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Mustangs Primed For Honkers at Arlington Friday

Coach Says Squad Shows Better Form Than Early Season

With the holiday season over, the Heppner high school basketball squad is "digging in" in preparation for the beginning of league play which will open when the local team travels to Arlington to battle the speedy "Honkers."

According to Coach Whitbeck the local squad is over its football kinks and the morale, confidence and playing ability are on the upgrade. A number of the boys have not yet played up to their capacities or personal abilities which has seriously handicapped the team's showing to date.

As the coach states, two or three games have been thrown away with wild passes and the inability to hit the close shots which makes for an inefficient ball club, but further states his club is coming and will be mighty tough to handle from here on.

Gary Connor and Marion Green have been the top rebounders for the squad to date and Jimmy Prock and Gary Connor have led the offensive action. Melvin Piper and Jimmy Smith, the other starters have started slow, but show signs of steady improvement in their "casaba" training.

The Heppner "B" squad has not tasted defeat in the six games they have played. This unit is spearheaded by Center Jack Sumner and Guard Roland Taylor both of whom are Sophomores and show promise of breaking into the first "5" before the season is over.

The next home game is set for Saturday, January 6, when the Mustangs play host to the Echo Cougars.

Pioneer Hospital Welcomes Baby Boy At 1:25 A. M. Jan. 1

At least one Morrow county citizen of the future will start his calendar year in accord with the prevailing calendar. Terry Lynn Peck put in his appearance at 1:25 a. m. Monday, January 1, 1951. He is the first born child of Mr. and Mrs. George "Bud" Peck of Heppner and weighed in at 10 pounds 13 ounces. Terry Lynn was born at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ellis are the parents of an eight pound 14 ounce baby boy born Friday, December 29 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Shamrocks Clout Irrigonians, 49-45, In Torrid Contest

Heppner's high flying Shamrock basketball team did it twice again this last week as they de-return games to win their string of victories to eight games without a defeat for the season.

There was never any doubt as to the victor in the Lexington contest as the Shamrocks breezed to a 54 to 27 win with Buster Padberg leading the scoring with 12 points.

It was a different story at Irrigon Wednesday night when the Shamrocks tangled with a determined Irrigon team. After a bitterly fought game the Heppnerites squeaked out a well earned 49 to 45 victory. With only a minute and a half remaining to play the Shamrocks found themselves behind by one point 42 to 41 and it looked as though their victory string was about to come to a heartbreaking end. Buster Padberg, had a different idea however, as he fired in a beautiful howitzer from mid court to push the Shamrocks ahead by a single point. Irrigon missed a shot, then Burns, Heppner center, raced in for a lay up to boost the lead to 3 points with 45 seconds left. Jones then hit a fowl throw for Irrigon to make the score 45 to 43 for Heppner. Barboletos, Irrigon forward, then tied it at 45 all with a jump shot from the key only to have Stan Kemp retaliate for Heppner. With ten seconds left the Shamrocks cinched the game as Whitbeck stole the ball, fired it to Junior Kemp who flipped to Burns for a lay up for the final score as the game ended. Whitbeck led all scorers with 18 points.

Next game for the Shamrocks will be Tuesday night on the local floor when they meet Arlington.

Blake New Owner Of Variety Store

Willard Blake announced this week that he has purchased the Variety store and became the owner as of January 1. Blake and James Healy had been negotiating for some time and concluded the deal the past week.

Blake's reason for selling was due to the increasing volume of his gas business which has demanded about all of his time.

Blake has been associated with D. A. Wilson in Wilson's Men's Wear since returning from the service. Having a hankering to go into business on his own he got interested in the Variety store and finally concluded to buy it. His first job will be to move the stock from its present location to the adjoining room. This is to make room for O'Donnell's, which is expanding, and will put the pastime in the Variety store room and enlarge and remodel the corner room for the restaurant.

Prayers For Peace Scheduled by Church

Local Methodists will join Sunday, January 7, at 11 a. m. with the denomination's nearly nine million members in a national mid-century prayer for peace, it was announced today by the Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, pastor of Heppner Methodist Church.

He said the call to special prayer was sounded by the Methodist Council of Bishops and the church's General Board of Evangelism in view of the "exceptionally grave condition of the world today."

In a letter to pastors of 42,000 Methodist Churches, the board urged every congregation to unite in a chain of prayer on Mid-Century Sunday, beseeching God's guidance in converting a world crisis to a just and lasting peace.

La Grande Doctor To Address P. T. A.

Dr. Miles J. O. Gullingsrud, district health officer for Baker and Union counties, will be guest speaker at the Heppner Parent-Teacher association at the meeting to be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday, January 10 in the high school auditorium. His topic will concern the mental health of children, with emphasis on the pre-school child. He will also show a recent film on healthy and unhealthy mental situations of children.

This meeting, held in conjunction with the regular P. T. A. meeting, will be presided over by the president, Mrs. E. E. Gonty.

Pomona Program Open to the Public

The Pomona grange program will be given Saturday afternoon at Willows grange hall in lone will be open to the public. It will open at 2 p. m., following the morning business session and dinner at noon.

Oscar Peterson will tell of his trip to Europe and show pictures taken there. George Murphy from the state grange will speak on grange fire and hail insurance. C. J. D. Bauman will treat on the subject of civil defense, and each subordinate will have a number on the program.

Lunch will be served at 6 p. m. and at 7:30 there will be installation of subordinate grange officers.

WILSON BROUGHT BACK ON BAD CHECK COUNT

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman drove to Antelope Tuesday and brought back Elmer Marson Wilson, laborer and rancher, who is charged with passing bad checks. Wilson is being held for trial in the circuit court.

The accused is credited with being the "front" for Ophfer Baker, who was recently found guilty and sentenced to a term in state prison. Several Heppner business houses were victimized by the pair.

PAIR IN TROUBLE

James W. Finck, cook and laborer, was in jail Wednesday and his wife was in the hospital suffering from seriously slashed arms. Officials were informed that the couple was involved in a quarrel Tuesday and the affair culminated in the slashing Wednesday morning. The officers were holding Finck for investigation, although he declared he did not do the knife.

Business and Financial Outlook For 1951 Forecast by Noted Economist

SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE:
The United Nations will withdraw from Korea during 1951. The United States in 1951 will have the largest National Income of its history.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1951

By Roger W. Babson
1. Excluding defense orders, the total business volume in 1951 will be less than that for 1950. However, national income in 1951 will be the highest ever recorded, as war orders take the place of peace production and high prices prevail.

MORE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS COMING

2. The outstanding feature of 1951 will be the ever-increasing interference of the government in the lives of businessmen and consumers.

3. The Administration and its economic advisors are firmly convinced that radical inflation is about to break out next year. But the "brain trusters" are overlooking the fact that the boom is already old and that it was creaking badly when the Korean War broke out. War postponed the downturn which would have taken place much sooner. The date of the slide has only moved ahead.

4. Rushing to catch up on its neglected defense program, the Administration is anxious to shrink business volume to an unnecessary degree. Efforts at first will be along the line of tighter credit curbs, such as restrictions on mortgage and installment loans and increased bank reserve requirements.

5. As 1951 wears on, the effect of credit controls will cause a decline in legitimate business. Civilian production will decline more than armament production will increase. The public may then cry, "This is a government-made slump; let's get rid of the curbs!"

6. If in 1951 it becomes evident that business is declining too fast as a result of government curbs, the planners at Washington may rush their patient into an oxygen tent.

LABOR OUTLOOK WILL CONTINUE TIGHT

7. Most labor groups will not be successful in getting a sixth round of wage increases in 1951. Although there may be more strikes in the first part of 1951, there will be fewer for the whole year as compared with 1950.

8. Tightness in the labor supply will be continued as the year wears on, particularly of highly-skilled workers.

9. The Taft-Hartley Law will not be repealed during 1951 but may be amended. The Administrators of the law will continue to wink at some of its clauses.

COMMODITY PRICES WILL REMAIN FIRM

10. Wholesale prices of many commodities will be marked by a mild decline in 1951 when compared with the price level for December 31, 1950. In some lines the drop may be quite steep from the high levels of late 1950. Retail prices for 1951, I do not now forecast.

11. The year 1951 should prove an excellent time to keep a tight grip on inventories. Commodity speculation for the rise will not pay in 1951. Furthermore, our expanding stockpiles of strategic materials present a real price threat in the event of a peace scare. Such stockpiles could then act strongly as a depressant on prices.

12. The cost of living will remain high during 1951. This prediction recognizes that living costs next year may be above the lower levels that existed during the first half of the year just closed.

FARM OUTLOOK GOOD

13. Farmers' income for 1951 should average no less than that for 1950. Since the trend in the first half of 1950 was down, this forecast is not so optimistic as it might otherwise seem, for there is likely to be a weakening of the farmers' income position during the latter part of 1951.

14. Barring crop failures, the total supply of food available should be larger in 1951 than for 1950, since the government will raise planting quotas as part of its attack on inflation. If the weather is extremely favorable, the government will be blamed for farm-price weakness during the latter part of 1951.

15. With prospects good for a rising supply of feed grains, meat should be more plentiful this year than in 1950. Prices for meat, however, will be held up by continued high National Income and by military needs.

TAXES WILL BE HIGHER

16. The burden of federal taxation, both corporate and personal, will be increased again in 1951. State and municipal taxes will remain high.

17. There will be heavy pressure for increased federal "sales taxes" to discourage purchasing of luxury and certain nonessential goods. Congress will see the value of some such sales taxes as an inflation road block.

18. States and municipalities will again be under pressure to find adequate sources of revenue. Further increases in state taxes can be looked for next year with additional cities and/or states adopting sales taxes.

19. Despite renewed efforts to increase the long-term capital gains tax above the present 25 percent figure, rates will remain unchanged.

DOMESTIC TRADE WILL BE LESS

20. Credit curbs will cut into the demand for automobiles and household equipment. Completions of fewer dwellings will also act as a damper on furniture sales.

21. Falling demand for hard goods should mean a stabilization of the public's spending for food and lower-priced soft goods.

22. The trend forecast in No. 22 will mean a decline in department store volume, but I predict a rise in the sales of variety chains and of drug chains.

FOREIGN TRADE OUTLOOK FAIR

23. Barring new war developments, I look for continued shrinkage in our exports during 1951. Imports, however, should rise further. Total foreign trade should not be much changed but the exporters will be on the short end of this business with the importers gaining.

24. It will become more difficult to convince Congress that additional heavy credits should be granted abroad except for war supplies.

25. As was the case this year many domestic manufacturers will feel increasing competition from foreign merchandise. The cry for increased tariff protection will be heard again in the land.

26. Business and financial forecasts for next year are NOT based on the thought that World War III will start in 1951. Russia is certainly heading for war, but we do not believe she now wants it in Europe. She will be satisfied to have her satellites continue taking unexpected jabs at us, while the Politburo boys hand out the soothing syrup. But we may see another episode like Korea in 1951.

MORE DEFICIT FINANCING AFTER JUNE 30, 1951

27. The first half of 1951 may actually see a budget surplus as a result of high National Income and increased taxation. Later, if Congress goes along with the Administration's plans for huge rearmament, a federal deficit will arise during the last half of the year.

28. As a result of the preceding prediction, money supplies should not begin to rise until after business has turned down. Increases at such a time are not likely to have much effect on prices.

29. Government bonds will be held tightly between the floor of Federal Reserve support purchases and the ceiling of Federal Reserve anti-inflation sales. Under such conditions, price changes should be negligible.

30. A great deal will be heard in 1951 about giving the Federal Reserve Board powerful controls over member bank loaning policies. Congress is not likely to pass such controls, however, unless commodity prices go a lot higher, or World War III comes.

STOCK MARKET AND BOND OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN

31. I see nothing now to indicate that we are entering a period of improved international relations. The danger of war remains. Until it disappears, wise people will move out of large bomb-vulnerable cities and avoid having investments in such areas.

32. The Stock Averages may work somewhat higher during the first half of next year, but sometime during 1951 they will sell lower than current quotations.

33. Stocks now in the best position for 1951 should be those that have not been popular as inflation hedges in the past months. I like good chain store stocks.

34. Investment Trust funds, pension funds, and insurance companies will provide an excellent backlog of demand for sound Income Stocks where good values can be demonstrated.

35. The successful investor next year will be the one who follows a carefully planned investment program. Such a program will emphasize diversification, not only by company and industry, but also by quality. Overconcentration will not pay in 1951.

36. Highest-grade taxable corporate bonds should hold in a narrow price range during 1951, but I see no reason for individual investors buying them. For my forecast for long-term government bonds, see No. 30 above. The only corporation bonds which interest me are CONVERTIBLES.

37. With income taxes slated to increase in 1951, tax-exempt bonds should continue in good demand. There has been some speculation in these, however, and any downward change in the tax outlook might cause a sudden turnabout in prices for municipals. Investors should see to it that their bond maturities are carefully diversified, with some part of their bond funds maturing each year.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY WILL DECLINE

38. The real estate outlook for 1951 will be strongly affected by curbs on mortgage credit. Much of the recent boom was the result of easy credit—almost nothing down and small easy payments for years hence.

39. New home construction will suffer a greater decline than other lines. Nonessential commercial building will also be hit.

40. The coming decline in new building will throw a wet blanket over speculation in vacant suburban lots.

41. The scare caused by the Korean-China war and fears of an early outbreak in other sections will adversely affect the demand for big city real estate. Lower business volumes and the Draft next year will also curtail such demand.

42. Small sustenance farms should hold up well in price as demand will be spurred by those seeking refuge outside the big cities. Demand for large commercial farms, however, should weaken as the year progresses.

43. The swing back toward rent control will act as a further damper on new building. There is no incentive to build homes for rental income.

44. Tighter credit controls will make it more difficult to purchase older residential properties, and the prices for these should weaken.

45. As building volume slackens in 1951, the quality of available materials and workmanship should improve. This will help those who have saved their money and can pay for at least half the cost of a new home.

DEFENSE ORDERS AND POLITICS WILL INCREASE

46. Those who can do so should attempt to get defense orders as a means of holding up production volumes and reducing overhead. Not too much profit from such war business should be expected, however, as these contracts will be subject to tight-fisted renegotiations.

47. The political outlook for 1951 will be completely dominated by jockeying for position in the Presidential race for 1952. Most of Congress' time will be spent on International Problems; but either War or Peace could come early in 1951, which could make many of the above forecasts useless.

48. In Domestic Matters, despite recent election changes in party alignment, Congress will still be dominated by a conservative coalition of Northern Republicans and "unregenerated" Southern Democrats. When the heat is on in a tough fight, the North-South coalition will still be able to curb onslaughts by New Dealers.

49. We are gradually headed for a One Party System and finally a Dictatorship. The Republicans will sometimes win with the slogan "HAD ENOUGH?"; but their reign will be short-lived. Too many persons are following the pernicious doctrine of ASKING FOR HIGHER WAGES AND SHORTER HOURS. SPECULATING IN STOCKS AND GOODS, GROWING RICH ON PAPER, VOTING DEMOCRATIC FOR SELFISH REASONS AND LETTING THE COUNTRY GO TO THE DOGS, WAR OR NO WAR!

50. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Payne were Portland visitors over the week-end. They made the trip to return Mrs. Payne's nephew, Michael Furlong, to Portland after spending the holidays in Heppner.

Guy Boyer, John Day business man and former resident of Heppner, is spending a few days here this week on business.

Mrs. Jack Parrish of John Day is a Heppner visitor this week.

William Kenagy, proprietor of Kenagy's Hardware, is on the sick list this week, having contracted a cold on a holiday trip to his former home at Hubbard.

Mrs. Ethel Zeimantz is spending a month in Seattle visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Billings.

Services Tuesday For W. H. Clark, Pioneer Resident

Services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for W. H. Clark, 82, who passed away Saturday morning, December 30, 1950, at the Pioneer Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for the past two months. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated and interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Born in 1866 in Indiana, Mr. Clark came to Oregon at the age of two years with his mother and stepfather, Hezekiah Tippet. Mr. Tippet homesteaded on Butter creek on what is now part of the Jack French place. Mr. Clark remained in Morrow county until 1916 when he moved to Missouri. He returned here a year later to make this his permanent home. He worked for the city water department a number of years and had a small farm southwest of town on the Heppner-Condor highway. He married Laura Pettijohn in 1925, who survives, as well as one daughter, Mrs. Vernon Matheny, two grandchildren, and two nephews, Oliver Clark of Portland and Robert H. Clark of Tygh Valley.

C-C Installation To Feature Well Known Speaker

Arrangements have been completed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year by Heppner chamber of commerce. The affair will be held at the Legion hall, with the American Legion auxiliary serving the dinner.

Mayors of the other towns and the county court have been extended a special invitation.

The program committee feels especially fortunate in securing Nicholas H. Trebin of Hood River as speaker on the program that will include musical and variety numbers. Mr. Trebin is foreign sales representative for the Hood River Apple Growers Association, is a Russian who loves his adopted America dearly and will have a message that all red blooded citizens will want to hear.

Henry Tetz, outgoing president, will preside and install J. R. Huffman as president; N. C. Anderson, first vice president; J. C. Barratt, second vice president; Frank W. Turner, treasurer, and Tom Wilson, secretary.

Tickets for the banquet will be on sale tomorrow (Friday).

Merchants Schedule Appreciation Days

Heppner merchants to the number of 21 met Wednesday evening and set the date for starting the business-stimulating program, Appreciation Days. The program was set up in November and deferred until after the holidays.

The first Appreciation day will be Saturday, January 13. The event will be held at 3 p. m. at a chosen point on Main street. Future similar events will be announced at each gathering.

Membership of the group is 21 at present, with the possibility that two more will be on the charter list. All lines of retail business in the city are represented.

MOTHER DIES

N. C. Anderson received word this morning of the death of his mother, Mrs. N. C. Anderson Sr., at Lisbon, N. D. She passed on at 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. Anderson expects to leave on the Empire Builder from Pasco this evening to be present at the funeral, scheduled for Saturday. Blizzard conditions in Dakota prevented his taking a plane or attempting to drive. Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband, nine children, all of whom were with her except Nelson and a daughter living in Arizona, and 20 grandchildren.

HAVE TWIN GIRLS

Mr. and Mrs. William Richards are receiving congratulations up on the birth of twin daughters. The "pair" arrived Wednesday evening at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. No details have been reported other than that the mother and babes are doing well and Papa Bill is expected to come down to earth in due time.

Claude Huston, patient at the Pioneer Memorial hospital since mid-December, is reported as slowly improving.

Mrs. H. S. De Chenne of Colville, Wash., visited over the week-end at the A. J. Chaffee home. She is Mrs. Chaffee's sister. Other guests included Mrs. Harry Cobain and daughter Pat from Pendleton. The Chaffees spent Saturday in Pendleton.

New Council Gets Down to Business Tuesday Evening

Mayor Gives Views On Policies He Wishes Considered

Meeting for the purpose of turning the reins of government over to their successors, Mayor Conley Lanham and Councilmen Dunham, Gonty, Saenger and Yeager assembled at 7:30 Tuesday evening and performed this last official act. Mayor-elect J. O. Turner, councilmen-elect Robert Grabil, W. C. Collins and Jack Van Winkle, and holdover councilmen E. E. Gonty, John Saenger and W. C. Rosewall, now constitute that august body frequently referred to as the "city fathers." Also present in her new capacity as city recorder was Mrs. W. O. Dix.

Appointment of Jos. J. Nys as city attorney and Charles Gomillion as police chief was announced. The positions of city work superintendent and water superintendent remained to be filled. R. J. Stephens and Victor Groshens are the present holders of the jobs.

Supt. Leonard Pate of the Heppner schools reported to the council that the school authorities had taken steps to alleviate a parking difficulty at the school and sought official sanction by the city. The request was granted.

The North Court street improvement project, contract for which has been reported as awarded, was held up pending further study by the new council relative to a request by the state highway commission for additional payment by the city. A brief examination of the city's finances made the council ponder over the advisability of putting out more money at this time. However, since the payment of an assessment of \$1.25 per lineal foot for construction of curbing, the city coffers will not suffer as much as first thought.

W. C. Rosewall was named chairman of the council, making him assistant mayor in the absence of that official from a meeting or from the city.

Mayor Turner voiced objection to use of the city hall by the state automobile license examiner and federal and state tax auditors. This was deferred for future discussion. The mayor also put in a word for economy and sought the cooperation of the council, civic groups and the community in general in holding the line in the months to come against whatever the world situation may bring.

Deposits In Local Bank Heavier Than December 31, 1949

Figures released by Merle Becket, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on December 30, 1950, deposits for the branch amounted to \$5,456,638 and loans totaled \$3,419,988.

A year ago, on December 31, 1949, comparable figures for the branch were, deposits \$4,896,404 and loans, \$677,009.

At the same time, The First National Bank and its 46 state-wide banking offices reported total deposits on December 30, 1950 of \$25,335,111, loans of \$241,624,159, and resources of \$570,746,196.

According to president F. N. Belgrano, Jr., these figures represent an increase over December 31, 1949 of \$48,907,930 in deposits, \$90,569,097 in loans, and \$53,942,339 in resources.

Belgrano commented further that the bank increased its capital funds from \$33,042,322 on December 31, 1949 to \$34,988,667 on December 30 of this year. This represents a net gain in capital funds of \$1,946,345 after paying dividends for the year 1950 of \$1,080,000 and adding \$900,000 out of earnings to the reserve for possible loan losses. The capital accounts of the bank now stand at \$7,500,000 capital, \$17,500,000 surplus, and \$9,988,667 undivided profits, making a total of \$34,988,667 in capital funds.

Belgrano also pointed out that in May of this year, the capital stock of the bank was increased from \$4,500,000 to \$7,500,000 and a dividend in stock, consisting of two additional shares for each three shares outstanding, was declared and distributed to shareholders.

Packy Carty was transacting business in Heppner today from his sheep ranch at the mouth of Willow creek.