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## High Tracksters Win Tri-County Meet at Condon

### Gilman, King, Van Marter Set Records; To La Grande Next.

Heppner with 56 points captured the Morrow-Gilliam-Wheeler track meet at Condon yesterday, leading her nearest opponent, Arlington, by 29 points. The river town high school lads scored 27, Condon 16, Lexington 10 and Fossil 6.

Leonard Gilman of the locals was high point man for the meet with 15 1/4, while Norton King with 14 1/4 ran him a close second. Gilman set a new record for the meet when he tied Baker of Condon in the high jump at 5 feet 9 inches. King set new records in both the 100-yard dash and the broad jump, cutting the old time in the dash from 10.6 to 10.2, and raising the distance in the broad jump from 18 feet 10 inches to 22 feet 1 1/2 inches. Van Marter cut the record time in the 440-yard dash from 56.5 to 55.5.

Other local pointers were Charles Cox 9 1/4, La Verne Van Marter 7 1/4, Gerald Roberts 4, Arthur Vance 3, Billy Blake 3. The boys will take part in an invitation meet at La Grande Saturday, and Coach Tetz is looking forward to sending Gilman and King to the state track meet at Eugene the following week.

Places won by the locals were: 100-yard dash, King 1st, Cox 2nd; 220, Cox 1st, King 2nd; 440, Van Marter 1st; 880 Vance 2nd; mile, Blake 2nd; high jump, Gilman tied for 1st; broad jump, King 1st; pole vault, Gilman 1st, Roberts 2nd; discuss, Gilman 1st, Van Marter 4th; relay, Heppner 1st.

Elwynne Peck of Lexington placed first in the shotput and third in both the 100 and 220.

## 31 Farmers Make Trip to Waterville

Thirty-one farmers from Morrow county who made the trip to Waterville, Wash., leaving Tuesday morning, to study soil conservation practices there, returned home this morning, reporting a successful trip. Included in the itinerary was a visit to the Grand Coulee dam.

Those making the trip with Joseph Belanger, county agent, were Floyd Adams, E. H. Miller, Jim Valentine, O. W. Cutsforth, John Graves, C. E. Carlson, Henry Baker, Henry Peterson, Oscar Peterson, George Peck, Burton H. Peck, Adolph Majeske, Ollie Kincaid, Harold Kincaid, Carl Feldman, E. C. Heliker, Leo Gorger, Henry Gorger, George Ely, A. A. McCabe, Jim McCabe, Omer Rietmann, Werner Rietmann, Oral Scott, F. N. Moyer, Bernard Doherty, E. C. Daugherty, Merle Miller, Louis Bergevin, Algott Lundell.

## ELECT OFFICERS.

Heppner high school officers for next year, elected this week, are Paul McCarty, president; Jackson Gilliam, vice president; Scott McMurdo, treasurer; Ruth Green, secretary; John Hays, sergeant-at-arms; Billy Barratt, yell duke. Named on Hehisch committee were Maxine McCurdy, Jimmy Healy, seniors; Bethal Blake, John Crawford, juniors; Carolyn Vaughn, Billy Blake, sophomores.

## PIERCE RECOVERING.

Walter M. Pierce, this district's representative in congress, was recovering rapidly from an appendicitis operation performed last week, according to reports in the daily press yesterday.

## NEIGHBORS ENJOY "FEED."

Neighbors of Woodcraft members Monday evening enjoyed a "feed" of Chinese noodles and ice cream, provided by the men following the lodge session.

## CONDON GREET'S ELKS SATURDAY

### 10-Piece Portland Band to Play for Evening Ball; Initiation Ceremonies Set for Afternoon.

Members of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, with their ladies will invade Condon Saturday for the annual spring away-from-home initiation and good will meeting. Loyal Parker, secretary, D. A. Wilson and E. O. Ferguson were in the neighboring city Tuesday to assist with final arrangements, and returned with glowing reports for the affair.

Included in entertainment features for the day is the appearance of Elton Lewis' 10-piece band of the El Tabarin of Portland who will play for the ball at the Crystal ballroom in the evening. This event is open to Elks and invited guests.

The lodge meeting with initiation is scheduled for 2:30 in the afternoon, and while the men are thus engaged the ladies will be provided with special entertainment. L. Van Marter, who has been assisting on the Condon end, says no pains are being spared to entertain everyone, and urges all to be there.

## AAA County Rates Given for Oregon

County average diversion payment rates per acre under the 1937 agricultural conservation program have been approved by the secretary of agriculture as submitted by the state AAA committee, according to word received at the state office of the AAA at Oregon State college. The following rates have been established for Morrow county:

Average rate per acre for diversion from soil depleting base, \$3.00.

Average soil building allowance rate per acre on acreage diverted for payment, \$2.00.

Average soil building allowance rate per acre on all crop land on non-diversion farms and commercial orchard land on diversion farms, 40 cents.

As was the case last year, the rates vary according to the average productivity of the crop land in the various counties. In recommending the rates for this year the state committee was guided somewhat by last year's rates and the experience under them with the 1936 program. The average diversion rate for the country this year was only \$6 instead of \$10 an acre, while the soil building allowance was raised accordingly. The rates this year, therefore, are not comparable as to total amount with those in effect last year.

Rates on individual farms vary according to productivity, just as do the rates for the several counties. Each farm is assigned a productivity index from which a farmer may calculate by multiplying it times the county base exactly how much he can earn per acre for cooperating in the conservation program.

Malheur county again has the highest average rate, at an even \$10 for diversion, \$6.70 for soil building allowance on diverted acreage, and \$1.34 on crop land on non-diversion farms. Other high counties are Coos \$9, \$5.95 and \$1.19; Hood River, \$8.90, \$5.95, and 1.19; Columbia \$8.60, \$5.70, and \$1.14; and Washington, \$8.50, \$5.65, and \$1.13.

## BILLY SCHWARZ WEDS.

Billy Schwarz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz of this city, married Ida Mae Smith at the home of the bride's parents in Canyon City Saturday. The newlyweds visited over Sunday at the home of the bridegroom's parents here. They will reside at Seneca where Mr. Schwarz has held a position for some time. Billy graduated from Heppner high school two years ago, and attended Eastern Oregon Normal school, before going to Seneca. His many friends here unite in wishing himself and bride much happiness.

Mrs. W. B. Barratt arrived the end of the week from her home in Portland for a visit at the home of her son, J. G. Barratt.

## Merrill Team Nebs Out Opponents in Crow Killing Race

### Hen Hatching Story Blasted; Stolen Crow Mystery Solved.

The score: Merrill team 2265 points; Richardson team 2225 points.

And that's a real crow race as the Morrow County Hunter and Anglers club rounds into the last 12-day stretch in a race between the two teams to see which can make the greatest inroads into the crow and magpie population of the county. While the Merrill gang came from behind this week to take a neb's lead, anything may happen from here on.

In fact it is already happening. This week Richardson interviewed his worker accused by Merrill of setting crow eggs under his hens, and found the accusation to be far from the truth. Said party is using an incubator for the hatching, Richardson avers.

Then comes to light the solution of the mystery of Richardson's missing crow, advertised in these columns last week as stolen. The bird was recovered from a room of a member of the Richardson team, but indisputable evidence was uncovered that the captain of the opposing team was the guilty culprit. Richardson refused to prosecute in order to retain harmony in the club. Now Merrill also has a pet crow, and Dame Rumor has it that a crow fight is being talked up for the week end, with side bets being placed, to prove the greater valor of the two.

Last week end nearly all of the Richardson team took a vacation to Portland or elsewhere except Bert Mason, who obtained 22 magpies, 35 magpie eggs, 1 crow, 11 crow eggs, 2 horned owls, 5 horned owl eggs and 2 hawk eggs. But three different members have promised to beat Bert this week end.

Arrangements are being made for the banquet to be held shortly after June 1 in the county dance hall on lower Main street including importation of various entertainers, boxers and wrestlers. Expectation is had for 150 to 175 reservations.

New club members announced this week are Hugh Smith, Mrs. Ben Cox, Elbert Cox, Judge Bert Johnson, Chas. Barlow, L. D. Neill, Harry Tamblin and Tom Clark.

## Famous English Woman Held Local Man's Hand as Boy

One native Englishman was not so much concerned about the coronation of the new king yesterday as he was in another important English event. That event was the celebration of Florence Nightingale day.

Jack Milsom, the Englishman in question, as a boy lived neighbors to Miss Nightingale in Berkshire. He recalled having held on to her hand many times for walks thru the garden. He believed he was probably the only person in Heppner to have known Miss Nightingale personally.

In later years, Miss Nightingale wore a heavy veil which was never lifted in the presence of men, except those with whom she was closely acquainted. One of these was Mr. Milsom's father, a fellow in the Royal Society of Horticulturists.

## FARM HOUSE BURNS.

Fire of undetermined origin consumed the farm house on the Adam Blahm ranch on Skinner creek Tuesday morning. Mrs. Harley L. Matesson, sister of Mrs. Blahm, first discovered the blaze while washing. The men in the field arrived too late to be of assistance. There was no insurance.

## PUBLIC TO HEAR BANDS TONIGHT

### Annual Free Concert Slated at Gym-Auditorium at 8 o'Clock; Instrumentation Announced.

The annual school band concert will be held at the auditorium this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The senior and junior bands will be presented, augmented by solo numbers to provide an evening of musical entertainment looked forward to by the entire community. Admission is free. On Saturday a regular afternoon street concert will be played, at which the usual collection will be taken to provide funds for necessary band expenses.

Harold Buhman, director, announces personnel of the bands as follows:

Senior band: Trumpets, Charles Cox, Gerald Cason, Jack Merrill, Harry Tamblin, Donald Frederickson, Kay Ferguson, Kemp Dick, Thomas Gonty, Jack Morton; altos, Emery Coxen, Calvin Crawford, Jack Vaughn, Jackson Cantwell; baritone, Hugh Crawford; trombones, Norton King, Jackson Gilliam, John Crawford, Joe Aiken, Billy Barratt; bass, William Lee McCaleb, Donald Bennett; clarinets, Harriet Hager, Omer McCaleb, Donald Jones, Richard Hayes, Carolyn Vaughn, Kathryn Thompson, Paul Doolittle, Clifford Fay, Alan Gibb; saxophones, Margaret Tamblin, Betty Happold, Andy Davidson, Wilbur Worden, Harold Armstrong; drums, Warren Blakely, Jr., Donald Fell, Milton Morgan.

Junior band: Trumpets, Howard Gilliam, Austin McAtee, Dick Ferguson; altos, Lowell Ashbaugh, Billy Scrivner, Donald Wehmeyer; trombones, Henry Aiken, Jr., Donald Evans; clarinet, Dorothea Wilson, Kingsley Chapin, Elizabeth Healy, Raymond Parrish; flute, John Skuzeski; saxophone, Philip Cohn; drums, Neta Rae Bleskman, Jimmy Barratt.

## LEGION SMOKER FIRST OF SEASON TO BENEFIT POOL

The first American Legion smoker of the season, a benefit for the swimming pool fund, will open at 8:00 o'clock tomorrow night at the Fair pavilion. Doors open at 7:30. Concerning it, C. J. D. Bauman, promoter, says:

"The main event brings together Rene Chaussee, the popular CCC boy, one of the fastest and cleverest boxers to show in Heppner; and Buddy O'Day, a boy who has lots of ambition and plenty of experience. He will make Chaussee step the limit.

"In the semi-windup, Montana Red, gory fighter from Butte, mixes with Jackie Herron. Herron is a 'black shadow' mystery fighter. He will make Montana Red see red.

"The main preliminary shows Tom Clark, Jr., local boy, a rangy fighter and nobody's setup; with Kenneth Daniels, CCC boy, who will make Tom like it.

"Second preliminary—Earl Robison, slings leather at Bobby Eger-shien; Oai, Oai, what a time! And two other mystery maulers will raise the curtain and probably tear it up.

"If you plan on coming to this smoker and going to sleep, you will certainly be disappointed.

"Fred Hoskins is official referee, with instructions to throw them out if they don't fight, and Fred is big enough to do it. Come and give yourself a treat and contribute to the swimming pool as well.

"The price is 50 cents for men and 25 cents for what they bring with them."

## BUYS BARBER SHOP.

John Key this week purchased the E. E. Clark barber shop and assumed control yesterday after disposing of the shop he formerly operated on lower Main street. His former shop was sold on the outside, and the building has been vacated. Mr. Clark expects to move to California with his family as soon as other business interests here are disposed of.

## Everyone Asked To Join Caravan To View New Ditch

### Willow-Ditch Creek Flow at Height, Lions Told; Visit Planned.

All those who would like to see Ditch creek dumping its waters into Willow creek via the 6800-foot canal recently completed by CCC moys and the soil conservation service, are invited to join a motor caravan planned to leave at the Heppner hotel at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Joseph Belanger announced plans for the event at the Monday Lions luncheon, and it is expected the service club will be largely represented in the party.

Millard D. Rodman, soil conservation supervisor, added his invitation for the community to see the ditch now while the flow is at its peak. Sixteen second-feet of water was flowing through the ditch Monday morning, he said.

The trip by car can now be made to the coal mines. The motor caravan will unload there and hike on to the head of the ditch about a mile farther up. Considerable snow is still present, and while well packed, it would be advisable for everyone making the trip to wear rubbers at least, and boots would be preferable, Rodman said.

Belanger emphasized the importance of this work in providing additional irrigating water for Willow creek farmers, and said that anyone making the trip will be well repaid by the sight afforded at this time.

The service club also went on record as backing the city clean-up day, next Tuesday, and urged upon everyone to support the mayor and councilmen in their attempt to make the city ship-shape.

Gross proceeds of \$95 from the swimming pool benefit held Friday was announced.

A special breakfast meeting of the club has been called by President Ray P. Kinne at Hotel Heppner at 9 o'clock Sunday morning to greet District Governor Ralph Kletzing of Salem.

## Extend Lex-Jarmon Oiling to Butter Creek

Doubts as to the extent of oiling on the Lexington-Jarmon road were erased yesterday when E. B. Aldrich, state highway commissioner, told Judge Bert Johnson that it would be completed through to Butter creek before present operations cease.

Lighter oiling will be used after the first 12 miles, Aldrich said, making 8 miles between Sand Hollow and Butter creek of lighter construction.

Last week, Engineer Armstrong said that plans called for oiling only the first 12 miles out of Lexington.

When completed, the present work will provide an oiled macadam highway all the way from Heppner to Pendleton, via Lexington, as the stretch from Butter creek to Echo, connecting with the Oregon Trail, is already oiled.

## ENTERTAIN VISITORS.

Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary entertained a number of visiting ladies from Echo, Hermiston and Stanfield at a bridge luncheon at the Lucas Place, Friday. Included among the visitors were Mrs. M. E. Coe, Mrs. N. J. Gillette, Mrs. Ed Liesegang, Mrs. Gaylord Madison, Grace Saylor, Mrs. W. H. Cray, Gladys Corrigan, Mrs. N. D. Bard, Echo; Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Mrs. E. P. Dodd, Mrs. H. T. Fraser, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. A. C. Ebert, Arletta White, Mrs. Neil Robertson, Hermiston; Mrs. W. G. Wallace, Miss Elva Berry, Mrs. G. Ernest Greathouse, Mrs. W. Martin Marbert, Emma Geizzler, Stanfield, and Mrs. Lennie Loudon, Condon.