

## Ione news

By DELPHA JONES

Morrow County can now brag about another writer, Della Heideman of Ione, who has had a play entitled "Mary's Christmas" published this month in "Share" magazine. The play was written for Ione United Church of Christ's annual Christmas service for 1981. The play covers a look at the birth of Christ through Mary's eyes and has parts for children, shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph. Mrs. Heideman received a cash payment for her play's publication in the national magazine for Christian educators and teachers. This is her first work to be published. Della has written a new service for this year's Christmas pageant which was held December 19 at the church.

Saturday night, the Ione Extension Club presented a \$500 check to Don and Gail Papineau of Ione for emergency aid. The Saturday night function was held at the home of Jim and Monica Swanson of Ione, and was an annual Christmas party. The money came from the United Way of Morrow County.

Thursday, Dec. 16, the Ione Extension Club was very busy as they gathered over 37 dozen cookies and other Christmas goodies and packaged and delivered them to Ione senior citizens. For the past several years, this club has been busy with this same project and the response has been great. For those in the community who are in need of low caloric goodies the club members gathered at the home of Debbie Morgan and prepared plates of fruit and nuts to be delivered.

The semi-annual meeting of the Morrow County United Way Board saw three local residents elected to the board; Ron Palmateer, Robin Baker and Della Heideman all of Ione. The United Way had been functioning in this county since May and is helping people in the county through disaster relief, charitable donations to service groups, and funding charity and service projects within the county. Although United Way is fairly new in the county many of the residents will be expressing their gratitude because of the many hundreds of dollars allocated from that organization's general fund for many county service groups' Christmas projects this year.

Thursday evening, the Ione Lions Club held a Christmas party and had a raffle for a camera. The lucky winner was Corey Morgan, a local infant, whose parents, Debbie and Virgil Morgan, were delighted to receive the gift. The raffle was the fall and winter project to raise money for the club. The monies made from these projects are used for future community service projects.

The Ione Grand Squares dance club performed Thurs-

day at noon at the senior citizen mealsite in Condon. Following a well-received performance at the Condon United Church of Christ, the mealsite location in Condon, the club traveled to the nursing home and danced for the residents there. All the club members enjoyed the chance to share their time and abilities with the senior members of the Condon community.

A Christmas party was held at Willows Grange, beginning with a nice turkey dinner. Tables were decorated in the Christmas motif, with a beautiful Christmas tree, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jonny Eubanks.

A program of readings was enjoyed, and Frances Smouse entertained on her violin. One outstanding reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was presented by Marilyn Childers for the children present.

Santa was also on hand, with gifts for all.

## Heppner students hold food drive

First through eighth grade students at Heppner Elementary School donated one pickup load of food, clothing and toys to the Heppner Neighborhood Center for distribution to needy families in the area.

The food drive held December 10-17 is an annual project at the school.

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## Heppner woman wins Fair & Rodeo committee awards Scholarship over \$1,000



Jan Stroeber of Heppner got a great surprise and early Christmas present Saturday, Dec. 11, when she was notified that she was the grand prize winner in a contest sponsored by radio station KLWJ, 1090, of Hermiston. As top winner she received \$1090. "I've never won anything before!" she said.

She entered the contest by picking up an entry blank and bumper sticker for the drawing at The LeBush Shoppe in Heppner.

Stroeber said she banked the money, but will use part of it for a snowmobile trip to Bend.

## Fair & Rodeo committee awards Scholarship

Anita Palmer, 18, of Ione, was awarded a \$300 scholarship by the Morrow County Rodeo Committee at their December meeting.

Palmer was queen of the 1982 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and is the daughter of Lee and Mary Ann Palmer. A 1982 graduate of Ione High School, she is a freshman majoring in business administration at Oregon State University.

In other business, the members elected Don Stroeber as chairman. He replaces Bob

Montgomery. Joe Yocom was named vice-chairman and Judy Currin will remain secretary.

The dates of the 1983 rodeo will be August 26 - 28. John Raltray of Condon was awarded stock contractor. A profit was made on the 1982 rodeo, it was reported.

Tryouts for the 1983 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court will be held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 12 noon, at the fairgrounds in Heppner (See related story).

## Hermiston woman to speak at Aglow meeting

The Heppner Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet Tuesday, Dec. 28, 7:15 p.m., at All Saints Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Guest speaker will be Agnes Lovett of Hermiston. She is an Aglow Retreat teacher and has spoken at numerous Aglow meetings, said a

spokesperson. Her husband, the Rev. Bob Lovett, is pastor of the Hermiston Interfaith Christian Center. They have five children.

All women are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For babysitting arrangements, call 676-5828.

Although Marconi is credited with inventing radio, British inventor David Edward Hughes demonstrated in 1879 that radio signals could be received from a spark transmitter located several hundred yards away.

## Sports Persons of the Month



**Pam Orr**

Pam Orr, Heppner High School sophomore, has been chosen sports person of the month. She has made both All-Star teams in the Morrow County Invitational and the Condon Christmas tournament. Pam currently plays Forward. She is especially noted for being real aggressive under the basket and a good rebounder.



**Mike Currin**

Mike Currin, Heppner High School senior has been named as a sports person of the month for his outstanding play as a center at the Morrow County Invitational. Mike who made the All-Star team stands six feet, two inches and weighs 180 lbs. He is especially noted for corraling 32 points and 30 rebounds in two games.

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