



Heppner's varsity and junior varsity basketball team selected one girl to represent each class and from them selected Judy Bennett as "Miss Merry Christmas." Other girls selected to the court are Sally Matheny, Cheryl Turner and Judy Healy. Pictured above is Merry Christmas and her escort, Gary Hunt.

Elks' Free Throw Contest Saturday

The Elks annual Free Throw Contest will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, at Heppner and Ione High Schools, 9 a.m. to noon.

This year brings several changes in the free throw basketball contest. There will be three age groups, ages 8 to 9, 10 to 11 and 12 to 13. This year girls are also eligible for competition in the same age groups.

The competition will be under the direction of Jerry Martin, grade school basketball coach at Ione, and Clint Agee, Heppner grade school coach.

Boys will compete against boys, and girls against girls. One winner in each age group (for the boys) will go to the district competition in January. Regional finals will be held in LaGrande, and national finals in Kansas City, Mo., March 16, 1974. The status of the girls is undetermined beyond the local lodge level because this is the first year girls have been eligible, and the machinery to accommodate them has not been perfected, according to Agee.

To enter the contest, all that is needed is for the girl or boy to show up at one of the two high schools during the morning hours of Dec. 15. Fifty throws from the free throw line on a standard basketball court will be made by each contestant. The winner will be determined solely on the basis of the number of goals made; and in the case of a tie, the winner will be the one who gets the best score with an additional 10 throws.

Last year's local winner was Carl Christman of Hardman. For further information, call Coaches Agee or Martin.

Before you haul your own wood

What with the energy shortage one would think that government would encourage people to cut and burn their own wood, right?

Wrong. Government is going to give you a ticket if you use a pickup this winter to haul your own wood, according to the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

Pickups used for non-commercial purposes are licensed in Oregon as passenger vehicles and cannot exceed 6,000 pounds in combined weight of the unit and load.

Owners who want to use their pickups to haul wood can avoid the risk of a ticket for no

truck license is the load of wood brings the weight over 6,000 pounds by obtaining a trip permit from the Motor Vehicles Division that will allow them to exceed the weight limit, or by licensing the unit as a truck.

For most people, who plan to haul a few loads of wood over a weekend, the division says a trip permit would be more practical. The trip permit costs \$5 and is valid for five days. The fee, the division pointed out, is about five times cheaper than a ticket for not having a truck license. Keep smiling!



Terry Nolan wasn't the least bit shy about Santa Claus approaching on Main Street Saturday or telling him what she would like to have for Christmas.



RHEA CREEK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rhea Creek Grange will have its Christmas program and party following the regular meeting of the grange on Dec. 14, and all members and guests are invited to attend. There will be potluck supper starting at 6:30. No word has been heard yet from Santa, reports Frieda Slocum, lecturer, but there will be treats for everyone.

COLOR TELEVISION SET IS STOLEN

The Sheriff's Department was notified of a burglary at the residence of Leonard G. Holtcomb, Ione, Dec. 10. Taken from the premises was a colored television set valued at \$600. The Holtcomb's are in the process of moving and had been away from their home for a few days. When they returned they discovered the theft and notified the sheriff.

Mustangs win over Wallowa, 69-57

The Heppner Mustangs won their first non-conference basketball game Friday as they rolled over the Wallowa Cougars 69-57.

The Mustangs took an early lead over the Cougars and headed off the visitors the rest of the game.

The Mustangs pulled 48 rebounds to the Cougars 26 to lead in the rebound category.

In the shooting category, the Mustangs shot a cold 39 per cent from the field. The Mustangs, however, sank a remarkable 23 points in the second half to secure the victory.

John Boyer was the high

point man for Heppner as he sunk 23 points, followed by Ken Eckman and Dyck Dunlap with 12 points. The other scorers included Mike Mills with 5, Mike Bergstrom 9, John Myers 6, Barry Munkers 6 and John Kilkenny 2.

The Cougars' top scorers were Dave Hyatt with 17 points and Greg Byerley with 14.

Dean Naffziger, Heppner coach, said "You could tell this was our first game of the season, but the boys played a good game." The coach also cited Ken Eckman for a "tremendous defensive job" he played.

MOTHERS CLUB PLANS COOKIE EXCHANGE

The Mothers Club met Dec. 3 at the home of Daryce Franzen for a cookie exchange.

Dec. 10, members made Christmas wreaths at the United Methodist Church basement in conjunction with the Heppner Garden Club. The wreaths were donated to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 7, at the home of Nancy Calvert. Rev. Ed Cutting will present the program, "Plants for Spring."

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cecil, Pendleton, have a son, Jeffrey Lee, born Nov. 28 at Pendleton Community Hospital. He joins a sister, Jacki Lynn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Crawford, Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cecil of Kinzua.



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Mr. and Mrs. Tim Corwin, Heppner, are parents of a daughter, Christina Marie, born Dec. 7 at Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Shuman, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johns, Condon.

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If the "Nixon" administration is concerned about shortening the time required to get a nuclear project on the line from a present 12 year period to a proposed 6 year period - aren't recent AEC restrictions off just 180 degrees?

Do we need to speed up present hydro projects rather than to allow them to be delayed or impounded by the OMB?

Are we needing to develop more hydro projects?

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