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HEPPNER MAY PLAY FIRST GAME AT HOME

League Machinery Set to Work; Local Prospects for Team Bright.

FOUR TEAMS TO VIE

Heppner, Ione, Condon and Arlington Each Have Six Home Games in Temporary Schedule.

Heppner will play Condon at home April 10 in the kick-off game of the Morrow-Gilliam baseball league, if the temporary schedule of the league drawn up at Arlington Sunday is ratified. Another meeting of the league will be held at Arlington tomorrow evening to ratify the schedule and adopt constitution and by-laws.

The league being organized includes teams from Heppner, Ione, Condon and Arlington. The temporary schedule contemplates four games between all competing teams, two at home and two away, giving each team six games at home. The schedule starts April 10 and will be completed June 29. Decoration Day and Fourth of July dates are left open that games may be had with teams outside the league.

Dean T. Goodman was elected president of the league, Earl Shell, Arlington, vice president and Frank Hollen, Condon, treasurer. Jasper Crawford was appointed secretary by Mr. Goodman, this office being left to him to fill. David A. Wilson is Heppner's league director.

The Heppner club started daily practice Monday under the direct supervision of Manager Barr, who reports the boys to be limbering up well. Many of last year's bunch are still on hand and with addition of some good-looking newcomers local stock is rapidly climbing. Of last year's infield the bases are intact with all the veteran holders on the job, Gay Anderson, first sacker, L. Van Marter on the keystone bag, and Carl Cason at third. Herman Hill, star shortstop of last season, is being missed in the early workouts, but Manager Barr is developing some new material that he believes is going to produce. Paul Hiesler is one promising contestant for the job.

So far the pitching staff is minus, but the manager is in communication with a number of good leavers, any one of whom would fill the bill. The receiving end is the least worry of all. Fred Hoskins is willing to act again, and besides another good catcher has been showing his form. He is Gerald Smith, eighth grade mentor, who caught in his college days and made a name for himself. Either of these fellows may be used to advantage in the field in case he is not needed behind the bat. There will be no dearth of outfielders either from the number turning out, among them "Louie" Allen, "Bus" Gentry and Frank Gentry of last year's crew. O. B. Flory, Heppner's "John D.," is an old-timer turning out, a pitcher in days gone by, and looks good wherever he may be put. Manager Barr declares.

HELPED BEAT MULTNOMAH CLUB

Arthur Clarke was a member of the Heppner football squad in 1925. He is now up on the Multnomah club of Portland. That was in the days before the Heppner flood changed local scenery, and Mr. Clarke didn't see much of the old town to remind him of those days when he was here the first of the week. Besides being a football player of local renown, Mr. Clarke may be remembered by old-timers as the snare drummer in the old Heppner band. He is now with the Clarke Optical company of Portland and on this visit was substituting for his brother who has been making regular trips to Heppner for some time in the interests of the company. Mr. Clarke was in the jewelry business here in the old days.

THE OLD BOOK STANDS.

The tide of unbelief wears ceaselessly against the rock of God's word and yet it stands fast, unshaken and unmoved. From time to time the point of attack is shifted in the hope that a start of the work of destruction may make its appearance, but failure is met at every point for God is not mocked.

MILTON W. BOWER, Minister.

NO HEPPNERIAN THIS WEEK.

The Heppnerian, high school paper regularly published in these columns, suspended activities this week along with the other school activities. The Heppnerian editor asks its readers to kindly bear with the staff another week, when they promise a good live issue.

Used Furniture bought, exchanged or repaired. We pay a fair price for what we buy, and give an honest value in what we sell. We try to give our patrons all we can for a dollar. That is why we have taken the agency for Lowe Brothers Paint. CASE FURNITURE COMPANY.

U. O. Dance to Benefit Fine Arts Building

A dance has been arranged by Miss Luola Bengé, local chairman in a campaign to raise funds for the proposed fine arts building at the University of Oregon, to take place at the Elks' hall tomorrow night. The affair is open to the public, everyone being cordially invited, with a special invitation to university alumni. Tickets will be one dollar, and proceeds after expenses are paid will go into the fine arts building fund. Music will be furnished by the Twilight quintet.

Miss Bengé, who is making a visit to her home here during spring vacation at the university, announces the following patrons and patronesses for the dance: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mr. and Mrs. L. Van Marter, Dean T. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner.

Lexington Boy Injured By Dynamite Explosion

Robert Miller, son of C. S. Miller of Lexington, was quite seriously injured Wednesday afternoon, as a result of playing with a dynamite cap. His injuries, caused from the explosion, were the loss of thumb and first and second fingers of the left hand. Pieces of the cap also struck him in the face and neck, necessitating removal of fragments. He escaped serious injury to an eye by the voluntary closing of an eyelid, though the edge of the eyeball was penetrated.

The lad was rushed to Heppner, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. McMurdo.

Declaratory Contest to be Held Here April 22nd

The ball has been set rolling towards the Morrow County Declaratory Contest to be held in Heppner April 22. Work has started in earnest and with a tinge of zeal, the children are selecting their various recitations. There are three divisions from which to select: oratorical, dramatic and humorous. In about three weeks there will be a preliminary contest between the Heppner students to determine the entrants in the county contest. One person for each of the three groups will be chosen from the high school, thus making our entrants number three. From the grades, two will be chosen for each department of the contest.

It is thought there will be about thirty entrants for the try-outs of the contest from the high school. The present number signed up in their respective groups, is as follows: Oratorical: Virginia Dix, Fletcher Walker, Velton Owen, Robert Turner, Claud Conder, Clarence Hayes, Corneil Green, and Clair Cox; Dramatic: Evelyn Swindig, Harriet Morgan, Mary Beamer, Eva Hiatt, Mary Ritchie and Ethel Moore. Humorous: Gordon Buckman, Joe Swindig, Katherine Bisbee, Dorothy Harren, John Parker, Margaret Bowker, Lucille Driscoll, John Conder, Mae Grashens, and Hester Lawson.

Fossil Banker Loses Life In John Day River

Leland L. Steiwer, 49, was drowned in the John Day river near Spray on Sunday night, when the automobile which he was driving plunged from the narrow grade. He was accompanied by Hubert Barnard, who made his escape by swimming to the shore. The heavy sedan in which the men were riding turned over at leaving the John Day highway at a sharp turn about a mile and a half west of Spray and landed upright in the river. It floated about 150 yards in the swollen current until it sank. It is reported that the headlights burned for some time after the automobile was submerged.

Jeff Jones Buys Lawson Land on Heppner Flat

A deal was reported this week wherein Jeff Jones purchased a portion of the Lawson land on Heppner flat adjoining land he now farms. This piece gives Mr. Jones a field of practically 1000 acres in one piece of some of the nicest lying and best wheat land in the county. The consideration was not stated, but it is understood Mr. Lawson took in trade 80 acres of land in the Willamette valley. Lawson now makes his home in the valley, being forced to leave here because of ill health.

Hatching Eggs—Place orders now;

O. A. C. strain Barred Rocks. Write or phone Mrs. Ora L. Barlow, Ione, Ore. Phone 15333. 51-55. Wanted—Housework by young woman, country preferred. Inquire this office. For Rent—5-room house, partly furnished. Inquire of Dave McCullough, Heppner.

FORMER LOCAL GIRL KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Two Men, Girl Die When Heavy Car Crashes Off Highway at Rieth Sunday.

Miss Barbara Watkins, daughter of Elsie C. Watkins of Heppner and Mrs. Frank Perry of Pendleton, was a victim of an automobile accident early Sunday morning, when the car in which she and three other companions were riding went off the grade and over the bluff on a curve one half mile west of Rieth. Miss Watkins was killed instantly, as were two others of the party. Her funeral was held from the Folsom chapel at Pendleton on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Guy L. Drill, pastor of the First Christian church of Pendleton, officiating. Burial was in Olney cemetery at Pendleton.

Miss Watkins was a native of this city and resided here up until about two years ago. She is survived by her father and mother and three sisters. She would have been 18 years of age on the day of her funeral.

The following account in detail of the accident is taken from the East Oregonian of Monday evening: "Sorrowing relatives and friends today were making arrangements for the funeral and burial of the two young men and one young woman who were instantly killed at 1:25 o'clock Sunday morning when the heavy touring car in which they were riding plunged from the road and hurtled 175 feet to the jagged rocks below, one half mile west of Rieth.

The dead: Ben Griggs, 21, son of Frank Griggs, former cigar store proprietor in this city. Large hole through the back of his skull, chest crushed and legs broken and pinned down by a number of heavy rocks.

Barbara Watkins, 18, daughter of Mrs. Frank Perry, 712 West Webb street. Skull crushed and internal injuries.

William L. Holt, son of M. S. Holt of Baker, head crushed almost beyond recognition.

The injured: Helen Whitte, 22, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Whitte of Portland. Suffering from minor cuts and injuries and a twisted ankle. Condition not serious.

Excessive Speed Thought Cause. Speed is thought to have been the cause of the accident. Miss Whitte in an interview this morning at St. Anthony's hospital with an East Oregonian representative declared that the car was traveling she believed between 60 and 70 miles an hour on the curve.

"I was sitting in the front seat with Bill," she said, "with my back to the car door talking to Ben and Barbara. We left Pendleton about 12:30 o'clock Saturday night for a ride down the highway. We went probably five miles below Rieth and turned around. Going down we drove along at about 40 miles an hour. On the way back, however, we were going faster.

Girl Rendered Unconscious. "The first I knew of what was going to happen came with the crash of the car into the rocks at the side of the road probably twenty feet from where they said later the car went over. I must have been knocked unconscious because the next thing I knew I was lying with my feet braced against some rocks about half way down the bluff.

"I attempted to crawl up to the road but I couldn't. Neither could I get down to the car which I could see bottomsides up. I could see one of the kids lying near the car. He looked like he was dead. I didn't know though that all three had been killed until 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

"I started to scream and kept it up until people in the houses near the Rieth bridge came and helped me up to the road again and took me to the hospital."

Car Owned by Boise Man

First to reach the injured girl were E. E. Turner and G. D. Jones, both of whom live near the Lonesomehurst bridge below Rieth. They promptly called Charles Hoskins, deputy sheriff, and Roy Montgomery, night city patrolman.

Mr. Holt, who was a stage driver on the run between Pendleton and Boise and was driving a new Cadillac car belonging to H. O. Munson of Boise, was found by the officers with his head against a large rock probably 15 or 20 feet from where the wrecked car lies bottomsides up.

Best Home Talent Play Coming to Heppner

One scene in "Along the Missouri" was made so realistic in the presentation of the play by the Condon American Legion in their home city that Bill Gross, the villain, cracked a couple of ribs when he engineered a fall. And all told the play was so good that all Condon folk declared it to be the very best home talent show ever staged there. So good, in fact, that they have clamored far and will have the play given there again.

About this play, to be given in Heppner April 12, under the auspices of the Elks lodge, the Condon Globe-Times has this to say: "Along the Missouri," a four-act farce comedy, given by the members of the American Legion at the Liberty, has been acclaimed by young and old, alike, the best home-talent play ever given in Condon. A number of Condon's "old home-talents" again came into their own with Tuesday night's performance and gave us a nicely spiced whiff of what this town can do dramatically. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon every seat in the theater was sold out and people were still flocking to Graves' for tickets.

The dramatic acting and the little touches of humor in the play took the audience first into the depths of despair and then into gales of laughter.

Included in the cast are James O. Rourke, Jack Tierney, Wm. Gross, Gerald Burns, Harry Meyers, Wm. E. Wilkins, Mrs. R. W. Haneman, Miss R. Hayes, Mrs. Ed Schott. Watch these columns for further announcements.

300 MORE BOOKS COME TO LIBRARY

Campaign for Donations Planned; Association to Finish Organization.

Three hundred additional books received from the state library were placed on the shelves of the local library this week. Covering a wide range of fiction as well as informational books, this assortment offers readers of most any preference a wide range for selection. The library is open Monday and Saturday afternoons from 3:45 to 5 o'clock and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9. The privilege of borrowing books is free to everyone. If desired books are not on the shelves here, they will be ordered for anyone from the state library by the local librarian.

Steps toward perfecting organization of the Heppner Public Library association were taken Monday evening at a meeting of the association in the council chambers. A committee on constitution and by-laws consisting of Mrs. Helen M. Walker, Rev. B. Stanley Moore and Mrs. Lillian Turner will make their report next Monday evening when the association will meet again and it is hoped at that time to complete the organization. Association members are urged to be on hand next Monday.

A campaign for solicitation of books was also decided upon at this meeting, to take place April 2. Reid Buscick and Mrs. C. W. McNameer were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for the campaign. It is believed by members that many persons have books they have read thoroughly and would be willing to donate to the library. Books thus obtained would serve as a nucleus for a good local library. The aid of the Boy Scouts in putting on the campaign has been asked.

The library is gradually gaining in patronage, as more people become acquainted with its facilities, and the association feels encouraged by its accomplishments thus far.

OPERA TON POSTPONED.

"In the Garden of the Shah," high school operetta scheduled for March 29 has been reset for April 2. The postponement was necessitated by illness of members of the cast and closing of school this week that the building committee is still going ahead under the direction of Miss Wright, musical instructor, and it is promised the show will be only better for the delay.

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET.

Morrow County Pomona Grange will meet at Morgan on Saturday, April 2nd. An open session will be held in the afternoon, and a good program is in course of preparation. The public in general is cordially invited to attend the afternoon meeting. The Pomona lecturer has arranged a very interesting and instructive program.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Kistler are the proud parents of an 8-pound daughter, born to them at the home of Mrs. Kistler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Prophet in this city, on March 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Kistler live at Lewiston, Idaho.

Mrs. James Hayes of Rhea creek is quite ill at the home of her son, Glen Hayes, in this city. Mrs. Hayes is suffering from heart trouble.

and heavy planks in two then hurtled down the bluff. The two girls were eating at the Quelle Cafe shortly after midnight when Mr. Holt came along and invited them to take a ride. Mr. Holt who had been employed on the Boise-Pendleton run for the past six months, was driving the car which is declared to have been owned by H. O. Munson at Boise, a stage operator, and was not in use as a stage on the run.

AUDITORIUM BOND ISSUE CARRIES BY TWO TO ONE VOTE

88 For to 44 Against Result of Election Friday; \$20,000 to be Spent for Building.

While there had been considerable interest manifested in the school bond election that took place Friday afternoon, the total vote was not as large as expected. Some opposition had developed, but when the vote was counted, out of the total of 132, 88 favored the bonds and 44 were against the issue.

The amount of bonds authorized to be sold by the district is \$20,000, and out of this sum will be erected the proposed auditorium-gymnasium building. While the plans have not yet been drawn, the school board has contracted with Architect Cleo H. Jenkins of Albany, who will have completed plans ready for the consideration of the school board within a couple of weeks or so. According to present plans, the work of construction will be undertaken as early a date as possible, so that the building may be in readiness for the opening of the fall term of school.

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PLAY.

A three-act comedy, "Doris Comes to Town," will be presented in the school auditorium at Lexington Friday evening, March 25, 1927, at eight o'clock.

The plot centers around Wallie Larkin, a bookkeeper in a cheese factory, to believe that he is president of the Brewster Cheese company. When Doris suddenly discovers the deception, fast complications follow.

The cast of characters is as follows: Samuel Brewster, cheese king, Vester Lane; Bob Brewster, a young lawyer, Leonard McMillan; Wallie Larkin, a cheese bookkeeper, Elmo Nolan; Doris Baneroff, Wallie Larkin's friend, Eula McMillan; Verna Callaway, Doris's chum, Gwendolyn Evans; Betty Brewster, daughter of S. Brewster, Mae Gentry; Mabel Hogan, switchboard operator, Eva Padberg; Ted Spratt, telegraph messenger, Wayne McMillan.

SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR WEEK.

Because of so much illness among the children of the community, many being afflicted with various diseases, some of which are of a contagious nature, the school was closed Monday afternoon for the rest of the week. Between fifty and sixty pupils failed to be present on Monday, and the city physician, in conjunction with the superintendent, thought it a good time to close, and a general fumigation of the building undertaken. By the coming Monday it is expected that the great majority of the illness will have passed over, and school can then continue till the end of the term without further interruption.

HIGHWAY TO BE OILED SOON.

Reports are current in Heppner that within three or four weeks the oiling of the Oregon-Washington highway from Heppner to the Junction will begin. We were not able to fully verify this statement, however, but it was given on pretty good authority. There is much work of repair going on now and the surface is being put in good shape to receive the oil. It is furthermore expected that the actual work of putting on the finish on the Lena-Vinson gap will soon start on the east end, and the machinery for crushing the rock is now about ready.

CONTRACTS FOR WHEAT.

F. R. Brown, of the Brown Warehouse company of this city, is in on the wheat contracting early. This week he contracted for a carload of new crop at \$1.12 per bushel, July and August delivery. Mr. Brown states that this is the earliest he ever contracted wheat, and as a usual thing no one is ready to make contracts now but a couple of months ahead of harvest.

Harold Case arrived home the end of the week from Walahe, Idaho, where he has been employed in an undertaking and furniture establishment for the past eight months. He has accepted a place with his father, M. L. Case, in the Case Furniture Co.

Heppner Jury Case Cost the County Large Sums

(Condon Globe Times)

County Clerk Brown Tuesday mailed to the Morrow county court at Heppner a bill for \$1,110.40, representing the expense Gilliam county was under for the trial of Henry Bauer, Heppner hotel employe. Bauer was tried here under a change of venue from the circuit court of Morrow county, and was found not guilty by the jury. He was charged with a statutory offense. The bill presented Morrow county covered the following items: Pay of jurors, \$355.10; bailiffs, \$24; reporter, \$60; sheriff, serving jury summons and subpoenas, \$35.90; fees of witnesses, for the state \$479.10; for the defense, \$156.30; grand total, \$1,110.40.

Previously three trials involving Bauer and others were held in Morrow county. The trial of Bauer there, under another indictment, resulted in a hung jury.

Local Jeweler Receives Horological Certificate

Athur Smith, local jeweler and watchmaker, has just received a certificate granted by the Horological Institute of America, Washington, D. C., showing that he has passed an examination given by that institute to determine standards of proficiency and qualities of workmanship among jewelers.

The Horological Institute of America was organized to promote the science of timekeeping, under the auspices of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C. Examinations given by the Institute are of three grades, varying in difficulty but very practical and consisting of two parts—practical repair work and written examination on theory and technique. After the applicant has completed the repair work, the watch is tested by the National Bureau of Standards at Washington to ascertain its efficiency in timekeeping, and the work is further closely examined and graded by the certification committee of the horological institute. The certificate just granted to Mr. Smith is upon final examination.

New Fire Control Office Established in Portland

The importance of forest-fire control on the national forests of Oregon and Washington is further recognized by the formation of the new office of fire control in the District Forester's office in Portland, Oregon. District Forester C. M. Granger has just announced the new office and the selection of F. H. Brundage as assistant district forester to head it. This office will include fire prevention, fire suppression, fire studies, fire law enforcement, and state fire cooperation, heretofore handled by the office of operation. "The protection of forests from fire in the states of Oregon and Washington, with their immense timber and other values, is of extreme importance," said Mr. Granger recently.

21 Musical Organizations At La Grande Convention

Special from La Grande, the 1927 American Legion Convention City—Entertainment at the American Legion State Convention to be held in La Grande on July 21, 22, 23 this year. La Grande has many more drum corps in proportion to its Legion posts than any state in the Union and they will all be in La Grande this summer. Any and all of them are high class and capable of making much music all the time, day and night.

At the present writing there are 21 drum corps and bands promised to be in attendance—14 corps and one band from Oregon, 2 bands and 2 corps from Idaho and one each from Washington. All of these, with their many brilliant uniforms and stirring martial music will be the foundation of the largest and best convention, "The Battle of '27," ever held in Oregon in the history of the American Legion.

Henry Thompson is up from Portland for a short visit with Heppner friends, and to attend to some matters of business.

This Week



President Faces West. The Dinosaur Party. Studying Mummies. Men Will Dig.

President Coolidge will spend his vacation in the West, in response to many invitations. He should drive in a big automobile from Kansas City to Seattle down to San Diego, fishing here and there. He would see millions of Americans that like him.

The biggest wars are soon forgotten. Over a direct cable from the United States to Germany, opened last week, President Coolidge wired President Hindenburg his hope that "this additional means of communication will promote mutual understanding and good will between the two countries." And President Hindenburg replied most politely. Germany, rid of an expensive fleet, expensive standing army and extremely expensive Kaiser, attends to business and goes ahead more rapidly than any other country in Europe.

Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn entertained friends at the Museum of Natural History, in honor of the tyrannosaurus, in Dinosaur Hall. That monster is 47 feet long from his back to the end of his tail, 18 feet high at the hips, 21 feet around the waist, with bones that weigh more than two tons.

He was a powerful animal, but couldn't last because he didn't have a brain in proportion to the size of his body.

Civilization has developed a more powerful creature, which is the two-legged billionaire, able to control and command the work of 200,000,000 men for one day. That billionaire will soon be numerous and the interesting question concerning him will be, "What about his brain?" Will it be big enough to keep him safe?

The learned Dr. Sack, of Heidelberg University, studying thousands of Egyptian mummies, finds that high living killed off rich Egyptians as it kills off the rich Americans now. Foolish eating, lack of exercise, especially lack of deep breathing, have through the centuries been skimming the scum off the boiling pot of civilization.

Mummies of the fifty dynasties show signs of tuberculosis, affecting the spine, and gout, swelling the joints.

The Supreme Court decides unanimously that Texas' laws forbidding negroes to vote at Democratic primaries is unconstitutional. It is a most important decision, and not to the South only, since it may mean Federal control over local primaries.

Where money is, men will dig. It was proved in Italy, before architecs had learned how to make great domes like that on St. Peter's. They had themselves up as they rose in the air. One dome was built and filled with earth to support it as it rose until the sides met at the top. Putting in the earth would be much less expensive than taking it out. So they mixed the earth beneath the dome with small coins of a total value much less than the cost of removing the earth. When the dome was finished the population was told it could bear away the coin-bearing dirt. The great dome stood empty.

This country last year imported more than \$80,000,000 worth of precious stones, \$5,000,000 more than the year before. And those purchases were made without the assistance of the extinct race of bartenders, to each of whom a large diamond was as necessary as a white apron.

M. Millet, French scientist, would tear down the honey bee's reputation, built up by Maeterlinck, Lubbeck and many others, back to Aristotle. The bee is a dull, mechanical creature, says Millet; it does not know that it pollinizes flowers and blossoms and does not even know which flowers have honey, thinks only of getting sugar.

You can say the same of our human honey bees of industry. They build up civilization, make wealth, leisure and culture possible, but they don't know it, or don't care. They also are doing the work for which the Lord created them, and that's sufficient.

WARNING

To the public or Morrow County: By virtue of the laws of any State of Oregon, it is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any glass bottles, glass, nails, tacks, hoops, wire, cans or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle, upon any road, street or highway in the State of Oregon. The penalty for violating this statute is a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00. Notice is hereby given that any one found guilty of violating this statute will be punished as therein provided. By order of COUNTY COURT OF MORROW, COUNTY, OREGON.

High School Operetta POSTPONED to be given APRIL 5th at Star Theater