

# Heppner Students Conduct Annual Bird Count

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suggest an increase in the activities of man himself.

In this winter's count, the game birds show the highest population count ever estimated in this area. These included the California Quail, Chukars and Ringneck Pheasant. The number of Mourning Doves was higher than ever before and there was a marked increase in the Starlings, House Sparrows and Oregon Junco. This, too, would indicate an increase in human activity.

"However," Mr. Horn warned, "these population trends should not in anyway be considered as valid scientific significance. The Bird Count must be conducted for a longer period of time and the county would have to be organized with professional people doing the field work."

People who are interested in what was observed may call Mr. Horn and request a data sheet or go to the high school to read the Audubon Field notes.

Mr. Horn lives his enthusiasm for his chosen field. His philosophy is to encourage friends as well as students to have a "Love affair with Nature".

**Bird Counters**  
Following the close of the bird counting the group gathered at the Orval Matheny home for a hot chili feed arranged by Mrs. Matheny and Mrs. Horn.

Those going on the day's jaunt were Orval Matheny, Bill Rawlins, Mr. Horn, John Rawlins, Bobby Worden, Mrs. Horn, Rob Abrams, Allen Peck, Linda Clough, Barbara Allstott, Dove Alderman, Barney Marshall, Sandy Matheny, Mark Pointer, Ted Bellamy, Jeanie Daly, Rick Drake, Beryl Stillman, Charlie Anderson.

Patty Luciani, Charlie Pointer, Kathleen Ayres, Liz Abrams, Jim Cutsforth, Steve Mauss, Fran Mauss, Kelly Wolff, Kerry Coppock, Mike Sweek, Steve Hedman, Butch Taylor, Greg Green.

Jim VanWinkle, Jill Ruggs, Mark Lovgren, Bill Jepsen, Mike Hedman, Matt Murray, John Harris, Steve Pettyjohn, Carl King and Alene Boyajian.

## Boardman News

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chub Warren included Mrs. Warren's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Skoubo, David and Jannell of Corvallis, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeMauro, Barbara and Billie Jo of The Dalles, Warren's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark, Carolyn, Marilyn, Ronnie and Dan; his nephew, Elmer Warren and son Dale, all of Portland; Mrs. Warren's grandson, Shannon, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ranney of Pendleton; Mrs. B. E. Getchell of Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo and Bob.

**Defensive Driving**  
Defensive driving classes will be held Jan. 12, 14, 19 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverside High School. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Mel Allyn, Boardman Home Extension Unit chairman, announces that since the regular unit meeting date would conflict with the driving training date, there will be no meeting of the unit in January.

Anyone interested in taking basic sewing should contact Mrs. Allyn in Boardman, or Mrs. Richard Ryan in Irrigon, before Jan. 16.

The Women's Activity Committee of Greenfield Grange will meet Jan. 13 at the grange hall, with luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Donald Baker will be hostess.

### BILL JOHNSONS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson came to Heppner to get his mother, Mrs. Effie Johnson to take her to The Dalles to spend the holidays with them. The Johnsons brought her back on Saturday.

Earlier in the winter, Mrs. Johnson spent 11 1/2 weeks in Southern California with relatives and friends.



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## A Rude Awakening

A big crash and bang awakened the Robert Mansfield's New Year's morning about 6:15. They rushed to the front window to see a blue car backing out of their yard which turned south to go through town.

The driver apparently skidded on black ice, went through the picket fence and carrying a section of fence hit the corner post of the house. Left behind were two headlight rims and chips of blue paint.

City police have checked likely prospects and with Body and Fender places to match the headlights with the rims.

### Riverside Menu

Cafeteria menus for Riverside Junior-Senior High School for the week of Jan. 11-15 are as follows:

Monday — Spaghetti, hot biscuits, tossed salad and pudding.

Tuesday — Vegetable beef stew, corn bread, cheese slices and ice cream.

Wednesday — Chiliburgers, fruit salad, vegetable sticks and cake.

Thursday — Hot dogs, buttered corn, potato chips and cookies.

Friday — Fish sticks with tartar sauce, buttered potatoes, buttered green beans and sweet rolls.

Milk is served with all meals.

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waid**, Ritchie, Anne and Susan of Hermiston spent New Year's Day with Kenneth's aunt, Mrs. Amanda Duvall.

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman (Butch) Williams**, students at EOC were over to spend part of the holidays with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Williams at Ione.

Butch, senior in Political Science had a GPA of 4.00 for fall term and Mrs. Williams a sophomore had 3.25.

## First National Goes Computer

A high-speed communications system that "tells" bank customers their deposit totals almost instantaneously and virtually without error was installed in the Heppner branch of First National Bank of Oregon Dec. 31.

The system, labeled "on-line-savings" by the bank, is the first of its kind in the Northwest and connects tellers with a computerized voice at the bank's electronic data processing center in Portland.

When a customer visits the branch to make a deposit, withdrawal or to verify the amount in his savings account, the teller will dial the computer through a special touch-tone telephone which utilizes a pre-punched "dialer" card that indicates which branch is calling and what type of information is wanted.

The computer which has a 48-word vocabulary, will then respond giving the teller the new balance in seconds. The "conversation" will go something like this:

"Deposit . . . account number one two three four five six seven . . . amount nine five point seven six . . . reply."

The teller then dials for verification:

"Post balance . . . four zero seven point three one . . . thank you."

Thus, an account containing \$311.75 into which \$95.76 is deposited is balanced almost instantly.

Although it will no longer be necessary for the customer to have a passbook, he may retain the passbook if he so desires and the bank's tellers will continue to post it as in the past. Customers will have a folder in which to retain the plastic card used by tellers when dialing the computer as well as a slip on which to personally keep their savings records.

Conversion date for the branch is Dec. 31.

In addition to recording and storing all savings account transactions, which had been done manually in the past, the system automatically computes interest and adds it to individual accounts. At the end of each quarter the computer will print a customer statement for mailing and at year-end will automatically produce a summary, including the amount of interest to be reported to the internal revenue service when filing income tax returns.

Harley Sager, manager of the Heppner branch, said motivation for instituting the system is a desire to speed service to customers and provide them better records of their savings account. "It maintains better records and makes operations smoother and more efficient. We began making pilot runs with the system last December and found that chances for error are just about nil. Should a teller make a mistake which gets into the computer," he said, "it will be detected in the balancing operations at the end of the day."

## IRRIGON NEWS

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

**IRRIGON**—The Rev. and Mrs. John Kenney have announced their resignation as pastors of the Irrigon Assembly of God Church, effective after next Sunday, Jan. 10. They ministered at the Vale Church on Dec. 27 and were unanimously elected to pastor this church. Rev. and Mrs. Kenney, who are returned missionaries from India, and also Hawaii, have been pastors here for the past 10 years. Rev. Kenney was Chaplain at the Umatilla Hospital and a frequent visitor at the Good Shepherd Hospital. He also drove school bus, and will be greatly missed in the community.

### Korean Speaks

Rev. Chung from Seoul S. Korea, spoke at the Assembly of God Church, Sunday evening. He visited the Umatilla Assembly Sunday morning and spoke there. He is a student at Western Evangelical College in Portland. He was a teacher and minister in Korea and came to the United States to further his education.

In speaking of customs of his native land, he told how families would make a relish of hot peppers and cabbage, to eat with rice during the winter months. A large family would sometimes make 6 or 7 drums of this and would eat it from November to April. In Korea, he said, people believe America to be a land without sickness, crime, old age, poverty, or such troubles, but he has found that basically men are alike wherever he has been.

He was in North Korea, under communist rule before the war broke out there. After coming to the U. S. he talked with many hippie type young people in California and found that they have a wrong idea about communism. He said the first thing the communists want to do, is to close churches and stamp out Christianity.

### Students Home

Among BMCC students home for the holidays were Jana Everett, Rhonda Bellinger, Joyce Jackson, Duane Lamb, Vern Mesteth, Gene Gollyhorn, Tom Stewart, Bruce Jones, David and Richard Franke.

Gene Gollyhorn worked at radio station KUMA during the holidays. Dave and Richard Franke trucked hay in the Condon area.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Partlow and Sheryl, visited at the home of

### AT BOB MALLORYS

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berg in Vancouver, Wash., over New Years Day. Other visitors who visited there were Snow McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Russel McCoy, all are former area residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simmons and Mike McCoy were holiday guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy and Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Everett and family visited at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Stanford, in Athena, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and sons of Seattle were guests at the Everett home recently.

### McRae's All Home

Mr. and Mrs. James McRae were happy to have their entire family home for Christmas. Bob and Linda were here 4 days from Corvallis where he is attending Oregon State. Bob made the honor roll this semester. He will graduate in June. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steagall of Juneau, Alaska left to return to Alaska Sunday. Another daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noble live near by.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Eppenbach had a family dinner with most of their children at home on New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Piersol of Milton-Freewater were over to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mallory, Shawn and Shane.

Since returning home Mr. Piersol has been in St. Mary's Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallory went to Troy during the holidays to visit his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mallory.

Bill Scrivner and sons, Kevin and Kennon of Spokane, Wash. were here last Monday and Tuesday visiting with Mrs. Lee Scrivner.

Kevin is in the Marine Corps and will return soon to Camp Pendleton for further assignment.

Forrie Burkenbine was in Portland early this week. He visited several clinics and had exams on his back.

Mrs. Ruth Reid spent three days in La Grande with her son, Ronald Reid and his family last week. Ron came over and got his mother and brought her back on Sunday.

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