

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Baseball Season Ends Here With Heppner Victory

### Arlington Taken By Surprise In Sunday's Battle

In spite of a mix-up in scoring, Heppner was the undisputed winner of its last game of the Wheat-Timber league baseball season, when Manager Harlan McCurdy led the Heppner nine to a 9-8 upset over Arlington Sunday afternoon.

Heppner gained its second victory of the season by defeating Arlington, on May 15 Heppner beat Ione 7 to 4. Other games with Arlington and Ione resulted in losses with scores of 17 to 8 and 11 to 3, respectively.

Trailing badly in Sunday's game, Heppner broke loose in the seventh inning to score six times and even up the official count at 8-all. Two-base hits by Sanders and Peterson helped bring in the flurry of seventh-inning runs. Sanders, Bergstrom, McCurdy, Massey, Manners and Burnstad scored in the seventh.

With two down, and the count at two and two, Bergstrom singled in the last of the ninth to bring in McCurdy with Heppner's winning run. Arlington did not score after the sixth inning.

In the ninth inning an argument developed between the official scorekeepers as to whether Arlington had scored seven times or eight. A 15-minute discussion ended in agreement on the 8 to 8 score, and Heppner went to bat to round out the inning and win the game.

The lineup:

Arlington	Heppner	
Lucich	P	Drake
Miller	C	Peterson
West	1B	McCurdy
Hastings	2b	Massey
Brady	3b	Bergstrom
Munkers	SS	McGough
Romine	LF	Sanders
Vancil	CF	Manners
Wetherell	RF	Burnstad

## Parking Meters, Popular Or Not, Add To City's Receipts

Collections from Heppner's new parking meters have totaled \$355 to date. The first collection netted \$117.50; the second brought in \$111, and the third, \$126.50. For the 160 meters in operation, this is an average income of 74 cents per meter each week, or about 12 cents per meter each day.

Meter collections are made each Monday by Day Policeman Charles Gommil. The coins are turned over to La Verne Van Marter, city treasurer, who counts and wraps them for banking. Van Marter explained that the even-dollar collections result from the practice of leaving the odd cents in the collection can from week to week.

About 60 parking tickets were issued by Gommil during the first three weeks of meter operation. At least two out-of-town autoists have failed to heed summonses, and may be traced eventually by state police. Persons who violate the parking ordinance appear before Walter Barger, city recorder, to pay \$1 fines.

The parking meters are being purchased from the Miller Meter company of Seattle. The company will receive 50 per cent of all meter collections until the purchase price of \$75 per meter has been paid. The city will be required to make no payments other than the percentage of income.

Mayor Conley Lanham has credited the meters with forcing a general clean-up of the city business district. Areas that once were fire hazards are now being converted into parking spaces, Lanham said. He also said that income from the meters has made it possible to hire a day policeman.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



The Spirit of '76 was an aspiration. Today it is an accomplishment. How vital are the freedoms which we sought and won is best appreciated by those who have come from other lands to share them.

## Hospital Construction May Be Delayed By Mill Strikes

Construction on the Morrow county hospital has progressed satisfactorily up to this point, although some delay may result from mill strikes in the Willamette valley. J. G. Barratt, county judge, said Wednesday morning.

Basement walls of the hospital are now complete, and most of the floor joists are in place. Excavation is almost complete, and most of the floor sheathing has been laid. Cement slabs for the first floor will be completed shortly. Dick Maude, construction superintendent, has estimated that 10 days will be required to do the masonry work, although lack of door and window facings, because of the mill strikes, may cause some delay.

Judge Barratt said he expected the hospital to be completed and in use by the end of the year.

As originally planned, the hospital would house 14 beds plus required beds in an isolation ward. Three rooms in the basement could also be converted so to hold six additional beds. When the idea for a hospital was first conceived, a 30-bed unit was planned. However, rising building costs forced adoption of plans for the smaller hospital.

Judge Barratt said the county court is now working on a plan which he hopes will provide 13 more beds for the hospital. The physical plant of the new structure will accommodate a 30-bed unit, which would permit expansion if it were desired eventually.

About \$30,000 has been spent on the building to date; this figure includes the cost of materials that are now on the building site but not yet used. When completed and furnished in every respect, the hospital will have cost \$211,794. The federal government will pay one third of the bill, and the remainder will be paid out of county taxes that have already been collected.

## Smouse Re-elected President of CBEC Saturday Morning

### Progress Reports Indicate Service By Early Winter

Kenneth Smouse, Ione, was re-elected president of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative at the annual meeting Saturday morning. Ralph Potter, Condon, was re-elected to the vice presidency, and Oscar Peterson, Ione, was elected secretary-treasurer. Retiring directors were Victor Rietmann, Ione; E. E. Rugg, Heppner, and C. K. Barker, Condon.

Members of the newly elected nine-man board of directors are Henry Baker, Ione; Orva Dyer, Mayville; John Hanna, Heppner; E. M. Hulden, Blalock; John Krebs, Ceall; Norman Nelson, Lexington; Oscar Peterson, Ione; Ralph Potter, Condon, and Kenneth Smouse, Ione.

The CBEC meeting began at 10:30 a. m. Kenneth Smouse read a general progress report to attending members. Construction Superintendent Matt Wilson read a progress report, and Manager Harold Kenney read the annual financial report. New officers were elected at a meeting of the new board of directors in the afternoon.

The greater part of the 412 of CBEC line will probably be energized at the end of this year, according to Harold Kenney, acting manager of the cooperative.

At the annual meeting of members in the courthouse Saturday morning, Matt Wilson, construction superintendent, read a progress report which stated that 251 miles of poles had been completely set, and 23 miles of conductor had been strung as of June 17.

Crews now working in the Condon and Lone Rock areas are expected to complete that part of the project by September 1. The crews will then return to the Heppner-Rhea Creek area to complete the stringing of conductors. The completion date for work in the Heppner-Rhea Creek area is still indefinite, Kenney said. About one home will be served by each mile of line.

## Lack Of Moisture Due To Be Felt In Next Year's Crops

Precipitation in the Gooseberry area, where Leonard Carlson keeps the record, has returned to a normal status, according to figures brought to this office Tuesday. Carlson has just made out a report for the 12-month period from July 1, 1948 to June 28, 1949 and found that the total precipitation was 12.70 inches. This is practically the average prior to 1942.

Rain would not be unwelcome right now, although it would be of little benefit to the crops. Harvest is but a matter of days removed at this time and the best a rain could do would be to settle the dust.

Farmers are a bit apprehensive about the situation in 1950 if the present drought condition prevails throughout the year. The 1949 crops have come on largely because of holdover moisture from 1948 but that moisture is being used up this year and there will have to be a new supply if next year's crops are to come anywhere near normal production.

Taken by months the report shows the following results: July 1.58; August, .76; September, 1.36; October, .62; November, 1.08; December, 1.99; January, .37; February, 1.76; March, 1.70; April, .30; May, 1.14, and June, .04.

## Junior League To End Season Soon

Heppner's Junior League baseball team lost to Arlington Saturday afternoon at the Rodeo field in a game that started as a battle royal but slowed after the sixth inning. Arlington brought in four runs in the sixth and 11 in the seventh. The score was 21 to 4.

The outstanding hit of the game was a drive over center field fence by Bailey of Arlington.

Heppner has played Arlington twice, and has one game to play with Kinzua to finish the Junior League season. The Arlington team leads the league and has not been defeated.

## County's Summer School Students Make Good Record

Twenty-five outstanding members of Morrow county's 4-H clubs returned Friday night from a special 10-day school at Oregon State college. Three members of the delegation won honors in judging contests that ended the school session.

Duane Baker, Ione, placed in the blue ribbon class—and tied for second place—in livestock judging; his score was 695 out of a possible 700 points. Ronald Currin, Heppner, placed in the red ribbon class with a score of 680. Marilyn Barham, Boardman, placed in the white ribbon class with a score of 665. Ronald and Marilyn are both comparatively newcomers to 4-H work.

Other Morrow county boys and girls who attended classes in Corvallis were: From Heppner, Dean Graves, Rita Graves, Allen Hughes, Roger Palmer, Lorene Mitchell, JoAnn Dix, Nancy Ferguson and Eleanor Rice; from Ione, Ronald Baker, Herbert Ekstrom, Ingrid Hermann, Mary Jepson, and Jane Seehafer; from Lexington, Yvonne Breeding, Shirley Hunt, and Beverly Nolan; from Irrigon, Ronald Berger and Helen Steagall; from Boardman, Marlene Fisk, Wilma Hug, Grace Miller, and Viola Worden. Miss Mabel Wilson, home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon, accompanied the young people. Groups from Gilliam, Umatilla and Wheeler counties made the bus trip to Corvallis with the local members. Eighteen hundred Oregon boys and girls were present for the summer school.

## To Observe 90th Birthday In July



“You are just as old as you feel” has long been the motto followed by Leon W. Briggs, one of Morrow county's oldest citizens, and he has been feeling young for a long time. He will soon celebrate his 90th birthday anniversary and he is still active. Not only is he one of the county's oldest citizens, but this newspaper has for several years issued a challenge to other counties of the state to produce a county official older than Mr. Briggs and so far there has been no response.

## Soroptimist Club Installs Officers At George Home

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar George were hosts to the Soroptimist club of Heppner and their Soroptimists at a supper party Wednesday evening in their spacious new home at the edge of town. Thirty-six members and guests enjoyed the George hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rugg of Lakeview were in attendance.

Following the sumptuous potluck, the members related their methods of raising the \$5 assessment for the scholarship awarded at commencement time. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Rugg, a past president of the Soroptimist Club of Lakeview, who graciously installed the officers for the club year of '49-'50, using an impressive ceremony.

Mrs. Oscar George is the newly elected president; Mrs. Fay Bucknum, vice president; Mrs. John Sager, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Grace Nickerson, recording secretary, and Mrs. Frances Mitchell, treasurer. Mrs. O. G. Crawford is the retiring president and was presented with her past president's pin.

## Rural School Board Elects Directors

The rural school board met in the courthouse June 27 and declared E. Vernon Jones of Irrigon elected from Zone 1, which includes the Boardman and Irrigon districts. J. J. Nys was declared elected from Zone 4 which includes District No. 1.

Vernon Munkers of Lexington was elected chairman of the board for 1949-50 and Mrs. Margaret Cason of the Heppner rural area and Hardman, was elected vice chairman.

Willard Baker of Boardman, retiring member of the board, was appointed a member of the budget committee. E. Markham Baker of Ione is the other member of the board.

## Eberhardt-Rippeee Vows Spoken at Church Ceremony

In a beautiful setting of white flowers and white tapers in tall candelabra, Miss Beverly Lou Eberhardt and Lowell Keith Rippee, United States Army, were married Saturday evening in the Heppner Church of Christ, with Glenn Warner, minister, officiating.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. E. L. Tull presided at the organ, also accompanying Mrs. Don Peoples who sang Because and Allways.

Miss Eileen Ball and Miss Fay Cutsforth, in yellow gowns, first lighted the candles. Misses Barbara Slocum, Virginia Smith, Lillian Hubbard and Janet Sprouls, in blue, were bridesmaids. Mrs. Roger Connor, matron or honor, wore pink and carried a miniature parasol of pink net. Alice and Ruth Peterson captured the hearts of the audience in their long pink dresses and carrying little baskets of petals.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white satin gown made en train, with fingertip veil held in place with a halo of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The groom was attended by Roger Connor as best man and the ushers were Ronald Peterson, Richard Beardsley, Tom Hughes and James Sumner.

A reception in the parlors followed the ceremony. The two grandmothers of the groom, Mrs. John Hiatt and Mrs. Tim Rippee, presided at the tea table while an aunt of the bride, Mrs. John Rhodes, served the wedding cake.

The young couple will be at home following a brief honeymoon at Olympia, Wash., where the bridegroom is stationed.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eberhardt and is a member of this year's graduating class of Heppner high school. Mr. Rippee is also a graduate of Heppner high and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rippee, former residents of Heppner but now living at Condon. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiatt.

## ELKS HOLD PICNIC

Over 200 persons attended the Heppner Elks' annual picnic at the Wightman mountain ranch on Sunday afternoon. A potluck lunch was served, and 10 gallons of ice cream and 10 cases of pop were consumed. The picnicers played softball and other games until late into the evening.

Jimmie Smith and Miekie Lanham are enjoying a sojourn in Eugene. They were granted a scholarship to attend a three weeks music course at the University of Oregon where 100 high school students from over the state are taking an intensive course of training in the various branches of music. Miekie plays trumpet and Jimmie's instrument is the clarinet. Both boys flew down to Eugene last Sunday. Robert Collins, band instructor of the local school, is also in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Murray of Freewater were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Saager last week-end. They all spent Sunday in the mountains at the Mankin camp. Other guests there Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Conley Lanham of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney of The Dalles.

Joe McLaughlin of Pendleton was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

Mrs. Martin Anderson, aunt of Harley Anderson, died at Providence hospital in Portland June 28 following a lingering illness. Services were held from the Chapel of the Chimes today. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left for Portland Wednesday to be in attendance.

## MITCHELL SHEEPMAN DIES

Steve Connolly, well known sheepman of the Mitchell section, died Monday in Prineville. Funeral services were held today at the Cathedral in Portland and burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery. He was well known here and was a cousin of Mrs. Mary Glavey. He had been ailing for some time and died in a hotel in Prineville while enroute home from a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rugg of Lakeview were overnight visitors in Heppner, Wednesday. They came to attend the installation party of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner, with Mrs. Rugg as installing officer. Mr. Rugg is a jeweler and they also own a large orchard of wild plums in the southern Oregon area.

Kemp Dick and family returned Tuesday morning from a two weeks' vacation spent in Montana. While away they visited Mr. Dick's father, L. E. Dick, and grandmother, Mrs. Rose Wilson.

Mrs. Velma Huebener returned to Heppner Tuesday following a short visit in Montana where she went with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rice last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis returned to their home in Minneapolis Wednesday following a visit with Mrs. Davis's sister and family, Mrs. Henry Schwarz.

Mrs. Marjorie Ransom and two sons of Los Angeles were guests last week at the Harry Sherman home. Mrs. Ransom and Mrs. Sherman are sisters.

## SCORE AN EAGLE

According to a clipping received by the Sam Turners this week they son-in-law, Bob Runlion, did right well for himself last week on the golf course in Eugene. "Bob Runlion, a University of Oregon student, penned his name in goldfom's hall of fame at Laurelwood Thursday by scoring an eagle on the 145-yard par three 13th hole."

## Creamery Installs New Ice Machine

In these days of home freezers it would seem that there would be little call for block ice, but such is not the case, at least here in Heppner.

The Morrow county boys and girls who attended the 4-H school were chosen from 235 members. Age, activities, attitude and club work completed were the basis used by the 4-H council in selecting those who made the trip. Each of the chosen members was given a \$23 scholarship which covered most of the expenses involved.

## TEXANS ON VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Crawford of Arlington, Texas, are visiting relatives in Heppner, arriving in town Monday from Hood River where they spent a week with the Vawter Parker family. It has been 18 years since Mr. Crawford visited the old home town and it is Mrs. Crawford's first visit here. She is standing the ordeal of meeting so many of her husband's relatives quite nicely, probably because she has heard so much about them for the past 35 or 40 years that they are not really strangers. The four remaining members of the older Crawford generation gathered around the festive board at the Frank S. Parker home Monday evening, along with other members of the kinfolk.

The visitors are making a leisurely tour of the northwest and expect to see many points of interest before returning to the south.

## ON FOUR-H TOUR

A tour of the Columbia basin was begun Thursday morning by a group of 4-H club members from Morrow and seven surrounding counties. Accompanied by Miss Mabel Wilson, home demonstration agent, the young people left prepared to camp out for two nights. They will return Saturday night through The Dalles.

## Services For Mrs. Eunice Keithley Held Tuesday P. M.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for Mrs. Eunice Keithley, who passed away in Pendleton Friday evening, June 24 after a long illness.

Eunice Ethel Esteb was born August 28, 1880 in Airlie, Polk county, Oregon, the daughter of I. R. and Sarah Alice Rice Esteb. When she was three years old the family moved to Morrow county, settling in Gooseberry. She married Oscar Keithley December 22, 1902 and the young couple made their home at Eight Mile where they lived until 1933 when they moved into Ione Mrs. Keithley died in 1939.

Four children were born to this union, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Harly Anderson, Howard and Everett Keithley and Mrs. Fred Warmuth, all of Heppner. She is survived by nine grandchildren, two brothers, Sam Esteb of Ione and Fred of Tacoma, and many nephews and nieces.

Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien conducted the funeral service and burial took place in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Hardman where the husband is buried.

Out-of-town relatives attending included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Esteb (brother), Tacoma; Archie Esteb (nephew) Goldendale; Mrs. Torrey Nelson and son Bob. Mrs. Lucy Swanson, Floyd Williams, and Lawrence Williams, Kimberley.

## County Land Sale Nets Good Prices

Twelve hundred and seventy acres of tax delinquent land were sold at public auction in the Morrow county courthouse Saturday morning. Bidding was brisk on some of the acreage. One 160-acre plot sold for \$8 per acre. The lowest buying bid was \$1.75 per acre for a 640-acre plot. Land sales totaled \$4,171.13.

Little tax delinquent land remains to be sold in Morrow county. All of that sold on Saturday lies in the northern end of the county.

Mayor R. B. Rands of Boardman and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Hinkley of Irrigon were among the out-of-town persons who attended the land auction.

## ATTEND ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

Mrs. Merle Kirk and Mrs. Donald Robinson motored to Portland to attend the third annual All-Arabian horse show, June 25-26, at the Pacific International pavilion. Exhibitors from all over the west were present, making the largest number of entries ever recorded in this show. Breeding and performance classes were included in this two-day meet which is sponsored by the Arabian Horse Society of Oregon of which Mrs. Robinson is an active member.

## CLEAR PARKING LOT

The Elks club has cleared the area behind the temple facing Chase street and formerly occupied by the Harold Becket welding shop with a view to making it into a parking lot. The spot as yet unpared, has already been put to use by members of the club.

## ODDFELLOWS TO PICNIC

Willow Lodge No. 66, I.O. O. F., has scheduled a potluck dinner picnic for 1 p. m. July 10 at the Wightman ranch in the Blue mountains. All Oddfellows are invited to attend. Coffee, ice cream, and cold drinks will be provided by the lodge.

## Keep America Green Program Important To U.S. Forest Future

This nation's Sunday punch in its never ending battle against forest fires is the three-word slogan, Keep America Green.

In less than a decade the Keep America Green has spread across the continent capturing and challenging the imagination of citizens everywhere. The phrase Keep America Green has become a symbol for millions of alert citizens who understand the very real role green and growing forests play in the economic life of the United States.

It was launched in a Western state eight years ago by a group of conservation-minded men representing the former industries, government agencies and the general public. These men knew that 90 per cent of the fires that each year destroy U. S. timber capable of producing a billion dollars worth of products were man-caused and preventable. The solution to the whole forest fire problem, they reasoned, was education.

The problem required more than a "Don't do that" approach. It requires endless education on a personal level to effectively show the ordinary men and women of America what forest fires mean in terms of taxes, wages, profits, recreation and living standards. Presented in this practical, pocketbook phraseology, forest fire prevention makes sense and gets results. States that have had Keep Green programs longest have reduced forest fire losses materially.

The Keep America Green movement is sponsored nationally by American Forest Products Industries, Inc., of Washington, D. C., an organization supported by the wood-using industries of the United States. The program is operating successfully under the individual banners of at least two dozen major wood producing states. Results are uniformly encouraging.

Like contagious diseases, man-caused forest fires may be controlled or prevented. Intensive Keep Green programs, carried out in the 48 states, promise to do to man-caused forest fires what vaccination has already done to smallpox.

States participating in the "Keep America Green" movement include Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia,