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BEST HOOP TEAMS TO VIE FOR TITLE

Starting Gun to Fire at
10 o'Clock Here To-
morrow Morning.

8 HI SCHOOLS MEET

McLaughlin, Helix Favored to Win;
Heppner Meets Adams; Lexing-
ton Slated Against Helix.

What promises to be one of the hardest-fought basketball tournaments in the annals of eastern Oregon high school athletics is scheduled to start tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Heppner gym-auditorium, when eight teams will vie for the championship of the third district. Several of the eight teams are very evenly matched, having won or lost from each other by one-point margins, and all are fast and aggressive, though the teams from the eastern part of the district are conceded an edge over those from the western division. The high schools to be represented are Heppner, Lexington, Arlington, Hermiston, Helix, Adams, Athena and MacLaughlin of Milton-Freewater.

In the first game tomorrow MacLaughlin will meet Hermiston. In the next game, at 11 o'clock, Arlington will meet Athena. Lexington will meet Helix in the next scheduled game at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 3 o'clock Heppner will play Adams.

The losing teams in these games will be eliminated and the winners will play tomorrow evening, with the winners of the morning games playing at 8 o'clock, and the winners of the afternoon games playing at 9 o'clock. All these teams will go into the final to be held Saturday evening, with the losers playing at 8 o'clock for the consolation championship, and the winners playing at 9 o'clock for the championship and the right to represent this district in the state tournament to be held later in Salem.

Both Heppner and MacLaughlin are entering the tournament through "byes" awarded them by the executive committee of the district, while the other teams earned their right to compete by placing in the sub-district tournaments held last week end at Umattila and Helix. Arlington won first place at Umattila, Lexington second and Hermiston third, while Helix won first place at their home tournament, with Athena second and Adams third. From showings made in the sub-district tournament and previously in the season either Helix or MacLaughlin is favored to come out on top, and unless the dope is upset the championship game Saturday will be between them.

What Heppner's chances will be is only a matter of conjecture. Coach Shurman has been working the boys hard to get them in shape since their last game with Lexington in which they were badly defeated, and with the advantage they have of playing on their home floor, they should give the Adams boys a real battle. They will have to get up and travel to win from Adams who gave Helix and Athena plenty to worry about in the sub-district meet. And should they be so fortunate they would next meet either Helix or Lexington, either offering formidable opposition.

GREEN-FRENCH.

Cornett Green and Miss Florence French sprang a surprise on their many friends when they were quietly married at Pendleton Saturday evening, with Guy L. Drill, pastor of the Christian church of that city, performing the ceremony. The wedding came as a climax to a courtship of several months, and brought a host of well wishes from their friends, both being popular young people of this city. Mr. Green is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green, and Mrs. Green is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William French. The young couple will make their home here.

COUSIN KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

Word was received the end of the week by Mrs. S. E. Notson of this city of the death of her cousin, Bert Nelson, who was killed in an automobile accident near Red Bluff, Calif. Details of the accident are lacking, it being learned only that Mr. Nelson was traveling alone in his car, and was forced off the road on a curve by another car driven by two 15-year-old boys traveling in the opposite direction. Mr. Nelson visited the Notsons here at one time several years ago.

Mrs. M. L. Case, Mrs. Harold Case and Mrs. G. E. Jones will be hostesses for the March meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Case home.

COUNTY ORATORS, SPEAKERS, TO VIE

Dates of Sectional and Final Meets
Between Schools Set; Loving
Cups Again to be Given.

Good progress is being made in conducting the annual Morrow County Declamatory and Spelling contests with preliminary tryouts having been practically completed in all the schools of the county, announces Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent. Next in order is the staging of the sectional elimination contests, to be held as follows:

Grade contests at Ione and Pine City, March 18.
High School contests at Lexington and Irrigon, March 19.

Schools nearest the point where the competition is to be held will go there to compete.
Finals of both the declamatory and spelling contests will be held in Heppner on Saturday, March 26.

A general admission price of 15 cents will be charged at each of the preliminary contests, and for admission to the finals charges of 15 and 25 cents will be made.

The procedure of conducting the finals at Heppner will be the same as that followed in previous years. The spelling contest will be held in the forenoon, the grade division contest in the afternoon and the high school contest in the evening.

Spellers will compete for the Heppner Lions club loving cup which has been in possession of the Strawberry school since it was offered two years ago. Should Strawberry be victorious again this year they will obtain permanent possession.

Another cup, that given by the I. O. O. F. of Ione, will again be awarded in the lower grade division of the declamatory contest. It was won last year by Heppner. Other trophies to be given are pen-nants and gold and silver pins.

W.W.Smead Came in 1888

Thumb-nail Sketch Given

The Journal, Portland.

Wallace W. Smead has been postmaster of Heppner for the past 19 years.

"I crossed the plains with an ox team in 1864 to Virginia City, Mont.," said Mr. Smead. "I was born at Cole Camp, Mo., November 12, 1857. We moved from Virginia City, Mont., to Eola, Or., just across the Willamette river from Salem, in 1866. I attended Brush college in Polk county, moving to Ailsa valley in 1870. In 1876 I went to Nevada and worked in a quartz mill and during the next four years prospected, mined and worked in mills. In the fall of 1880 I came back to Oregon and took up land in what is now Morrow county but which was then Umattila county. I lived on my ranch till 1890, when I moved to Heppner and for the past 41 years I have lived here in Heppner. For several years I was chairman of the Morrow county Republican committee and for 12 years I served as secretary of the Morrow county fair. I also served three years as mayor of Heppner. I belong to the Episcopal church and also to the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias and the Lions club.

"I was married here in Morrow county in 1888 to Mattie Thornton. We have one son."

Heppner-Pilot Rock Off To Bad Start in Shoot

In the initial round of the seventh annual Oregonian state telegraphic trapshooting tournament Sunday the Heppner-Pilot Rock team was defeated in all four of their matches. A 73 was turned in by the team composed of Newton Rober, 25, Chas. Latourell and Adam Knoblock, 24 each. Opposing teams and their scores were Medford 74, Ashland 75, Coos County 75 and Bend 75.

Nine men turned out at the local traps last Sunday and shooting conditions were fair. It is expected local nimrods will visit the Pilot Rock traps next Sunday.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET.

"George Washington" will be the topic for discussion at the regular meeting of the Women's Study club on Monday evening at 7:45. Interesting and instructive talks will be given by Phyllis Jane Pollock, June Anderson and Claude Hill. It is hoped that those present will also add interesting sidelights on the life of Washington. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Turner and is open to all ladies of the town.

AUXILIARY TO MEET.

Heppner unit, American Legion auxiliary, will meet next Tuesday evening, March 15, at Hotel Heppner. Mrs. Harry Tamblin will read a paper on "Disarmament" and discussion will be had of the Easter Monday ball. Mrs. Lera Crawford and Mrs. Helen Christenson will be hostesses. All members are urged by the secretary to be present.

NEW STANDARD MANAGER.

Jack Stewart, manager of the local Standard Oil company plant for the last year, left today for Yakima, Wash., where he was transferred by the company. Mr. and Mrs. Ripley have arrived from Arlington, and Mr. Ripley has taken the position occupied here by Mr. Stewart.

Heppner Entrants Named For Declamatory Contest

Tryouts were held in the Heppner schools this week for the selection of entrants for the sectional county declamatory contests, and all entrants have been selected with the exception of the high school dramatic entrant. The tryout for this place was not completed because of the illness of one of the contestants. It was expected the tryout would be completed today with Phyllis Pollock and Beulah Eskelson competing. The other contestants have been named as follows:

Lower grade division: non-humorous, Katherine Nys; humorous, Katherine Thompson, with Lois Jones alternate. Upper grade division: non-humorous, Katherine Parker, with Don Turner alternate; humorous, Dean Goodman, with Ruby Ferrell alternate. High school division: humorous, Francis Rugg with Ruth Turner alternate; oratorical, Francis Nickerson with Eddie Kenny alternate.

Judges were Paul Menegat, Harold Buhman, Beth Bleakman, Doris Straughan and Blanche Hansen, all members of the school faculty.

Tryouts for the county-wide spelling contest are expected to start Monday.

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JENNIE E. McMURRAY.

Wendell T. Balsiger and Miss Muriel Powell were married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the beautiful country home of the bride's parents near Moro, Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, pastor of the Congregational church at The Dalles, officiating.

The bridal party stood in front of the fire place banked high with flowers. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore white satin and lace, her veil being held by orange blossoms. She carried pink rapture rose buds and white freesias. Her attendant was her sister, Miss Althea Powell, who wore a gown of pale green lace and carried sweet peas. The groom's man was V. Edwin Johnson of Eugene, an intimate friend of the bridegroom. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Roy Kunsman, aunt of the bride, and two solos, "At Dawning" and "Because," were sung by Miss Velma Powell, cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Balsiger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell, prominent people of the Moro district. She is a graduate of the Moro schools and is a business school graduate. At present she is bookkeeper for the Pacific Coast division of the Farmers National Warehouse corporation at Portland. Mr. Balsiger is an Ione boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger. He graduated from the high school here in the class of 1922, and is also a graduate of the University of Oregon. He is now manager of the Moro Grain Growers association of Moro and part time employee of the Farmers National Warehouse corporation.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Balsiger departed on a short motor trip into the state of Washington, coming to Ione the first of the week where they visited briefly at the home of Mr. Balsiger's parents.

Fifty guests were present at the Powell home Saturday evening to witness the exchange of the marriage vows. Among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger and Alfred Balsiger from Ione, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kathan of Coquille, brother-in-law and sister of the groom, and many of the Balsiger relatives from Newberg.

Carl W. Troedson has rented the M. R. Morgan ranch which has been farmed for some time by Roy Lieualen. As soon as the soil is in proper condition Mr. Troedson will begin his plowing but the Lieualen family will remain on the farm until September.

Alfred H. Nelson made a business trip to Pendleton Thursday of last week. He was accompanied by his daughter, Clara, and Miss Minnie Normyle.

Bunchgrass Rebekah lodge initiated two candidates at their regular meeting last week. Following the initiation, dancing was enjoyed and at a late hour refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balsiger and son Alfred spent a short time Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blake in Grass Valley and visited briefly with Pat O'Meara, implement dealer, of Wasco.

The 4-H sewing club, division 2, held a meeting Monday for the purpose of organizing. The leader is Miss Helen Smouse. Officers elected were Maxine McCurdy, president; Margaret Lindken, vice-president; Mildred Lundell, secretary; Charlotte McCabe, news reporter. Their colors are gold and purple; their flower, carnation. The meetings will be held Wednesdays.

A jolly crowd gathered at the McCabe ranch home Friday night to charivari Mr. and Mrs. James McCabe (nee Jennie Patterson) who were married February 29. These charivari parties seem to be a weekly occurrence at the McCabe home as the crowd gathered there last week to serenade Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McCabe who were married February 22. The evening was a happy one, the time being spent in dancing to music furnished by the Botts brothers. James and Lonnie

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CITY HALL MOVE STRIKES BARRIER

Indebtedness Limitation
Cited as Obstacle by
Attorney Nys.

HOPE NOT GIVEN UP

Mayor Names Committee to Study
Project Thoroughly; Bridge and
Street Work Get Attention.

The proposal for a new city hall in Heppner, in behalf of which Dean T. Goodman, councilman, has taken the initiative and the Lions club took favorable action, struck a snag at the regular council meeting Monday evening. The snag was the statement of J. J. Nys, city attorney, that the city had reached its limit of indebtedness of \$15,000 provided for in the charter. However, hope of obtaining the new structure was not abandoned as Mayor McCarty appointed a committee to go into the financial end of the matter as well as to consider plans which have been proposed.

The mayor, councilmen and others present viewed longingly two architects' crayon sketches of the proposed structure. One a mission style, cement and stucco edifice and the other a colonial style building of tile and brick were each attractively presented in neat colored drawings. Each provided for housing the same space, with rooms for the library, water office and commodious quarters for the council chambers, as well as a stall for the fire truck and a tower for drying the fire hose. Cost estimates on each were presented.

The building committee appointed by the mayor includes Councilmen Goodman, Cox and Jones.

The matter of repairing the bridge across Willow creek leading to the Covins Ice works was left in the hands of the street committee, composed of Councilmen Elsie, Jones and Cox.

On petition of property holders on Baltimore street the mayor and councilmen agreed to view the street to ascertain what may be done to control flood waters coming off the hill in order to avert future damage to street and property such as occurred recently.

The fire chief's report showed two alarms answered in the month of February.

The watermaster's report was accepted and placed on file, and current expense bills for the month were audited and allowed. Allowed also were bills for recent grading of streets.

Local Man Announces

For Democratic Delegate

Hanson Hughes of this city, state democratic committeeman for ten years, made public announcement this morning of his candidacy for the office of delegate to the democratic national convention. The slogan to appear on the ballot after his name is, "For Roosevelt."

Mr. Hughes said that he had received letters from 15 of the 18 counties in the second congressional district, urging him to become a candidate. These 15 do not include Morrow county where Mr. Hughes' previous activity has given him high standing in the ranks of his party.

WEE SIX CLUB MEETS.

A cooking club at Alpine has been organized with six members, calling themselves the "Wee Six Cooks." At the first meeting officers were named as follows: president, Doris Klinger; vice president, Dorothy Doherty; secretary, Gene Senter; entertainment chairman, Peggy Kilkenny; song and yell leader, Rhuey Senter; club leader, Miss Rosella Doherty; news reporter, Reitha Howard. One of the smaller rooms in the school building has been transformed into a cooking room. It is neat and cozy. Colors of green and gold were selected and these have been attractive and white, the lunch cloths for the breakfast and working tables are yellow and white and the stove has been painted green and black. The members have put in a home-made settee which they have covered with an Indian robe and sofa pillows which blend in with the color scheme. There are cupboards and various other things that harmonize in the room. Among them is a little flower box in which has been planted geraniums, Wandering Jew and a climbing vine. It sits in front of a window.

IN RACE FOR COMMISSIONER.

Creed Owen of this city makes announcement this week for the office of county commissioner, and will ask support of the republican voters at the May primaries. This now brings the aspirants for this place up to three, the others being G. A. Bleakman of Heppner and Arnold Pieper of Lexington.

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in MERELY MARY ANN, at Star Theater, Sunday and Monday.

Don't fail to see "Merely Mary Ann" at the Star Theater next Sunday and Monday.

TAX LEAGUE TO MEET.

There will be a meeting of the Morrow County Tax Conservation and Equalization League at court house in Heppner on Saturday, March 12, at 2:00 p. m. Speakers to appear on this occasion are Leslie M. Scott of Portland and Mack Hoke of Pendleton. All taxpayers and everyone interested in tax problems please come.

R. B. WILCOX, Secretary.

MERELY MARY ANN, with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, at the Star, Sunday and Monday.

Funeral of Mrs. L.D. Neill

Held at Echo Monday

A large concourse of friends and neighbors gathered with the relatives at the Methodist church in Echo on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock to pay their last respects to Mrs. L. D. Neill, who passed away at 5 a. m. on Saturday morning, following a stroke of paralysis early the previous morning while Mrs. Neill was busy about the work at the home on Butter creek, near Pine City.

HARD TIMES PARTY BIG LEGION EVENT

Barratt Ranch Scene of Closing
Feature of Membership Con-
test; Dancing Enjoyed.

Celebrating the close of the membership contest carried on the past few months by Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, and by Heppner Unit, Legion Auxiliary, a big hard times barn dance was held Monday evening at the Garnet Barratt farm home just east of Heppner. The losing teams, headed by Elbert Cox and Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, had charge of the affair, and many special features were prepared for the entertainment of the guests.

Upon arriving each guest was asked to step upon the scales and while the weights were sometimes surprisingly large, no hard feelings were caused since curves are coming back into favor. Another feature was the side show for men only. Music for the old time dance was furnished by the Hayes Brothers orchestra, and all the popular dances were enjoyed. The grand march was headed by Mrs. Helen Cohn, president of the Auxiliary. Ladies choice and tag dances were frequently employed. Other forms of amusement were the relay race and the men's clothing race, which almost brought down the barn.

A bounteous lunch was served at midnight.

Fifty couples were in attendance, and costumes very much in keeping with the times were worn.

4 Morrow County Boys

Apply for C.M.T.C. Camp

Vancouver Barracks, Washington, March 8.—What is expected to be the largest enrollment in history of the citizen's military training camp at this post since its inception in 1926 by Brigadier General Paul A. Wolf, is in process now.

Approximately 625 young men of Oregon and southwestern Washington have applied for the 1932 session at Camp Hurlburt, the 30-day training period given annually without cost by the government.

Of this number four have applied from Morrow county.

Only physically qualified youngsters of good repute in the community in which they reside are eligible. Every means is taken to assure parents of their physical, moral and mental protection and development during this month. Two chaplains of christian denomination and a score of officers trained in physical and mental education, compose the staff of General Wolf, it is announced at Post Headquarters.

Applications to date have been received here from the following Morrow county youths:

Theodore E. Thomson, Heppner; Earl W. Thomson, Heppner; Chas. E. McCurdy, Heppner; Claud E. Wilcox, Lexington.

Hardman Dramatic Club

Presents Play Saturday

"Let's Have Some Excitement" is a three-act comedy play scheduled for March 12th at the high school auditorium at Hardman. There is to be a free dance following the play. Admission 25c.

The theme of the play centers about a week's excitement at Beaumont Manor, an exclusive and expensive hotel situated in the heart of the mountains; not too exclusively patronized in the month of May, when it is suddenly invaded by a group of sojourners from various large cities, most of whom desire to escape the noise and excitement of city life, namely:

A fleeing bride and a pursuing groom, Wm. Johnson and Marjorie Montgomery, respectively; Margot, who longs for thrills and romance, portrayed by Arieta Ashbaugh; Richard, her lover, who is all too slow, Neil Knighten; her aunt, Miss Ames, Zetta Bleakman, whose role it is to interfere in the lives of those who gather at the hotel; Marcella, who is playing a part in her puritan garb and puritan role, Mildred Farrens; Christopher Starr, a Broadway producer, Owen Bleakman; Elinor, a dashing young actress, Elvira Bleakman; Angela, a bridge fiend who makes herself a nuisance, Lucile Farrens; the Earl of Wrekford, Raymond McDonald; his valet, Estin Stevens; Ross Schuyler, a physician, Forrest Adams; Mac, the bellboy, Lester Ashbaugh; Mariette, a maid, Muri Farrens; Mickey, a would-be detective, Richard Robison; Susan, Neva Bleakman.

The kidnapping of Margot, the confusion of the identities of the Earl of Wrekford with that of an escaped lunatic, gives rise to the fact that Mickey, the would-be detective, falls heir to a false clue, and Mac, the young wrestler, uses his energy upon the unfortunate Earl, and Susan, a campfire girl, blossoms out into a young heroine.

The play is being prepared for presentation under the able direction of Mrs. Neil Knighten, a teacher in the Hardman schools.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our dear friends for the sympathy and lovely floral offerings given during our recent bereavement.

Mr. Roy Neill.
Alma Neill.
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morehead.
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wattenburger.

CARNegie MEDAL HONORS HEROISM

Lawrence S. Case Plaque
Shown Lions in Tribute
To Boy Scouts.

BANQUET PLANNED

Propose Father and Son Event to Further Work; Morse Talks on Status of Dairy Industry.

Lions, assembled in their new meeting quarters at Hotel Heppner Monday noon, had the privilege of viewing the Carnegie medal received that morning by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case, which was issued in recognition of the heroism of their son, Lawrence S. Case. Lawrence died in attempting to rescue his sweetheart from the waters of the Columbia river when she was overcome by cramps. The inscription reads: "Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That He Lay Down His Life for His Friends—Awarded to Lawrence S. Case who died attempting to save William M. Bowen from drowning, Brewster, Wash., June 30, 1929."

In presenting the medal for the inspection of the service club members, Mr. Case paid high tribute to Boy Scout work, then under discussion. He believed that the training Lawrence had received as a member of the Boy Scouts was largely responsible for his act of self-sacrifice in the face of impending disaster. Coming from a heart burdened with the new load of sorrow that welled from the wounds opened afresh by thoughts of the tragedy which reception of the medal brought to mind, Mr. Case's message was a most forceful appeal for furthering the work of the Boy Scouts, and gave added significance to the proposal which had been made to hold a fathers' and sons' banquet for the purpose of stimulating greater personal interest in the work of the boys as well as raising funds necessary to participate in the work of the Blue Mountain council.

Banquet Plan Favored.

The proposal had been made by Spencer Crawford on behalf of the scout executive committee, and after much favorable discussion it received one hundred percent endorsement of the men present. The plan is to have every man in town purchase two tickets for a banquet to which he is expected to escort a boy, taking a borrowed son if he has none of his own. The tickets would sell at \$1 a pair. At the banquet would be held demonstrations of Boy Scout work, the executive committee having the promise of attendance of several Eagle scouts.

Lions were pleased to learn that English Al Rankin's 9-months old member building, Sonny Boy, had won a blue ribbon at the kennel show in Portland last week end. They honored Mr. Rankin with the presentation of a fountain pen desk set in recognition of his faithful services as head of the commissary. S. E. Notson made the presentation in a few well chosen words.

Much in the nature of a homecoming was the attendance of Roger W. Morse, extension dairy specialist of Oregon State college, who addressed the Lions on the importance of the dairy industry to the country, for Mr. Morse was county agent of Morrow county for four years and a member of the Heppner Luncheon club which formed the nucleus for the Lions club.

Dairying Makes Progress.

Larger than the wheat industry and the cotton industry combined, the dairy industry has an important place in the economic structure of the country, Mr. Morse said. He cited the rapid progress of the industry in Oregon, which nearly doubled in size between the years of 1919 and 1929, and he lauded the work of the herd improvement associations that have been largely responsible for bringing the yearly per cow average production up to around 270 pounds from 180 pounds of butterfat a few years ago.

That the interests of the dairy industry are closely correlated to those of other industries he made plain in declaring that the added cows it would have taken to produce an amount of butterfat sufficient to replace the oleomargarine used in the state in 1929 would have consumed the by-products of 10,000,000 bushels of wheat. Increased production in the west has given western dairymen an export market price in place of a domestic price. Mr. Morse gave as one reason for the low prices now prevailing. Future success in the industry depends, as does future success in other industries, upon increasing the quality of products and obtaining more economical production. This is the only way in which the ever increasingly keener competition can be met, he said. He cited some of the ways in which these things are being brought about in the dairy industry.

Guests at the meeting included Mr. Cox of Hermiston, brother of Chas. B. Cox of this city, and Marvin Wightman.