

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Heppner, Ione Take Berths in Blue Mt. League

### Locals Face Pendleton Sunday; Arlington Coming to Ione

Heppner's lot upon the diamond has been cast this year in the Blue Mountain league, and the opening battle has been slated for next Sunday against the Pendleton Buckaroos in the latter's own bailiwick.

That's the report brought by Fred Hoskins, last year's manager of the locals who attended the league's recent organization meeting. This year Fred will manage Ione, relinquishing the local job to Alva Stone who managed Wasco in that city's baseball heyday, and Ione, too, will contest in the Blue Mountain baseball set-up. They will open at home next Sunday against Arlington.

Six teams in all will compose the league membership: Pendleton, Echo, Umatilla Indians, Heppner, Ione and Arlington. The third game of the opener will be played at Echo with Umatilla Indians as opponents.

The tentative schedule calls for two games between each two teams, making a ten-game schedule for each team. It is intended that the playing season shall end by the Fourth of July, after which time it is hoped to take the best players in Morrow county and issue a team to meet all comers.

Heppner and Ione crossed bats in a warm-up game on the local field Sunday, and from appearances it looks like Ray Massey pitching for Heppner and Larry Ritchie pitching for Ione in the openers next Sunday. Cool weather has prevented either of the Morrow county outfits from getting into top form, but prospects are that both will offer plenty of competition before the season ends.

Manager Stone knows his baseball, the boys believe. He had the Wasco Wheatland league outfit when Sky Soden was a name to fill hearts of Wasco's opponents with fear. And, by the way, Soden isn't entirely out of the eastern Oregon baseball picture. He's now at Kinzua, and should games be arranged with that mill town outfit sometime before the year ends, it is entirely possible that he may again be seen in action on the local diamond. A Kinzua booster says Soden is still tops in the "bushes."

## W. R. Irwin Passes; Was Early Resident

W. R. Irwin, for many years connected with the old Minor & Co. store here, died in Portland Monday after undergoing a major operation several days before. Funeral services were held from Finley chapel in that city Tuesday evening, with interment following in the Tillamook cemetery. Mr. Irwin was a member of Heppner lodge 69, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Irwin was a partner with M. D. Clark of this city in the Minor & Co. store for many years. He married Miss Ada Minor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor, pioneers, here. The family home was removed to Rockaway about 1920 where Mr. Irwin had since conducted a grocery business. Surviving are the widow, sons Stephen of Ukiah and Ellis of Rockaway, and daughter, Miss Betty Irwin of Rockaway.

## MORE OR LESS COYOTES?

Adam Knoblock, veteran trapper, may be right about the scarcity of coyotes as cited in these columns recently, but Foster Collins, Camas prairie resident, says he doubts it. In town last Thursday, Mr. Collins asserted the coyotes are running in bunches out his way and that at the present rate of increase, it will soon be necessary to retain trappers to accompany sheep instead of herders.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL SLATED APRIL 29

Annual Event Culminates Musical Activity of School Year;  
All County Pupils Participating

On Friday, April 29, the elementary and high school children of Morrow county will gather in Heppner for the fifth annual music festival. The festival is held to promote interest in music, not for competitive purposes.

This event, which is the point toward which music education in the schools is directed during a large share of the last semester, is held each year at about the same time. National Music week is celebrated throughout the United States.

The music festival has been found to be of great value to both students and teachers. Students become acquainted with other children throughout the county and also become accustomed to singing with larger groups of persons than is possible in their own school situation. Teachers gain a new perspective on methods used by others and so have a point upon which to evaluate themselves and their students.

The culminating point of the festival day is the program on Friday evening in the gym-auditorium where, for the people of the county, all the children present a complete program of songs learned.

Juanita Leathers Carmichael is chairman of the music festival committee and also wrote the arrangements for some of the songs to be sung. Helen Ralph of Ione will be director this year, and Mary Alice Reed of Lexington is to be accompanist.

## 25 CCC'S ARRIVE

A contingent of 25 CCC enrollees arrived at the local camp yesterday from Baker. These enrollees were recruited from the Baker district, it is understood, and will provide the nucleus for a new company which will soon man the camp.

## HEALTH NURSE COMING

Mrs. Althea Stoneman, special county health nurse, is expected to arrive tomorrow to start six weeks' service.

For carpenter or cabinet work, in or out of town, call Glenn Hayes at 572. Reasonable charge. • 7-8p

## Lexington Votes \$7000 Bonds for Water System

### Citizens Approve Issue 54-4; Improvements Planned

Citizens of Lexington decided 54-4 to take a fling at municipal ownership of the town's water system, when they passed a proposed \$7000 bond issue for the purpose by that majority at a special election Tuesday.

Money raised by the bond issue will be used to purchase the system, now operated under private ownership. The system is owned by Mrs. Elsie M. Beach and Mrs. Laura Scott. It was originally installed by the late W. G. Scott. A well, pump and reservoir have been used to supply many homes and businesses of the town.

Mayor Tom Barnett has been active in working for the municipal system, and with fellow councilmen has planned improvements which will be made with assistance of a PWA grant okehed some time ago.

## Cantata to Feature Easter Services

Climaxing Easter services at local churches next Sunday will be the singing of the cantata, "Bright Easter Morn," by combined choirs of the Episcopal, Methodist and Christian churches at the latter church beginning at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Russell F. McNeill is director.

The cantata has been in course of preparation for six weeks, and is expected to be one of the outstanding musical offerings of the year.

Handing solo parts will be Mr. McNeill, Lucy Spittle Peterson, Coramae Ferguson, Kathryn Parker and Richard M. Tullar. Duets will be sung by Neva Cochell and Margaret McNeill, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Peterson. Other special parts will be sung in quartet and double quartet arrangements. Miss Virginia Dix is accompanist.

## NO SHEARING STRIKE EXPECTED

Growers and Shearers Appear In Agreement; Two Crews Preparing to Start

No heed will be taken locally of the sheep-shearers walk-out recently declared for California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington by the CIO union leader, agree both shearers and growers. Though shearing has not yet started here, the Henry Hapold crew departed for the Yakima valley region the first of the week where an agreement has been reached between shearers and growers at 12½ cents a head. The E. E. Clark crew was also preparing to start the first of the week.

One leading grower here said that several operators would start shearing operations just as soon as the weather appeared dependable.

Local shearers see no reason for demanding that the CIO label be sewed on sacks containing wool of local growers. There is no controversy over price or any other differences existing which should call for any threat of national boycott of wool or lamb because of non-appearance of the union label as the CIO leader asks, these shearers believe. Some of the shearers are quoted as saying that all they can see in the threat is an attempt to make all shearers pay tribute to a union from which they have asked nothing.

## Elks Oxygen Tank Saves Baby's Life

Almost as if divinely guided, equipment for administering oxygen recently ordered by Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, arrived just in time to save a life. It no sooner arrived than it was placed in use to treat the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slocum of Lexington, for whom hope of surviving the rigors of pneumonia had been lost. Then the equipment came and the baby's life was saved.

The equipment was ordered by the lodge recently with belief that having such equipment available locally would be helpful. It has been placed at public disposal for use where needed, and should no further need ever arise, members of the lodge feel that it has already justified its cost.

## Seattle Trip Eyed As Bandsters Win At State Contest

### "C" Division Topped in Field of 14; Mothers Plan Dinner

Shall the Heppner school band go to Seattle May 14 to compete in the regional division of the national high school band contest? That is the question confronting our citizens since the band's return from the state contest at Eugene last week end with top honors in the class C division neatly tucked away, the third consecutive year of winning its division since first entering the state contest four years ago.

Rated alone as "superior" in its division, the local band attained the right to play in the regional competition at Seattle, along with La Grande and Eugene who were rated superior in the class A division.

Heppner was thirteenth to play of the 14 class C bands at Eugene. Of the competitors, Woodrow Wilson junior high and University high of Eugene, Sandy and Santa Clara were rated "excellent." Roosevelt junior high of Eugene, Burns, Creswell and Powers were rated "good," while Arlington, Estacada, Moro and Sherwood were ranked "fair."

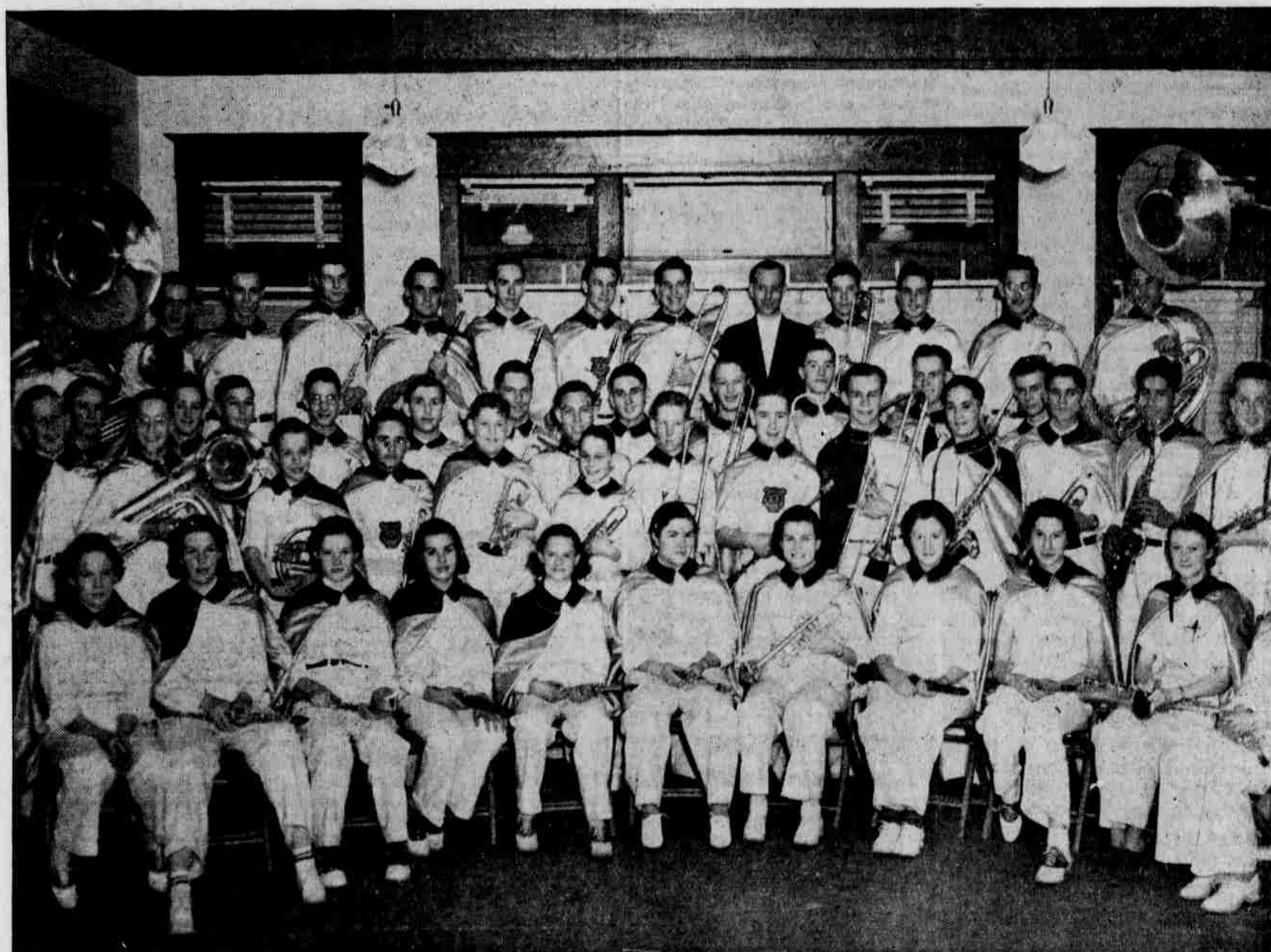
Albany, Corvallis and Salem, other entries in the class A competition were all rated excellent.

Hugh Crawford, only local soloist entered, was rated "excellent" in the junior baritone horns. He was accompanied by Harriet Haget.

Harold Buhman, director, and his 49 local bandsters were accompanied to Eugene by a large number of parents, who, with a number of former residents helped swell the locals' rooting section. Among the latter were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adkins and family and Mrs. Alice Adkins from Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Eugene. Among those from here accompanying the band were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Mrs. Henry Aiken, Mrs. Lucile McAtee, Mrs. J. G. Barratt, Mr. and

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## HEPPNER CHAMPIONS OF STATE CLASS C BANDS



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