. The problem was created by the rising water table that resulted from the filling of the John Day Dam reservoir.

There are two alternative solutions to the problem. One would be to enlarge the gravel area around the dry wells, and the other would be to connect directly to the city's storm drains. Cost estimates will be obtained on these alternatives and the board will then be asked to determine which way is best.

Mr. Daniels reported that Judge Wells had found in favor of Morrow County in his decision on the Department of Veterans Affairs request to have the Boeing property placed on the farm deferral program. The Department has thirty days to file an appeal on the decision. If Judge Wells' decision stands, it would mean that the school district would not have to repay approximately \$80,000 in taxes that have been paid for 1969 and 1970.

Mr. Daniels also reported that the Oregon Board of Education had set a new date for districts to submit improvement plans for reading and career education. The due date is now May 1, 1971 instead of December 1, 1970.

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Chamber Nominees Announced

At Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Wagon Wheel, Nominations Chairman Ray Boyce announced the 1971 officer nominations. Nominations besides those named will be open to the committee until next Monday when the official election will be held.

Mr. Boyce, on behalf of the committee, named Gene Pierce for president; L. E. Dick, first vice president; LeRoy Gardner, second vice president; and six directors to be elected from the following slate: (terms expire Dec. 31, 1971); Ron Daniels, Elma Harshman, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Paul W. Jones. (Terms expire Dec. 31, 1972); Larry Mills, Harold Kerr, L. E. Dick, Bob Abrams, Sharon Gorman, Elaine George, Jim Bier, Harley Sager.

Installation ceremonies will be in early January.

I.E.D. Talk

President Paul Jones introduced Ken Stanhope of Pendleton, superintendent of the Intermediate Education District there. The I.E.D. is between the State Department and the local district. Mr. Stanhope said there is no need for the district in Morrow County as far as organizational structure is concerned. There is a contractual agreement with this county for a number of services.

The I.E.D. is directed to the needs of the children and services used by teachers and administrators and boards. Morrow County uses special educational services and instructional materials and media.

Ernie Cristler who heads the special education department presented a video tape which graphically portrayed an important part of this program. It showed teachers helping students with speech and hearing disorders and showed how a speech therapist works.

At last Thursday's meeting of the Port of Morrow Commission, the group decided to take a serious look at building the first potato storage building in the area. This is from Bob Woehler's story in the Tri-City Herald.

The port had been requested by Morrow Produce Inc., which packs potatoes in Boardman, for the fresh market to provide a storage building which Morrow Produce would lease.

The Hermiston-Boardman area has seen the unparalleled growth of irrigated potatoes locally in the last three years and it was felt it would only be a matter of time before someone built a storage shed.

The port commissioners said if they build a structure it would be constructed this year with the hopes of being able to store next year's crop.

Morrow Produce requested a building capable of sorting potatoes from a 130-acre irrigated circle, or about 3,250 tons.

Dewey West, chairman of the Port Commission, said if they built a storage warehouse they should have one that is capable of handling more than a single circle.

The commissioners asked about a building that could hold possibly four times the requested 3,250-ton capacity.

There are five potato packing sheds in the Hermiston-Boardman area, and without a storage shed they are unable to vary their market, or take advantage of the luxury of getting in and out of markets.

The commissioners talked about building the storage shed on port property near the Morrow Produce packing shed. It would be financially possible, from revenue bonds, which would be repaid by rental from Morrow Produce.

Rupert Kennedy, manager of the Port of Morrow, said the port must consider finance, design and how to have the building constructed.

Where Morrow Produce was talking about a 10,000-square foot building, which would prevent freezing, the port believed the building should be somewhere around 40,000 square feet.

Commissioner Gar Swanson said he could see no reason why the port shouldn't move ahead and start planning.

"It's the coming thing and we should be in on the ground floor," said Oscar Peterson, commissioner. "I see the need for a facility like this to mount," he said.

Potato growers believe the next step after storage facilities is a processing plant.

In other business, the port turned over a deed for 5 acres of land they sold to Morrow Produce.

I.E.W.A. Observation

Cal Anderson, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways Association, visited with the commissioners and explained the new aims of the IEWA.

He said one thing the IEWA is watching, which will be of major interest to the ports up and down the river, is the fluctuation of water levels in the pools behind dams.

West said he was told by Corps of Engineer officials they had better be prepared for fluctuations of up to 20 feet. "This makes it difficult to plan water-side facilities," West said.

Anderson said the IEWA is trying to stress to the Corps of Engineers that the rivers serve more purposes than just production power and that should be considered when raising and lowering pools.

Anderson said the IEWA would be talking about this with top Corps officials in Walla Walla Jan. 20.

He said the IEWA was placing more emphasis in the future on the middle river area, which includes Morrow County.

To NFO Convention

Jack Sumner, Don Peterson and Don McElligott are in Louisville, Ky., this week attending the national NFO meeting.

Two Champs to New Orleans



SAN FRANCISCO—PUNT, PASS AND KICK CHAMPIONS—Two Oregon youths—Dennis Stefani, left, 8, of Ione, and Thomas Critser, 9, of Eugene — took the titles in their age classes of the San Francisco 49ers-television area Punt, Pass and Kick competition. The Ford dealers of America and the National Football League sponsor the program. Dennis and Thomas will go to New Orleans for the National Football Conference divisional championships December 20.

Boy Scouts Come Back to Heppner

There was a joyous response to the invitation to organize Boy Scouts in Heppner on Monday evening with more than 100 attending the organizational meeting at the Grade School.

Marion Green, Boy Scout committee chairman, spearheaded the meeting and the beforehand planning assisted by Richard B. Green, district Scout executive of Pendleton who also attended the meeting. Otis L. Umphreys, district organization Extension chairman from Hermiston, was also in attendance.

Four dens of Cub Scouts were organized with the following as den mothers and assistants: Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz, Mrs. Dick Robison, Mrs. Omer Huston, Mrs. Bob Buschke, Mrs. Rod Britt and Mrs. Jo Simmons. Len

Ray Schwarz is Cub Master. They will meet in the homes and have monthly pack meetings together.

There will be one Webelos Den with Omer Huston as Webelos leader.

There will be 20 Boy Scouts in the troop with Dan McBride as Scout Master and Tom Wilson as assistant Scout Master. They will meet upstairs in the Elks building. Tuesday has been set as a tentative meeting day.

Boy Scouts will be Troop No. 661 and the Cubs will be Pack 661.

The Elks will be the sponsoring organization. Glen Ward

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Heppner Grades Make Music At Christmas

The Heppner Elementary School Christmas program will be presented in two parts on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The first section under the direction of Suzanne Dagley will be vocal.

Fifth Grade—Miss Glavey. "Futuristic Christmas Tree" and "We Need A Little Christmas".

Second Grade—Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Peck. "The Twelve Days of Christmas"; Traditional old English Carol—Featuring—

Creg Sweeney, the Partridge; Bonnie Arrington, Turtle Doves; Lynn Dee Devin, French Hens; Stephen Grace, Calling Birds; Lottie Laughlin, Golden Rings; Cheri Griffith, Geese a-laying; Tami Howard, Swans a-swim; Julie Baker, Maids a-milking; Tony Currin, Drummers Drumming; Gloria Everhart, Pipers Piping; Ella Mae Green, Ladies Dancing and Tracy Pettyjohn, Lords a-leaping.

Fourth Grade—Mrs. Jones. Play—"The Meaning of Christmas".

Cast—Reporter, Ricky Rea, Little Boy—Scott McEwen; Housewife—Cindy Anderson; Businessman—Mike Rasmussen; Little Old Lady—Julie Grieb. Sixth Grade—Mr. Agee. Play—"Give or Get".

Cast—Mary — Patti Saling; John—Ken Miller; Bill — David Allstott.

Choir—"Silver Bells". Members of the choir are: Lisa Burkenbine, Debbie Holland, Diane Holland, Judy Ledbetter.

Kathy Marshall, Dianne Martin, Teresa Peck, Tami Prock, Patricia Saling, Becky Stillman and Rosemary Winter.

BANDS PLAY
The second section will include numbers by the Beginners Band, 6th grade band and the Intermediate Band directed by Arnie Hedman. The Beginners will play basic melodies. The Sixth grade band will go into the favorite Christmas carols and a Hoe Down. The Intermediate Band will play contemporary Christmas numbers: The Syncopated Clock, Frosty the Snowman, Warming-up March and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

The Earl Ayres family had a real thrill Tuesday morning about 1:30 when son, Phil called from Okinawa. He is en route to Vietnam.



JOHN W. HOWARTH

New Engineer For Columbia Basin Electric Co-op

John W. Howarth, his wife, DeAnne, and their children, Merrilee 6, Susan 4, and John Michael, 7 months, recently moved here from Pueblo, Colo.

Mr. Howarth has been employed by Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative as the new systems engineer to head the engineering department for the firm here.

Mr. Howarth has been in the engineering field for eight years. An Oregon native, he attended grade and high school in Portland. His education was completed at Brigham Young University and Southern Colorado State College.

Until coming here he was assistant chief engineer for San Isabel Electric Services.

The Columbia Basin Electric plans extensive services for its customers and Mr. Howarth urges anyone considering new developments using electricity such as electric heating, irrigation and any electrical problems to contact him for help. There is no charge for this service.

Morrow Voters Lead Oregon

The Associated Press reported yesterday that voter turnout for the November general election was 71.3 per cent, according to Secretary of State Clay Myers. His estimate before the election was from 65 to 70 per cent. He thought the national average would be about 55 per cent.

Turnout in Oregon ranged from a low of 66.3% in Jackson County to a high of 80.3% in Morrow County. Neighboring Umatilla County had 67.3%, big Multnomah County had 71.9%.

(Ed. Note: This confirms our long-held notion that Morrow tops Oregon in many things!)

Santa Coming!

Santa Claus is coming back to Heppner Saturday afternoon about 2 p.m. The nice old gentleman will have a supply of candy canes to give away to the kids in downtown Heppner.

This kindly gentleman must like Morrow County as he keeps coming back mighty regularly.

Stores to be Open For Xmas Shoppers

A number of Heppner stores plan to stay open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. next week on Dec. 21-22-23. There is still a very fine selection of Christmas gifts in stores here. For those who simply can't decide to buy, how about a gift certificate?

Staying open the three nights next week are Gardner's Men's Wear, Western Auto, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply, Elma's Apparel & Flower Shop, Murray's Drugs, Case Furniture, Peterson's Jewelers, Gonty's Ladies Apparel and Lott's Electric.

(There might be several more we've missed. Some merchants tell us they may be unable to remain open because of a shortage of personnel.)

Caroling
During these shopping evenings, strolling carolers will add to the occasion. Caroling Dec. 21 will be the Empire Builders. On Dec. 22 carolers will be the Teen Choir of the Assembly of God Church. Dec. 23, carolers will be the Rainbow Girls.

Final Arbuckle Ski Inspection Asked

Following an August inspection of the Arbuckle Ski run by the Forest Service, they requested rules be fulfilled before the special use permit could be issued by the Forest Service.

Several weekend work parties were held to bring the run up to meet the requirements.

On Friday a no-host breakfast was held at the Wagon Wheel with members of the Ski Corp., and Forest Service. Those attending were Herman Winter, Ed Dick, Marvin Chitty, Dick McElligott, Don Peterson, Bonnie Culp and Donna Bergstrom.

Progress made at the run was reported and the skiers asked the Forest Service to make a final inspection. The Forest Service planned to make their inspection Monday or Tuesday of this week.

As a safety precaution, the Forest Service has also asked the Corporation to have a qualified licensed engineer make an inspection of the run. Adequate insurance and ski patrols will also be required.

On Sunday a group of skiers had a trial run on the course.

Children's Programs Planned by Churches

Assembly of God

The public is invited to the Assembly of God Church, the 20th of December, at 7:00. At this time the annual Christmas program will be presented. The teen choir will be presenting the cantata, John Peterson's "The Night the Angels Sang." The choir will be singing behind a large Christmas wreath decorated with Christmas tree lights. The program also includes the children presenting the message of Christmas, always a favorite with everyone. Free sacks of candy will be presented to all the children. "To be assured of a good seat arrive early, we'll be looking for you," said Pastor Burwell.

Christmas at Valby

"Joy to the World" is the theme for the children's Christmas program at Valby Lutheran Church on Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Vocal music will accompany the animated Nativity scene.

A potluck dessert will follow the program.

At Hope Lutheran

Colored lighting will enhance the age long story at the children's Christmas program at Hope Lutheran Church on Dec.

20 at 7 p.m.

A potluck dessert will follow.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PREPARE CANTATA

One of the most outstanding Christmas Cantatas to be written in recent years, "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson, is being prepared by the combined choirs of the Lexington Christian Church and the First Christian Church, Heppner.

Under the direction of Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Jr., and accompanied by Mrs. Carl Marquardt, two performances are scheduled: Sunday, Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Lexington Church of Christ; Wednesday, Dec. 23, 7:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Heppner.

Of this exceptional cantata composer Peterson says, "As I began work on the Christmas cantata, 'Night of Miracles', the project presented a dual challenge. It was to be an original work with a new and different theme. What then would that theme be? God's all-surpassing Love had been a perfect subject for 'Love Transcending.' What could I use this time to portray the miraculous truth on the Incarnation in an

original way? "Miraculous." Perhaps that was it. The night of our Savior's birth was miraculous indeed for many reasons. I started to list them, using passages from Matthew and Luke, and soon the thread of an idea started to weave itself into the story of an unforgettable night . . . a night when centuries old prophecy came miraculously true, a night when shepherds were awe-stricken by a gloriously brilliant heavenly host that told of the birth of the Prince of Peace; a night when God sent His only begotten Son to be born of a virgin for the redemption of a world of sinners. This last fact was the most miraculous of all! Here, too, then was a story of Love, but not love as natural man knows it. This love knows no bounds. It is limitless and absolute, and it was first manifested on that wonderful night so long ago . . . A NIGHT OF MIRACLES."

Don W. Johnson, the pastor of these congregations invites the public to hear this cantata and share in this "Night of Miracles."

The Church of Jesus Christ

Of Latter-day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will have their special program on Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. It will be a combined adult and children's program.

There will be a special observance at 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The children and youth of the Church of the Nazarene will present their Christmas program, "The Reason For Christmas" beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 20. The program will include recitations, exercises and singing by the younger children and a Christmas pageant depicting the first Christmas by the older group. Treats and gifts will be distributed at the close of the service.

FULL CHURCH PROGRAM

The Primary Christmas Program will be presented Sunday, Dec. 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ.

The program will be followed by a light supper in the social room. Each family is asked to bring sandwiches and cookies. The hot chocolates and relishes will be furnished by the Sunday School teachers.

After the supper, everyone is

asked to join the hay wagon carolling. Children in the fourth grade and under are requested to be accompanied by an adult.

Methodist Church

All the pupils of the Methodist Church School will have a part in the annual Christmas program to be presented Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

All the people of St. Patrick's parish will have a potluck dinner at the parish hall on Dec. 20 at 12:30. Following dinner the boys and girls of the Confraternity Classes will present their Christmas program. Santa Claus will bring treats at the end of the afternoon.

All Saints' Episcopal

The children of the All Saints' Episcopal Church School will present the Christmas story during morning worship on Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. A coffee hour will follow in the parish hall.

Candlelight Service

There will be Candlelight services on Christmas Eve at both Valby Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church. Valby services will be at 6 p.m. and Hope at 8 p.m.