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Mustangs Trample Wheeler High at Fossil Friday P. M.

Heppner Lads Find Their Strength in Winning 40 to 0

Heppner high school's football warriors, the Mustangs, really got underway Friday afternoon when they met the Wheeler high school pigskin squad at Fossil. Plays clicked and the ball carriers got some real experience in crossing the goal line by defeating the Fossil lads 40 to 0.

The first half started good for the Mustangs when, after a series of six runs, Melvin Piper threw a long pass to Jack Sumner for the first touchdown. Attempt for the conversion by Bergstrom failed. After several trips up and down the field, Heppner finally took the ball for the second touchdown of the game. Try for conversion was successful, with Gary Connor making the point. Thus the half ended after a little more scrimmage with neither side doing much.

The second half started with Heppner kicking to Fossil. The Fossil lads started with a lot of spirit but seemed to lose some of it when Heppner started to hold them. After much changing hands of the ball, Piper threw a long pass to End Gary Connor to enable Ruhl to go over, on the next play, for a touchdown. The conversion again was made by Bergstrom. Ruhl with good blocking seemed to dominate the field by running several plays for the next touchdown, also making the conversion. Again the passing half, Piper, connected with End Connor for another tally. Fossil held to stop the conversion. The play of the game was when Ruhl kicked a long one down the field with Piper colliding with the ball carrier in a manner to make him lose the ball. Peck, right guard for Heppner, recovered on the two yard line. The next play Ruhl went over for the final tally. Bergstrom made the conversion.

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Heppner C-C Backs Union Pacific in Gateway Proposal

Reasoning that there could be no special advantage to local shippers in transfer of freight from Union Pacific lines to the Denver, Rio Grande & Western, the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday passed a resolution backing the stand of the Union Pacific System against the petition of the rival railroad now under study by the Interstate Commerce commission. In taking this stand, the local chamber of commerce is acting in harmony with most of the business men's groups throughout the territory served by the Union Pacific, especially in the northwest states.

A report on the badwork control campaign prepared by Glenn Jorgenson of the Pendleton office of the Umattila national forest was read at Monday's meeting and the C-C passed a second resolution urging that a special fund be set up by congress to make it possible to start a control program at the earliest possible date. It is estimated that a sum of \$1,500,000 will be needed to carry on the control work needed in the infested area.

Jack O'Connor announced that the annual football booster breakfast will be served in the luncheon room of the Elkhorn cafe at 7:15 Friday morning. He also urged that business houses close during the games, of which there will be five at home this year. Last year's gate receipts showed a material increase over previous seasons with the places of business remaining closed, and O'Connor thinks the attendance can be still further boosted if the same policy is followed this year.

S. C. Russell House At Hood River Lost In Midnight Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the 16 room house on the S. C. Russell farm near Hood River Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Russell and son, also Vernon Russell, who live on the farm were in the house at the time it caught fire. Mrs. Russell, getting up to feed the baby, discovered the fire in the attic. The Russells were able to save some of their furniture. Among the articles saved was a grand piano which had belonged to Dale Russell's grandmother and is about 75 years old.

Friends were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Elva Cramer in Spokane, Wash., Saturday, October 1. Death was due to a heart attack. Earl Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie McLaughlin left Monday to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Rogers are the parents of a baby son, Guy Duane, born September 27 at St. Anthony's hospital. This is the third son for the Rogers.

Tillicum club met at the home of Mrs. Eldon Shannon Wednesday evening.

Heber Booth was an overnight guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nickerson, leaving Thursday for Spokane. Mrs. Esther Knight went as far as Pendleton with him, returning later on the stage.

Miss Asta Skoubo is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Skoubo. Miss Skoubo is nursing in the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

Mrs. W. R. Wyrick of Pendleton visited at the W. L. Blann home this week. Mrs. Wyrick stopped off on her way home after attending the state WCTU convention in Prineville. She and Mrs. Blann are sisters.

Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Hawley were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hawley and family of Mabton, Wash.

Nora Ransler spent the weekend in La Grande with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ransler.

Boardman high school football team was defeated by the Lexington team Friday with a score of 27-26.

Vegetables, Fruits Easy to Raise Says Former Heppnerite

In California, raising fruits and vegetables on family garden plots is easy—they grow in abundance, but it requires a considerable amount of persistence to get rid of the surplus, writes Fred Wehmyer, former forest ranger and resident of Heppner now residing at Vista, Calif.

"Had thought I would be up that way again this year but time has flown until autumn is with us," he writes. "I succeeded in raising quite a bit of fruit and vegetables, all of which I have been successful in giving away. No small feat where such things grow in abundance. . . . Personally, my health fluctuates almost as rapidly as our weather and the policies of our state department."

"Low values of things produced and high values of things purchased, coupled with ever mounting taxes, have a few folks here worried, but the great mass of our good citizenry are little perturbed. Still not entirely sober from the New Deal binge, no doubt."

"Hope to see you next year. Had so many kind and sincere friends in Morrow county and adjoining John Day valley that I doubt of being able to stay away longer."

Legion Auxiliary Renews Activities

Heppner unit American Legion auxiliary started its year's activities under the leadership of Mrs. Otto Steinke, president, with Mrs. D. E. Hudson, first vice president. Mrs. Floyd Worden, second vice president; Mrs. Kemp Dick, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. James Healy, chaplain, and Mrs. Charles Hasvold, historian, as her assistants.


Serving as standing committee chairmen are Mrs. W. A. Blake, Americanism; Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, child welfare; Mrs. James Healy, community service; Mrs. Sam Turner, constitution by-laws and legislative; Mrs. Russell O'Donnell, girls' states; Mrs. W. H. L. Padberg, membership; Mrs. Al Huit, music and Pan American; Mrs. Chris Brown, national security; Mrs. Bern Bert Scott, poppy; Mrs. Wm. Richards, poppy poster; Mrs. Richard Wells, publicity; Mrs. James Farley, rehabilitation; Mrs. D. E. Hudson, junior activities; Mrs. Richard Wells, past presidents' parley.

Membership activities have started, with a get-together meeting planned for the evening of October 7 at the Legion hall.

Mrs. Richard Wells spent several days in Portland where she met her sister, Mrs. E. H. Pixley, from Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Pixley will join his wife at Eugene to visit his people a few days and then they will fly to Honolulu for a two weeks vacation before returning to their home in the east.

Mrs. Fay Buckhorn is leaving early Friday morning for Los Angeles to have three weeks with her son Bill and family.

THE CROW AND THE PITCHER



There was a crow, so the story goes, who was very thirsty. At last he came upon some water in a pitcher. The water was too low for his short beak, and he was not strong enough to spill the pitcher. After a little thought, he dropped pebbles in the pitcher to raise the water level and quenched his thirst. Your newspaper knows how to use its resources to get you the important news which is sometimes well-hidden.

1949 Slogan Back To Jefferson Day

By ROBERT MCLEAN
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One day's news may help to decide whether the children go on a picnic, whether a business man makes an investment. In larger spheres, the news can result in the overturn of governments, change the opinion of millions. As recently as eight years ago it was the news of one day, Pearl Harbor, that steered a whole nation for war.

News, therefore, is the raw material from which you form your conclusions, on matters large and small. No act of government or of any government official may deny you, a citizen of the United States, the information you need to form your conclusions. That guarantee is written into the Constitution.

The constitutional guarantee of free speech and of a free press was inserted not for the benefit of the press but for the benefit of the people. It was written to protect the people, protect them against government's tendency to meddle with, invade and control the streams of information to which the public is entitled.

The Bill of Rights imposes on the government no duty to inform the people; it extends to the government no license to do so.

It reserves to the people alone the right to determine for themselves what they shall read, what they shall hear, and what they shall think.

The Newspaper Week theme is "Freedom goes where the newspaper goes." This is 1949's way of paraphrasing the immortal words of America's most profound philosopher, Thomas Jefferson: "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter. . . . When the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe."

Briefs of Community

By RUTH PAYNE

Representatives of the Degree of Honor motored to John Day Monday to attend the golden anniversary celebration of Margaret E. Lodge. Following a luncheon in the fraternal hall in Canyon City, a model lodge meeting was held during which the Heppner group presented the initiatory degree for a class of eight candidates. Those participating in this were Ethelyn Pierson, president; Ida Farra, vice president; Ruth Payne, second vice president; Katie Cunningham, inner watch; Carolyn and Patricia Pierson, ushers; and Melba Quergentush, Bea Barkia, Ruth Bergstrom and Mildred Bergstrom, escort staff. They were assisted by Minnie Card of Tabor lodge, Portland, as past president and Minta Hess of Parkrose lodge, Portland as pianist. Following the afternoon session, a banquet was held in the Anchor club in John Day. Keynote of the evening session of the meeting was harmony and service in home and community. During this time addresses of welcome were made by Mayor W. A. McKroia of John Day and Mayor Eugene Parrish of Canyon City. The program included several musical numbers, talks by state and national officers and a history of the organization by Mrs. Murrell Phillips of John Day. At the conclusion of the evening session, a large birthday cake, decorated in gold frosting, was presented to the hostess lodge. Other lodges present were Pendleton, Baker, and Parkrose, Tabor and Mount Hood lodges of Portland. State and national officers present included national treasurer and state director, Mrs. Ethel Lindholm of Portland; national committeewoman and state organizer, Mrs. Minnie Card of Portland; state president, Mrs. Blanche Buckley of St. Helens; state vice-president, Mrs. Irene Scott and state past president Mrs. Edith Rinehart of John Day.

Six tables of pinocchle and three tables of bridge were in play at the American Legion auxiliary benefit card party at the Legion hall Friday evening. In pinocchle Jack Van Winkle received high and Bill Heath, consolation; and in bridge, Mrs. Harold Cohn received high and Conley Lanham consolation. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlein has resumed her teaching in the Lexington schools after an enforced absence of six weeks due to illness.

Mrs. Josephine Mahoney entertained with a dinner party at her home Sunday afternoon. The guests were Mrs. Pearl Carter, Frank W. Turner and Frank W. Baker of Stockton, Calif. Dinner was served in the garden house.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan of Monument are the parents of a 7½ pound baby boy born Oct. 4 at the Corda Saling home in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas have returned from Walla Walla and The Dalles where they spent several days during the past week.

Mrs. Ellis Irwin departed Thursday for her home in Portland after visiting here for several days at the home of her father Irv Bennett and her sister, Mrs. Elbert Cox.

S. L. Key and grandson, Darrell Key, of Milton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall.

Troop No. 4 of the Girl Scouts held its first meeting of the fall season in the basement of the Christian church Monday afternoon at which time election of officers was held. Judy Barger was elected president, Patsy McDonald, vice president; Roberta Hannan, secretary; Virginia Conity, treasurer and Deloris Easter, hostess. There are 14 girls in the troop. Mrs. Adelle Hannon is leader.

Among those from Heppner planning to attend the Pacific International in Portland next week are Mrs. Linnie Loudon and Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Green and son Jim, who will exhibit his prize winning calf.

Crockett Sprouls and daughter Janet, spent Tuesday in Pendleton attending an appliance show.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilliam and daughter Mary Jo and Mrs. Earl Gilliam motored to Hermiston Saturday to visit Rev. and Mrs. Jackson Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fancher and son of Portland arrived in Heppner Monday. Mr. Fancher has been appointed by Governor McKay to fill the unexpired term of District Attorney Ralph Currin, resigned. They will live in the Thomson apartments on Baltimore street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson have returned from a motor trip to Crater Lake and the Oregon Coast. During their trip they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Estes L. Morton who have just completed a new summer home at Wecoma Beach. The Mortons' son Jack, is an instructor in the Newberg high school this year.

Mrs. Letitia May and Miss Vada Fancher of the state health department, Salem, are spending this week in Morrow county giving audiometer tests to all school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMurdo and family of Portland are guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. During the visit Dr. McMurdo and Ted are enjoying some hunting.

STORES CLOSING FOR GAME TOMORROW P. M.

Business houses of Heppner have indicated that they will close their doors during football game time tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. This assurance was given by a majority of the places visited by a junior chamber of commerce committee and it is expected that all the places will fall in line.

Boy Scout Board Attends Council Meet in Pendleton

The Blue Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America met in the Kiwanis cabin at Pendleton Tuesday for the annual meeting. Scout Executive R. D. McDermott presented the annual report of the council and announced his resignation to accept a similar position in Montana.

The executive committee of the council is interviewing candidates to find a successor to "Chief" McDermott. Four field executives in addition to the "chief" make up the professional staff of the council.

Chairman Ted Smith of the Morrow county district attended in his official capacity as a member of the council. Other scouts who attended the "campers dinner" were Rev. E. L. Tull, Bill Richards and Henry Tetz.

The local scouters reported the fine work done by the scout troop under the capable direction of Bill Davis. The scouts have made outstanding advances in merit ratings toward higher rank in the Boy Scout organization.

Clarey Shuzette, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born Sept. 15 to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Zubeck. Mrs. Zubeck will be remembered as Miss Mildred Clary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Clary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders left by car this morning at a very early hour for Spokane to get acquainted with their new granddaughters, born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders, Jr.

A note from Mrs. Richard Zita, nee Dorothy Cutforth, states that she and her husband have returned to Columbia, Mo. where Mr. Zita will complete his work at the University. They have been in New Britain, Conn.

Miss Betty Adams spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Floyd Adams. Accompanying Miss Adams from Vale, where she teaches home economics in the high school, were several students, including Betty Jordan, Darlene Madison, Charles Palmer, and Wayne Yoshikami.

The group came Friday night and left Sunday. They enjoyed a visit to the Adams ranch near Heppner and were shown other sections of the county, all of which they greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Thompson of Seattle are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rotzien and children of Portland were guests for three days at the home of his uncle, Henry Schwarz, and Mrs. Schwarz. They came Sunday and returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson has been moved from the Moore Convalescent home in Weston to the Pendleton Sanitarium, in charge of Mrs. Gladys Hayes, at 211 SE Byers avenue.

Mrs. Mary Tucker returned to her home in Stanfield today after visiting at the home of Mrs. Alena Anderson for a few days. She is recovering from a recent injury which necessitated hospitalization for five days.

Mrs. Boyd Redding and daughter Shari Dee left by airliner from Portland the first of the week for their home in Los Angeles after a visit with Oregon relatives and friends. Mr. Redding accompanied them to Heppner for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alena Anderson and returned to Los Angeles while his wife and daughter remained in Portland to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ashbaugh.

Schools Of County Show Increase Of 47 Over Past Year

Morrow county schools show an increase of 47 pupils this year over that of last year during the first report month announced Henry Tetz, superintendent. This increase is reflected entirely in the first grade which shows 48 increase over that of last year.

The total enrollment for the elementary schools is 634, as follows: Heppner 315, Irrigon 109, Lone 102, Boardman 73, Lexington 63, and Hardman 11. The first grades lead, with 112 enrolled and the fifth grade its nearest competitor with 105. The fourth grade has the least enrolled, 61.

Total enrollment of the high schools is 250, an increase of eight over last year. The reports show 115 enrolled at Heppner, 43 at Boardman, 38 at Lone, 33 at Irrigon, and 18 at Lexington.

It is interesting to note that the high school enrollment will be 342 in 1953 if pupils presently enrolled continue in Morrow county schools until that time, says Supt. Henry Tetz. The high school enrollment will be 381 in 1958 under similar conditions, he points out.

Public utility assessments have increased approximately \$24,000 during the past year.

Timber Fire Quickly Quenched By Kinzua "Smoke Chasers"

A fire, caused by a careless camper in Lost Valley Monday, was soon under control, but the fire crew from the factory was called to the scene.

Regardless of the dry weather in this locality, many of the hunters brought nice deer into town on the opening day. The list included Arden Kipp, Ernie Wall, Kinard McDaniel, Jack Sitton, Hildred Hines, Howard Bird, Slip Wright, Mrs. Wade Hite, Elva M. Leathers, Morris Brown, Bill Wright, Elmer Neatherod.

Thursday and Friday were enjoyed by the high school students as on those days the freshmen were initiated into high school. Each one had to stay dressed up for the Heppner-Fossil football game.

Heppner's football boys beat Fossil Friday, 33-0. The escaped convict from Salem, Leo Williams, was around Kinzua for a couple of days. He with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, lived here about five years ago. Many of the people here knew him. He was picked up on Waterman flat during the week-end.

Hugh Armstrong of Billings, Mont. spent several days here visiting his father, J. B. and both J. B. and Mrs. Armstrong accompanied him to Portland over the week-end.

Clarence Briggs, business manager for the Eastern Oregon A. F. of L., spent a day here the first of the week attending to business of the local union.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Graham took their son Roger to a doctor at Fossil Friday at noon where he was x-rayed for a badly sprained wrist. It was believed it may have a broken bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Rogers and baby were visiting at the home of his sisters, Mrs. Homer Davis and Mrs. Ralph Moore. Tuesday from Lone Rock. They are in eastern Oregon for hunting.

Ethel Mitchell spent several days this week at The Dalles where she was having dental work done.

Forrest (Case) Adams of Heppner was visiting at the home of his brother here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robison of Boardman was visiting friends here Sunday. They had been visiting Mrs. Robison's father at John Day and stopped by here to see friends. The Robisons lived here for many years before moving to their ranch near Boardman.

Rain, Snow Greet Hunters in Area South of Heppner

Moisture Welcomed By Farmers Late In Starting Seeding

Not only have the fall rains started in this region, but they are being followed closely by snow, according to reports coming into town today from the higher country. Tuesday night's rain in the lowlands was changed to snow when it reached the Blue mountains, and today the snow had chased the rain as far out as the Rhea creek hills south of Heppner.

The rains—and snow—are not only timely in the mountains, where all danger of timber fires may be said to have been eliminated, but have brought cheer to the farmers and stockmen of the region. Grain growers who have already seeded have been greatly cheered by arrival of much-needed moisture, and those who were waiting for rain are now enabled to do their seeding as the weather permits.

It is doubtful if the weather will add much to the success of hunters, with most of the first week gone and many deer already in the bag. However, with snow on the ground it may be easier to stalk the game.

Tuesday night's heavy rain brought 26 of an inch of moisture to Heppner and vicinity, according to Len Gilliam, local weather observer. Showers falling since that time may have brought the precipitation to 50 of an inch. Rainfall throughout the summer was almost nil, there being but 30 of an inch recorded over a period of four months.

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OREGON HONORED

Oregon and Oregon's Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury were signally honored at the annual convention of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators at Oklahoma City last week when Mr. Newbury was elected president of the association and invited the AAMVA to hold the 1950 meeting in Portland. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Comanche tribal snake dancers gave a special performance for the new president of the association, presented him with a gorgeous Comanche head-dress and installed him as a member of the tribe.

RENTS LEVELING

A survey made this week shows rents are adjusting and building has been accelerated since rent controls were lifted in Salem seven weeks ago. Rentals in the lower brackets have in some cases increased slightly. Rents in the higher priced apartments have been lowered. Plans for construction of several apartment buildings have been announced within the past month, one building with 101 units, with 80 units and four of 20. Rents of apartments will range from \$50 to \$125 a month.

BLUE BOOK? SOON!

Publication of the Oregon Blue Book has been delayed and the price raised from 25 cents to 50 cents a copy. However, it is now on the press and announcement has been made that it will be ready for distribution about October 15.

The cover has a green background and features a photograph of the state capitol.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS UP

An increase of nearly 10 per cent in the assessed valuation of property in Oregon is shown by the report of county assessors of the state in a release just made by Carl Chambers, chairman of the state tax commission.

Assessments for taxation purposes totaled \$1,539,929,071 this year.

The value of real property showed a higher per centage of increase than personal property. Real property totals were \$909,948,690 and personal property \$330,673,833.

KILLED BUCK—AND A BEAR

Terrel Bengt and Gene Ferguson returned today from a successful hunting trip, both bagging their buck. On the way back after getting his deer, Ferguson met up with a bear which he proceeded to add to his list of hunting trophies.

The local postoffice is wondering how far the Route 2 bounds extend, for when "Buck" Padberg returned from his rounds today he had a nice buck strapped to his car. Probably had to shoot the animal to keep from running over it.