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## SWITCH HOOP TOURNEY

### Transfer of Bank Timber Lands to Gov't Completed

Further Dividend  
Assured Says J. L.  
Gault, Receiver

Final transfer to the United States of 4880 acres known as the "Coal Mine" holdings of First National Bank of Heppner assures a further dividend to bank depositors of 8 to 10 per cent, announces J. L. Gault, receiver. The deed to the government was put on record Monday.

Three years of effort on the part of Mr. Gault to have this land placed in the forest reserve has realized fruition in the transfer. He has strongly advocated the action to help perpetuate the Willow creek watershed. He expresses appreciation of the assistance given his efforts by people throughout the Willow creek valley, and especially commends the valuable services of Congressman Water M. Pierce who has worked tirelessly to this end, and who has effected many necessary contacts in Washington.

A further dividend to bank depositors of 8 to 10 per cent is assured by the sale, the latter figure to be reached if other bank holdings are disposed of at reasonably satisfactory prices, said Mr. Gault, in which event he expected total return to depositors to reach 85 per cent.

### J. B. Huddleston Was Veteran Agent

J. B. Huddleston, veteran railroad agent in charge of the local depot for 15 years before retiring in 1918, died at his home in Portland Saturday following a paralytic stroke, and was buried from Holman and Lutz chapel in that city Monday. At time of retirement from the railroad service he was the second oldest agent in point of service in the division, O. W. R. & N., being headed only by J. B. Glover, agent at Portland.

Mr. Huddleston came to Heppner shortly after the Heppner flood and served as agent here continuously until retirement when he took up sheep raising on the ranch at Lone Rock. He left the ranch only a few months ago to live in Portland where the days of his young manhood were spent. Mr. Huddleston never married, but throughout his residence here and at Lone Rock his sister, Miss Beatrice Huddleston, resided with him. Besides this sister, he is survived by a brother, Ray, of Ukiah, a brother in Alaska and another sister. Mrs. Fred Parrish of this city is a niece. A wide circle of friends in this county offer sympathy to the family.

### TOURNEY SQUAD NAMED

Heppner's tournament assemblage, being allowed eight players, a manager and a coach according to tournament rules, will probably be: four juniors, Emery Coxen, Milton Morgan, Joe Aiken and Bill Barratt, captain; four freshmen, Hugh Crawford, Don Bennett, Harry O'Donnell and Doug Drake; Harold Armstrong, manager, and Bob Knox, coach. Of the tournament squad only two, Coxen and Morgan, have had previous high school competition before this season.

Miss Maude King was able to resume her teaching duties at school Monday after being confined by illness for several weeks.

Mrs. Alva Jones was ill with flu at home this week.

### WILLOW CHANNEL WORK UNDER WAY

CCC's Start Clearing Brush  
Looking to Straightening  
Creek's Flow Through Town

Work of improving the channel of Willow creek through the city was started Monday by the local soil conservation force and a CCC crew.

Starting with the clearing out of brush, the work will include straightening and widening of the channel to give the water a straighter and less impeded path through town. Not only is a more sightly creek expected to result, but the flood hazard will be minimized.

The work has been talked for several years, but it was not until an agreement signed by city and camp officials a few weeks ago was returned with okeh from Washington that it could be started. It is expected to solicit the cooperation of property holders along the creek in carrying out the program to completion.

City officials believe the cooperation of property holders should be readily forthcoming because of the enhanced value it will give all property along the creek.

### Writer's Dream Realized by Woman Who Resided Here

Few writers attain the dream of all writers—publication of their first story. That dream has been realized, however, by Helen Hedrick who resided in Heppner when her husband, E. H. Hedrick, was superintendent of local schools.

Mrs. Hedrick has had her first short story accepted by Saturday evening Post to be published in a forthcoming issue, says a daily press dispatch from Central Point, the author's former home and still the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Norcross.

A former Heppnerite who became a friend of Mrs. Hedrick's here, writes "I received a letter from Helen today and she said she was corresponding with the editor of Collier's in regard to some more short stories—and her first novel was almost completed. We feel quite happy over her success, as she was such a youngster when in Heppner—only about 19. Now she has three children, two girls and a boy—the eldest 12 and the youngest six."

The Hedricks now reside at Medford where Mr. Hedrick is city school superintendent.

### Locals Trounce Lex In Town Hoop Game

Following the high school game Friday night the Heppner town team trounced the Lexington townies in a clean, fast game, 75-34. Having no substitutes, the Heppner team was forced to use the same men throughout.

With the Heppner team's showing last Friday night, it has been suggested that a game be arranged with Fred Hoskins' team from Ione. The line-up was: Heppner—Knox f, 14; Furlong f, 6; Van Marter c, 40; Driscoll g, 13; Cason g, 2. Lexington—Thonburg f, 12; Munkers f; Palmer c, 6; Wright g, 8; Allyn g; Tucker s, 4; Peck s, 4.

The Christian Women's Missionary society met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. O. Turner. "Buddhism" was the subject for discussion with interesting papers being read by Mrs. Clara Beamer, Mrs. Gertrude Parker, Alvin Kleinfeldt, Miss Leta Humphreys and Miss Rose Leibbrand. Mrs. Kleinfeldt, president, presided for a business session and the hostess served refreshments. Twenty-five were present.

### Ninety Farm Folk Hear Reports at Economic Meet

Land Use, Crops,  
Livestock, Home-  
making Discussed

About ninety men and women turned out last Thursday for the county economic conference held at the courthouse in Heppner.

Miss Joan Patterson, extension specialist in home furnishings from O. S. C., discussed the report of the committee on farm and home life. The entire group was much interested in what Miss Patterson had to say in regard to home lighting.

H. A. Lindgren, extension specialist in animal husbandry, outlined the general purpose back of the economic conference. In all of the 36 counties in Oregon, Mr. Lindgren said, similar conferences are being held this year.

In the past month, four committees have met, and the final reports of these committees were read at the conference.

The opening paragraph of the report of the committee on land use is significant, and indicates the attitude of the different committees in preparing their report. To quote this committee:

"In preparing the following report, the land use committee has attempted to take a long-time view of the agricultural situation within the county. Realizing that later information may change present conclusions, and that future development may change our present ideas as to the best use of land, nevertheless, our committee has tried to place itself in the position of an individual personally owning all the land in Morrow county, and confronted with the problem of mapping out a long-time program of land use for this section of the country. We have taken the attitude that land ownership does not bestow upon the individual the right to so use his land as to ruin it for the use of future generations. In our thinking, we have assumed that title to land is the equivalent of a life lease with a transfer privilege."

A quotation from the first paragraph of the livestock committee's report indicates the importance of livestock in this county:

"With almost 70 per cent of the total land area in Morrow county in range and farm pasture, and about 14 per cent of the harvested crop land devoted to the raising of hay, and a considerable portion of the wheat stubble used for pasture in the fall of the year, the importance of the livestock industry in Morrow county's agriculture is immediately apparent."

According to the report of this committee, Morrow county is well able to raise all hay necessary to maintain livestock numbers during the winter, and the quality of our spring and fall range can be materially increased through improved management practices. To quote again from this report:

"The principal factor limiting livestock numbers in this county is available summer range."

The farm crops committee devoted some time to the discussion of soil erosion. Quoting from this report:

"For the dry land section, the committee recommends immediate and earnest consideration on the part of every farmer of all of the factors making for soil erosion, either from wind or from water. As the first step in this direction, the committee recommends the substitution of trashy

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### Smallpox at Fossil Brings Sub-District Play Here Fri.-Sat.

An outbreak of smallpox at Fossil yesterday caused the sub-district 13-B basketball tournament play to be switched to Heppner, with games starting at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon in the local gym.

Three cases of smallpox were reported which caused tournament officials to avoid risk of playing the tournament at the Wheeler county town as originally scheduled, and also brought a ruling against Fossil playing in the tournament.

As a result seven teams only will participate, with Boardman, scheduled to meet Fossil in the first game tomorrow evening, drawing a bye. The competing teams will be Heppner, Irrigon, Umatilla, Lexington, Boardman, Condon and Ione. Schedule of preliminary games is:

Irrigon vs. Heppner, 2:30, Friday. Umatilla vs. Lexington, 3:30, Friday.

Condon vs. Ione, 7:30, Friday.

Boardman will play the winner of the Condon-Ione game in the second game Saturday afternoon at 3:30, while winners of the two Friday afternoon games will meet in Saturday afternoon's first game at 2:30. Losers of the Saturday afternoon games will play for the tournament consolation championship at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, while winners of Saturday afternoon games will play at 1 o'clock for the championship.

Each squad will include eight players, manager and coach, making at least sixty visitors to be entertained here this week end. Tuck Hodgson of Adams will be referee.

The enforced upset in the tournament plans has caught Heppner unprepared, says Supt. A. H. Blankenship in appealing for support of county people. A rush was being made this morning to launch a pre-sale of tickets. Admissions to the tournament are the only source of financing it, and it is hoped to compensate visiting teams so far as possible for their traveling expenses.

"Not only will local people be evidencing civic loyalty in giving their cooperation through purchase of tickets and attendance, but they will be fully rewarded by thrilling exhibitions of basketball," says Mr. Blankenship.

### County Subscribes \$35 to "Oregon" Fund

With a few schools unreported, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers gave the total subscribed for saving the Battleship Oregon at \$35.36. The amount was largely contributed in ten-cent amounts by school children of the county. Mrs. Rodgers, county school superintendent, has served as chairman of the fund solicitation.

The money is being forwarded to the committee in charge at Portland to assist in giving the "Oregon" a permanent berth in drydock and preserved as a shrine to the principles for which she fought.

### LIBE OFFICERS NAMED

Organization of Heppner library for the year was completed this week with naming of officers: Mrs. Russell McNeill, president; C. J. D. Bauman, vice president; Elaine Sigsbee Furlong, secretary; Ruth Furlong, librarian; J. O. Turner, Lucy E. Rodgers, Leta Humphreys, trustees; J. O. Turner, finance and membership chairman; book committee, Madge Thomson, Lera Crawford, Alvin Kleinfeldt, Rose Leibbrand, Margaret McNeill, C. J. D. Bauman, Elaine Furlong, Ruth Furlong.

### Reorganization Of Boy Scouts Given Support

Visiting Officials  
Assist in Obtaining  
New Leadership

Preliminary reorganization of the Boy Scouts in Heppner was effected Monday and Tuesday when Robert A. Hayes, divisional scout executive from Portland, and O. E. Hoover, Blue Mountain council executive from Walla Walla, assisted in organization of an executive committee and in obtaining leaders for the work.

Tom Wells and Alvin Kleinfeldt were named scout leaders with Howard Bryant and Billy McCaleb as assistant leaders. Named on the executive committee were Dr. A. D. McMurdo, C. J. D. Bauman, Fred Wehmeyer, B. C. Pinckney and Spencer Crawford. A meeting is expected to be called shortly to outline the program and to enroll boys wishing to take scout work.

Sponsorship of the local troop was undertaken by the Lions club Monday on presentation of the visiting officials' proffer of assistance. Both visiting men emphasized that they were not attempting to "sell" anything but simply offering a service that Heppner could ill afford to be without. They gave assurance of more assistance from the council administrators than had been received in the past, and the determination of the amount this city should contribute to maintaining the council supervision was left largely in the hands of local people.

Recalled was the successful work of the Boy Scouts in the past which died out two years ago largely through loss of leadership.

### Heppner Takes Win Over Lexington

In the last home encounter of the season for the locals, Heppner's basketball quintet eked out a victory in the last few minutes of the fourth quarter to win a rousing game from Lexington Friday evening, 33-30.

For a while it looked like the Mustangs were going to be taken into camp for a most humiliating defeat. Shooting long shots over Heppner's zone defense, the Lexington boys were sinking them from all angles. This didn't last, however, for in the last quarter they began missing set-ups and stopped by close checking of the Heppner boys were edged out by the three points.

Line-ups: Heppner, 33—Morgan f, 2; H. Crawford f, 6; Drake c, 13; Barratt g, 7; Coxen g, 4; Aiken s, 1; O'Donnell s. Lexington, 20—Peck f, 14; Padberg f, 4; B. Campbell c, 6; D. Campbell g; Davis g, 3; Dinges s, 3; Way s. Referee, Marvin Ransier, Ione.

### 'WHITEWASH' OPPONENTS

Heppner grade school second basketball team did the unusual at Pilot Rock last night when they "whitewashed" their opponents, 28-0. In a game between the grade school first teams of the two towns, Heppner won 30-24.