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Mustangs Lead 'A' Division in Wheat League

Irrigon Noses Out Boardman in Class 'B' Competition

Heppner high school's Mustangs are leading the "A" division of the Wheat Basketball league with a perfect score of 1000 per cent up to date. The local basketball squad has met two opponents and vanquished both. Condon, defeated by Heppner in the first game, has won two and lost one, attaining a rating of .666. Arlington rates .500 and Fossil so far has played and lost three games.

In the hardest fought game this year Heppner lost their game to the Pendleton B team by a score of 35-32, Tuesday evening on the home floor.

Pendleton held the lead during the first half but Heppner was ahead at the end of the third quarter. The Mustangs held this lead until the last few minutes of the fourth quarter, when Pendleton again took the lead and held it.

Howard Wray was high point man with 11 points, while Doug Drake held second with 8 points.

For Pendleton Carriott and Leafgren each scored 9 points.

The B team for Heppner succeeded in defeating the sophomore team from Pendleton by a score of 30-20.

In the "B" league, Irrigon slipped into undisputed first place by defeating Boardman, 18-11, making the standing so far five wins and one loss or .833. Boardman follows closely with four victories and one loss; Umatilla even, three and three; Lexington, two and three; Ione and Echo, one and four each.

Games this week end will see competition between Heppner and Arlington at Arlington and Condon at Fossil. While the Mustangs have been clicking in good fashion, Vince Barrett's hopefuls at Arlington have not fared so well. Losses to Baker and Condon on succeeding nights and a third loss to John Day later in the week have not left the Arlington boys in a good humor and it is likely they will extend themselves to stage a comeback at Heppner's expense. For that reason an effort is being made to take a sizeable delegation of Mustang supporters to the river city tomorrow evening.

Long Expected Fire Almost Happened

An event long expected almost happened Wednesday morning when the fire department was called out to quench a fire in the old planing mill building on Gale street. The fire siren called the fire laddies out about 5:30 a. m. when it was discovered that a small fire was burning in the front of the building.

The near conflagration started in a room occupied by W. P. Prophet. When first discovered it was burning on the floor at the rear of a stove and by the time the department reached the scene it had reached the wall. The blaze was checked shortly and the damage was very slight.

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers returned to her office in the courthouse Tuesday after an absence of several weeks. She returned from the meeting of Oregon State Teachers association in Portland with a bad cold and was hospitalized for nearly two weeks. She was able to leave the hospital Monday.

A seven and one-half pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonny McCabe at the Heppner hospital Tuesday morning, Jan. 16. The mother, who was Ruth Keene, is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Campbell of Heppner.

Soil Conservation Service Lions Topic

Projects easily accessible to the main camp must be provided if the soil conservation service work of the Civilian Conservation corps is to be maintained in this area. So stated Lt. Marius P. Hanford, camp commander, to Heppner Lions club at the Monday luncheon.

The subject was presented by President M. L. Case and Lt. Hanford explained the situation confronting the local camp in answer to questions submitted by the various members.

It was explained by Lt. Hanford that although there is work enough to require the services of a camp for an indefinite period, that which may be reached by no more than one half hour's ride from the central camp has for the most part been completed. There are now enough projects on the schedule of the camp to keep it going throughout this year, the tentative date for removing the local unit having been set as March 1, 1941. There is no assurance, however, that the camp will remain here that long, or that it may remain much longer. If the need of the camp and the practicability of projects can be shown the right authorities it will doubtless remain here, it was stated.

A boys' trio from Heppner high school, accompanied by Dorothy Huit, appeared on the program, singing "Isle of Capri" as originally written and then giving their own version. The Lions club quartet also sang two numbers.

Business Women Plan Year's Work

Civic improvement was the leading topic before the Business and Professional Womens club at its meeting Tuesday evening. The group met first for dinner at Hotel Heppner and adjourned to the home of Mrs. Floyd Jones for the program and business meeting.

The club members would seek to improve the appearance of the town and for that purpose appointed Lorenna Jones, Harriett Pointer and Clara Beamer as a committee to make a survey of old, unsightly buildings that are fire hazards. Suggestions were made anent the painting of homes, planting shrubs, planting and trimming trees, including a lane of trees leading up to the schoolhouse as a measure for beautifying the town. The club decided to continue sponsoring the milk fund for indigent first and second grade school children until February first, and to hold the Mothers' and Daughters' banquet in the spring.

The program was in charge of Martha Blair and was built on the topic, "What is a Democracy?" The president, Rose Leibbrand, presided.

SCHOOL MASTERS MEET

The Morrow County School Masters club met in Heppner Monday evening with an attendance of 19. The meeting was held at Hotel Heppner where dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock. The club membership is comprised of the men faculty members of the several schools of the county and the meetings rotate between Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon. Entertainment was provided by the ladies' quartet of the Heppner school, the Misses White, Forsythe, McIlhenny and Blair, who sang several numbers, and dancing by Mrs. Robert Knox, with Mrs. Alden Blankenship as accompanist.

ATTEND PORTLAND MEETING

A group of Heppner men drove to Portland Tuesday afternoon to be on hand at the annual meeting of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit association. The meeting was held in the Imperial hotel starting at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, with the annual dinner served at noon. Those going from here were David Hynd, Frank Wilkinson, D. A. Wilson, also Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barratt.

City of Ione Joins Ranks of Towns Having No Bonds

Water Department Slate Cleared as Final Payment Made

Citizens of Ione are rejoicing. The reason: Tuesday, the city council paid off the last bond that had been issued against the city water department, thus retiring the last vestige of bonded indebtedness against the city.

When the original system was put in, wooden mains were used. These had to be replaced about 15 years ago and to cover the expense a bond issue was floated. Reconstruction was made with iron pipe and now with the bonds paid off the mains are still in good condition with nothing more than ordinary replacements to take care of.

A notable fact about the Ione water system is that during the worst years of the depression the city was able to take up the bonds before they became due.

City officials charged with the operation of the water system and who celebrated the payment of the final bond include Bert Mason, mayor; Mrs. P. J. Linn, treasurer, and councilmen E. R. Lundell, P. J. Linn, J. H. Bryson, Garland Swanson and George N. Ely. P. J. Linn is water superintendent.

1940 AAA Program To Be Discussed

"Our Work for 1940" is the discussion subject of farm program leaders of Oregon counties at a series of seven district conferences being held at Redmond, Arlington, Grants Pass, Gresham, La Grande, Corvallis and Burns.

County committeemen, secretaries and assistant secretaries from each county office are attending, to meet with state AAA committeemen, AAA fieldmen, commodity specialists and extension service representatives.

Following the district conferences, each county will hold a meeting, with commodity AAA committeemen and farm supervisors attending.

That there are few changes in the 1940 farm program has been pointed out by the state office at Corvallis.

Following is the schedule of meetings: January 17, Redmond, Crook, Deschutes, Klamath counties; January 22, Arlington, Wheeler, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla counties; January 23, Grants Pass, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas counties; January 24, Gresham, Marion, Washington, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, Clackamas counties; January 24, La Grande, Union, Walla, Baker counties; January 26, Corvallis, Lane, Linn, Yamhill, Polk, Benton counties; February 7, Burns, Harney, Grant, Lake counties.

ATTEND SALEM MEETING

A group of young people from the Heppner Methodist church attended a youth conference in Salem the past week end. Delegations from over the state were in attendance and the local group reports the best meeting of the kind ever held at Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells and Frank W. Turner provided transportation for the young people, who were Lynn Holman, Johnny Fuiten, Ben Shingle, Ruth Green, Jack O'Hara, Wilma Hudson and Laura Warfield. Rev. R. J. Young accompanied the young people as counsellor.

Charles Klinger was in Heppner Monday from his ranch north of Lexington. He reports good winter weather in his section and states that more moisture will be acceptable.

C. of C. Formally Launched Friday

Organization plans of the newly formed Heppner chamber of commerce were completed last Friday when a representative group of business men met at a luncheon at Hotel Heppner.

The by-laws recommended by the board of directors were read to the group and after explanation of a few points were adopted. Projects accepted by the directors were also explained to the membership and after discussion were given approval. The president made committee appointments on two matters, a free matinee at the local theater and the retention of the CCC unit at Heppner. Other committee appointments will be made as projects are presented.

Retention of the CCC camp here received attention not only from regular members but from invited guests as well. J. J. Wightman and Frank Wilkinson spoke in favor of the chamber of commerce and all other groups getting to work on this important matter if the camp is to be kept here. All of those speaking about the camp expressed the feeling that the work is only nicely begun here and in order to carry on work that should be done the camp should remain here many years.

A monthly meeting of the new organization will be held and the first Wednesday in each month was the date chosen. This will be a dinner meeting to which the entire membership is invited and the hour is 6:30 o'clock.

Lexington Youth Gains Recognition

Oregon high school football players loomed in Stephen Epler's All-American six-man football team as printed in the February issue of the American Boy. Of five men mentioned from Oregon, three were from Umatilla county schools, one from Morrow county and one from Jackson county.

Of greatest interest to Morrow county people is the mention of Donald Campbell of Lexington. Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, played end on the Lexington six-man team the past season. Donald Smith, end, Pilot Rock; Carroll Clement, quarterback, Gold Hill and Maurice Johns, fullback, Athena, were the other Oregon boys receiving honorable mention. Don McEwen, 18-year-old student of Griswold union high school, Helix, was named on the All-American six-man squad as fullback. He is the first Oregon boy to be selected on the American Boy All-American six-man football team.

Lexington has been playing six-man football for three years and already three former team members have been given positions on football squads of state universities, according to Principal Sherman. School officials, students, family and friends are naturally elated over the recognition given young Campbell.

MOVES TO PENDLETON

Hubert Gaily, for nearly eight years a clerk in the Heppner office of the Pacific Power & Light company, left yesterday for Pendleton to assume a similar position with the company. His family will remain in Heppner temporarily. Cliff Janison has come from the Pendleton office to take the position left by Gaily. He will move his family here as soon as living quarters are obtained.

NEW RECRUITS ARRIVE

A contingent of 42 new recruits arrived from Vancouver this morning assigned to Camp Heppner CCC. A special car attached to the local train brought the boys to their new location. These recruits are replacement for "tree troopers" whose time had expired and for those who have taken transfers to other branches of government service.

Henry Smouse and son Kenneth were business visitors in Heppner Tuesday.

County Health Program Swings Into Full Motion

Committee Reports on Activities and Results of Seal Sales

With Miss Lucile Vale in charge of baby conferences, pre-school children conferences, school surveys and tuberculosis testing schedules, the Morrow county public health program is underway. Miss Vale has been getting acquainted and learning the highways and byways while organizing the county into health units.

A local representative will be in charge of arrangements in each district under the supervision of Miss Vale. The county has been divided into districts centering around Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Pine City, Alpine, Boardman, Irrigon and Eight Mile.

The first public health conferences will be held this week starting at Lexington today, with one at Ione tomorrow. Dr. Davis of the state public health association is in charge of vaccinations for smallpox and immunizations for diphtheria in these two schools. A small charge of 15 cents per child will be necessary to defray the cost of serums and vaccines used.

Sale of Christmas seals netted the Morrow County Public Health association \$351.76, or approximately \$100 more than last year. The association pledged \$250 towards the salary of the county health nurse and that sum is now assured. Due to the sale equalling seven seals per capita the local association will be able to retain 70 per cent of all money collected, thus increasing local funds by five per cent, as last year only 65 per cent was available to this community.

The seal sale by districts in the county was as follows: Heppner \$181.18, Ione \$38.95, Lexington \$28.54, Boardman \$45.10, Irrigon \$6.77, Lena (Pine City) \$16.50, Eight Mile \$23.50, and Hardman \$11.22.

Appreciation for good services rendered and for increasing the sales in their districts has been expressed by the health association to the chairmen of the several districts including Mrs. James Leach, Lexington; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione; Mrs. Faye Finch, Lena; Mrs. Ralph Jones, Irrigon; George Corwin, Boardman; Miss Pat Bleakman, Hardman, and Leonard Carlson, Eight Mile.

Ranch Hand Held On Larceny Count

Arrested in Pendleton Saturday evening on information sent out by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Oscar Jones was brought back to Heppner to face a charge of larceny and is being held in the Morrow county jail in lieu of \$500 bonds. Jones is charged with larceny of wool tags from the ranch of Frank Wilkinson.

Two other young men, whose names were withheld by the authorities, were alleged to have been involved with Jones. One of these was taken up by the sheriff and confessed his part in the transaction and involved Jones as the chief offender. Jones was employed at the Wilkinson place for two years or more. He was laid off at holiday time and came to town to stay. The count against him is for theft of property in excess of \$35 valuation. He is being held for trial in the circuit court.

GRAND JURY REPORT DUE

The grand jury was in session Friday and Saturday of last week, considering several cases. A report on the findings is expected when Circuit Judge Calvin L. Sweek visits the courthouse this week end.