

EDITORIAL

A Chance For The Finals

Heppner is proud of the Mustang football squad this year of 1947 and our people will be looking forward to Friday's contest with great hopes that the team will come out with the privilege of participating in the state final "B" playoff. This will be a distinctive honor for our high school and the community. However, it is well understood that Union is a really tough aggregation and one can only hope for the best when the young gladiators meet at Rodeo field.

Coach Leonard Pate has come up with good athletic teams each year and we think he has done a splendid job this year. Left with three lettermen as a nucleus he has built up one of the best teams seen in action here for several years. There are no big hunks of kids in the line or in the backfield. They are all average size and thoroughly capable of taking care of themselves in any "B" company.

At the beginning of the season the coach was justifiably dubious about his team's chances for district honors. Almost an entirely new squad had to be developed and many of them had never played on a competitive basis. It was a doubtful outlook but not one without hope, for these youngsters gave promise of learning to play the game and while the team and fans might have to eat a little humble pie this year, the coach was confident that by another season Heppner could be counted in the winning column. He told ye scribe as much when, prior to the Prairie City game the question was asked, "What are your chances for tomorrow?" To console him, the scribe ventured the suggestion that the brand new bunch of boys willing to learn the game as he wanted it played might bring greater success to him than a group of older boys who oftentimes gain the impression that they are invaluable and take matters into their own hands, more or less. The coach replied that there might be something

to the idea. We have not seen him to ask what he thinks of it now, but the fact remains that the Mustangs are scheduled to play a semi-final game and those kids are as full of fight as a bunch of angry hornets, even after playing three heavy games in the past two weeks.

There is no doubt but that a banner crowd will be on hand to back up the Mustangs Friday afternoon.

Remember To Buy Seals

Twenty-five years ago, Oregon's death rate from tuberculosis was 70 per 100,000 population; today that rate has dropped to 24 per 100,000. Through cooperation of the newspapers and various other agencies during the annual Christmas Seal sale, a campaign of education has been carried out which has resulted in making the public tuberculosis conscious. This and the effective work of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association and similar associations throughout the land has caused a gradual decline in the death rate due to this dreadful malady.

In a few days the campaign will open to raise funds through the sale of Christmas seals. These "Seal" dollars must continue to contribute toward the constant research for a specific cure for tuberculosis. These dollars must continue to promote health programs and activities to protect the community against the disease. Christmas Seal dollars can enable every adult to have an annual free chest x-ray that shows the presence of tuberculosis before definite symptoms appear. Early discovery means early recovery.

When you buy a block of Christmas Seals you may contribute toward your own welfare more directly than you think or realize. Keep this in mind and don't begrudge a few dollars from your budget, or, better still, from your pleasure fund, when the Christmas Seal sale opens November 24.



NEW INCOME TAX LAWS

The income tax division of the state tax commission this week announced its interpretation of the withholding tax laws enacted by the 1947 legislature, which becomes effective January 1. The division holds that before deductions for federal withholding taxes, social security or industrial accident contributions are made of the 1 percent withheld from salaries and wages of employees must be applied to the gross compensation of employees. This will apply only to employers with a monthly payroll of more than \$50. Employers coming under the provisions of the act are also required to reckon as part of the employees compensation, "the fair value of meals, quarters and services furnished to the employee as a part of his compensation, irrespective of whether such prerequisites are supplied wholly or in part for the convenience of the employee." The employer must remit withholdings to the tax commission on or before the 30th day of the month following the close of the quarter.

VALUABLE WORKERS RETIRE

What an outstanding university could be established by the excellent instructors in Oregon who will be retired this year by the state. The only reason for discontinuing the valuable services of these experienced educators is that they have reached the age of 65 years. State colleges and universities have laid down a blanket rule that teachers must quit when they reach retirement age, whether they wish to or not. Several state departments this week requested permission of the retirement board to retain some of their dexterous workers who are up for retirement December 31. The state highway department, industrial accident commission, engineering office, unemployment commission and other departments find it difficult just now to replace skilled help. It always cost the state money to make a change of personnel in key positions. In many departments months of training is required before efficiency is obtained.

When workers are retained beyond the retirement age by order of the board an application for continuance must be made each year and may be repeated annually.

GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

Chief executives of eleven far western states are scheduled to attend a governors' conference at Portland December 12 and 13. State Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg, who has been requested by Governor John H. Hall to make arrangements for the visiting governors, has announced California's Governor Earl Warren, the west's only presidential candidate, will be the principal speaker.

FIRST POTENTIAL LEGISLATOR

First official news of the 1951 legislature is that Joe Wilson, Newport republican, for the fourth straight time is the first to file for public office in Oregon. This week he declared himself a candidate for state senator from Lincoln and Tillamook counties. He has represented Lincoln county in the lower house for three consecutive sessions and now would succeed Sen. George Winslow of Tillamook who has indicated that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

STATE'S "INSURANCE CO." AILING

One more major fire destroying state property would put the state's restorative fund out of business, temporarily. The state's fire losses have been unusually heavy during the past 12 months. A \$200,000 fire occurred last week when the state highway department's maintenance building burned. Just previous to that the University of Oregon's warehouse building and press building burned with losses of \$10,000 and \$75,000 respectively.

The restoration fund is created by assessments against state departments maintaining buildings and is used to reconstruct.

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UNION SOCIETY TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Union Women's Missionary society will hold its annual meeting at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Christ.

At this time a drive will be made for used clothing, especially baby clothes, to be shipped to the needy across the sea. These garments should be ready for boxing. No shoes nor hats will be accepted this time.

COURT IN PORTLAND

Judge Bert Johnson and Commissioners L. D. Neill and Ralph Thompson are spending a few days in Portland attending the annual convention of judges and commissioners.

destroyed or damaged state property.

ESCAPING CONVICT SHOT

One convict was seriously wounded and another quickly captured in an attempt to scale the wall at the state penitentiary late Sunday afternoon. Gustave John Martin, 21, was shot through the abdomen but is not in a critical condition, Warden George Alexander said. His companion, Reuben Junior Partlow, 18, is in solitary confinement. Both Martin and Partlow were received from Multnomah county, the former under ten years sentence for assault with intent to rob and the latter under two five-year sentences for grand larceny.

Boardman Grange Elects New Officers

By Flossie Coats

Grange officers elected Saturday night were: master, Nate Thorpe; overseer, C. A. Tannehill; lecturer, Ethel Cole; steward, Lee Pearson; asst. steward, Dan Ransier; chaplain, Hannah Downey; treasurer, Bessie Nickerson; secretary, Evelyn Black; gatekeeper, Earl Briggs; Ceres, Nora Ransier; Pomona, Margaret Hamilton; Flora, Leola Tannehill; Lucy asst. steward, Anna Skoubo; executive committee, Earl Downey; musician, Mary Marlow.

Mr. Wooley of Great Falls, Mont., is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Don Tannehill.

The HEC met at the home of Mrs. Elvin Ely. Officers elected for the coming year were Mrs. Downey, chairman; Mrs. Ely, vice-chairman; Myra Skoubo, secretary, and Mrs. Mulligan, treasurer.

Mrs. Charles Goodwin of Portland and Mrs. Jim Dickman left Wednesday for their homes after spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller went to Olympia Monday to bring Mrs. Miller's father home.

DEMOLAY TO MEET

Morrow county chapter Demolay, will meet in regular session at Masonic hall next Monday evening, announces Blaine E. Isom, president.

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From Heppner Gazette Times Nov. 22, 1917

Morrow county has exceeded its YMCA war fund quota of \$300 by \$490 to date and more cash is expected before the drive closes.

L. K. Harlan, former publisher of the Ione Bulletin and Heppner Herald died in a hospital at La Grande Saturday after a short illness.

Miss Bertha Cason and Will Kirk, both young people of Heppner, were married in Vancouver on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The people of Morgan have organized a "singing bee" and meet at different places every Sunday evening. They will meet at Earl Morgan's next Sunday.

Miss Lenna Brown, a former

ATTENDING TAX MEETING

County Assessor W. O. Dix and Mrs. Frances Mitchell, deputy sheriff and tax collector drove to The Dalles Monday to attend a meeting of the mid-Columbia division of the Assessors and Tax Collectors association. They returned to Heppner Tuesday evening.

HERE FROM IRRIGON

Paul Weyand and Joe Robinson, Irrigon contractors, were transacting business in Heppner Monday. They report building quite brisk in that part of the county as well as farther up the river in Umatilla county.

Dan Hanshaw came up from Hillsboro Monday to be present at the public sale of property at his old home in Blackhorse.

A delegation of members of the Red Cross from Heppner went to Hardman Sunday and assisted in the organization of an auxiliary there.

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