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### Buffham sentenced on Theft charge

Denis Buffham of Irrigon has been sentenced following his guilty plea to charges of Theft I and Failure to Appear in Morrow County Circuit Court.

Buffham, 42, had previously plead guilty to First Degree Theft and First Degree Failure to Appear on November 18. He had been charged with the theft of approximately \$123,000 from Western Alfalfa, Inc., an Irrigon hay processor, between 1983 and 1986. He failed to appear for his trial on that charge in February, 1987, and was the object of a state-wide manhunt. He was placed on the Oregon State Police "Ten Most Wanted" list, and was arrested near Vancouver, British

Columbia, Canada in September of this year. Buffham waived extradition from Canada, and was returned to Morrow County to face those charges.

Circuit Court Judge pro-tem Ralph Currin sentenced Buffham to five years in the Oregon State Penitentiary on both the failure to appear and theft charges. He suspended imposition of that sentence, however, and placed Buffham on five years formal probation. He also ordered him to pay \$100,000 restitution to Western Alfalfa, \$650 restitution to the U.S. Marshall for the costs of extradition, \$240 to the State for court-appointed attorney fees and \$100 to the victim-witness fund.

### Shaw receives four merit badges

Boy Scout Troop 654 of Hermiton held its fall Court of Honor December 12.

J.J. Shaw, Senior Patrol Leader for the troop, received four merit badges (scholarship, environmental science, home repair and citizenship in the world). Scott Cimmiyotti, Scoutmaster, told the gathered scouts

and their parents that Shaw should receive the Eagle rank at the winter Court of Honor.

As Senior Patrol Leader, Shaw assists in planning and training young scouts at meetings and camping activities. The Oregon Trail District will hold its regular winter camp-out in January.

### Denton honored by Sheriffs Assoc.



Undersheriff Verlin Denton was awarded the "Meritorious Achievement Award for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Law Enforcement" on December 8, along with four other law enforcement officers from around the state. The awards ceremony took place at the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association meeting in Portland.

"Undersheriff Denton has set up and spear headed a Narcotic Task Force in Morrow County in addition to his regular duties as Undersheriff," says Sheriff Roy Drago.

"Denton has spent many hundreds of hours above and beyond what is expected of him in his diligent effort to help curtail drug abuse in Morrow County; he has solidified a bond of trust and cooperation with the

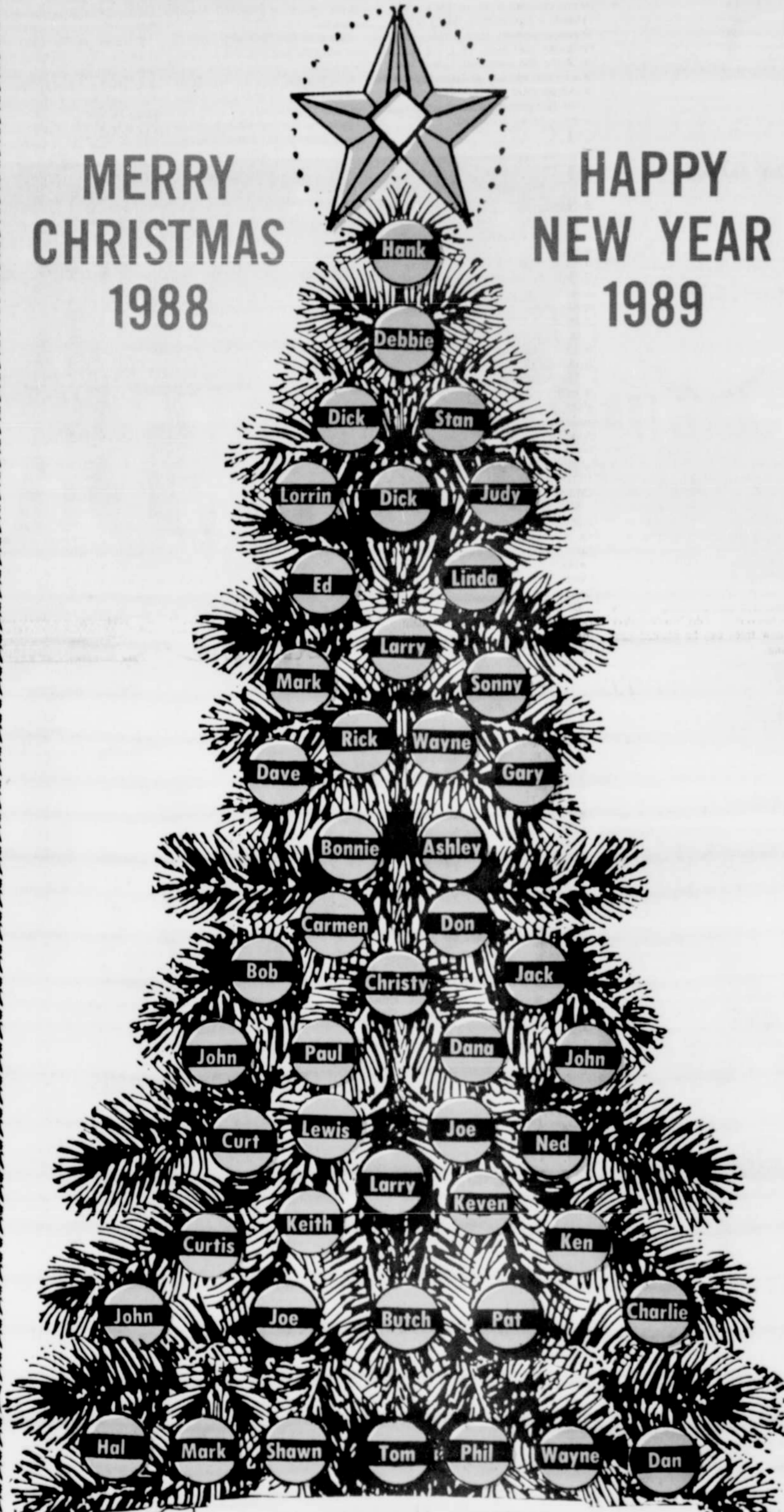
Oregon State Police Narcotic squad in West Umatilla County. These two agencies are responsible for thousands of dollars being seized and over twenty pounds of Cocain seized and destroyed and untold amounts of other narcotics taken from the market."

"Denton has not only molded this unit into an effective force, but does activity work with informants and arrests perpetrators. Eighteen and twenty hour tours are not uncommon."

"The many hours spent above and beyond his normal shifts away from family when he could be with them, shows his dedication to his profession. We, in Morrow County, are proud and fortunate to have him working here."

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1988

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1989



### Hislers celebrate 60th with family



Paul and Kathleen Hisler

Paul and Kathleen Hisler, of Heppner, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family. A trip to the Oregon Coast was planned by their children.

Kathleen Monahan and Paul Hisler Sr. were married November 14, 1928, in Heppner, by Father Brady. Patricia Monahan and John Keerman were their attendants. They moved to the family ranch on Little

Butter Creek where they still live and where Paul Sr. was born.

Their theme song has always been "Side by Side."

Their children are Joan Sumner, The Dalles; Francine Bristow, Portland; Paul Jr. Heppner. They have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all who reside in Oregon.

### Self help group meeting in Heppner

A new meeting of Emotional Health Anonymous (EHA) has been established here. Emotional Health Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who get together to communicate with each other, share their feelings and discuss their emotional problems to find better ways of coping with life.

EHA is patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous, but is adapted for people with emotional problems—or simply problems encountered in daily living. The Twelve Steps of the A.A. program are used to work through members' problems.

At various times in our lives,

many of us need someone with whom to share and exchange mutual emotional support. Members of EHA meet for that purpose and with a loving, caring atmosphere, find renewed hope and strength for living.

EHA is a non-profit organization, entirely supported by the voluntary contributions of its members. There are no dues or fees or membership rosters.

For meeting location and times, call 676-5376 or 676-5263 or the EHA Central Office, (818) 573-5482 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

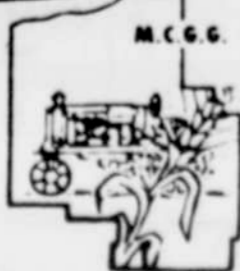


More than 60 places in the United States have been named in honor of Christopher Columbus.

We'd like to take this time to wish our friends, old and new, a very joyous Noel!

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