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Sifting through the TIMES



The report of a night police chase involving city, county and state officers lent excitement to the front page of the GazetteTimes this week in 1967.

Two youths, 17, and a young woman, 18, all of Yakima, were apprehended for allegedly stealing a car in Yakima and another in Hermiston, after a high speed chase out Hinton Creek highway caused them to run through a sign in making the corner to Sand Hollow Road and eventually into the ditch near the top of the hill.

Less exciting but more important news was the signing of \$110,000 worth of municipal bonds by Mayor W.C. Rosewall and City Recorder Elaine George and the passing by a 3 to 1 margin a five year Road Serial Levy which empowered the county to spend up to \$150,000 per year for maintaining and improving county roads.

Louis Evans Bisbee, 86, the son of county pioneers and associated with the prominent hardware firm Gilliam and Bisbee for over 50 years, died 10 years ago after a month long illness.

Also in this week of 1967, remodeling work on the First National Bank was underway after the demolition of the old Cal's Tavern building north of the bank, and the Heppner Mustangs fell to an undefeated Cardinal basketball team, 59-52, after a come-from-behind lone effort.

Santa arrived in town in old time style this week in 1967, atop a one horse buggy, accompanied by driver and owner Harold Johnson. Queen, Johnson's registered Quarter Horse, was appropriately bedecked with jingling bells for the occasion.

Six new members were elected to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 20 years ago this week. New two-year directors were Victor Kreimeyer, John Venard, Keith Ismus, Joe H. Stewart and Robert Abrams, while Harley Young was elected to a one-year term.

The establishment of a new sawmill and a new payroll industry for Heppner was assured this week in 1937 when H.O. Wray, formerly of Yakima, signed the lease with Wightman brothers for a sawmill site a mile north of the city limits. The mill was expected to begin operation in the spring, employing 25 men.

An inside editorial that week saw the new mill as only one of many indications of new prosperity:

"With the announcement of the coming of a sawmill to Heppner and steps progressing in the construction locally of an administration headquarter for the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest, there is good cheer with which to brighten the city's hopes for the future... More good cheer for the season comes in the form of generous moisture which has led old-timers to remark the county looks the best, so far as growing conditions are concerned, that it has at any time in the last twenty years.

"In all there is generous indication that Morrow county is on the road back from the deep throes of the last depression, with reason to believe that the next era of prosperity will carry it to a higher peak of settlement and prosperity than it has ever before obtained."

The United States was deeply involved in World War I in 1917 and items in the Gazette-Times reflected wartime concerns.

Picture Credit

Mary Benedict's Kindergarten classes spent part of Tuesday mailing letters to Santa. Children who mail a letter to Santa at the Post Office will soon receive a telephone call from him.

OBITUARY

Esther Havekost

Esther Havekost, 70, Ione, died Dec. 10 in Heppner.

A long time resident of the Ione area, she was born June 9, 1907 in Echo, the daughter of Boyd and Hazel Ahalt Logan.

Mrs. Havekost was a member of the Heppner Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Ione United Church of Christ at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Duane Geyer officiating. Carl Marquardt and Billy Riley sang "I Can Never Overlove the Lord". The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Billy Riley was the guitarist.

Casket bearers were Elmer Sams, Jim Bloodsworth, Vern Nolan, Ellis Pettyjohn, Hal Whitaker and Alan Crane.

Concluding services and interment were at High View Cemetery, Ione, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Havekost is survived by the widower, Herman, Ione; five sons, James Barnett, Pendleton; Paul and Samuel Barnett, both of Portland; Joe Barnett, Juneau, Alaska; and David Barnett, Ione; one daughter Mary Aune, Seattle, Wash.; two half

brothers, John Havekost, Visalia, Calif.; Charles Havekost, Bellingham, Wash.; fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Christian College Fund in care of the Heppner Christian Life Center.

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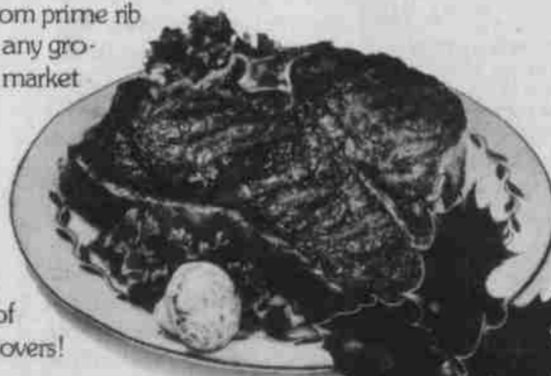
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A Christmas Poem for Children

Puppy Dog and Kitty Kat side by side
 On the doorstep sat.
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 Kitty Kat was a fluffy gold ball,
 Most times, a loving little cat was she.
 But now and again,
 She was as naughty as could be—
 She'd fight with Puppy Dog, spit and spat
 Quarrel over this and that.
 Today both were blue
 "T'was the day before Christmas."
 Folks had gifts piled everywhere
 Under the tree and here and there.
 Yet no one thought Puppy Dog and Kitty Kat, Puppy
 Dog and Kitty Kat peeked under the tree.
 Not one gift for Puppy Dog or Kitty Kat did they see.
 They wanted a gift for each other, what could they do?
 They had no money, not even a penny or two.
 As they cuddled close and slept that night,
 Each dreamed of a happy plan.
 Puppy Dog waked early,
 Waiting for Kitty Kat to play.
 As she waked with a happy purr, Puppy Dog called to her.
 "Happy Christmas! I'm giving a gift, too."
 "I'm giving myself to you."
 Kitty Kat purred, "I have a gift, too, I'm giving me to you."
 All day long they did run and play
 Hide and seek and this and that
 With nary a spit; nary a spat.
 After that it was like Christmas every day.
 All day long they'd play.
 Never again did Katty Kat spit and spat,
 Never quarrel over this and that,
 Cause Puppy Dog was loved by Kitty Kat.

Katherine Rozelle Farrar

Christmas Concerts

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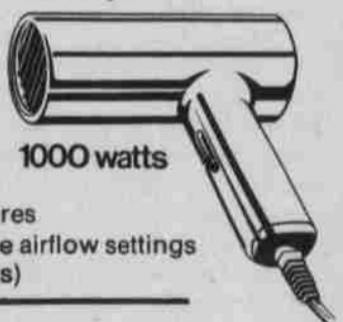
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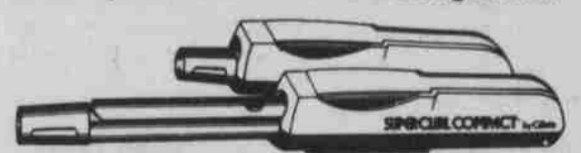
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