

# Ron Daniels Heads State Association

Sup't. of schools Ron Daniels assumed a position of importance last week when he was elected president of the Oregon School Activities Ass'n. at the annual meeting. The 7-member board is responsible for conducting all play-offs for state championships and establishing eligibility requirements. They conduct 36 championship events which besides athletic contests includes music, drama and debate.

The board of control meets four times a year with headquarters at Tigard. Dr. Earl Ferguson formerly of Weston but now superintendent of the Klamath County school system was elected vice president.

This year they hope to establish better means of communication between the board of control and the schools that are members of the association.

State football playoffs pay for themselves and the state Triple A basketball championship is the largest single source of funds for the association in addition to dues. This money is used to cover the expenses of the state spring sport contests.

# Livestock Growers Date Yearly Meeting, Banquet

By DON STANGEL  
County Extension Agent

Morrow County Livestock Growers will meet Friday, Dec. 10 for their 22nd annual meeting. Don Stangel, Morrow County Extension Agent reports that the afternoon agenda which begins at 1:00 p.m. consists of discussions on Brand Inspection rules, Forest Service regulations on land use, theft problems in the county and end with a general business meeting. The meeting will be held in the Elks Lodge meeting room and will be followed by a social hour sponsored by the First National Bank. The day will conclude with the Farm-City Banquet held in the Heppner High School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

The speaker for the evening program will be Dr. R. W. Henderson, Assistant Director of Oregon Agricultural Experiment Stations. Dr. Henderson will present a colorful slide presentation on "The Magic of Research"—highlighted will be slides of research conducted by experiment station scientists on problems of marine biology, air and water pollution, use of pesticides and other agricultural chemicals, and many other related problems. These slides serve as a report to the taxpayer on his investment of tax dollars in research at our Land Grant University.

The evening will be topped off with the presentation of awards to local people in both the field of agriculture and business. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

# Fire Equipment Out On Thanksgiving Eve

Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine reports that three trucks made a 6:10 run on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24 to the Bob Warner residence on Elder St.

The alarm was caused by an over-heated oil stove and flue fire. Chief Burkenbine said there was no damage.

# Deadline Set To Cash Premium Checks

The 90 day deadline for cashing 1971 Morrow County Fair Premium checks is passed. By request the Fair board is extending the deadline for another 16 days or until Dec. 17, so please remember to cash those premium checks very soon!

# Christmas on Main St.

The community Christmas tree is up and a beautiful one it is. Orville and Barbara Cutsforth found the 30 foot tree. The City crew went up to bring it down and Columbia Basin assisted in the erection and decorating. All new light bulbs this year should eliminate the out-bulbs for the season.

The nine new hanging pieces have added bright highlights to the strings of lights criss-crossing Main St. Vel Robinson who ordered the new ones for the Chamber of Commerce says "Santa Claus is out. They aren't listed in the catalogues any more." So Heppner's few Santa Claus faces may soon be collector's items. Now we have English lanterns and bells.

# GRAIN PRICES

88th Year Price 10 Cents

Soft white wheat	1.43 1/2 bu.
Red wheat	1.48 1/2 bu.
Barley	46.50 ton

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# Do we need Flood Plain Insurance?

# Judge and Mayor Slate Meet Here

Judge Paul Jones and Mayor Bill Collins have announced a public meeting next week at the County Courthouse. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The meeting has been called for a discussion, pro and con, of the proposed Flood Plain

here and whether or not it is needed here.

Present for the meeting will be people from the State Water Resources Board, Corps of Engineers and other interested people. And Judge Jones said he hoped to have private insurance agents present.

This would be an open meeting and everyone is invited. It would be an informational meeting for the County Court and for the City of Heppner to assist them in learning whether such a type of flood insurance would be needed here. If so, a resolution would need to be made by the Morrow County Court and sent in with an application before Dec. 31.

# Willow Creek Dam Emerges Slowly

Heppner's Mayor Bill Collins received an important telephone call Wednesday from Senator Packwood's office. A call that may mean the beginning of the end of waiting for Heppner and the Willow Creek dam.

Paul Van der Myde with the Senator's office said that Col. Richard M. Connell with the Army Corps of Engineers had received funds to initiate pre-construction planning for WILLOW CREEK DAM. The Corps will soon have drill and survey crews in the area getting foundation cores and topographical data to be used as a basis for design of the dam. The total cost of the Willow Creek project is \$11,600,000.

# School Board Meeting Scheduled Monday at Irrigon

Morrow County School District R-1 Board meeting will be held Dec. 6 at A. C. Houghton Elementary School. The agenda includes:

Minutes of Nov. 15, regular meeting. Minutes of Nov. 29, special meeting. Financial report, Superintendent's report.

**Old Business:** Consider sale of Ione lots; Consider maintenance agreement on Riverside heat pumps and consider adoption of revised policy on student search and seizure.

**New Business:** Adopt salary schedules for the 1972-73 school year and ratify agreements reached with consultant committees.

Establish graduation requirements and student fees for 1972-73.

Consider recommendations of the transportation committee. Approve dates for school vehicle bids.

Establish date for planning committee meeting. Consider contract renewal for District Superintendent.

Consider changes in school staffs for 1972-73, and authorize printing of 1972-73 budget document.

**Reports:** Umatilla County School Board Meeting. Mr. Peck or Mr. Rauch and Heppner Parent-Teacher conferences, Mr. Cole.

**Announcements:** Next regular meeting, Jan. 17, 1972, 7:30 p.m., District Office.

# Jaycee Wives Selling Baked Goods Dec. 4

The Morrow County Jaycee Wives club is having a baked goods sale in Saturday Dec. 4 between 10:00 and 4:00 at the Central Market. They will feature Christmas goodies.

The Jaycee club has toy collection boxes at the First National Bank and at Lyle's barbershop and are very hopeful that more repairable toys will be turned in right away so that they can be made ready for giving to needy children.

# WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	40	28	.09
Wednesday	50	32	.11
Thursday	45	32	.15
Friday	46	40	.73
Saturday	50	36	.01
Sunday	50	40	.13
Monday	44	39	.35
Tuesday	45	32	.01

The month of November rainfall was 2.15. Average for Nov. is 1.44; last year's 1.74. The 1971 total through Nov. is 12.53, the usual average for 11 months is 11.87. If we get .75 in Dec. we will be at the average or normal rainfall for this area—13.25.

# Elks Memorial, Ladies Night, and Visitation, Dec. 2

Cal Sherman, Exalted Ruler of Heppner Lodge 358, announces that Thursday, Dec. 2 (tonight) will be a busy night for Elks.

Elks and their ladies will gather for the December Ladies Night dinner at 6:30. Dinner will be supervised by Mrs. Raymond French with assistance from a selected crew.

Memorial Services for Absent Members will be at 7:45. Members to be memorialized are: Gene Cutsforth, Charles Beck, Cleo Drake, W. C. Cox, John Carter and James A. Lindsay.

The lodge meeting at 8:15 will include a special visitation by Bill Platt, Condon, vice-president of the Oregon State Elks Association.

# Lutheran Church Changes Time for December 5 Service

Sunday, Dec. 5, the morning worship at Hope Lutheran Church will change from its usual time schedule—it will be at 9:00 and Sunday School will be at 10:00.

At Valby Church Sunday School will be at 10:00 and worship service at 11:00.

A fellowship dinner will follow immediately after the worship service at Valby and at 1:00 the annual congregational meeting will be held.

# Sheriff Returns J. Lewin to Jail

Last week Sheriff John Mollahan went to Rock Springs, Wyo. to pick up Jerry Lewin, 40, who had been arrested there on warrants from Morrow County. Mr. Lewin is charged on three counts of obtaining money on false pretenses and one of larceny by a bailee.

Presently Jerry Lewin is lodged in the Umatilla County jail in Pendleton with a combined bail of \$7900.

# Disney Movie Sat. For Children

"The Misadventures of Merlin Jones" a recommended movie by the Walt Disney organization is being given to the children of the community this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 by the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Mr. Glenn Ward, lodge secretary, says that parents should bring children a little before 2:00, and that they should plan to pick them up about 3:45.

# First Aid Course Date Changed

The American Red Cross Multi-media First Aid course has been changed to Dec. 18. One of the Pendleton instructors has been called out of town for the original date.

There is room for a few more people to take the course. In addition to those who previously signed up, Ray Ayers and Lisa Collins have indicated they will be taking the course on Dec. 18.

**New Barber at Lyle Jensen's** shop here is Howard Denton of Richland, Wash. He said at one time he lived near Kinzua and has relatives in the area and likes it here. Lyle is working at the Pendleton post office this month, we understand.



SANTA IS HOLDING Arlene Gray, sister Susan is between Arlene and brother Terry held by their mother Mrs. Mike Gray. In front, wearing fur-trimmed hood, are Tracy and Laurie Ruhl of Roseburg.

# Santa Visits Friends At Christmas Opening

Mr. Santa Claus made a visit to Heppner to talk with some of his favorite friends last Saturday afternoon. He is getting pretty busy in his North Pole workshop, but Mrs. Claus and their helpers manage to take over once in awhile so that he can get out to visit in various towns. The Heppner fire department let him use the fire truck while he was here.

Santa was so friendly and nice. He had some really good visits with lots of good girls and boys, and now he is more sure of what he should get ready to bring to their homes for Christmas.

Santa had some help from the Heppner Merchants Committee in giving out hard candy to each young friend. Some adults remarked that for some reason Santa reminded them very much of Rev. Don Johnson.

**Guessing Contest Winners** Lucky winners in the Heppner Merchants' Guessing Contest got some nice pre-Christmas gifts from the participating

merchants. The winners of the gift certificates and merchandise prizes were:

Mrs. Richard Kinzer, Ione, a \$10 gift certificate from Elma's Apparel; Mike Brandhagen, a \$10 gift certificate from Gardner's Men's Wear; David Worden, a \$10 gift certificate from Gonty's; John E. Hopper, a silver plated dish from Peterson's Jewelers.

Mrs. Paul Warren won Central Market's surprise gift which turned out to be a nice new hair dryer. Ralph Pierzol, a visitor from Milton-Freewater got the \$10 gift certificate from the Coast-to-Coast store; Kathy Marshall won two red-wood picnic benches given by Sears catalog store; Luke Padberg, Lexington, won 10 gallons of gas from Cal's Arco Service.

Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply presented a Berkeley Spin Rod and Reel to Harriet Hall (Mrs. Gene Hall); a \$10 gift certificate from Murray's Drugs went to Herbert Peterson; Randy Worden won a year's subscription to the Heppner Gazette-Times, and Richard Smith won their free classified ad; The adjustable foot stool given by Case Furniture Co. went to John Hall; and Gray's Repair and Union Station says that one of the Bob Riddle children won the 10 gallons of gas from them. The \$10 gift certificate offered by Mr. Ladies was won by Jill Scott. Looks like the Worden family with two winners, David and Randy, and the Hall family also with two winners, Harriet and John, were doubly lucky this year.

# Civil Defense Revamping Here

Morrow County's civil defense is now known as the Department of Emergency Services. Judge Paul Jones is chairman, and has called a meeting for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Courthouse. It is to be a staffing meeting with those heading the staff discussing re-activating the organization and talking about the flood warning system. Dan Viera of the State Dept. will be present as well as representatives from the Women's Flood Warning group here.

# Tuesday Accident Kills Lexington Cow

Tuesday night two young Hermon men traveling south on Highway 207 to Lexington struck a cow near the Roy Martin place. The driver Ronald Lee Berry, 17, is now at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Passenger Douglas Ray Ross, also 17, was not hurt.

The cow was killed, and the boys' car was badly damaged, Sheriff Mollahan reports.

# Penland Lake Filling

Orville Cutsforth is keeping a close tab on Lake Penland now forming behind Cutsforth Dam. He says there are 2 1/2 feet of snow in that area. The pond is about 1500 feet long and has backed up almost to the road that formerly went across the meadow. Full of hope, Orville says, "It just may fill this year."

# \*ANNOUNCEMENT\*

Watch this spot next week for details of the Heppner Christmas Lighting Contest.

# State Forester Tells Of Woodland Care

By ANN TONEY

Pre-commercial or commercial timber thinning implemented on privately-owned land can increase timber growth, grazing capacity, insect and disease resistance and water yield.

This process was explained to the Monday Chamber of Commerce meeting by Warren Weathers, Service Forester for the Oregon State Department of Forestry in an effective slide demonstration of area problems and solutions.

Since July, Mr. Weathers has been assigned to the Columbia Blue Mountain RC & D which covers parts of Morrow, Gilliam, and Umatilla counties for woodland development. He was accompanied and aided by Ernie Labart of the Fossil unit, Wheeler County.

"My goal, set by the RC & D is to assist private landowners with market utilization in forest management of private woodlands," Mr. Weathers informed his audience.

Morrow County has 92,000 acres of privately owned timber. At an estimated average of \$20.00 per thousand board feet, the present estimated merchantable value of standing timber on private land in the county is \$8.5 million. With intensive forest management, Mr. Weathers estimates production could be increased 5 times.

Correct forest management in-

cludes pre-commercial and commercial thinning. An overstocked timberland retards both timber and foliage growth, increases insect and disease damage to weakened trees and prohibits grazing.

Over abundance of timber in a given area results in a loss of moisture due to competition for ground moisture by root systems or a low amount as tops intercept before it reaches the ground. Fire hazards exist due to dead fuels which spread fire easily, as well as prohibit forage growth for poor grazing.

**Pre-Commercial Thinning** In pre-commercial thinning, the healthiest trees are spaced out to allow sunlight and moisture. Spacing varies with size of trees (larger trees would be further apart), species, soil conditions and rainfall. The state is divided into different groups to allow the Department of Forestry to deal with individual area problems effectively.

**Timber Menaces** Insects destroy more trees each year than fires. Beetles common to the area breed in the moist bark and later spread to healthier trees thus less healthy trees are thinned before they can infect others. Other menaces are dwarf mistletoe, a parasite which reduces growth to half and porcupines, which produce the most common animal damage in Northeast Oregon by girdling the tops of trees.

Lightning fires were nature's way of cleaning up a forest stand before thinning was introduced. By using nature's methods for the benefit of man, fuel build-up is eliminated, the resources are conserved and out-of-control fires are less likely. The number of forest fires are not necessarily reduced but the amount of damage is.

An important step in pre-commercial thinning is the piling and burning of slash after an area has been thinned to increase grazing. Piling also eliminates insect growth and cuts fire hazard significantly. The ground is then seeded for forage growth which begins to be productive within three months.

One acre of thinned land is estimated to produce 1500 lb. of air-dried forage or two AUM's per acre. AUM is animal useable month which is the period one cow and calf can be sustained on land.

**Increased Growth** It takes about two years for pine growth to respond to the release. Through increased sap flow the healthier trees are able to repel insects and disease and the increased growth produces a greater harvest. Increased growth rate was graphically illustrated by the Foresters in the tree cross-section from a thinned area they displayed. The rings indicated before thinning, the trees had grown 5 1/2" in 63 years, after the growth increased to 15 inches in 28 years.

Commercial thinning for marketable lumber is usually allowable 15 to 20 years, after pre-commercial thinning.

A cost-sharing program is currently available to this area through REAP (Rural Environmental Assistance Program) in which the landowner's cost is paid 80% up to \$40 an acre to thin.

The results of thinning was demonstrated by "Before and After" slides shown of the French ranch in South Morrow County. A similar project is scheduled for the Ivan McDaniels ranch.

**Other Services** Mr. Weathers also explained the method of re-planting burned out areas with the pre-commercial spacing of the planted trees which enable the timber to grow back within 10 to 15 years. The saplings are from genetically superior seeds, grown in a nursery, returned and planted in the area for better quality trees under controlled growing.

To eliminate costly road building and reduce soil erosion, the State Department of Forestry has developed a balloon able to go up in the air 3/4 mile to be used in logging for skidding and yarding on steeper slopes.

**Tickets Available** President Gene Pierce announced tickets are now available for the Morrow County Livestock Growers Annual Fair and City Banquet. This year's speaker will be Dr. Robert Henderson of Corvallis who will give a 40 minute talk to include films.

The Chamber decided to donate a turkey to the benefit raffle for Dale and Patty Adlard.

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One class will meet at 1:30 and the other class will meet at 7:00. Each class will meet weekly. Books and supplies will be furnished.

# Members of the Governor's Council on Youth will be featured at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

The large new street letter box installed in front of the post office building is primarily to accommodate patrons in the dispatch of mail on Saturdays. All mail addressed for delivery to any postal facility other than Heppner, Oregon, should be placed in this box. On Saturdays this mail will be carried to Pendleton for cancellation as there will be no clerk on duty in the local post office after 11:00 a.m. The above procedure will result in a man-hour savings at the local post office.

# New 'Saturday Box' In Front of Post Office

The volume of mail usually generated on Saturdays does not warrant calling a clerk to duty from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the minimum time for which they can be scheduled. The new procedure will insure prompt dispatch for all Saturday outgoing mail. Patrons are advised to give close attention to correct addressing, and make sure that no mail addressed only to "City," is placed in this box. It is highly recommended that all patrons discontinue addressing mail to "City" and use the words Heppner, Oregon, thus insuring proper delivery.

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Postmaster James H. Driscoll

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