

Heppner Outbats Condon in Final Game of Season

McCurdy Pitches All the Way to Win by 7-2 Score

Heppner outbatted Condon at the Rodeo grounds Sunday afternoon to win the final game of the Wheat-Timber league schedule of the local team. This did not affect Condon's position at the top of the standings, although it may have hurt their pride a bit, and it put the local team in second place, a position won after winning six straight games.

Heppner batters found the Condon moundman for several good hits and a number of bingles which aided materially in mounting up a score of seven runs. The fireworks started in the fourth inning when Bergstrom clouted out a two-bagger which drove in two runs. Later in the game he drove a hot liner through shortstop to add to the score. Broadfoot was having a rather bad time at bat in the early part of the game. He also had a hard time in missing a short hit at first base. This put him on his mettle and he came up along about the seventh and laced out a three-bagger, Texas league style, pushing a man or two in ahead of him. Old Ironman McCurdy pitched straight through and was going strong at the end of the game. He suffered a few hits but worked his way out of several tight pinches with the aid of good fielding support. His work kept down any serious threats the Condon boys offered, although in the eighth it looked like the visitors might change the complexion of things a bit.

McCurtis gave the cash customers a thrill when he made a one-handed catch of a long fly into right field which checked a Condon batting spree.

Lacking access to the score book your reporter is citing from memory some of the outstanding features of the game. The season's standings will appear next week.

Condon found it necessary to make some changes in lineup for Sunday's game and was not quite up to form. It was Heppner's day, but the visitors were in there playing all the time. They showed good teamwork on two occasions, once in catching a Heppner player off second base and another time breaking up a possible bunching of runs with a neat double play.

Manager Bill Blake was so well pleased with the performance of his team last Sunday that he is negotiating with the Pendleton ball club for a game this coming Sunday. If successful arrangements are made advertising will be circulated for the benefit of ball fans.

Frontier Frolics Prove Big Success

A large crowd attended the opening dance of the Heppner Rodeo season Saturday evening at the Fair pavilion. Termed "Frontier Frolics" by the Junior chamber of commerce, sponsor, it proved to be something different from the usual run of dances hereabouts.

To make for some diversion, the Jaycees arranged several prizes, including one for the shortest man present, won by Harvey White. Mrs. Clyde Nutting proved to be the tallest woman present. Harold Erwin was adjudged the best dressed cowboy and Mrs. Jack Loyd took the honors for the best dressed cowgirl. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges were found to be the oldest couple on the floor, their combined ages being 112 years. A man from Minnesota drew the prize for having come the longest distance to the dance.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening by the Jaycees.

BOYS FROM COUNTRY REGISTER AT E.O.L.

Jack Parrish has been accepted as a student at Eastern Oregon college for the fall term beginning September 22, according to recent announcement by Lyle H. Johnson, registrar. Parrish will register in the junior college program. From Ione, Robert Drake and Bill Rietmann have been accepted. Drake will begin work in engineering and Rietmann in agriculture.

The college anticipates the largest enrollment in its history; however, increasing facilities now make it possible to accept additional students.

DEPARTMENT CALLED

An overheated oil stove at the A. J. Chaffee home was the cause for calling out the fire department Tuesday evening. While the fire was confined to the stove, there was grave danger of its spreading and as a matter of precaution the department was called. The fire laddies stood by until all danger was passed.

James Driscoll Is Named Postmaster

After serving as acting postmaster for most of the period since his return from the navy, James Driscoll this week received notification that he had successfully passed the civil service examination and that his name had been sent to the president for approval as postmaster at Heppner.

Driscoll had been unofficially notified by the secretary of the civil service commission who wrote to congratulate him upon successfully passing the examination.

Appointment through civil service rating is equivalent to a life-time job under the terms of the law passed in the early years of the Roosevelt administration.

Farmers Use More Bank Credit in '47 Than During 1946

Reflecting the increased costs of producing crops and the availability of more farm equipment, the volume of bank credit used by Oregon farmers is currently higher than it was a year ago, according to B. C. Pinckney, manager First National Bank of Portland, Heppner branch, who represents the Oregon Bankers association as Morrow county agricultural chairman.

"However, Oregon farm families are probably in the strongest financial position that they have ever been," Mr. Pinckney said.

"Less farmers need to use the bank credit available to them because continuing high farm incomes make it possible to finance operations out of income when credit is used, it is retired when crops are sold."

Reporting on the results of a third national survey of bank lending made by the agricultural commission of the American Bankers association, Mr. Pinckney said that Oregon farmers used only a fraction of the bank credit available to them during 1946. However, the 64 insured commercial banks which serve agriculture in this state made 37,885 loans to 16,325 farmers and stockmen. These loans aggregated \$42,415,000, of which \$20,986,000 remained outstanding on January 1, 1947. Banks had at least \$28,518,000 available for additional loans to farmers if the demand existed.

During 1946 loans on farm real estate in Oregon increased slightly. There were 1,316 farm mortgages for a total amount of \$6,652,000; and \$5,622,000 of this volume remained outstanding on January 1, 1947. The farm mortgage debt is higher than it was a year ago, although it still remains only about 1/2 the volume that existed in the comparable period following World war I.

Farm production loans classed as "other loans to farmers" totaling 14,388 were made by Oregon banks during 1946, in an aggregate amount of \$32,490,000. Of this amount, only \$12,693,000 was outstanding on January 1 of this year. The production loans averaged only \$2,257 each. Apparently the farmers' short term debt position is favorable; and although they borrowed more money last year, their outstanding at the year end were less.

Another favorable factor in the present situation is that the farmers own substantial savings in cash, bank deposits, and United States bonds.

A possible source of danger lies in the trend towards the higher cost of equipment and improvements which may reach a point where these purchases cannot be financed out of current income.

"Another factor in the Oregon agricultural picture which bankers are watching carefully is the price of farm lands. Based on 1912-14 averages at 100, the average farm land price of the state in March, 1947, reached 152, compared with 130 at the peak of the land boom in 1920. During the past year, the increase has been 6%.

"The Oregon Bankers association and the agricultural commission of the American Bankers association are working together to help keep farmers of our state in a sound financial position. We are urging our customers to limit their farm indebtedness to an amount which can be paid from normal farm incomes, figured from the long term average prices of farm products. We recognize the unusual character of farm income and the farm land price situation of the present time, and as bankers we are pledged to discourage borrowing to speculate on farm land or borrowing to buy land at high prices which are not justified by long term income prospects," Mr. Pinckney said. "We are encouraging Oregon farmers to round out and diversify their production and to conserve and build up the productivity of the soil. Another important part of this program is concerned with the education of farm youth through activities such as the 4-H clubs and Future Farmers."

Sidewalk Paving Gets Good Start Here This Week

Business Houses Respond Promptly To C of C Program

A project launched here about a year ago came into realization this week when local workmen began laying concrete paving in strips between the sidewalks and the curbs along Main street. Work started at the Turn-A-Lum Lumber company retail store last week and followed by completion of the sidewalk in front of the Case property from the eager Cabinet Shop building to the corner. M. L. Case wasn't through when that job was completed and shifted Ed Thorpe and crew to the strip in front of the furniture store. The Oddfellows and Humphreys strips were also laid Monday.

Earl Bailey was in charge of another crew which, after finishing the Turn-A-Lum job, moved up to the Heppner Cleaners & Dyers building. It was not reported whether or not the rest of that block would be finished at this time. An effort is being made to get all of the unfinished sidewalk as far as the Rosewall building completed while the crews are on the job.

Arrangements were about completed Tuesday to finish the sidewalk from the Masonic corner to the First National bank corner. When that is done there will be but a short strip here and there along the three blocks not completed to the curb.

The project was first brought up in the Heppner chamber of commerce more than a year ago and a committee appointed at that time met with favorable response from property owners. Figures were obtained on the cost but about that time a critical shortage of cement made it advisable to put off the work. With improvement in the cement market the past few weeks it was decided to launch a campaign to get the job underway.

Old Pump Tower Bows to Progress

An old landmark—old because it has stood idle for many years—was sacrificed this week to progress when the pump tower on the north bank of Willow creek at the site of Ervin Anderson's new building materials store was razed.

The tower was built by the late Harry Cummings when he operated a nursery on the tract of land now owned by Mrs. Blanche Brown. Irrigation was a problem and Cummings tried to develop a siphon pump that would bring in a flow of water unattended. The principle upon which he based his theory appeared to be all right but construction of the pump was at fault and he had to resort to the use of a gasoline engine.

Aside from propagating trees and shrubs, Cummings was an extensive raiser of flower bulbs which found a ready market in Portland and other larger cities.

BUYS INTEREST IN MARSHALL-WELLS STORE

A deal was consummated this week in which Robert Owens purchased the interest of G. E. Nikander in the Marshall-Wells store. He becomes a partner of M. L. Case and will become the manager of the store.

Mr. Owens went to Portland Wednesday to clear up details in connection with the deal and planned to return Thursday or Friday to get down to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Routh and daughters Carol, Shirley and Ruby of Kennewick were Sunday visitors at the A. A. Chaffee home. Mr. Routh is Mrs. Chaffee's brother.

ERECTING SALES BUILDING

Ervin Anderson has started construction of a 40 x 60 foot building on north Gale street which he will use as a sales room for building materials. The front will be fitted up for office and retail sales room and the rear will be used for lumber storage.

SPECIAL GRANGE MEETING

Special meeting of Rhea Creek grange will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the hall. Aside from a business session there will be a watermelon feed.

Mrs. Frances Mitchell drove to Pendleton Tuesday afternoon, taking her daughter Lorene to catch a train to La Granda and on to Joseph to spend a few days. Lorene will take in the Chief Joseph Days, annual Joseph celebration and rodeo, and then go to Cove to attend the summer school conducted by the Church of Christ in eastern Oregon. Mrs. Mitchell reported that her brother, John Parker, has been hospitalized for 10 days with a siege of pneumonia but is on the mend and expected to return home in a few days.

Ronald Baker of Ione Shows 'Shorty', Exceptional Grade Steer



Top picture shows Ronald Baker, Ione, who exhibited his prize steer at The Dalles 4-H club livestock show. Bottom picture shows the halved carcass of the steer after it had been butchered in Portland, with the U. S. inspector giving it the grade of U. S. prime, the highest possible. The steer was bought at The Dalles by Sawfey Stores.

Prize 4-H Steer Proves Worth of Wheat For Feed

Ronald Baker and his prize 4-H club steer "Shorty" have focussed attention on Morrow county once more as the home of top Shorthorns. A good grade animal developed for market on Morrow county wheat is a good combination for producing the best quality steaks and roasts.

Ronald purchased the animal from Ferguson & Sherman last fall and fed him for 207 days. "Shorty" showed an average daily gain of 1.9 pounds and a total gain of 385 pounds. His cost of gain was 24 cents per pound and the steer was sold at 36 cents.

Grant Perry of The Dalles branch, First National Bank of Portland, who was secretary for the 4-H club show, stated to The Dalles Chronicle that "this shows an ability to convert 1-725 pounds of wheat, 164 pounds of barley, 378 pounds of protein supplement and 1,530 pounds of wheat hay into 385 pounds of US prime beef, or about one pound of additional meat for each six pounds of grain."

"It is interesting to note," Perry said, "that no alfalfa or grass hay was fed, which is common in most federal operations in eastern Oregon and Washington. The carcass was of outstanding quality, covered completely with an even, hard layer of fat or tallow, which affords further proof that wheat for feed will provide top quality meat."

According to Nelson Anderson, Morrow county agricultural agent, "Shorty" was one of the best developed animals he has seen outside of registered classes. He anticipates that many more fine animals of this type will be developed by the 4-H beef clubs in the years to come.

News Items of Interest Around Town . . .

Library To Include Memorial Shelf
By Ruth Payne
The library board has added a memorial shelf to the Heppner Public library to which books may be presented by those desiring to take this means of honoring the memory of a departed friend or relative.

Books on subjects that were of special interest to the one who is being so honored are particularly acceptable as well as books on subjects of interest to the general public. Suitable books plates and cards of condolence will be supplied with each book so presented.

Those desiring to avail themselves of this service may request the assistance of the library staff or book committee in making their selections for the memorial shelf.

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A farewell party was held Saturday night at the Hardman community hall in honor of the management and employees of Reed's mill who are leaving to reside in the Spokane vicinity. The mill is being dismantled and taken to Washington for further use there.

Mrs. Neva Arbogast and daughters visited briefly in Heppner Monday enroute to their home in Walla Walla with her mother, Mrs. Sylvia Cason.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson of Hardman made a business trip to Spokane this week. Mr. Robinson is employed by Reed's mill.

Francis N. Scallion of The Dalles is spending this week in Heppner as relief hostler on the train during the absence of D. N. Doen who is away on vacation.

Miss Olga Johnson of Portland who is visiting her brother, Judge Bert Johnson at Ione, accompanied him to Heppner Saturday to spend the day visiting friends.

Ted Murdock, Kahler basin rancher, was transacting business in Heppner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes of McMinnville spent the week end in Heppner with relatives. Their son Bob Jr. is working this summer on the Barratt ranch.

Harlan Devin motored over from Condon Saturday to attend the cowboy dance and spend the week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes spent the week end at Lehman springs.

Mrs. Virgil Fisher, her mother, Mrs. William Harper, and Mrs. Fred Booker motored to Pendleton Monday.

Miss Katherine Bisbee of Oregon City spent the week end in Heppner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee.

Mr. and Mrs. William Furlong were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Craber at their farm home near Hardman.

Mrs. Don Evans and son are visiting in Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs.

Nadine Clark is attending beauty school in Nampa, Idaho, and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman. Miss Clark and Carolyn Bauman are expected to come to Heppner late in August to attend the Rodeo but will return to Idaho to continue their school work.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marier, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson and Don Bennett were week-end visitors at Lehman springs.

George Hyatt of Pendleton spent the week end in Heppner visiting with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney.

Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Sr. has returned from Portland where she attended the Elks convention last week.

Recent houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lemon were her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis and son Jim of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bucknum are vacationing in British Columbia following the Elks convention which they attended last week in Portland.

C. J. D. Bauman, Jackson Holt and Jim Stotts returned the end of the week from Portland. Mr. Stotts received a check-up at the veterans hospital during his stay in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Orve Rasmus and Mrs. Venus Sides motored to Pendleton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Engkruf of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkruf. Mrs. John K. Walsh (Teresa Breslin) left the end of the week by motor for her new home in Memphis, Tenn., after having spent the past six weeks in Heppner visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Breslin.

Robert V. Turner returned Monday evening from a business trip to Detroit, Mich.

Miss Opal Briggs suffered a broken arm last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ray Taylor on K street. Miss Briggs was helping her sister carry in some wood, stepped into a de-

Dr. Sherer Billed By Health Assn. To Speak Wednesday

Dr. F. G. Sherer, social hygiene director of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Morrow County Public Health association, scheduled for 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, July 30, at the music room in the school building.

Along with his talk, Dr. Sherer will show a film entitled "In the Beginning." While he needs nothing additional to make his talks interesting, the film has a particular bearing upon his talk and he has asked that children under high school age not attend this meeting.

Following the talk there will be a social hour and refreshments.

Mrs. Sherer will accompany her husband to Heppner.

Queen Merlyn And Princesses To Be Guests of C of C

Following the annual custom of entertaining Rodeo royalty at luncheon, the Heppner chamber of commerce voted Monday to invite Queen Merlyn and her princesses to be the club's guests Monday, August 4. At the same time it is hoped representatives of other chambers of commerce will be present.

Since it seems advisable to seek larger quarters for that day, the club decided that it would be a good time to pay back the Milton-Spreewater club for the nice day spent over there in April. The invitation may even go farther and include representatives from Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman. Frank Turner was put in charge of making arrangements and Secretary Frank Davis was given the job of issuing invitations to the neighbor groups.

P. W. Mahoney explained the new Oregon community property law. He advised his hearers and all others to study the law and expressed the belief that it will prove of benefit to those filing income tax statements under its provisions.

Robert Owen, latest addition to the business directory of the town, introduced himself as the new partner of M. L. Case in the Marshall-Wells store.

WICKLAND-SUMNER NUPTIALS PERFORMED AT ARLINGTON

Miss Phyllis Ann Wickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wickland of Arlington, became the bride of Thomas Floyd Sumner at the Arlington Nazarene church July 13, with Rev. Twist officiating.

The bride wore a pink suit with white accessories and an orchid corsage and carried a white bible. Mrs. James Lovgren, sister of the groom, was the bride's only attendant. She was dressed in a white suit with black and white accessories. She wore a corsage of white roses. James Lovgren served as best man.

Mrs. Ida Weatherford played the wedding music and accompanied Miss Jean Weatherford who sang "I Love You Truly" and "Always."

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Miss Pearl Wickland. Mrs. F. Huntley cut the three-tiered wedding cake, after the bride and bridegroom cut the first slice. Miss Wickland and Mrs. Lovgren served the refreshments.

The young couple will make their home in Heppner where the groom is employed at the Heppner Cleaners & Dyers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sumner.

At present the bride is employed at the telephone office in Arlington and will join her husband here soon.

NEW FIRM HERE

Latest addition to business in Heppner was the location this week of a branch of the W. C. Pearce company of Pendleton. The line handled by the concern is rock wool insulation and the company has secured several contracts from business houses and residence owners to insulate buildings against excessive heat or cold. Office space has been taken in the Yeager cabinet shop building at 129 Main street.

Drive For Supersonic Plant At Boardman Given Start in Meeting Tuesday Evening

A news story from Pendleton released in The Oregonian this morning indicates that the drive for locating the proposed government supersonic laboratory at Boardman has been launched. At a meeting held Tuesday night, Cyril Brownell of Umatilla was named permanent chairman of the Boardman Supersonic research center site committee, organized to promote the Boardman bombing range for location of a proposed \$500,000,000 laboratory to test flight at speeds faster than sound.

Brownell was chosen at a dinner meeting held in Pendleton by representatives of a dozen southeastern Washington and northern Oregon chambers of commerce. He succeeds R. E. Chloupek, Pendleton, temporary chairman since the group was formed early this year. Oren Allison, Pendleton chamber manager, was named secretary.

Sentiment expressed at the meeting was strongly in favor of the Boardman site. It was reported at the meeting that the Walla Walla chamber of commerce favored it over the Moses Lake, Wash. site. Only dissenting vote was from the Portland chamber's industrial committee, which does not favor the Boardman location if present electric power and that to be made available through the McNary dam is to be used for the laboratory. The Portland group contends that all the power now manufactured in this area is needed for present industrial development.

This raises the question of putting in another dam along the Columbia, probably the one proposed at The Dalles, to provide power for the project.

Storms Cut Grain Yield By About 200,000 Bushels

Early Estimates Sustained in Checks Made by Adjusters

Reports on crop losses still lack official status and as yet no official figures have been released. Estimates have been made following a survey of the damaged fields during the past week and these seem to agree in a large measure with reports coming from the various ranches immediately following the storm of July 14. In some instances, it is stated, damage was greater than first estimated, a fact concurred in by adjusters who made a thorough check of the affected district.

Conservative farmers and others interested in wheat as a business have placed the storm losses at as high as \$550,000. That would indicate upwards of 275,000 bushels of wheat lost on an acreage of 18,000 acres, or more.

Losses in Morrow county seem to have run in about the same percentage as in Gilliam and Sherman counties.

With but few exceptions crops were insured either under the federal crop insurance or by hail insurance under old line companies. In a few instances total damage was allowed and holders of such policies figure they are in about the same position as they would have been had the storms not hit them. Expense of harvesting, hauling and storage is approximately equal to the difference between the full crop and the amount insured, it is said.

Fire Races Through Grain and Pasture

Sparks from an undetermined origin set fire to about 50 acres of grain each for Cliff Dougherty and John Healy Saturday night. After burning the wheat the fire swept into range land on the Joe Kenny ranch, and eventually reached the George Curran farm. The sheep shed and two cabins were destroyed on the Healy place before the fire was finally extinguished.

Neighbors rushed tractors to the scene and were able to bring the blaze under control before more damage was done.

UNUSUAL STORK SHOWER HELD AT COURTHOUSE

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman was the honored guest at an unusual party Tuesday noon when the courthouse "gang" invited him to a lunch in the park. When the "vittles" had been taken care of his chief deputy, Mrs. Frances Mitchell, presented him with a large parcel made up in the form of a bassinette which was filled with clothing and accessories for the expected heir in the sheriff's home. The "bassinette" was a gift from his fellow and sister (and we think mostly sister) employees in the courthouse and is said to have been constructed by Mrs. Fred Parrish.

The "honoree" was somewhat overcome at first but rallied his composure and delivered a proper speech of acceptance.