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Tree Lifting?

The FFA boys of Heppner High School provide a real service to the area with their Christmas Tree project. They leave them on the Heppner TV vacant lot on a self service basis. Customers pick out their tree, look for the price tag and then deposit their money in the "mailbox". This works real well. The FFA boys make some money for their hard work and Heppner families have a Christmas tree to trim.

But this hasn't worked too well this Christmas. Some of the trees have been "lifted" without having the money deposited. About 50 trees were on the lot and half the amount of money was in the mail box. It is known that some persons have taken trees and plan to send a check to the FFA boys. The boys will feel better if you do that right away. Anyone overcome by a guilty conscience for taking a tree and not paying for it, may leave the money in the mail box and no questions will be asked! Or mail to "FFA, Heppner High School." Thank you.

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

The recent closing of a government installation at Baker throwing 147 people out of employment and putting the facilities up for sale is directly contrary to the idea of wider distribution of our population. It is quite possible if more restraint had been exercised in the cost of operations in the areas where employment exists, it might not have been necessary to close the Baker unit, not those in Burns and Condon. That's the way it looks to an old range rider who never had an expense account beyond a sack of oats for his horse.

CHUCK WAGON

Most dreaded of all maladies which scares heck out of me is Foot in MY mouth disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garrison went to decorate the wonderful big evergreen tree in their yard. The tree must have really grown this year as it took another 25 feet of Christmas lights to do the job of decorating.

My friends think I equate everything with food. They may have something, too. But, blast it all, in order to get through doors it's now necessary to shrink the girth.

We tried to move the Christmas tournament here. Actually, we are advised, it will be held Dec. 18-19 in Condon. (Please don't tell Santa I goofed.)

On behalf of those missing in action and the prisoners of war, we would especially at this season like to see a flood of letters mailed. The Red Cross informs us good results are being noted from the letters. A Swedish official recently indicated a breakthrough in identifying American prisoners of war and that he would personally contact their next of kin.

Letters should be addressed to the Office of the President, Republic of North Vietnam, c/o P.O.W.'s, Post Office Box 30, Portland, Ore. 97207, and should simply ask for full identification of prisoners held, humane treatment, mail privileges and international inspection of camps.

The Oregon Journal says letters written in Oregon will be taken to Paris in January by a delegation that may be headed by Gov. Tom McCall, though his going is not certain.

Oregon has 50 men among the POW's and Mike Bengie of Morrow County is among them. We've seen Morrow County top the state for voter turnout in an off-year election. We can surely do no less in this important letter writing for our boys. Today.

Joint Installation At Lexington Grange

Installation of Grange Officers was held Dec. 6. Officers from all four granges were present to be installed.

The afternoon program included a short resume of the National Grange meeting in Boise, Idaho in November by Glennabelle Lewis, Baker. She also brought to the attention the watch of Mr. Bob Coble which he had been presented at the session for being the outstanding State Deputy of the State of Oregon.

Upon being introduced, Mr. Coble showed the watch and urged all members to give their full support to the Grange. Members of the installing team were Mr. and Mrs. Coble, Betty Banyard, Richard; Mrs. Glennabelle Lewis, Oregon State Grange Flora, her husband, Mr. C. Lewis, Baker County Pomona Deputy, and Edith Moran, all of Baker. Also included, Chris Wyckoff, Wallawa, member of the executive board of the State Grange and his wife who is the past chairman for the Women's Activity, District 6. Dinner was served following the meeting.

Neighbor Nights To Continue

The monthly Neighbor Night services at the Church of the Nazarene have been well attended over the past ten months' period. Over one hundred different people from the community have attended these services. Appreciation has been expressed for the inspiration received from the special musical numbers, the Bible studies on slides and the times of fellowship during the refreshment break following each service. Pastor Everhart wishes to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of the Church to those of the community who have participated in these services. Plans are being made to continue these monthly services throughout 1971. The January theme will be on Prayer. This service will be held January 22 at 7:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends and neighbors to attend any or all of these special services. Their wish for all is a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Wayne Schwarzin At Job Corps Center

Wayne Schwarzin has called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Schwarzin, several times to tell them how much he is enjoying his time at the Wolf Creek Job Corps Center. He went down early in November. He has chosen welding for his class. In between classes, he has been working on State Parks graveling the paths.

He called Sunday evening to tell them about a ski-do trip in to Diamond Lake. The Job Corps Center at Glide. One of the 2nd Grade Blue Birds went looking for Christmas Greens Sunday afternoon. They trekked up Willow Creek. They bring Christmas Greens to the Mothers Club who is their sponsor. Accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bidle and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Keithley.

Ione Makes Christmas Music on December 21

The Ione Christmas program will be presented by the schools on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. directed by Dorell James.

The Concert High School band will provide pre-program entertainment. They will open the program with Trola Noels, German Christmas Festival, Christmas Moods and Jingle Bells Fantasy.

The play, "She Didn't Believe" will follow. It is a story of a little girl named Dorothy who doesn't believe in Christmas. When she went south with her family for the holiday season she felt she would be free from what she considered nonsense and would be truly modern. However she finds that no one will play with her. Each group is too busy and too happy to have much to do with such a queer little girl. She is finally visited by the Merchants' Association which asks her to leave, because she is spoiling their business. Her arrogance quickly

Lighting Contest Deadline Nears

Attention Lexington town and Lexington voting precinct residents! Be sure to sign up for the Lexington Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Grange.

Judging will be Monday, Dec. 21 based on 50 per cent for theme, 25 per cent on originality and 25 per cent on neatness. Prizes include \$10.00 for first place, \$7.50 for second place and \$5.00 for third place.

If you wish to compete, call Jean Nelson at 569-8188 or Delpha Jones at 569-8189.

Saturday Night At the Flicks

(Or How I Learned to Love Television)

By ANN TONEY

I have recently discovered why my parents or any other self-respecting adult refused to attend the movies on Saturday night. This is the night the kids converge en masse on the local cinema more for the purpose of congregating than the billing on the marquee.

However, if the movie should catch their attention and it happens to be suspenseful and full of unexpected surprises—LOOK OUT! Or I should say, tune out and hang onto your chair.

There is something to be said for mass hysteria and its contagion which comes to full bloom in a dark theater of high school cafeteria. Such was the case at the showing of "I Saw What You Did" Saturday night.

Although this flick started out a little slow paced and chatter and tin can popping far outdid the sound track, the tempo soon picked up. Shrieks, screams and "Don't go out there you dumb girl" filled the room with a little pseudo-screaming thrown in for pure effect.

When the lights came on—reality restored—nerve regained, it was decided the admission money was well spent.

Grangers Hear Monitor Talk

Rhea Creek Grange members heard a graphic account of the Civil Defense training course on Radiological Monitoring given by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck at their regular meeting the evening of Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck have taken several of these training sessions and explained the use of the three pieces of monitoring equipment they had brought. This equipment measured the amount of nuclear material to be found from fallout on one's person or surroundings.

They urged more interest by everyone that we might learn to live in this nuclear age. Not with fear but with the knowledge of what to do to protect oneself and our families, not necessarily from bombs in war but with the possibility of nuclear plants in our area, and in any emergency. There will be more training classes in Heppner in the future and they hoped more people in the community would attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright were hosts for the evening.

leaves; she is tearful and resentful; and with the help of the elves, she is soon restored to happiness.

Every youngster in the grade school grades 1 through 6 are in the play except for Dennis Stefani who will be in New Orleans.

Choral numbers in the program by the Mixed Chorus will include carols from several countries and contemporary numbers Sleep Little Tiny King, The Manger of Bethlehem and Roundelay Noel.

Percussion accompaniment will be heard with these numbers. A visit from Santa Claus will close the evening. Trola will be provided by the Ione PTA.

\$60,000 Christmas Gift

How would you like a \$60,000 Christmas gift? And gift wrapped too! That is exactly what the Oregon beef industry received in the form of sales for Beef Gift Certificates during last year's holiday season. Already, they are expecting to surpass last year's sales during the coming gift giving season. This is indicated by the fact that to date, more than \$10,000 of these Beef Gift Certificates have been purchased by Oregon business firms as gifts for customers and employees, according to Jim Brooks, Madras, Chairman of the Oregon Beef Council.

Another factor which is responsible for this high sales volume is that both statewide banks, the U. S. National and the First National, have agreed to sell these certificates at all their branches. This means that the beef industry has over 200 sales offices throughout Oregon selling beef. Both banks also assist in promoting these Beef Gift Certificates. Traditionally, beef sales in the United States take a sharp decline from Thanksgiving to the middle of January, thus, this increase in beef sales through Beef Gift Certificates is really a "gift" to the Oregon beef industry.

Brooks also stated that, knowing you are not going to change the consumer's traditional food-fare holiday eating habits, the Oregon Beef Council originated the Beef Gift Certificate idea eight years ago. First year's sales were only \$5,000, then jumped to \$20,000 the second year, and last year, with the increased sales help from this state's two leading lending institutions, sales went over \$60,000.

The idea behind these unique gift certificates is simple: they are the size of a regular check, are equivalent to a cashier's check drawn by the Beef Council on the First National or U.S. National banks. These colorful and attractive certificates are also available in \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00 denominations. With each certificate comes an eye-catching, three color gift folder with a western theme design.

Another important factor in increased sales in gift certificates are the Oregon CowBelles. They are most active and helpful in their county areas in setting up promotion booths in banks, restaurants and other local businesses in promoting their favorite Christmas gift. "There are over 100 women in our CowBelle organization throughout the state devoting their time in the area of sales promotion for this Beef Gift Certificate program", stated Mrs. Joe Smith, State CowBelle President.

Fred Phillips, President of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association said, "Beef Gift Certificates, besides being a wonderful gift giving idea, does a very worthwhile job in public relating the beef cattle industry of our state." He said the Oregon Cattlemen's Association would get behind this program 100%.

Sewing Club Meets

On Dec. 9, the Nimble Thimble Stitches 4-H sewing club held their meeting at Judy Wright's home. Sally Sumner was absent.

We finished our stuffed animals and discussed what we are going to make next.

Our next meeting is Jan. 13. Sandra Palmer, reporter

Holiday Fete at Lexington Grange

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — Lexington Grange met Saturday night for a potluck dinner and their Christmas meeting with the following newly installed officers: Edward Hunt, Master; Jean Nelson, Steward; Cecil Jones, Treasurer; Delpha Jones, Lecturer; Joe Yocom, Steward; Kenneth Smouse, Assistant Steward; Francis Smouse, L.A.S.; Hilda Yocom, Ceres; Helen Nelson, Pomona; Fred Nelson, Gatekeeper; Betty Marquardt, Musician; and

NFO Members Attend National Convention

"Farmers across America have been dealt the last straw—" charged Oren Lee Staley, president of the National Farmers Organization, "the new farm bill that was signed into law should prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the NFO is the only place farmers can go to fight back at the forces they cannot cope with as individuals."

Staley, himself a farmer from Rea, Mo., said, "the plans to be laid out at the National (NFO) Convention will call for action, aggressive and determined action, on the part of NFO members to achieve the gains they so badly need."

The energetic farm leader then vowed, "the opportunity will be laid out before them at the convention to meet their low price problems at the market place," and the voting delegates from all organized counties in the 48 contiguous states would determine the course of action that will be taken.

Staley hurled the charge that the food retailing chain stores are exercising their power structure to force dressed meat prices down to the producers while driving the most of meat in the counters up to consumers—"gouging at both ends," according to the Missouri-reared farm leader. He then said farmers must build their own power structure.

Staley declared the NFO will use the 1970 convention at Louisville, Ky., on Dec. 16, 17 and 18 as a springboard to NFO's most intensive campaign thus far "to rally agriculture's good men everywhere to the cause of saving the family farm structure in America," and he said, "the convention theme this year is 'NFO — the Farmer's Only Hope' and that says it all."

Pat Cutsforth, NFO county president announced the names of the delegates elected to represent Morrow County at the convention. They are: Don Peterson, Don McElligott, Jack Sumner.

executive members present were Norman Nelson and Carl Marquardt.

An extensive report was given by Norman Nelson on the exploratory meeting as to legislative problems presented by Irvin Mann, Ken Jernstedt and Senator Hansell. Mrs. Ed Hunt was re-instated and welcomed. Kenneth Smouse reported on the REA meeting in Portland where he heard an address by Mr. Willner on the Consumer Bills to be presented at the next meeting of the Legislature.

Following the meeting, a program was given consisting of a reading of the "Indian Christmas Carol" by Debbie Yocom; drawing for the door prize was won by Jean Nelson; and violin solos by Francis Smouse, accompanied by Betty Marquardt who also played while the group sang Christmas Carols. Closing prayer was delivered by Carl Marquardt. Treats were then passed out to the members.

There was a display table consisting of Christmas Handcraft articles. Also, gifts for the State Hospital were collected.

The next meeting, Jan. 9, will be the annual pancake supper cooked and served by the men.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Hood River, recently spent a day in Morrow County. He attended to a business matter and she visited at the Cecil Jones residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Henderson are the proud parents of a son born Nov. 20 in Hood River. He was named Douglas Todd and joins a brother at home. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson.

Rebekah Election Lexington Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Dec. 3 with the election of officers as their main business. Mrs. Dorothy Burcham was re-elected Noble Grand as Mrs. Majeske was forced to resign due to ill health. Other officers include June Field, Vice Grand; Delpha Jones, Secretary and Hilda Yocom, Treasurer. The next meeting will be Dec.

School Lunch Menus

Presented Through Courtesy of Heppner Branch



Heppner Elementary and High Schools SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, Dec. 21—Sloppy joe, homemade bun, green beans, celery stix, pudding, milk. Tuesday, Dec. 22—Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered peas, green salad, fruit, cookies, milk.

17 with a secret sister gift exchange.

Mrs. A. F. Majeske returned home Saturday after spending a week in the Community Hospital in Pendleton.

Grandma Shower

A Grandma Shower was held honoring Mrs. William J. Van Winkle at the home of Mrs. Elden Padberg on Dec. 7. The gifts were brought for the new grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Van Winkle and son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy VanWinkle, Pendleton. Lovely refreshments were served decorated with the theme of the shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Breeding and children were weekend visitors at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lola Breeding.



DEC. 17 Phone Santa — dial 676-9163 — 676-9164 — 676-9165 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

DEC. 18-19 Christmas Tournament at Condon

DEC. 19 Rockhounds Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. at The's Cafe in Ione

DEC. 19 Food Sale at Neighborhood Center at 10:00 a.m. Ramona Marshall Benefit

DEC. 21 Heppner Grade School Christmas Musical Program at Grade School Gym, 7:30 p.m.

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