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Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Mon., Dec. 22	59	48	.01
Tues., Dec. 23	50	40
Wed., Dec. 24	52	40	.26
Thurs., Dec. 25	66	48	.11
Fri., Dec. 26	68	57	.03
Sat. Dec. 27	64	43	.09
Sun., Dec. 28	55	33
Mon., Dec. 29	53	33

This may be last for Heppner tradition



This may be the last Christmas season that area residents will be able to see this large illuminated wood Nativity that has become a tradition at the home of Mrs. Amanda Duvall.

Mrs. Duvall has put the hand-painted display up for sale, citing difficulty in arranging to have the life-size figures set up.

Mayors, councilmembers sworn in Mon., Tues.

Councilmembers and mayors elected in November will be sworn in at Ione, Heppner and Lexington council meetings in the coming week.

Four councilmembers and a new mayor will be sworn in at the Heppner City Council

meeting Monday night.

Joyce Winter, Ron Farris and Warren Plocharsky all won seats on the council in the November election. Jim Ackley will also be sworn in to the council. Although Ackley's name was not on the ballot he did receive some write-in

votes and has agreed to serve. Former Councilmember Clifford Green will be sworn in as Heppner's new mayor, replacing Jerry Sweeney.

In Ione, Linda LaRue will be sworn in as mayor Monday and Laurel Cannon, Cleo

Childers and Dorothy Stefani will be sworn in as councilmembers.

Ed Baker will be sworn in as Lexington mayor on Tuesday, Jan. 6, and Gary Munkers and John Ripple will be sworn in as councilmembers.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. office at the courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week.

On Dec. 20, a two-vehicle accident was reported west of Boardman. Unspecified injuries occurred. The Boardman Police handled the call.

On Dec. 21, at 3:01 a.m., a one-vehicle accident occurred one mile east of Irrigon on Highway 730. A Sheriff's deputy secured the scene until the Oregon State Police arrived. A Umatilla ambulance and a tow truck were dispatched to the scene.

On Dec. 22, Lorraine Ladd, Ione, reported the theft of her son's letterman's jacket. The jacket was described as red with cream-colored leather sleeves, and "Richard Ladd" inscribed on it. The jacket also had two football patches on the front.

On Dec. 23, Portland General Electric, Boardman, reported the theft of a 35 mm "Canon" camera and lens.

On Dec. 24, a vehicle owned by Jack Ball, Lexington, received damage in the engine compartment due to a fire. The Heppner Fire Department responded.

North Morrow Clinic hires doctor

Only without a doctor a short time, Boardman-area residents now have a new physician staffing the North Morrow County Medical Clinic.

Dr. Ray F. Lobb, 57, has signed a contract to work at the clinic, replacing Dr. James R. Anderson who left the clinic Dec. 15 after he and the North Morrow Medical Board could not arrive at a contract agreement.

Dr. Lobb is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine and has served as medical director for Reynolds Metal Co. in Troutdale. He also spent 23 years in private practice in Portland.

The clinic is now in the process of hiring a nurse to assist Dr. Lobb at the clinic.



County ASC committee election results told

Results of the December election of county ASC committee persons for 1981 were announced recently by Judy Buschke, executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Newly named to committee posts in the mail balloting were: Brok P. Tucker, Heppner area, irrigation and dryland grain farmer, regular member; Max Heilberg, Irrigon cattle and hay rancher, first alternate; and Montie Crum, Ione wheat farmer, second alternate.

The entire committee for 1981 consists of Albert Osmin, chairman; James Swanson, vice-chairman; Brok Tucker,

member, and alternates.

Mrs. Buschke said farmer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs. At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year. The farmer receiving the largest number of votes is elected to a three-year term; second largest, a two-year term if the position is vacant; third largest, a one-year term if the position is vacant; and fourth and fifth largest, one-year terms as alternates.

Mrs. Buschke said that last year about 90 percent of all farmers in the county participated in one or more of the programs administered by the ASC committee.

First place only real champion

Although most people would consider attaining 10th place in nation-wide competition quite an accomplishment, Jody Tatone of Boardman is not exactly pleased.

"As far as I'm concerned," he says, "There's only one champion - only one wins first."

Tatone, 28, recently returned from the national rodeo finals in Oklahoma City Dec. 6 through 14, placing 10th nation-wide in bull riding and 13th in that particular rodeo.

"The rodeo was disappointing to me," said Tatone, whose first priority is rodeo. Tatone said he entered into

the Oklahoma City competition in fourth place, but equipment problems hampered him, initially.

"It was half over," said Tatone. "And I still didn't have any points. I had to change my strategy and ride more aggressively and consequently I fell off some bulls."

Three other Oregonians competed in the finals and, said Tatone, "None of us did very well. But next year could be completely different."

Still, one can't help but think, 10th "aint" half bad. Tatone has been riding for eight years, the last two professionally.

No to no-growth, says port manager

Interim manager of the Port of Morrow, Wayne Schwandt, said Tuesday that there will be increasing pressure in the months and years ahead by some people to "put a lid" on growth in the State of Oregon. He said growth so far in Morrow County has not been detrimental, and that people should fight a no-growth

attitude in the state.

"There will be incredible growth," Schwandt told the noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, "and there will be increasing pressure to put a lid on it, primarily from the Willamette Valley. For that thinking to permeate the whole state and put the stops on all over is not

reasonable and we are going to have to be very vigilant about it," he said.

Schwandt, 32, was hired on a six-month contract by the Port, to "see if the port wants me and I want it," he said in referring to the port board of Commissioners.

He told the chamber there would be increased pressure on the timberlands in Morrow

County, and on the water resources of the Columbia River in the years ahead, but that economic growth will be beneficial if watched and directed.

"Heppner and Boardman will be in competition with thousands of other communities for economic growth," Schwandt said.

Vera Simonton selected Ione Schools artist

Vera Simonton, a Pendleton artist, has been selected to participate in the artist-in-residence program at Ione Schools.

The program, officially titled the "Rural Artist Residency" program, is jointly funded by the Northwest Area Foundation, the Oregon Arts Foundation and individual school districts.

It is designed to bring professional artists into the classroom to work with teachers and students and community members.

Simonton, who was hired to teach spinning and weaving, will begin the nine-week

program on Jan. 12.

In addition to classroom instruction at the Ione Schools, Simonton says that she will also teach an evening class open to members of the community.

Simonton says that, as an added bonus, her husband, Tom, will accompany her and will do cartooning. Tom paints the windows of area businesses each year at fair and rodeo time.

The Simontons, however are in need of housing their nine week stay. She asks that anyone in need of a house-sitter, or anyone knowing of a house or apartment to rent please contact her, 276-1262.

Ione couple attends CENEX Conference



Mr. and Mrs. Joe McElligott

"Your Cooperative Involvement" was the theme of a three-day "Young Couples Conference" recently attended by Mr. and Mrs. Joe McElligott of Ione.

The conference was held at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain at Bend, and focused on cooperative principals, responsibilities of co-op board members, managers, and member development.

The young couples participated in discussions relating to the co-ops financial needs,

the role of farm organizations, and shared ideas about their local co-ops.

Harlan Rosvall, vice president of Construction and Engineering, St. Paul, was the guest speaker at the banquet. The conference was sponsored by CENEX, Oregon State Grange, and the Washington Oregon Farmers Union.

CENEX is a regional supply cooperative supplying 1,400 cooperatives in thirteen states.

School advisory committee to meet Jan. 8

The Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School library.

Major items will include

preliminary consideration of certified personnel and a discussion on adoption procedures for classroom textbooks, led by John Edmundson, assistant to the superintendent.

Toombs elected Heppner Chamber president

Fred Toombs, general manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op., has been elected 1981 president of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Toombs will replace Bill Kuhn, an attorney with the law office of Abrams & Kuhn, who served as 1980 president.

Toombs was elected president at the Dec. 23 meeting of the chamber.

Other officers elected for 1981 include Bob Harris of Far Western Real Estate, first vice-president; John Maas, pastor of the Lutheran Church, second vice-president; and Ken Miller, manager of the First National Bank in Heppner, secretary-treasurer.



Fred Toombs

Who will be Baby New Year?

Who will be the first baby born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in 1981?

Whoever it is will receive a bundle of gifts from local merchants and businesses.

Gift certificates, baby items and services will be given to the new parents and the new baby in 1981.

Check inside this week's Gazette for more details on the first baby of the year.

View of wheat fields, range lands restored

A 40 mile stretch of aerial telephone wire, cable and poles which connected Pendleton with Umatilla 74 years ago is coming down, restoring a view across the wheat fields and range lands west and northwest of Pendleton which hasn't existed since 1906.

That year, Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph, which served Pendleton at the time, built a long distance "detour" to Umatilla to relieve telephone traffic on a route which connected Pendleton to Portland through Walla Walla. The Walla Walla route traveled southwest to Umatilla and then west along

the Columbia River to Portland.

Due to growth in calling between 1906 and 1940, the Pendleton-Umatilla line was beefed up with the addition of multi-wire telephone cable in 1942.

According to Pacific Northwest Bell Manager Linda Buckner, a \$1.2 million, high-capacity buried cable, which has been placed in service along much of the same route, allows PNB to restore the original view.

PNB will eventually remove nearly 40 miles of old telephone cable, 351 miles of wire and 1200 poles.

OSU forest tax specialist to speak

by Maurice Mitchell, Morrow Extension Service

Dr. Charles Sutherland, tax specialist, Oregon State University Extension Service, will present a workshop on taxation pertaining to woodland property owners. Topics will include: "Property Taxes," "Inheritance Taxes," and "Harvesting taxes."

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7,

and last until 3 p.m., with an hour break for lunch. Location of this session will be the Columbia Basin Co-op. Conference Room in Heppner. There is no charge for the session and public is invited to attend.

Anyone wishing further information concerning this workshop can contact Maurice Mitchell, Morrow County Extension agent, 676-9642.