

SPRAY NEWS

By MARY WILLIAMS

The village is taking on a most festive air, many homes turning a twinkling and colorful face to the crisp winter evenings, with their attractive array of Christmas lights and decorations. And old man winter is, I must say, dipping willingly, if icy, fingers into the holiday pie, having contributed, up to date, four inches of snow, morning fog and a temperature drop to 8 degrees above, locally.

Wes and Mari Lin Hundley were here the weekend from Forest Grove and Ontario. The Hundleys are in the process of moving and will make their home here after January 1.

Mayor and Mrs. Gus Strecker and Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Cress were in the Tri-Cities early in the week for Christmas shopping.

Jack and Clara Jenkins were in The Dalles mid-week for business and medical appointments.

Ralph Bennett who underwent surgery Tuesday, Dec. 9 has been dismissed from a Prineville hospital and returned to his home Monday. Bennett had other surgery only a short while prior to this hospitalization so, from your Spray friends and neighbors Ralph, a speedy recovery and good health as the holiday season approaches.

The Wilbur Alford and son

Jason spent Friday in Heppner at the home of Judy's sister, the Don Stroobers and, on Saturday went to the Tri-Cities for shopping while young Jason remained for further visiting at the Stroeber home.

Ruby Smith is vacationing in San Bernardino, CA and will spend some time in Palo Alto at the home of her daughter, the Mark Lintons, before her return.

Among Spray people attending a Forest Service meeting in Monument Monday were Mrs. Odell Adams and Frank Cecil.

The Bud McCartys and grandson Mark Van Ness spent Tuesday and Sunday in John Day for business and shopping.

Celia and Robert Reed were Heppner visitors early in the week. Robert for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bria Adams were here from Prineville at the home of Donita's parents, Joanne and Don Griffith this past weekend for family visiting and sharing young Gib's birthday festivities.

Tuck Jackson is spending a few days in the Rose City and Aloha visiting relatives and attending business.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weekly have moved here recently and will live on the Don Johnson ranch two miles out of Spray. Weekly, from Roseburg, will

be employed as foreman and manager. The Weekleys are completely remodeling and redecorating the ranch house.

The school's Christmas program at the gym Thursday evening was most enjoyable, dispelling any pre-holiday blues one might have been experiencing. The audience was invited to join in singing the traditional songs heralding the Season of Noel. Mrs. Hosken's pre-school students were outstanding as were Lloyd Little's second, third and fourth graders with their portrayal of Meows cat food commercial.

And the High School's modern presentation of Little Red Riding Hood shocked cast and audience alike right out of legend into dazed unreality and, incidentally, left them there.

The program was made up of joyful and unexpected happenings, the merriest of all, the arrival of Santa Claus in the nick of time, with his reindeer.

What is the plural of reindeer. Some one? Disregard the query! He arrived with one, only, which, shockingly enough resembled a Shetland pony but convincingly adorned with a most realistic set of horns. Don't leave, there's more! Atop his back, a striking platinum blonde in the person of Tiny the poodle, very Christmasy in her bright vest, an original from Marie's Fashions. This young lady left no doubts as to her equestrian abilities when the reindeer, just before entering the gym, went into it's own special version of a sun-fishing bronco and the rider, although not lasting the required eight seconds of the rodeo arena, held out for three

umps. Santa was most generous with his Christmas goodies and having spoken his traditional Merry Christmas to All was up and away. If you are perchance, seeking a new version of holiday merriment, try our village. Ho-Ho-Ho!

The Johnnie Asher home was attractive in its holiday decor when Carol entertained her card club early in the week. Players were Alice Deitz, June Troxell, Kathi Brisbois, Judy Alford, Suzy Gonzales, Jeri Wight, Margaret Ashmeade, Merna Gervais, Edith Chapman and Anita Cody with prizes going to Alice Deitz, pinochle, Edith Chapman, consolation and Kathi Brisbois, high. Carol served refreshments of pop corn balls, punch, shortcake and coffee. Her Tops club meets Monday evening. Banish the thought!

Following Wednesday evening's Bible study at the Assembly Church, those in attendance gathered in the basement rooms for refreshments and greeted their pastor and family, the Allen Gordaniens, with a Christmas food shower and holiday wishes.

Word has been received by Beverly Asher of the serious illness of her aunt, Mrs. Virgil Davenport, following two severe heart attacks.

The Davenport and their daughter, Virginia (Davenport) Williams are well known here, having spent many years in Spray and have made their home in Dayton, WA since leaving here. Marion is in Dayton's Memorial Hospital. This community joins in wishing her well.

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Roy and Pauline Britt and Tina Stuber returned from Salem and Portland Sunday evening where they visited Pauline's son and family, the Gary Gochenours and Roy's daughter and her family, the Rod Pietilas. Tod Pietila recently sustained a fractured wrist in an accident at his home. Tod, eleven, and outstanding in athletics, is suffering, not so much from his injury, as from the fact he must be out for the remainder of his soccer season.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Culver, Linda Keys and Linda Rector were in Portland recently where they attended an Oregon Fairs convention as representatives of Wheeler County's fair board.

Charles Sanders, with his

instructor, flew here Friday from California. Due to heavy local fog upon arrival they continued on to John Day and returned before attempting a landing here. Charles will visit his parents a few days, the Ed Sanders and other relatives.

The Ed Kencalls daughters and families, Debbie and her son and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee and Cary Jo all of Yuma, AZ are here for some pre-holiday visiting.

Juanita Fisher was a business visitor in John Day Friday. Mrs. Fisher's son Jimmy has been here from Reno, NV for a brief visit with his mother and his brother's family, the Bobby Fishers. Jimmy states they are well satisfied in their new location. His wife, Mary, is office manager where she is employed with Toybee National Forest Service in Reno and has spent several weeks at a Utah College and will take further training in Nevada.

Hubert and Goldie Asher accompanied their daughter, Mrs. DeWayne Simmons to Heppner for shopping Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ashmeade left Friday for Jefferson where they will spend the holidays with their daughter and family, the Lyle Rillings. They took with them a most delightful feline friend "Miss Pluff" for their grandchildren, Kary, Kasey and Kelly.

Kirk Gervais was a dinner guest Thursday at the Don Collins home while his parents attended business in John Day.

Santa's letter box is creating much interest at the local post office. One small boy, scoffing at his young sister's firm conviction in the reality of Santa Claus, was badly shaken upon picking up the family mail, to find a letter to his sister postmarked North Pole. Doing a rapid and complete turn around, both in mind and foot work, the lad had a letter posted to his merry, bearded, rotund friend in less than the traditional wink of an eye, doubts thrown to the four winds.

Santa is, interestingly, making prompt reply to all letters.

Tom and Donna Troxell have been Portland visitors this week and enroute home were in Sandy at the home of Tom's brother, the Don Troxells. Their son Kevin remained with his aunt, Arlene Potter, during their absence.

Arlene, with her daughters, Zorita and Shirli, have recently moved to a mobil home rental at the Asher Court.

Edna Hopper, Heppner, has been dismissed from St. Anthony's Hospital, Pendleton

and is convalescing at the home of her son, Bob and Neva Hopper at Hermiston. Mrs. Ray Britt has visited her mother there over the weekend.

Nine guests were invited when Mrs. Lee Brisbois served a dinner in observance of her husband's birthday at their home Sunday evening, Dec. 14. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brisbois with Marcie and Larry Jr., Ron and Jodi Brisbois and Nikki Jo and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Adams.

Later in the evening the Lee Brisbois joined the Wilbur Alford's and guests for continued festivities honoring the Alford's small son Jason, for his second birthday. Jason's guests, other than Lee and Ellen, were Buell Gonzales with his parents, Suzy and Buell Sr., Jamie and Misty Bowler, with Jim and Ellen, Marcie and Larry Brisbois with Kathi and Larry Sr., and Jason's grandparents, Frank and Melba Cecil.

Laurel Kelsay entertained her pinochle club Tuesday evening with a birthday party honoring Martina Warren. Two tables were in play with prizes going to Edith Chapman, Clara Strecker and Lula McCarty. Others playing included Celia Reed, Martina Warren, Olive Reade, Laurel Kelsay and Mary Williams.

The club, which was formed more than ten years ago, and "lovingly" dubbed The Dirty Eight by possibly a slightly piqued husband whose night out with the boys didn't coincide, will discontinue after the first of the year. Regrettably "For we Were Jolly Good Fellows."

Our entire community has been truly saddened by the death of Bob Helms Sturdy morning, Dec. 13 at his home in Fossil.

On Dec. 3, Gilbert and Ada (Anderson) Simpson were surprised at their Pendleton home with a wedding reception honoring their 40th anni-

versary. The Simpsons cut the first piece of the wedding cake and refreshments were then served by their four children, Gene, Fisher, Spray, Nova Gaylord, Heppner and Jim and Dale Simpson, both of Pilot Rock.

More than thirty friends and relatives were present and included Mr. and Mrs. Trout whose marriage date coincides with the Simpsons, when both couples were married at Vancouver, WA. Although they were not acquainted at the time, Trouts and Simpsons have been close neighbors over a long period of time at their Pendleton homes.

9 Seasons Greetings

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