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Condon Cagers Win Right to Compete At Arlington

Umatilla Dropped In Finals; Locals Prove Runner-Up

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Although an upset opened tournament competition, and as a result, advanced a surprise team to the semi-finals, the final results turned out as the dopesters had figured, with Condon winning the championship of sub-district 13-B from Umatilla last Saturday by a 23 to 15 score and also the right of representing this sector at the district tournament scheduled for next week end at Arlington.

To T. L. Baird, chairman of the sub-district committee and principal at Condon high school, went the honor of presenting to his team and its coach, the beautiful trophy that is awarded each year to the winning team. The presentation was made to Max Willis, captain and sub-district all-star. Following the trophy award, Albert Lemcke, coaching his first tournament team, commented on the fine spirit and general support given the squads throughout the tournament.

Umatilla and Condon garnered the majority of positions on the all-star teams chosen by Tuck Hodgen and Jack Lloyd, game officials, and coaches of the seven competing teams. Two squads were chosen, with Gene Hiatt, Umatilla; Max Willis, Condon; Frank Young, Condon; Stanley Partlow, Boardman, and Leonard Montgomery, Umatilla, composing the first five. The all-star second team placed Ted Wilson, Boardman; Willard Jones, Irrigon; Simmonds, Condon; Doug Drake, Heppner, and Ellwynne Peck, Lexington. Honorable mention went to the 14-year-old twins from Ione, Claude and Clyde Pettyjohn.

In the championship game between Condon and Umatilla, both teams started out at a slow pace. The Vikings took an early lead on Brown's field goal and free throw, while Young, deceptive Condon forward, sank a gift toss. Jones tied the score at 3-all with a wild shot from under the basket, but Brown and Montgomery broke loose with two baskets and a free throw for Umatilla that placed the under-dogs in the lead, 7 to 3, at the end of the first quarter.

Willis tied the score in the second quarter at 9-all on an out-of-bounds play, but Umatilla managed to hang onto a narrow leading margin of 10 to 9 at half-time.

This game was decidedly closer in scoring than the spectators had counted on, and the enthusiasm shown by the crowd at the opening of the second half far exceeded that of the first. Max Willis began using his height to an advantage and potted two baskets that sent the Condon rooting section wild with cheering, as it put their team in front for the first time in the game. It was Condon's ball game from that time on, although two foul shots put Umatilla within one point of Condon with the score at 13-12. The boys from Gilliam county were checking very closely in the last quarter, holding down the Viking's usually consistent scorers, Hiatt and Brown.

As the final gun sounded, giving Condon a 23 to 15 victory and the championship, the glee of a winning team and its followers pierced the basketball atmosphere of the gym for several minutes following the end of the game.

Consolation honors and the title sub-district's number three team went to Boardman by its 33 to 19 shellacking of the Heppner quintet in the game played before the titular tilt.

This game did not put the crowd on its feet as did the semi-final contests. To rank as the third and best

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Teachers Offered Contracts, Next Year

The entire teaching staff of the Heppner schools this week were offered contracts for the coming school year with the exception of Mrs. Juanita Carmichael in the seventh grade who had previously announced her intention not to teach next year. The board offered Alden Blankenship, superintendent, a two-year contract. All salaries were raised moderately.

No decision has yet been made on the seventh grade position which also carries the duties of directing the grade school music. If contracts proffered are accepted the personnel will again be Miss Neva Neill, 1st grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, 2nd; Miss Mary White, 3rd; Miss Lorena Wilson, 4th; Miss Maude King, 5th; Kenneth McKenzie, 6th and grade school physical education; Harold Buhman, 8th, grade school principal and band director. In the high school, Miss Cecelia Nordstrum, home economics, U. S. history, girls physical education; Miss Shirlee Smith, commercial, junior and senior girls physical education; Norbert Peavy, English and public speaking; Mrs. E. D. Clark, part time English and mathematics; Robert Knox, physical education and science.

George Peck Seeks Continued Service

Any question as to the intentions of George N. Peck being a candidate to succeed himself as county commissioner was put completely to rest this week when Mr. Peck announced himself definitely as such a candidate. Up to this week, Mr. Peck had made no statement whatever, saying that sometime ago he had decided to wait until after the March term of court.

In handing his announcement to this paper, Mr. Peck made no statement other than that contained therein:

"I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of county commissioner at the primary nominating election May 20, 1938. My record is your guarantee, and my experience is your protection."

Ed Bennett Named New Councilman

Ed Bennett was announced as the new councilman to succeed E. L. Morton, resigned, at the council meeting Monday evening. Bennett will assume office immediately and will serve until a successor is elected and qualifies. The next election will be in November.

Council discussed the proposed change in approach of the upper Willow creek road but definite action to proceed was delayed pending clearing up of right-of-way difficulties. Discussion was also had of further pursuit of the campaign to rid the city of shacks that are fire menaces.

Rodeo to be Held August 26-27-28

Heppner's annual Rodeo will be held this year August 26-27-28, according to announcement by Henry Aiken, association president, following action by the board of directors.

Already Browning Amusement company which assisted with the show here the last two years has been retained for the carnival features, and other plans are being launched to make this year's show especially attractive.

JUNIOR PLAY COMING SOON

One week from Friday, the junior class of Heppner high school will present the annual junior class play, "Melodrama of Nankipoo," in the local gymnasium. Keep March 18 free on your calendar for this event, as it will be one of the highlights of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Blahm visited in the city for several hours today from Walla Walla.

Spring Beats Gun As Harbingers Seen on Every Hand

Lambs do Well; Face Lifting at Court-House Leads Way

Monday, March 21, is officially the first day of spring.

Actually spring made its appearance in Morrow county this week, with Old Sol beaming forth to give the atmosphere just that degree of balminess which activates man's urge to spade the yard, to dispose of the winter's accumulation of garbage and slyly to make a preliminary survey of the fishin' tackle lest all not be in place at the season's advent. The while, plans, if not actual performance, are tempting the matron of the household toward leading recalcitrant members into that illy boded annual spring house-cleaning campaign, and even at this early date games of one ol' cat have been spied on several vacant lots.

Spring's early advent has been heralded welcome by flockmasters who are settling into the lambing season in real earnest. Exceedingly good increases with lambs and ewes all doing very well, thank you, is the general report. Krebs brothers at Cecil, among the larger operators, expect nearly twice the returns of last year and their flocks have been free from the scours that have caused losses in recent years. Similar good reports are had from other operators, what with strengthening of the lamb market this week also, puts an especially cheery aspect on Old Sol's face.

At the courthouse the county's governmental leaders have set an example that is expected to have wide effect as the season progresses. That is a renovating campaign. Offices, corridors and courtrooms have been treated to a face lifting sorely needed to these many years, and taxpayers who go to beat the first quarter deadline are finding the ordeal a little less painful in the brightened atmosphere.

Tax statements, like songbirds, are harbingers of spring. Which reminds that next Tuesday is the final date for making the federal income tax return. But state income tax returns are not finally due until April 1. Of course that has no connection with All Fool's day, or spring.

Trap Tourney Start Draws 19 Shooters

Nineteen shooters were present at the Heppner Rod and Gun club traps Sunday to start the club's participation in the annual Oregonian telegraphic trapshooting tournament. The three high men team score of 71 was topped by three of the day's opponents, Toledo 73, Salem 75, and Corvallis 74, while it tied the fourth, La Grande with 71 also.

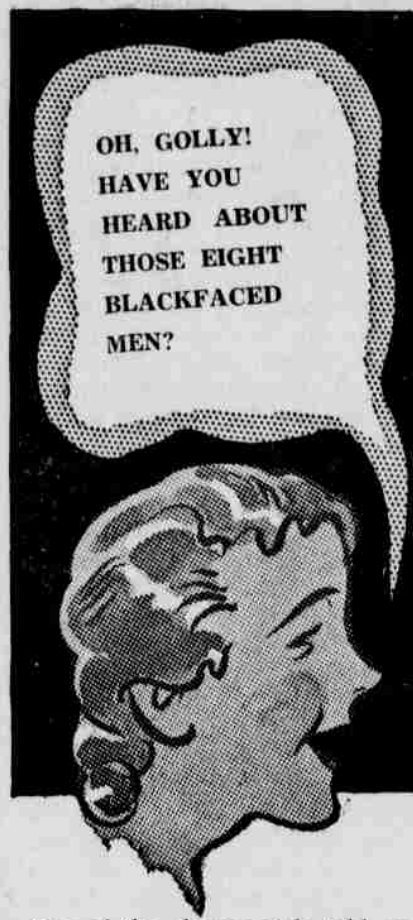
Phil Mahoney turned in the best performance of local shooters when he broke the first fifty birds straight. With scores counted on the first 25 targets of individual shooters, Mahoney made the team with 25. Dr. A. D. McMurdo with 24 and H. E. Warner with 22 were the other team members. Individual scores for the day, recorded by Mrs. Vivian Kane, secretary, were:

100 targets: Ralph Jackson 75.
71 targets: P. W. Mahoney 71, John Lane 66, O. E. Ferguson 61.

50 targets: H. E. Warner 46, A. D. McMurdo 45, Chas Latourell 44, Luke Bibby 43, Bob Cutler 41, Vivian Kane 36, Rod Thomson 31.

25 targets: A. W. Chapin 22, Milt Spurlock 22, Chas. Vaughn 22, Mark Merrill 17, Merle Cummings 15, C. A. Kane 13, Ray Rice 11, Ed Kelly 10.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Wyland have arrived from Grandview, Wash., and will locate on the farm of Mrs. Wyland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devin.



One of the chorus girls told me, and I know it for a fact. Dick Lawrence—you know Dick made the biggest hit of any of the end men in the last Elks minstrel at Pendleton—well, Dick has gathered up seven other fellows to act with him as end men in the Elks minstrel here the evening of April 2. Of course, you know it's to help send the school band to the state contest. It's to be held at the school gym-auditorium, and there's going to be a dance at the Elks hall afterward.

Well, Dick's a whole side show in himself when he gets all blacked up, you know. And I bet you can't guess who the other end men are.

Oh, Frank Turner, Bill Isom and Ray Kinne? You would! Sure, they were so good in the last minstrel that they couldn't be left out. But, you won't be so smart on the others. See, I told you. You can't guess. Well, there's the cutest little black, curly-haired CCC boy. His name's Jimmy Estes and he sings tenor—and, boy! CAN he sing. I'll bet he looks awfully cute all blacked up.

And Gerald Cason. Can you beat it? You know Gerald used to sing a lot in high school, and this chorus girl—you know there's to be a mixed chorus of men and women—well, this chorus girl told me that Gerald's really good.

Now let's see. There's Dick and Frank, Bill and Joe, and Jimmy and Gerald—oh, I almost forgot Ray—that makes seven.

And—oh, golly, yes! Bob Runnion! Can you imagine? Well, Bob's to be one of the end men, too. You know how much fun he is just ordinarily. And this chorus girl told me that as an end man he is simply a SCREAM.

Of course, practices have just got well started, and are being held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, but I'm telling you you're going to miss something really good if you don't see these eight black-faced men.

And did you know? This chorus girl told me that Helen Ralph from Ione is certainly making the chorus sing with her leading.

Reports of Range Survey Received Here

Copies of the report of the recently completed range survey of Morrow county were received by the local forest and county agent's offices this week. They are accessible to anyone interested.

The survey in this county was one of several made by federal governmental agencies in various areas, and will be used as a basis for planning future range management over a wide section of eastern Oregon and eastern Washington. Information is given on the extent of different soil types, vegetation, precipitation and other information of value to range operators.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones motored to Portland Saturday, returning home yesterday.

River's Victim Identified as Pasco Resident

Body Found at Castle Rock Believed Leo DeBeaumont

The lifeless body of Leo DeBeaumont, 32, missing from Pasco, Wash., since last January 2, was washed onto the shore of the Columbia river at Castle Rock and there discovered by two boys last Sunday afternoon. Not immediately identified, the body was brought to Heppner that evening by officers and was buried in the local cemetery Monday.

It was not until Tuesday, in response to Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman's broadcast of description, that the missing man's brother R. H. DeBeaumont of The Dalles, almost definitely established identity by examination of clothes that had been removed from the drowned man. The brother, chief salesman for Pacific Power & Light company at The Dalles, called the mother by telephone and received verification of clothes' description.

Not only did the purple roll-neck sweater, good quality blue overcoat and blue slacks check with the clothes worn by the missing man at the time he disappeared, but a patched tear below the left trouser knee was found just as the mother said it should be.

That the man's death in the river was probably accidental was believed by the brother after hearing from the officers that no marks of violence were present to indicate foul-play. The brother said that Leo had been a victim of infantile paralysis, and while not left in a deformed condition, his knees would at times give way, causing him to fall.

When Leo disappeared at Pasco the day of January 2 he had departed from home with word to his mother that he was just going down town to buy some cigarettes. After sufficient time had elapsed to reveal that he was not in Pasco a circular was broadcast without response. The condition of the body justified the belief that it could have been in the water since the day Leo disappeared, a period of two months.

Accompanying the brother from The Dalles yesterday was G. L. Correy, division manager for P. P. & L. Co.

Pacific Debate Team Coming Next Monday

Morrow county people will have a rare opportunity next Monday evening to hear the Pacific university debate team debate a question related to measures that should be taken to solve labor difficulties. The appearance will be made at the Heppner gym-auditorium at 8 o'clock Monday evening, and there will be no admission charge.

Arrangements for the debaters' appearance were completed through the Lions club before whom they are also slated to appear Monday noon. The university debaters will appear here on a tour which takes them to many places in the northwest. Not only will they debate the labor question, but will conduct an open forum discussion on any current topic of general interest in which the audience expresses an interest.

Ted Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ferguson, entertained the club with a tap dance at Monday's luncheon, accompanied at the piano by his instructor, Mrs. Robert Knox.

TAKE WATER NOW

Creek farmers of Morrow county are advised by Harry Tamblin, watermaster, to use all water possible at this time as a heavy flow is going into the Columbia.