

## Kinzua's Witness Much Basketball Activity Past Week

By Elsa M. Leathers  
The past week and week end has been full of basketball games with one volleyball game by Heppner girls and Fossil. The Fossil girls were victorious in

their games, but both A and B boys strings were defeated by Heppner on Friday night. Town teams of Kinzua and Fossil played on Wednesday night, also the grade boys from Kinzua with Fossil the same night. The Falcons journeyed to John Day on Saturday evening to play Grant Union. Both A and B strings played. The B string lost but the A string made up for them by defeating the Grant Union Prospectors, 31-25.  
Francis Woods is a patient at The Dalles hospital where he un-

### PROFITTEERING BY FARMERS DENIED BY DIRECTOR OF OSC EXTENSION SERVICE

Facts do not bear out charges that Oregon farmers are "profiteering" and taking unfair advantage of consumers during the current period of high prices, states F. L. Ballard, associate director, OSC extension service, who adds that on the basis of current farm costs, prices received by farmers are not out of line with the general price level.

Although prices of farm commodities as well as those of other products have continued to spiral upwards, 1945 was the banner year for farmers, Ballard asserts. Since 1945, farm production costs have climbed even more rapidly than the prices farmers have received for their products. As a result, profit margins are narrower.

The cost of producing farm commodities in Oregon during November 1947—the last month for which figures were available—was nearly three times as much, 286 per cent, as it was during a comparison period 1935 to 1939.

On the expense side of carrying a major operation last week, Mrs. Woods visited him on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elliot were visiting two weeks in Missouri, returning last week end.

Mrs. Harlan Adams and son Norvin and Dottie Hoover and Mrs. Owen Leathers and Junior and Nona Graham went to John Day early on Saturday to consult a doctor for Mrs. Adams' eyes. They stayed over to see the basketball game between Grant Union and Fossil high.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wilson and children were visiting in Kinzua Sunday with Frank Wilson, the father.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hoover went to The Dalles on Saturday for Mr. Hoover's medical check-up. Their boys and Dottie stayed in Kinzua with Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam, the grandparents.

Mrs. Harry Johnson and children have been visiting here the past week. Mr. Johnson came up from Portland to take her home this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sitton and children returned to Kinzua the first of the week from North Carolina where they spent the past month with Mr. Sitton's parents.

Stan Hadley and Bee Morgan visited Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hadley at Camp 5 Sunday.

The state unemployment man, from The Dalles, was contacting people at the plant for unemployment, due to the recent lay-off.

New books placed on library shelves: "Prince of Foxes," Samuel Shellabarger; "Kin's Blood Royal," Sinclair Lewis; "Valley of Wild Horses," Zane Grey; "Human Destiny," Lecorne du Nouy; "Marshall, Citizen Soldier," Wm. Frye.

Marion Wright went to Heppner to take a degree in the Masonic order, Saturday night. Joe Hays and Andrew Staig accompanied him.

Al Freeauff returned to work Monday after a three weeks lay-off due to an appendix operation at The Dalles hospital.

Joe Jewett, pastor of the Church of Christ, left Tuesday morning for Eugene where he will attend the Northwest Ministers' parliament. R. C. Snodgrass, minister of the First Christian church, Amarillo, Texas, will be the guest speaker. Accompanying Mr. Jewett from The Dalles will be Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warner and Glenn Warner.

ing on a farm business, Ballard states that during the comparison month, November 1947, farm workers nationally were receiving just less than three and one-half times as much in wages, 342 per cent, as they were getting during the five years starting in 1935.

Oregon ranks third in farm wages paid. Last November in Oregon the price of some important farm feedstuffs were at the following percentages compared with the 1935-1939 period: barley, 301; oats, 289; wheat, 357, and hay, 236.

Only two major animal products which farmers sell, beef cattle and hogs, had reached heights in November over three times the quotations for the base period," Ballard declares.

"Beef cattle and hogs, had reached 1935-39 base figure. Hogs reached 303 percent.

During the month of November, eggs were selling on the farm at 296 percent of the base price. Butterfat was bringing the farmer about \$1 cents per pound or over two and one-half times the base price. Chickens were bringing 178, turkeys 195 and wool 185 percent of the 1935-39 average.

The comparison period, 1935 to 1939, were not particularly flush years for farmers, Ballard adds.

The services of the middleman in the distribution process between farm and retail shopper has added greatly to the retail cost of farm produce. The increase of farm labor has made itself felt in this field particularly.

Speaking of the national average, farmers as a group are not exactly overprivileged, according to Ballard. Farm income during the best recent year, 1945, was \$743 per capita for farm people. During the same year the per capita income for non-farmers topped this figure more than \$500, to reach a total of \$1254.

As to how the country dweller compares with his city neighbor in some of life's advantages, Ballard points to these figures: In the United States, 86 percent of the non-farm homes are served with electricity; just over one-half, 52 percent, of farm homes are wired, though this percentage is much higher in Oregon. Sixty-two percent of urban homes have electric refrigerators while 27 percent of rural homes have an electric ice-box.

In 1945, more than one-fifth of the rural homes in the nation were in need of major repairs, due, principally, to neglect suffered during years of low farm prices. During the same year, but one-twelfth of city homes needed a major overhauling.

Farmers as far as modern living is concerned, out-distance their city cousins in only one statistical department, diet. Farmers set a better table than city dwellers, Ballard declares.

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Lorine Van Winkle, Office Clerk Salary, 111.40  
Oliver B. Hughes, Deputy Salary, 155.00  
Sadie Parrish, Supt. Asst., 64.20  
A. J. Chaffee, Janitor Sal., 131.60  
Dr. A. D. McMunro, Phys. Salary, 25.00  
Susie W. Miller, Court Reporter, 41.67  
A. B. Chaffee, Justice of Peace Sal., Boardman, Ore., 60.00  
J. O. Hager, Justice of the Peace Sal., Heppner, Ore., 70.30  
Margaret Gillis, County Nurse Salary, 236.08  
Bert Johnson, County Ct. L. D. Neill, County Court, 87.75  
Ralph Thompson, County Court, 100.13  
State Dept. of Agric., Dis. Sealer, 4.95  
Kilham Stationery & Prt. Co., Clerk \$5.12; Sheriff \$1.05, 6.17  
Pacific Power & Light Co., Court House, 23.76  
O. M. Yeager, Court Hse. Heppner Laundry, Court House, .53  
State Ind. Acc. Comm., Sher. \$3.65; Sher. Sal. \$3.30; Dep. Sal. \$3.30, 4.25  
Pub. Employ. Retire. Sys., Supt. Salary, 20.88  
Stanley E. Partlow, Bangs' Disease Cont., 8.00  
Franklin Printing Co., Circuit Court, 3.45  
Leonard L. Gilliam, Jus. Court, 3.00  
Lulu Hager, Emergency Health, 3.50  
Al L. Brown, Co. Clerk, Ct. House, 12.00  
Conley Chemical & Supply, Court House, 37.95  
First National Bank of Portland, Withholding Tax from Salaries, 254.10  
Heppner Market, Jail Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Current Expense, 47.80  
Central Market & Groc., Jail, 10.55  
C. J. D. Bauman, Sheriff Sheppard's Citations, Dist. Attorney, 12.00  
Heppner Gazette Times, Off. Pub. \$18.90; Asses. \$27.50; Sher. \$7.75, 54.15  
W. O. Dix, Assessor, 21.60  
C. N. Jones, Justice Court, 3.00  
Gene Laughlin Wymon, Justice Court, 3.00  
Francis B. Nickerson, Jus. Court, 3.00  
M. L. Case, Justice Court, 3.00  
J. G. Cowins, Justice Ct., 3.00  
Dr. A. D. McMunro, Emer. (Health) \$44.24; Coron. \$76.40; insane \$10.00, 130.64  
Wiley Brown, Bangs' Dis. Control, 16.00  
Goldman-Schwinger Co., Jail, 37.20  
Earl T. Newbry, Accountants-Audits, 946.60  
Craig Office Supply, Ct. House \$2.10; Supt. \$9.65, 11.75  
Lucy E. Rodgers, Supt. Mileage \$101.57; Supt. \$41.65, 143.22  
Frances Mitchell, Sheriff A. C. Swanson, Court Hse. Kilham Stationery & Prt. Co., Supt., 8.31  
Thomson Bros., Jail, 3.79  
Bert Johnson, Judge, Gen. Assist. \$750.00; Old Age \$1296.00; Dep. Children \$233.25; Blind \$31.25, 2510.50  
John J. Wightman, Cir. Court, 13.50  
Robert Grabill, Circuit Ct., 10.10  
Paul Hester, Circuit Court, 12.50  
E. R. Schaffer, Circuit Ct., 13.50  
Edward Rice, Circuit Ct., 11.20  
Franklin Ely, Circuit Ct., 12.50  
W. Howard Cleveland, Circuit Court, 10.30  
Ross Doherty, Circuit Ct., 5.00  
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