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Green Mustang 5 To Meet Teams Of Big Wheat League

Only Two Lettermen On Hand for Coach To Build Team On

With only two returning lettermen on hand, Coach Vernon Bohles' young basketball squad faces a very stiff series of forthcoming games. With only two weeks of practice behind them they open the season Friday, Dec. 3 against the exceptionally strong Heppner Townies. Many of the local followers are saying that the Townies should have one of their best seasons this year. However, the Mustangs are primed to give them an all-out game.

The following Tuesday the Mustangs entertain the strong Echo Cougars at the high school gym. These two teams broke even in their series last year, each winning one.

Heppner again is entered in the Big Wheat league. Along with the Mustangs, Arlington, Condon and Fossil, a new member has been added, the Moro Huskies. The Huskies, a team which knocked over the Mustangs in the district tournament last year, are expected to turn out a well balanced squad.

Waters and Sumner, the only returning lettermen, are expected to form the nucleus of Bohles' squad. Other members are Orwick, Gunderson, Bennett, Manners and Ruhl. Among the reserves a stiff battle is raging for positions. Some of the more outstanding ones include Smith, Green, Piper, K. Connor, and G. Connor.

Death Calls Mrs. Nellie McFerrin at 6:00 This Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Dent McFerrin will be held at the Heppner Church of Christ at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Mrs. McFerrin's death occurred about 6 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ava Wright, in the Reid apartments. She had been an invalid for approximately 17 years. Several members of her family were with her when she died.

She was born March 19, 1872 at Eugene and was married in 1888 to William McFerrin. To this union nine children were born and the husband and three of the children preceded her in death. Surviving are Alma (Mrs. John W.) Hlatt, Mrs. Ava Wright and Loy McFerrin, all of Heppner; Eldon of Spokane, Evelyn Johnson, Newport News, Va., and Zelma (Mrs. Crockett) Sprouls of Oakland, Calif.

Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Parker of Pendleton were week-end guests of friends in Heppner. Mrs. Parker is the former Adelle Forster and worked in the tax department at the court house prior to her marriage.

Miss Edna Hughes was up from Portland to spend Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Grace Hughes. She accompanied W. O. Dix from The Dalles as she returned from a county assessor's meeting.

Jack Edmondson who is attending school in Portland spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Durward Tash.

Coming from Corvallis to spend the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski, who were guests at the home of Mrs. Skuzeski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Peterson in Goseberry.

Jack Parrish came from Klamath Falls where he is a student at the Oregon Vocational school to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish.

Mrs. W. C. Williams of Walla Walla was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn. Mrs. Williams' maiden name was Lalonde and she was a member of a pioneer Heppner family.

L. E. Dick Sr. was a week-end visitor in Heppner, coming for Thanksgiving with his sons, L. E. Jr. and Kemp Dick and families. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Rose Willson, and they left Friday afternoon for Portland for a short visit before going to California where they expect to spend several weeks. Mr. Dick and his mother live at Helena, Mont.

Steven Anderson is the name given their son born Monday morning, November 29, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson. The baby was born at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland and weighed seven pounds three ounces. Mr. Anderson and son Eric, and Mrs. Hilma Anderson returned from Portland Wednesday night.

X-Ray Unit Takes 665 Pictures Here

About eight per cent more people took advantage of the free x-ray service provided by the Oregon Tuberculosis association, with county participation, this year than in 1947, according to information received by the Morrow County Public Health association.

A total of 65 persons submitted themselves for the miniature tuberculosis pictures. Of these, 647 were negative for pulmonary tuberculosis; 13 were questionable or positive and will require 14 x 17 inch plates; three showed pathology other than TB and two were unsatisfactory for reading. The report showed that 92 more people were x-rayed this year than last.

Christmas Seals Mailed This Week

Opening of the 1948 Christmas Seal sale is scheduled this week with mailing out of the annual Christmas letter and the sheet, or sheets, of seals to the people of the county. Fifteen hundred letters will go into the mail, which should provide seals for every family.

It is the desire of the public health association that each family receiving the seals make use of them, but not without remitting the proper amount representing the number of seals enclosed. If there is no intention to use the seals or to pay for them, they should be returned to the association, the officials say.

For the convenience of outlying districts, local chairmen have been appointed to receive remittances for the seals, either by cash or by check. At Heppner, Mrs. Merle Beckett; Lexington, Mrs. Lonnie Henderson, and Ione, Mrs. Omar Rietmann will receive the funds, announces Robert Owens, president of the county health association.

Heavy Rain Visits This Area Today

Coming in on the wings of a high wind which swept up from the south, a heavy rain has been falling most of the time since early morning over Heppner and vicinity. The temperature is not high but sufficiently so to keep the showers from turning to snow. This condition is somewhat in contrast to reports in the morning newspapers to the effect that snow-covers most of eastern Oregon. There is snow not many miles south of Heppner and a little change in temperature could easily turn the rain to snow here.

LOWER HOUSE GROUP MEETS IN PORTLAND

Representative Henry E. Peterson returned the first of the week from Portland where on Saturday he attended a meeting with a group of members of the lower house to talk over plans for the 1949 session of the legislature. Frank Van Dyke of Ashland, leading contender for the speakership, presided at the meeting. The forthcoming session is not viewed with too much relish by the legislators, according to Peterson, who reports that he with the general run of representatives feels that meeting the demands of the people will be a tough job.

A seven and one-half pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Olson at the family residence Monday, November 29. The child has been named Marian Diane.

More Heppner of '86



From his father's priceless collection of early-day pictures, Stanley Minor resurrected this view of one of Heppner's earlier hostelrys—the City Hotel. The place was operated by Stanley's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor, who, with several members of their family are seen in the picture. Mr. Minor is the gentleman seated about the center of the group. Mrs. Minor is the lady in black flanked at her left by her

Time Grows Short For Contributions To Christmas Train

The Oregon CROP train will join with trains from more than twenty other states to form a National Christmas train, with dedications at shipside in Portland and nine other ports set for Christmas Day, according to Miles G. Blickenstaff, state CROP director.

Plans for the gigantic CROP caravan were announced by John D. Metzler, national chairman of the Christian Rural Overseas program, and were revised from earlier CROP arrangements in order to swell the American contribution of foods to hungry nations abroad. Pleas for help have been pouring in from church workers in every European and several Asiatic countries, and a mounting tide of reports show that without help, millions must starve during the late winter and early spring.

Twenty cars of foodstuffs, chiefly grain and dairy products, have been pledged by Oregon county CROP organizations, and because of the extension of time, contributions of Oregon farmers are expected to go well above the pledged goal by Christmas Day. County organizations will receive contributions up until December 5, and cash gifts which can be converted into food at central depots will be accepted until December 12.

Goal of the Morrow county CROP committee has been one car of wheat, and is already well on its way to being realized, announces the county chairman, Rev. J. P. Sorlien. Originally the drive was scheduled to end by Thanksgiving day, and the additional time will give volunteer workers a chance to visit many more farmers in the county. All those wishing to give to CROP, who have not been visited by CROP representatives may mail contributions to the county treasurer, Nelson Anderson, county agent, at Heppner.

"The name, Christmas Trains, will appeal to millions of American farm folk," Blickenstaff declared. "Few of the gifts we make will give us so much satisfaction as one to CROP, which is in the true Christmas spirit, and none will be so much appreciated as the necessities of life by those in very real distress."

COURTHOUSE 'GANG' FETES MRS. RODGERS

Upon the eve of her departure from the courthouse, where she has been a continuous official resident for the past 20 years, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers was honored at a party given by fellow officials, more commonly referred to as the "courthouse gang," at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in County Judge Bert Johnson's office. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, coffee and chocolate were served and Mrs. Rodgers was presented with a Scotch plaid car robe. The former county school superintendent entered upon her new duties as teacher of the sixth grade in the Heppner school on Monday morning.

ANNUAL BAZAAR FRIDAY

The Womens Auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church will hold a bazaar and tea at the parish house from 2 to 5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). Fancy work, aprons, cooked food and candy will be on sale. Tea will be served from 2 to 5.

Random Thoughts...

This writer admits to being one of the world's worst—or should we say best—forgetters, particularly with relation to getting items in the paper, matters of current interest, that is, but it has always been a matter of pride on being able to remember events of the past with unquestionable accuracy. Thus it was that pride was humbled when Judge Hager called us on the carpet for making a misstatement of fact relative to the Main street picture published in the GT two weeks ago. If you have your copy of that issue handy you will note part of the front of the building at the extreme left. It was mentioned that that might have been the building occupied by Bode the Tailor. The Judge says we were in error. Bode occupied a building in the corner of the Matter yard. The building in question was at one time used as the law office of Judge W. R. Ellis and G. W. Phelps. Judge Ellis served two separate terms as congressman from the Second Oregon district. Mr. Phelps was elected as district attorney from Umatilla and Morrow counties, moving from Heppner to Pendleton. After a term or two in that capacity he was elected district judge. But at the time the picture was taken, the building under discussion was occupied by a land concern, the name of which Judge Hager, who has had a few more years in this land of milk and honey than yours truly, could not recall.

It is comforting to know that the old town is waking up once more and preparing to observe the Christmas season in a manner reminiscent of pre-World War II days. A committee from the chamber of commerce has worked out a decorating scheme and the merchants' committee is charged with the duty of working out a program to be followed between now and Christmas eve. From the start the committees have made something worthwhile will result.

It matters not whether the weather be open and the landscape a dull winter gray or if Mother Earth be wrapped in a blanket of snow, greenery lends warmth and color and its use at Christmas time creates an air of festive gaiety. As one who has at times needed the chamber of commerce a little on its austerity, the writer wishes to commend the "old boys" on their sudden display of civic interest.

Life is just one continuous round of sports. Scarcely do the echoes from the football grandstands die down before basketball takes the center of the stage. And so it goes throughout the year. Track events follow closely upon the heels of basketball, and then comes baseball. It all takes for mealtime conversation each Monday at the chamber of commerce luncheon.

At this writing it is not known what Coach Vernon Bohles has in the way of basketball material, but if the boys turn out and take to his basketball coaching, the way they did to his football mentoring, the fans will have little to worry about and nothing to be ashamed of.

If you are thinking about installing a furnace and want some advice on what not to do perhaps the Gazette Times family could be of a little assistance. Since business and residence are housed in adjoining buildings it was thought desirable to heat both places with one unit. A well recommended furnace was installed

REA To Call For Bids on Warehouse To Be Built Here

Work progressing On Lines Through County Rural Area

Plans have been completed for the construction of a warehouse for the Columbia Basin Electric project and bids will be called for within a few days. The building will be put up in Heppner on an as yet undetermined site, but an erection is assured, according to A. A. Scouten, general manager for the concern.

While work so far on the three-county project has been confined to pole setting, it will be only a matter of weeks until other materials will be arriving and the Co-op is without warehousing facilities. Not alone will materials be housed in the new building but there will also be space for trucks, Scouten says.

Work of erecting the poles for the new rural service is progressing and up to this time approximately 70 miles of the timbers have been set up in the southern and western part of Morrow county. No small amount of difficulty is encountered in penetrating the rock and this has slowed the operation. A patent post-hole digger brought in for the work is more or less nullified due to the rocky condition of the terrain covered, but the machine is a big help where the soil is deep enough to use it to good advantage. Where the soil is deep enough the poles are set in six-foot holes; where it is rocky, four foot holes are deemed sufficient. A crew of 30 or so men is employed in the line work.

At present the construction crew is headed towards Hardman and with weather permitting this stretch will be finished by mid-December. The crew will then be shifted to the north side of the creek, working down Willow creek and across the North Lone and North Lexington sections. It has been the desire of the management and officials to complete each section before moving to another district.

The first carload of wire will be here about the first of April, Scouten reports. After that the pole setting and wire stringing can be coordinated where necessary and the work rushed. It is expected that the Morrow county end of the district will be finished up during the winter and the work in Gilliam and Wheeler counties can be started by early spring. September 1 is the date set for turning on the "juice" and Scouten feels quite certain about being able to meet that schedule.

Miss Leta Humphreys was a business visitor in Portland over the week end.

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Applications must be filed by December 30 with the project land use specialist, bureau of reclamation, route 3, Jerome, Idaho, to be included in the drawing. Interested veterans are urged to write to the Jerome agency immediately for application blanks, to assure proper study of the instructions before filing.

Although the land being offered "will have to be cleared and prepared for irrigation," the bureau's announcement describes it as "newly productive," offering such crops as alfalfa, wheat, barley, oats, beans, peas, potatoes and sugar beets. In addition, "cattle raising and dairy-farming are important industries, and hogs and poultry do well."

Applicants must have \$3000 in capital or assets, two years of farm experience, five references, and must intend to farm as an occupation.

Each successful applicant will be given two barrack-type frame buildings and war surplus items including small tools, toilet fixtures, tables, chairs and army blankets.

Personal inquiries regarding the land opening may be made at the Project Land Use and Settlement office, Bureau of Reclamation, Hunt, Idaho.

Yule Season to be Fittingly Greeted By Heppner Business Houses



Mail Early, Says P. O. Department

Due to the unprecedented load of parcel post mail now being handled by the post office department and rail lines, all patrons are urged to place their Christmas parcels in the mail on schedule arranged by the mail service, states James H. Driscoll, Heppner postmaster.

For Oregon, Washington and Idaho, all parcels should be in the mail not later than December 17. For Montana, California, Utah, Nevada and Arizona the date is not later than December 13, and for all other states, not later than December 6. Assurance can not be given, Driscoll says, that delivery will be effected if mailing is done later than these dates, due to congestion at all terminals.

Library To Offer Kiddie Story Hour

Renewing a service in years past, the Heppner Library association will provide a story hour for pre-school children. The service will start this Saturday and continue indefinitely, or as long as the interest warrants. The hour set is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. This time will be extended if there is demand for it. A group of high school girls has volunteered to do the reading.

Mothers wishing to have their little tots, those old enough to appreciate the stories, cared for during a brief shopping period will find this a convenience, the library folks believe, and they are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to do their Christmas shopping during the next few weeks.

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Livestockmen Of County Resolve to End Cattle Thefts

Committee Working To Effect Change In Brand Law

Morrow county livestock men meeting late in November as a group of the stockgrowers association, recently organized, resolved to take one further step in an attempt to reduce livestock theft loss here at home. Past attempts to change the present brand law. The present law is designed to make it easy for livestockmen moving cattle across state and county lines for pasture and range. No protection is given them when cattle are moved from the county. With a brand law committee composed of Luke Bibby, Eb Hughes, Orville Cutsforth and Ivan Cox, the Wheeler-Gilliam Stockgrowers association and State Farm Bureau convention have heard from Morrow county with reasons for the need of a change in the brand law.

However, while proceedings are underway by this committee, Chairman Harold Erwin has appointed another committee on the education of the state regulatory law which requires that all carcasses being transported must carry a sheriff's tag or slaughterhouse stamp. The law, which most people do not know exists, provides a means of having a record of all people who have transported meat within the county. Lockers accepting meat for cold storage, butchers or others purchasing carcasses would require that the meat be properly tagged before it is accepted.

Other business of the meeting was the adoption of a constitution and by-laws for the association which was drafted by Frank Anderson and Bill Barratt.

Public Invited To Lodge of Sorrow Sunday Afternoon

Heppner lodge No. 353, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will conduct a lodge of sorrow at 2 o'clock p.m. Sunday, December 5, at the lodge hall. This service is open to the public and the lodge has extended a cordial invitation to members and non-members alike to attend.

The Women's Chorus under the direction of Mrs. O. G. Crawford will sing several numbers, with Mrs. J. O. Turner presiding at the piano. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien will deliver the address.

The following program has been arranged:
Funeral March, Mrs. Turner.
Opening Ceremonies of the Lodge.
Invocation—F. W. Turner.
A. New World—Soreno. Women's Chorus.
Rollcall of Departed Brothers.
Prayer Perfect—Speaks. Women's Chorus.
Ceremonies of Lodge.
Address—Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien.
Dear Land of Home—Sibelius. Women's Chorus.
Auld Lang Syne. Lodge and audience.
Closing Ceremonies.
Benediction.

CHESS, CHECKER CLUB ELECTS
L. Van Marter was elected president and J. R. Huffman, secretary-treasurer, of the newly-organized Heppner Chess and Checker club Monday evening at Hotel Heppner. C. J. D. Bauman and Harry Tamblin were appointed by the chair to draw up rules and regulations to be presented to the group for adoption. The next meeting will be Wednesday evening at the same place.

WEDDING TO BE PUBLIC

The contracting parties of the forthcoming Mary Kelley-Russell O'Donnell wedding on December 12 wish it to be known that the affair will be open to the public. The ceremony will be performed at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the church parlors.

Fred Lenz, who has made his home in Heppner the past two years, will leave the first of the week for Hermiston to spend a few weeks before moving to Baker to make his home with his youngest son and family. Neighbors and friends of this kindly old gentleman, who suffered the loss of his wife recently, regret to see him leave.

Although getting started a little late, the business houses of Heppner, at the instigation of the chamber of commerce are busy laying plans to greet the Yuletide season in a fitting manner.

Deciding it was too late for a Christmas opening, due to the fact that most of the stores had already put their Christmas stocks on display, the luncheon group at Monday's meeting voted to organize for a return of the type of observance engaged in prior to the war days, when the firemen raised a fund to provide the children of the community with gifts of candies and fruits and nuts, and when the merchants awarded prizes.

The first move made by the chamber of commerce was to name a committee to decorate the streets with holiday greenery. Glenn Parsons was made chairman and he announced that he would take a truck to the mountains and gather up the greenery and that he would be willing to make a second trip to select trees if he could have some assistance. When the committee met Monday evening plans were adopted for carrying out the decorating scheme which will be put into effect this week end.

Allen Case, chairman of the merchants committee, and Robert Owens, member, called on several merchants today and found them willing to cooperate in offering prizes or some form of inducement to attract people to town in the weeks between now and Christmas. In all probability, a certificate in a certain amount will be posted instead of putting up actual prizes. The certificate will grant the bearer permission to apply the amount upon a purchase if it is not desired to use it as a gift. Numbered tickets will be printed, as well as the certificates, and each merchant will draw for a number that will be entitled to go in and claim the certificate or take a gift in the amount represented on the certificate.

Other details remain to be worked out, but this is the set-up as reported by the committees to date.

Review Report On Columbia Project Readied for Public

Copies of the Columbia River report (308 report), recently released by the Corps of Engineers, are now available for inspection by interested parties in the Walla Walla district, according to announcement by Col. William Whipple, district engineer.

Certain field offices and local offices have been furnished with a copy of the main report and available appendices to provide interested parties an opportunity of obtaining additional information which may be desired for the purpose of presenting their views to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. In the Walla Walla office of the district engineer a copy is available in the technical information branch, 19 E. Poplar street.

Other locations where a copy of the report may be inspected are: Spokane, Frank J. Glover, county auditor, Spokane county courthouse; Boise, resident engineer, Corps of Engineers, Boise barracks or Mark R. Kulp, state reclamation engineer, state capitol building; Pocatello, W. J. Jensen, county commissioner, Bannock county courthouse; Lewiston, Wayne S. Talbot, chairman, board of county commissioners, Nez Perce county courthouse; Umatilla, resident engineer, Corps of Engineers, McNary Dam; Cheyenne, L. C. Bishop, state engineer, state engineers office.

Copies of the report cannot at this time be furnished or loaned for use outside of the offices designated, but interested persons, including the press, will be permitted to make such notes of the contents as they desire.

ERROR IN DANCE AD

On another page in this issue of the Gazette Times will be found an advertisement for a dance in lone with music to be provided by Jimmie Whitmore and his orchestra. The date is given wrong. It should be December 25 instead of December 24. (For once this is not the printer's error. The party turning in the notice acknowledges it as his mistake.)

SADDLE SHOP COMPLETED

Joe Snyder has completed a building on the north side of his residence property on North Court street and has moved his stock and equipment to the new location. The new building is a substantial brick structure and provides a comfortable workshop and ample display space for the lines he will carry. He has had his shop in the basement of the Stanley Minor residence the past several years.