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Heppner And Ione To Cross Bats In Season's Opener

W-T League Play
Begins Sunday In
7-Team Circuit

Baseball season will officially open Sunday afternoon at the Heppner Rodeo field for the Wheat-Timber league when County Judge Bert Johnson delivers his fast ball opening pitch to Heppner's Mayor Conley Lanham.

Heppner and Ione will meet in the opening game scheduled to start at 2 o'clock. Other opening games for the league are as follows: Arlington at Condon, Fossil at Wasco, Kinzua by.

A new field layout plan for the Heppner diamond will this year greatly improve the game for the spectators. Home plate and the pitcher's mound will be moved so as the pitcher will throw toward the grandstand which will allow the spectators a straight-away view of the playing field. Screening will be placed along the front of the grandstand to stop foul balls.

Additional entertainment and fun to add to the opening day festivities will be provided during the course of the game by the awarding of merchandise prizes contributed by Heppner merchants to deserving players of each team. An award will be given to the player from each of the Heppner and Ione teams who first gets on base safely, makes a hit, scores a run, steals a base, makes an extra base hit, hits home run, and booby prize to the first player making an error.

The following firms have generously contributed awards for this feature:

Wilson's Mens Wear, Thomson Bros., J. C. Penney Co., Star theater, O'Donnell's Cafe, Heppner Red & White, Coxen's Barber Shop, Dodge Chevrolet Co., Mcatee & Co., Saager's Pharmacy, Peterson's Jewelry Store, Rosewall Motor Co., Morrow County Creamery, Heppner Hardware & Electric, Gonty's Shoe Store, Gilliam & Bisbee, Western Auto Supply, McBride's Body Shop, Pacific Power & Light Co., Turner, Van Marter & Co.

The public address system of the Heppner Junior chamber of commerce will be on hand to announce the game and the awards.

College Students To Hold Workshop At Local School

The Oregon state system of higher education will bring an "Institute of International Affairs" to Heppner Wednesday, April 28. A symposium team consisting of college students and an authority on international affairs will conduct a "workshop" for the high school students in the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock.

The evening meeting under the sponsorship of the PTA will be open to the public. The members of the team are students who have made a special study of this field and present an informative and interesting program. The audience will be able to participate in the discussion by a question and answer period. The group will be accompanied by Dr. James C. Caughlan, field representative.

Demonstration Of Straw Farming Set

A practical soil conservation plan will be put into practice on the spot at the soil conservation demonstration field day to be held on the Arthur Jaeger farm located near Condon April 29, states Arthur S. King, O. S. C. extension soils specialist. Starting time for the all-day demonstration is set for 10 o'clock.

Portions of the farm will be plowed and cultivated so that all of the straw and stubble will be utilized for soil building and erosion control. King says seedling operations will then be demonstrated. It will also be possible to view a growing crop on land where stubble has been utilized in previous seasons.

The Jaeger farm has been used for several years as a demonstration farm by the Soil Conservation Service and the O. S. C. Extension Service. Last year, wheat harvested from land on which 300 pounds of straw per acre was left on the surface during the summer fallow season, outyielded adjacent land farmed by the clean fallow system.

TO GIVE PUBLIC ADDRESS

J. E. Davis, representative of the Watchtower Society, will make public address at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Civic Center club room. The meeting will be free, not even a collection, he announces.

NO CHORUS PRACTICE

Due to a conflicting engagement, there will be no rehearsal by the Heppner Women's Chorus Monday evening, announces the director.

"Too Darn Wet" In Gooseberry Area To Plow, Farmer Says

Sewage Disposal No Easy Problem Expert Declares

Does anyone remember when farmers of this region were casting their eyes skyward day after day searching for one hopeful little indication of rain? Oh, yes indeed! Only last spring about this time and for weeks previous there was but one thought uppermost in the minds of all—"I wish it would rain."

Now comes Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry weather merchant, with the plaint that it's "too darn wet to plow now." Here's the reason: On April 16, 68 of an inch of rain fell, making the total for the month up to April 19 of 2.23 inches. Since July 1, 1947, a total of 19.19 inches of moisture has fallen over the Gooseberry area, and we hope that has been the approximate average for other sections of the county. If this kind of weather prevails much longer, some of the stream beds in the hitherto dry canyons hereabouts will become permanent rivulets.

Streams of the county are carrying a heavy runoff and prospects are none too bright for favorable fishing conditions when the season opens May 1.

Desire For Park Prompts Union of 4 Service Groups

Feeling that development of the Civic Center property into a park for the use of the entire community is a pressing need, representatives of the four service clubs of the city—the chamber of commerce, junior chamber of commerce, Soroptimist club and the Jaycees—met Tuesday evening at the Civic Center rooms and formed an organization uniting the forces of the groups into a park association.

It is proposed to remove the old exhibit building south of the dance pavilion and turn that portion of the recently acquired city property into a recreation area. Then, if the county can be persuaded to remove some of the materials north of the dance hall, an effort will be made to put that in shape for picnics and other uses.

A steering committee of two members from each service group is being selected and it is hoped preliminary work can be started at an early date.

Girl Scout Troop II Observes 4th Year With Party

Wednesday evening was a gala night for Heppner Girl Scouts. Troop II celebrated its fourth birthday with Troops I and III as special guests along with mothers and other friends. The court of honor was held at the American Legion hall.

Troop III under leadership of Mrs. Richard Meador opened the program with the Brownie pledge and Brownie Smile song. Troop I, whose leader is Mrs. Stephen Thompson, followed with the second law and promise. Second class badges and awards were then presented to this troop by Mrs. Thompson assisted by Mrs. Claude Graham.

Troop II has been under the very able direction of Mrs. Harold Cohn the entire four years of its existence. They have grown from Brownies to 7th and 8th graders with many accomplishments and talents. First class awards were presented to Diane Van Horn, Sharon Becket, Genevieve Cox, Meredith Ann Sorlien and Lynn Wright. To seven girls of this group were given the Curve Bar, the highest rank in girl scouting. Those girls are Nancy Adams, Sally Cohn, Patsy Peck, JoJean Dix, Eleanor Rice, Nancy Ferguson and Joan Bothwell. Pins were given for this honor.

Gifts were presented to the troop by their leaders and by Troop I. Mrs. Cohn was given a gift by her girls in their appreciation of her faithful service and love.

Mrs. Harold Becket was introduced as the new leader of Troop II.

Following the formal program, cake, coffee and punch were served from an attractive tea table presided over by Mrs. Meador and Mrs. Thompson.

ATTEND DEANERY

Catholic young people headed by Rev. Francis McCormack and Gordon Grady went to The Dalles Tuesday to attend the annual deanery conference of the Catholic Confraternity. Grady, president of the local group, spoke on "Teaching Reverence in the Home."

P-TA SCHEDULES PARTY

The Heppner Parent-Teacher association has scheduled a party and auction sale to open at 8 p.m. Friday evening, April 23 at the American Legion hall. Tickets are on sale at Gonty's and at the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick returned Thursday from a brief business trip to Portland.

Development Work Starts on Barratt Project Monday

Work started Monday morning on a project which may eventually lead to an extensive residential development on the Barratt hill when a bulldozer under the expert guidance of Harold Sherz began the task of leveling off the hillside to make building lots. The first unit is being leveled just north of the Glen Parsons residence and surplus dirt is being pushed over into Gilmore street north of the point where the paving ends.

Continuation of the street work will follow as the hospital building gets underway, it being planned to extend the road around the point of the hill above the schoolhouse and acquire an easy grade to the crown of the hill.

More definite announcement regarding the development plans will come at a later date, according to Garnet Barratt, who stated that work now being done had stimulated requests for lots on the project.

Local Talent Will Present Comedy Tuesday Evening

Citizens of Heppner and vicinity have an opportunity to look to the legitimate stage for their entertainment next Tuesday evening when a group of local people will present the three-act farce, "Hillbilly Courtship." The play is being presented under the sponsorship of the Heppner Public Library association and funds thus obtained will be used to provide a few items not covered in regular appropriations for the library.

W. A. Jackson is the director and his "galaxy of stars" includes the following: Luke Harlan McCurdy—in love with Emmy, a mountain wildflower, Mrs. William Warren; Ma Pepin, Mrs. Clyde Nutting; Pappy Stilby, Henry Tetz; Trifit Sisters, Broadway starts on visit: Seedie, Mrs. Jack O'Connor; Lula, Mrs. M. R. Wightman; Sol Silverstein, Hebrew talent scout for Hillbilly songsters, Billy Cochell; Louis Italian answering a wedding bell, ad. Francis Cook; Bridget Irish, also answering ad, Mrs. Palmer Sorlien, and Wash Jeddle village dimwit, Bill Barratt.

The curtain is scheduled to go up at 8 p.m. at the school gymnasium-auditorium.

Miss Katherine Monahan, county extension agent from Pendleton, was a week-end guest in Heppner. During his stay Mr. Rood visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle and Miss Letta Humphreys.

This Is Not Winter In Alabama



The house in this picture looks like a little bit of the deep south transplanted to the frozen north, but in reality it is the O. W. Cutforth residence north of Lexington, with the view taken during the recent late winter. Raised from a single story, 6-room plan to a two story 13-room southern

mansion type, this is one of the finer farm residences which are helping to put Morrow county on the map as a fine home region.

"Cutforth Corners" will be the objective of people from many parts of the northwest Monday when 75 head of the Cutforth registered Herefords will be sold at auction.

In charge of the business sessions. Speakers scheduled to appear on the program include Mrs. Rose Poole, state representative from Klamath Falls; Mrs. Anna Sproat of the Sproat Business college of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Lois Bell Sandall of Seattle. Mrs. Sproat and Mrs. Sandall are both past presidents of the federation.

It will be recalled that Mrs. Sandall, head of the speech department of the University of Washington, was guest speaker at the charter night banquet of the Heppner club on April 10.

Some 250 women from all parts of the region, which includes Alaska, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregon, are expected to attend the convention. Mrs. Bucknum, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Crawford will leave for Bend early Friday morning.

Mrs. John Bergstrom and Mrs. Frank Davidson have been elected delegate and alternate respectively to represent San Souci Rebekah lodge at Grand Lodge in Eugene, May 18 through 20. Action was taken at the regular meeting of the Rebekahs Friday evening to have lodge meetings begin at 8 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m. as has been the custom in the past. Following the business session, a social hour was enjoyed with Mrs. Gordon Barker as hostess for the evening.

Miss Jean Turner of Portland was in Heppner to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner.

Mrs. Mabel Hughes of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Eb Hughes of Lena were visitors in Heppner Saturday and attended the parochial dinner at All Saints church.

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Attending the meeting were Dennis H. Huntley, deputy sheriff and Courtney R. Baze, special deputy; Kennewick; Harry B. Cochran, sheriff; Prosser; P. A. Molahan, police, Heppner; Wm. McCormick, deputy sheriff, White Salmon; E. W. Karge, S. P. & S. special agent, Wishram; C. L. Winter, sheriff; Earl Jones, deputy sheriff; S. H. Reeves, state police, Goldendale; C. R. Compton, chief of police, Frank E. Bennett, sheriff, Condon; William Lobhart, state police; C. J. Bauman, sheriff, Heppner; Harold Sexton, sheriff, Charles U. Ren, state police, Dale McMeen, Oregon liquor commission, Ronald Kunsman, city police, C. R. Conn, city police, The Dalles; R. L. Gilmore, sheriff, Hood River; A. D. Tebbs, police, Hood River; E. W. Neam, city police, The Dalles; O. V. Glenn, deputy sheriff, Hood River; John Kelly, FBI, The Dalles; Robert Baker, F. E. Hastings, Lu Olson, Oregon state police, Arlington; Ralph Pope, state police, M. E. Keys, sheriff, Fossil; Al Larson, Washington state patrol, Vancouver; Bill Browne, captain detectives, Portland; Harry Diamond, police department, Vancouver; Howard Bobbitt, FBI agent, Portland, and W. E. Francis, War Dept., Seattle.

A highlight of the gathering here was an exhibition ride made by Charles Uren on Nite McBride's "high-boy" bicycle. The valiant state policeman didn't do so well the first time he tried to mount the stratospheric "bike" but after taking a spill he succeeded in taking a little spin.

In Heppner a total of 47 votes was cast, with 41 in favor and six against the budget. Lexington cast 32 votes, all in favor of the budget. It is believed the county as a whole voted favorably.

PROGRAM AND DINNER TO BENEFIT SCHOOL

The several organizations of Lexington are banding together to give a program and dinner for the benefit of the school. Activities set for April 30, will start with a public dinner at 6 p.m., served in the lunch room at the school at a modest charge.

The program, for which modest admission prices will be charged, will be held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Persyn of Oregon City were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sie Walker. Mrs. Persyn is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mead. The Persyns operate a mine farm at Oregon City.

Lorraine Mitchell represented the Christian Endeavor society of the Church of Christ at the state convention of the society held in Albany last week. She joined the Umatilla county delegation in making the trip.

Deposits Nearly Four Million At 1st National Bank

The Heppner branch of First National Bank of Portland shows deposits of \$3,928,396 and loans of \$785,527 in the April 12 report which answers the quarterly call of the comptroller of currency, according to Merlin Becket, manager.

Loan volume has increased since the report at the end of 1947. A slight decrease in deposits during the same period reflects the general condition of other banks throughout the state and the nation, and is a frequent seasonal characteristic because of income tax payments, Becket said.

First National bank of Portland, branches and affiliates, reported total deposits of \$592,246,614 and loans of \$149,170,140 to again lead all Oregon banks in both departments.

"Increase in loans indicates more money at work in Heppner and in Oregon," Becket declared. "Bank credit is the lubricant that makes our economic wheels go round. Its expansion reflects local and state gains in population and industrial development which are earning national attention."

Large Class Confirmed by Bishop Barton

At Sunday Morning Service In Heppner

By Ruth Payne

A parochial potluck dinner was held at 6 o'clock Saturday evening at the parish hall of All Saints Episcopal church with approximately one hundred members and guests in attendance.

The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese, Mrs. Barton and daughter, Katie, of Bend were present for the occasion. Sunday morning, Holy Eucharist with Bishop Barton as celebrant was held at 8 o'clock and at 11 o'clock, Rev. Neville Blunt presenting his class of twenty members for confirmation. Those confirmed were E. E. Gilliam, Charles Hodge, Terry Evans Thompson, Mrs. Elsie Ayers, Nancy Ball, Mrs. Fay Bucknum, Nancy Ellen Davis, Mrs. Ordrie Gentry, Helen Ann Graham, Jean Marie Graham, Mary Lou Haguewood, Mrs. Henry Hapold, Mrs. J. G. Thompson Jr., Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall, Janet Evelyn Wightman, Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Kay Marie Valentine and Karen Reid Valentine. Confirmation classes for the spring term are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Sunday in the parish hall.

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In his early twenties, George married Miss Nellie Filkins, daughter of lone pioneers, and after ranching in this section a few years they moved to