

# Local News

B. C. Pinckney, manager local branch First National Bank of Portland, went to Portland the end of the week and returned with Mrs. Pinckney and son Bobby after arranging for shipment of household goods. They are domiciled in the residence occupied by the family of Mr. Pinckney's late predecessor, E. L. Morton.

Algott Lundell was a business visitor in the city Friday from the Gooseberry section where prospects for the new crop are bright.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th.

D. A. Wilson is much improved in the illness which has kept him at home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morton and son Jack left Saturday for their new location at Newberg.

John Bellenbrock was moved to Morrow General hospital this week in his illness.

Mrs. G. A. Farrens was a visitor in the city today from Hardman.

Capt. and Mrs. G. R. Kent motored to Pendleton today.

## BOARDMAN NEWS

### Umatilla Takes District Play-Off

By LA VERN BAKER

An exciting game was played on the Hermiston basketball floor Saturday evening between the Umatilla Vikings and Boardman Yellowjackets. It was the play-off for the league championship. It was anybody's game until the final whistle blew with the Umatilla Vikings winning by a score of 24-22.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gorham motored to Bingen, Wn., Friday and returned home Saturday evening.

Miss Cecelia Partlow of Portland spent the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Partlow.

Eldon Shannon spent the latter part of the week visiting in Palouse, Wash. While returning from there his car wrecked. However, he was not hurt seriously.

Virginia Compton spent the week end visiting her father, L. Compton, in Hilgard.

Misses Lillian and May Hango and Harold Hatch of Portland spent the week end visiting at the Chas. Hango home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hendricks spent Thursday in Heppner on business.

Paul Smith, W. A. Bake and Mrs. Victor Myers motored to Heppner Thursday where they attended the rural electrification meeting.

Mrs. Edith Hendricks spent Saturday in Pendleton on business.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Ford Wednesday afternoon. The Ladies Aid and Home Ec club have combined on a Polly Anna club. There were about twenty-four women present.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Wilson of La Grande spent the week end visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. Hankin of Portland was a business visitor on the project Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gorham spent Tuesday in Pendleton where they had their car worked on.

Mrs. Maude Kobow, Jeanne Bauer and Lois Messenger were shoppers in Pendleton Saturday. Jeanne remained in Echo on the way back.

Teachers' institute was held in Heppner Friday. School was out for the day and all the teachers motored to Heppner.

Mrs. Elmer Sullivan and children left Sunday for Medford where she will visit her parents.

Mrs. Coats of Hardman is visiting her son, Claude Coats, here.

Miss Esther Jones of La Grande spent the week end visiting her mother and family, Mrs. Blanche Jones.

Mike Healy, while returning from Heppner Thursday, tipped his car over. It didn't hurt the car or Mr. Healy seriously.

Vernon Partlow of Goldendale,

Wash., spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Partlow.

Mrs. Blanche Jones and family spent Sunday visiting at the Phil Jones home in Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mackan of Hereford are visiting at the Frank Jones home. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Mackan are sisters.

Mardell Gorham, Geraldine Healy and Basil Cramer spent the week end visiting at the W. A. Strobel home in Athena.

Jack Johnson returned to his home in Dufur Saturday after spending the past week visiting on the project.

Mrs. Ded Jackson who lived here this summer stopped Saturday on her way to Portland.

### Supply and Demand Changes Hit Prices

Official government estimates of Oregon farm production in 1937 show a substantial increase over 1936, but the nationwide high level of farm production last year, added to recession in business, is now being reflected in sharp declines in the Oregon farm price index, according to the current agricultural situation report just issued by the state college extension service.

Government figures for 1937 are \$124,825,000 in farm cash income for crop and animal products, with the Oregon farm price index for the year averaging 85 per cent of the 1926-1930 level. In 1936, when the index averaged eight points lower at 77, total income was estimated at \$106,550,000. Neither figure includes several million dollars income from specialty crops or benefit payments, or the added values from manufacture of farm produce.

Oregon's general farm price index, like that of the country as a whole, has declined sharply during the last few months, the report shows. The Oregon index at 70 per cent of the 1926-1930 average is down 17 points below January 1937 and 23 points lower than at the peak last April. It is 5 points under the prewar average of 75. Particularly sharp declines in grains, potatoes and hops have occurred, with considerable recession in prices for meat animals and wool.

In general, the cost of farming has held up near last year's costs. Consequently, the purchasing power of farm products has fallen off materially, being given at 87 per cent of the 1926-1930 level, against 109 in January 1937. Compared with the 1910-1914 average, farm products have an exchange value of only 81 per cent.

In explanation of the situation, the report shows that both supply and demand have been factors of weakness. Farm production in 1937 was 108 per cent of the 1924-1929 average with business and industry activity at one-fifth below a year ago. Farm production at 108 in 1937 was the greatest on record, against only 95 in 1936, and 92 in 1935. As price declines have been greater in respect to crop products than animal products, the index figure for these separate classifications are of interest.

Volume of crop production alone in 1937 was 113 per cent of the base period average, compared with only 80 in 1936, while the index of all animal production alone in 1937 was 104 compared with 108 in 1936. The livestock inventory of the country shows only nominal changes compared with a year ago. The numbers of cattle, horses and mules on hand are slightly smaller, with hog numbers somewhat larger. Sheep numbers show a slight increase owing to larger numbers of lambs on feed.

### Better Balance Plan Under New Farm Act

The ever normal granary program contained in the new AAA farm act is expected to have some effect on discouraging excessive livestock feeding in years following big feed grain crops, according to national AAA officials who have studied provisions of the act.

Commodity loans and marketing quotas, when the latter are approved

by two-thirds vote of farmers concerned, are expected to stabilize market supplies of corn and wheat by making it possible to hold excess supplies in storage for use in years when they will be more needed by consumers.

In the past, the national leaders point out, fluctuations in supplies of meat animals usually followed close after similar fluctuations in grain crops. By storing grain supplies produced in excess of requirements it is hoped that livestock production in turn will be evened out, resulting in more uniform meat supplies and more stable prices.

Payments under the act will depend on future action by congress, as the law permits parity payments on cotton, corn, tobacco, wheat and rice, but no funds for such payments are available at present. These payments, however, are in addition to the regular payments already provided under the previously announced agricultural conservation program.

The new act provides for continuing the agricultural conservation program with additional features. Farmers who take part this year will qualify for payments by staying within their soil depleting crop acreage allotments, and by measuring up to their soil building goals.

Any minor adjustments that may have to be made in the previously announced 1938 program will be explained to Oregon officials at a regional meeting called at Salt Lake March 4 and 5. Attending this meeting from Oregon will be N. E. Dodd and N. C. Donaldson, chairman and secretary of the state AAA committee, and F. L. Ballard, vice-director of the state college extension service.

### Rod Thomson Back As Union Oil Manager

A triple shift in local managers of Union Oil company in this district this week resulted in bringing

## THE STAR Reporter

FRIDAY-SATURDAY:  
Hopalong Rides Again

Plus  
INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT  
—with the grand sisters of "Lancer Spy"—George Sanders and Dolores del Rio as well as June Lang, Dick Baldwin, Keye Luke, John Caradine, Ruth Terry.

SUNDAY-MONDAY:  
One of the screen's notable contributions to Americana and one of the most dramatic stories of mother love ever written, comes to the screen in  
OF HUMAN HEARTS

screen adaptation of Honore Morrow's classic story, "Benefits Forgiven," in which Walter Huston, James Stewart and Beulah Bondi head a cast of capable character players. —13-year-old Leatrice Joy Gilbert (daughter of Leatrice Joy and John Gilbert) makes her screen debut in the role of Annie Hawks as a child. —The late beloved character actor Robert McWade is seen in his last portrayal, that of Dr. Lupus Crumm.

Also Disney's "Donald Ostrich"

TUESDAY:  
Marlene Deitrich, Melvyn Douglas Herbert Marshall, Edward Everett Horton in

ANGEL

WED.-THUR., Mar. 9-10:  
An achievement in beautiful technicolor photography

EBB TIDE  
—has an outstanding cast including Oscar Homolka, Frances Farmer, Ray Milland, Lloyd Nolan, Barry Fitzgerald

Also: Queen of Harmony—News of the Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams, Betty and Clarabelle, are invited to present this coupon for complimentary admissions. Please use before March 11.

Star Theater  
HEPPNER, ORE.

Rod Thomson, local boy, back to Heppner from Baker to take charge of the local office. Thomson started with the company here several years ago and his being raised to the managerial position is evidence of his progress.

The shift took Dallas Jacobson from here to Pendleton, where he succeeds John Turner, former local manager and native Heppnerite, who in turn was transferred to the Baker office. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson and baby daughter moved to Pendleton Sunday, while Thomson has assumed his duties here.

### Survey on, Rider Polices Grazing Dist.

A survey crew has started work in the north end of the county surveying and staking lines between allotments in the grazing district.

M. R. Saling of Heppner has been engaged by the division of grazing as range rider for Oregon Grazing District No. 7 for the spring grazing season, the opening date of which has been set as March 15.

This year, while it will be impractical to count sheep, in every instance, as they are turned on, numbers of sheep run by each licensee will be checked, according to Marvin Klemme, regional grazier for the division of grazing.

### Unemployed Veterans Advised to Register

Employment for veterans is the theme song for all veterans' organizations during the six-week period, Feb. 15 to March 31, announces Clarence Hesselstine, commander of Heppner post, American Legion. Through assistance of the United States and state unemployment services it is expected to get every unemployed ex-service man registered.

Local registration will be effected through the state unemployment office at Pendleton, and Hesselstine urges all unemployed veterans to register immediately. Application for registration should be accom-

panied by discharge to show proof of service. Full information as to disabilities should be given, Hesselstine says, as such information will assist rather than prevent the veteran from obtaining just compensation.

Want work in town or out, house-keeping or cooking for lambing crew. Mrs. Lulu B. Jones, city. 1tp.

## Oysters and Shell Fish

NOW IN SEASON

Marine delicacies lend zest to our menus.

Try our Fountain Service

A Good Meal Anytime

at the Elkhorn Restaurant

ED CHINN, Prop.

# Attend!

THE SUB-DISTRICT 13-B

# Basketball Tournament

BROUGHT TO HEPPNER

Because of small pox at Fossil

## First Game

## 2:30 Tomorrow

7 GAMES IN ALL

Championship 9 p. m. Saturday

ADMISSION PRICES:

SEASON TICKETS	Students 75c, Adults \$1.25
Friday Afternoon	Students 20c, Adults 40c
Friday Evening	Students 25c, Adults 50c
Saturday Afternoon	Students 25c, Adults 50c
Saturday Evening	Students 35c, Adults 60c