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Weather Table

City	High	Low
Billings	27	18
Belgrade	27	18
Brookings	32	18
Butte	31	17
Cul Bank	30	11
Dillon	37	12
Glasgow	24	10
Great Falls	25	16
Havre	25	13
Helena	26	13
Kalispell	30	21
Lewistown	25	17
Livingston	25	16
Miles City	27	15
Missoula	29	24
West Yellowstone	21	19

(As reported by FAA facilities)

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Forecast

Widely scattered snow flurries late Friday through Saturday. Lows from 10 to 20 and highs in the 20s both days.
Western Montana College weather station recorded a low of 15 this morning, with Wednesday showing a temperature range from 18 to 39.
One year ago, Dec. 28, the high was 38 after a low of 28.
Sunset this evening at 4:47 and will rise Saturday at 8:12, setting at 4:48. Sunday sunrise at 8:12 and sunset at 4:49.



FROSTY THE SNOWMAN—has attracted a great deal of attention at 408 North Washington where he carries his cane, has his neck wrapped up warmly and smiles for all who pass by. The large snowman though is not all he seems to be, since he was formed of cardboard, rather than snow, and unless a warm rain should invade his yard, will be remaining tall and cheerful for many days to come. (Sue Terrill Photo)

Insurance plan reviewed by Madison County Attorney

By HELEN FENTON
VIRGINIA CITY—The new Montana Comprehensive Insurance Plan makes it mandatory that every political subdivision in the state must carry one million dollars insurance, Chet Jones, Madison county attorney states. If carried to its logical conclusion, he said, the results would be absolutely absurd.

The MCIP was passed by the last legislature because the sovereign immunity to lawsuits was left out of the new constitution that went into effect July 1, 1973.

Jones said the law is so ambiguous it is meaningless in his interpretation of it. The mechanics have been so awkwardly worked out that it is almost impossible to administer it, he said.

To point up his statement that it is ridiculous if carried out to full compliance he cited Virginia City with a population of only 144 people for about nine months of the year. The city no longer operates a school but sends all of the students to Ennis by bus. However, they still own property, so the Virginia City school district will be compelled to carry one million dollars in insurance. In past years the school district has paid \$27 a year for coverage. In addition they have a cemetery district and a fire district. To fully comply with the law they would have to carry three million in insurance besides their regular insurance. Ruth Adams, city clerk, said they have not even figured the cost in additional taxes.

There are between 25 and 30 political subdivisions in Madison county, Jones said,

that would come under this new law.

The board of directors of the Ruby Reservoir were notified by the state water board in September to increase their insurance from \$300,000 to one million. There is an irrigation district on the East Bench, South Boulder Water District and Harrison Reservoir that would come under this new law. Also three Soil Conservation Districts; two hospital districts; five cemetery districts; six rural fire districts and several light districts for unincorporated towns in Madison county.

There are only 5,014 people in Madison county and the total taxable valuation is \$11,430,097 but the rural fire districts,

cemetery districts and school districts alone would have to carry double that amount of insurance.

Shirley Hancock, mayor of Sheridan, said it has doubled the town's insurance premium to \$1,600. Sheridan's taxable valuation is \$496,984.

Jones said a cemetery district with only 100 taxpayers would have to carry one million dollars insurance. He said that is absurd.

It is a bonanza for the insurance companies as it is costing Madison county alone thousands of dollars in increased premiums. Taken on a state basis it boggles the mind. The next legislature should clarify and simplify it, Jones said in conclusion.

Twin Bridges school damaged

Students at Twin Bridges will get a longer Christmas vacation than expected due to a malfunction of the boiler system in the grade school.

Roy Parker, a school custodian, found the Twin Bridges grade school filled with steam when he tried to enter the building at 6:55 a.m. Wednesday.

Christmas decorations which added gaiety and cheer to the school rooms just last week were found drooping and hanging from the walls. Rooms on the south side of the building were the hardest hit. Ceiling and floor tiles were peeling along with the walls. Blackboards were ruined from the water which still dripped from

the ceilings of some of the rooms Wednesday evening.

Rooms on the north side of the building received mostly ceiling damage. Elsewhere in the school, damage was to doors, students' desks, pianos, teaching machines and office equipment.

A representative from Walsh Engineering in Butte estimated the damage at \$12-12,500. Thomas Everett, superintendent, said the school will follow recommendations of the company to insure this doesn't happen again.

Since the boiler also heats the new addition to the high school, the entire school will be closed until Jan. 7.



CONNIE TROWBRIDGE—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Trowbridge of Dillon, has been named by the Beaverhead County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to represent Beaverhead County High School as Good Citizenship Girl. Miss Trowbridge was chosen on the basis of scholarship, character, service and citizenship to represent the area for state competition and valuable scholarships. Tammi Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Todd was named to represent the Sheridan High School.

Margaret Picton commissioned

Lt. Margaret Picton of Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas, is spending the holidays in Dillon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Picton.

Lt. Picton recently received her commission after completion of the Air Force Officer Training Program at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is a graduate of BCHS, 1969, and Montana State University, 1973.

"Makes a Deal"

SHERIDAN—The son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mumme of Sheridan received a nice Christmas present recently when they won \$2,300 in cash and prizes on the "Let's Make a Deal" TV show. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mumme live in Fillmore, Calif.

Many Sheridan people shared in the excitement as friends called other friends to turn on their TVs to watch the attractive young couple during the contest.

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News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Comet captures astronauts eyes

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—The sight of a comet streaking near the sun has captured the attention of Skylab 3's astronauts at the midpoint in their marathon space voyage. The comet Kohoutek makes its closest approach to the sun today and begins the long climb back to the far reaches of the solar system. Astronauts Gerald P. Carr, William R. Pogue and Edward G. Gibson also were to discuss the comet with its discoverer, Czech-born astronomer Lubos Kohoutek, who was to be in mission control in the late afternoon. Carr, Pogue and Gibson reach the halfway point in their 84-day mission today.

Economic advisor predicts growth

WASHINGTON (AP)—The top economic adviser to President Nixon predicts continued growth in the economy next year. Herbert Stein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Thursday predicted real economic growth of between 1 and 2 percent in 1974. However, he said that if the energy crisis and other factors imperil growth the administration will propose measures to support the economy.

Soviet Union may contribute to peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger says that the Soviet Union may have come around to the view that it cannot control the Middle East and should, instead, contribute to peace and stabilization. Solving problems in the area, Kissinger said, will offer a test of Soviet sincerity in seeking relaxation of world tensions.

Oil embargo effects tankers

Fewer tankers have been plying the seas since the Arab oil embargo began in October, and those with cargoes have been slowing down to save fuel, shipping authorities say. Business was booming before the embargo, but industry sources and a survey of a half-dozen major oil ports in the United States point to a slowdown since October. By what extent the embargo has been offset by imports from non-Arab countries is difficult to assess. But the level of tanker traffic may indicate how successful the United States has been in making up the difference. Tankers are the nation's chief means of bringing in foreign oil. An Associated Press survey showed tanker traffic was off 1972 levels in some areas, most noticeably New York and Philadelphia, between the start of the embargo Oct. 17 and Dec. 28.

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Virginia City Christmas

A large crowd attended the annual Virginia City Community Christmas Tree held Dec. 23 at the Eagles Hall, sponsored by the Virginia City PTA. Guests were welcomed by Judy Ferree and the Rhythm Band of pre-schoolers and kindergarten children played a Christmas song. Those in the band were Diana Sinerius, Randy Tichenor, Julie Kinney, Johnny Maljerson, Pat Crane, Paul Yenny, Frankie Sinerius, Keith Kneeland, Shari Fortner and Robby McKay.

This was followed by a skit, "He's Too Fat for the Chimney," by Jason Ferree, Monte Tichenor, Howard Crane, Tony Noble, Aaron Kneeland and Robby Fox accompanied by Judy Ferree. "Is My Nose on Straight?" was recited by Jennifer Ferree and Sherry Brooke played a piano solo, "Oh Holy Night." A skit, "Good King Wenceslas" was presented by Jaalah Ferree, Tami Tichenor, Jennie Fox and Ronnie Noble. Valerie Garrison, Jennifer Ferree and Sherry Brooke sang, "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

The Nativity Scene was presented by all with Judy

Ferree reading the story and with Barb Abbe, Barb Westfall, Sherry Brooke, Valerie Garrison and Linda Brooke singing carols accompanied by Lucille M. Dixon.

While all the small guests sang, Jingle Bells Santa came with a bag of Christmas stockings filled with candy, nuts, oranges and apples and a gift which he presented to each child.

Coffee and cookies were served to the parents and guests by members of the PTA.

Howie Lemm honored

Howie Lemm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lemm of Twin Bridges was recently selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

He is currently a senior at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, majoring in Petroleum Engineering.

Veterans sponsor New Year party

The Twin Bridges Veterans will sponsor an old-fashioned New Year's Eve Party to be held at the pavilion at the Madison County Fairgrounds. The party will feature all you can eat and drink and will begin at 8 p.m. There will be noisemakers, hats, live music by Ken Cathy and balloons with prizes in them.

Coffee and light breakfast "for the road" will be served. The ladies of the Auxiliary will provide salads, and anyone else wishing to bring salad, may

Twin alumni banquet Saturday

The Twin Bridges School Alumni Annual banquet and meeting will be held at the Blue Anchor Cafe, Saturday.

The buffet style dinner will be served at 6:30. Classes of 1920, '30, '40, '50, '60 and '70 will be honored and Mrs. Oubri Oberg of Twin Bridges will be the honored guest.

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