

# Elementary grades plan special Christmas

Some of the teachers at the Heppner Elementary School have organized their students as Santa's helpers. They have planned together carefully what the youngsters would do to help spread joy these last few days before Christmas.

the nursing home on Monday, Dec. 20, to sing carols to the residents. This was their first "field trip" and they were excited about going away from their schoolroom.

Mrs. Ruby Shear's fifth grade have been working on gifts for their parents. Monday they went to the nursing home to give gifts and to sing a

kindergarten children. On the 22nd they were busy making pies and caramel apples for their own "last day" party.

Mr. Herzog's room has prepared a food basket to take to the Heppner Neighborhood Center for some of the less fortunate persons in the community.

Mrs. William's fifth graders

are busy making gifts for their mothers. They are fashioning unusual planters which they will probably fill with plants before presenting them.

Mrs. Murray's pupils have formed a Drama Group which presented a play, "The First New England Christmas Tree," to the grades from five through eight on Wed., Dec.

22, at 11 a.m., and to the four lower grades this morning.

Thursday, Dec. 23, at 9:30. The following students took part in the play: Andy Gorman, Ann Sproed, Mike Walsingham, Earl Hammond, Bill Hoffnagle, Pat Parker, Mark Launer, Harry Groshens and Nancy Miller.

Mrs. Inez Erwin's 6th grade

classes have always planned ahead and worked hard on their annual Yule efforts. This year the class decided to raise money for Care food packages. Their project was to bake and sell cupcakes. They sold the cakes to other classes and to teachers. They had baked so diligently that they had cakes to sell after school to the public down by the Coast-to-Coast store. Their baking and selling brought in an overall profit of \$54.45.

They want to thank those who supported their sale and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sargent of the Coast-to-Coast for their help.

Now the class has made decorations for the school tables for the big Christmas luncheon today. They made elves and used them along with Christmas greenery. Thus, their efforts made the last day of school more festive for everybody.

The hard-working, careful

planning Erwin sixth-graders are: Darla Anglin, Marty Britt, Mike Brosnan, Greg Connor, Mike Currin, Linda Galbraith, Shawn Gibson, Jay Hayes, Mardel James, Jennifer Johnston, Jay Keithley, Sandra Kelsay, Charles Knopp, Rita Lovgren, Wesley Marlatt, Patricia Morley, Dennis Papineau, Charles Parker, Will Patching, Melanie Seitz, Billy Smith, John Stevens, Jon Sumner, Judi Ward and Annette Wilgers.

## Lions Club plays special Santas helpers

The Heppner Lions have been busy this holiday season as Santa's helpers.

In mid-December, a Santa mailbox was utilized at local post offices for receiving letters to Santa so that Lions Club Santa could call in response to the letters written by Heppner, Lexington and Ione youngsters.

Approximately 180 letters were received, about 30 of

them duplicates—as some were written as a class project and some were written at home.

Of benefit to the Santa callers this year was the class project of both the first and second graders writing in. On the letters from the school classes, the parents' name and phone number was provided.

The Lions' Santa talked to

about 300 children and visited with all of the children in a family when they called.

Santa was aided by seven Lions members. They were Dick Sargent, Al Osin, Bill

Lande, John Edmundson, Dave Dollarhide, Elmer Sams, and Clayton Herzog.

This week, the Lions provided Christmas goodies for 23 patients at the nursing home

at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Escorted by Earl Pettyjohn, Santa (Albert Connor) presented the sacks of candy, oranges and peanuts to the patients.

## Piano lessons cancelled

Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens will not return from Portland until after the holidays, according to a letter she wrote to the Gazette-Times to inform her piano students.

Mrs. Groshens' father, Earl Hough, passed away in Portland and she attended his funeral on Dec. 8. She decided to stay through the holidays, but had not informed her students.

## Merry Christmas

From Our House  
to Yours  
Shalom

Charles & Bea Gomillion

"Santa tells us he likes knowing  
you're wearing clean clothes"  
say the Bill Weatherfords.

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And a Snowy New Year

by Linda Engert

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Merry Christmas

by Tara Mahoney

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