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Heppner Finally Humbles Condon in National Pastime

Victory Sunday First in Many, Many Long Years

Heppner, since 1903, has always been referred to the town that was washed out by a terrible flash storm. That was on June 14, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Something less momentous but in the minds of those interested almost as historic, particularly in sports, happened on the Rodeo grounds Sunday, May 13. A Heppner town baseball team defeated a similar aggregation from Condon. Mark that date on your calendar and put it away for future reference, for sometime in the future it might so happen that history will repeat and you will want to be informed as to the exact date when it occurred before.

The pay-off is that Condon's ace hurler, the "Great Tom Burns" is credited with losing the game. Ironically, Burns for Condon and Doug Drake for Heppner were relief pitchers Sunday. Drake came on in the sixth and pulled the game out of the fire, while Burns took over in the fifth and gave up the winning runs.

Whitbeck started on the mound for Heppner and pitched four-hit ball for the first five innings, but was caught up with in the sixth and gave up three more hits and four runs. Drake came on at this spot with the bases loaded, two outs, and coolly forced the next batter to "pop up" and end the inning, thus pulling Heppner out of a bad hole.

Carl Schwab doubled in the 8th inning by lining a long drive into deep left center field, which later proved to be the deciding hit and run.

Heppner's hits, which totaled 14, were divided among the team as each member hit safely during the game and blasted out the base knocks. Heppner pitchers gave up a total of 10 hits in achieving the victory and thereby extended the team's victory string to two straight.

Next Sunday the local squad will travel to Mt. Vernon to battle the Panthers in their own lair.

Highway Commission Adopts Keep Oregon Green Ed. Program

Tourist and travelers using Oregon highways this summer will get a constant warning about forest fire dangers from an unusual source, according to Albert Wiesendanger, secretary of Keep Oregon Green.

The Oregon State Highway commission's 900 cars and trucks will each one carry a special "scotch lite" reflector-type special Keep Oregon Green license plate.

"This cooperation from the State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoek and his fine staff," said Wiesendanger, "will prevent many forest fires this summer. We are grateful for this special assistance. These license plates will be a constant reminder to newcomers to our state as well as our own citizens."

More than 90 percent of all forest fires start within 100 yards of a main traveled highway, Wiesendanger pointed out. The more we are able to warn automobile drivers of fire dangers the less fires we will have, he said.

"We are undertaking a hard-hitting campaign this summer," the Keep Oregon Green leader stated, "to get car smokers to be more careful. Last year we had far too many smoker fires. Ash trays are made to use and we hope we can convince the car smoker in 1,000 who flips his cigarette into roadside grass, what a danger he is creating."

"Get the habit—use your ash tray," Wiesendanger said, "is a slogan we'd like to see adopted by every automobile driver in Oregon."

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH (Episcopal)

Holy Communion 8 a. m. Church School 9:45. Morning Prayer and sermon 11 a. m. Holy Communion 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Mr. Parsons Goes To Washington--To Receive an Award

In the movies, "Mr. Smith" went to Washington, but here in Heppner in real life it is Mr. Parsons goes to Washington. And along with Mr. Parsons went Mrs. Parsons for an enjoyable transcontinental trip to the national capital. Object: For Glenn Parsons, ranger of the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest the past three years, to receive a Superior Service award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of forest administration.

The award, which is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a department of agriculture employee, was presented by the secretary of agriculture at the Sylvan Theater in Washington Memorial Park, Washington, D. C. Tuesday, May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons left from Pendleton following a farewell dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gjertson Friday evening. A delegation composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Keeling, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright and son Jim, and Wayne West drove to Pendleton to see them off.

Three Local Boys Attain Eagle Rank, Scouting's Highest

Three Heppner boys, Terry Thompson, Wesley Marlatt and Jim Green, were awarded the Eagle Rank, highest award in held at the American Legion hall Wednesday evening. According to Scout officials this is an unusual circumstance, even in the larger centers and certainly a rare occasion in a town the size of Heppner.

Star rank was given Jerry Hagwood, Nelson Connor and Stephen Green; merit badge to Wesley Marlatt in citizenship, hiking and signaling. These boys are all from troop 61, Heppner.

Second class rating was awarded to Ralph Marlatt and Dee Bailey of troop 61 and to Billy Dyer Jimmy Butler and Harold Ammons, troop 81, Condon.

Tenderfoot badges went to Edgar Adams, Vern Evans, Frank Bettencourt, Dewey Kennedy, John Kirkpatrick and Billy Roudau, troop 81, Condon.

Over 150 persons were present at the potluck dinner and to participate in the ceremonies.

Jack Edmondson presented the second class awards, Jack Bailey the first class and Paul Jones the merit badges. Judge Garnet Barratt conducted the Eagle rank ceremony.

Jack Long, Blue Mountain Council executive, announced coming events, including summer activities and the summer camp. G. H. Dodson of The Picture Shop took several pictures of the assemblage.

SOROPTIMISTS HEAR FINE DISCOURSE ON MOTHERS

Using the beautiful Bible story of Rebecca for the inspiration of her talk on "Mothers" at Soroptimist club of Heppner today, Mrs. Joseph Hughes then carried her interesting and inspirational discussion on to Elizabeth, mother of John; Mary, mother of Jesus. Then forward to Revolutionary days to the mothers of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence and the framers of the Constitution, the mothers of presidents and other great statesmen.

Mention of Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, Oregon mother of 1950 and the pleasure we as a state experienced when Mrs. Roe Cloud was selected as American mother of 1950. Mrs. Hughes closed her talk with a few words about Mrs. Florence King van Elten Bolinger, Hood River, Oregon's 1951 mother, and Dr. Mary T. Martin Sloop, 1951 American mother. Dr. Sloop has earned much distinction for herself by her work with under-privileged mountain children.

The club will entertain the senior girls and their mothers at tea Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 at the home of Miss Leta Humphreys.

The individual members of the Soroptimist club of Heppner pledge \$5 each year towards the scholarships which the club presents to an outstanding senior girl and for a 4-H summer school attendant. These are annual gifts and the money is earned in diverse ways aside from the member's classification. The methods as disclosed at the club installation party in June are both amusing and amazing at times.

Do We Need a Sewer System?



While the condition of this private sewer has been improved since this picture was taken several weeks ago, it is but one of many throughout the town that supply the best argument that can be produced for a municipal sewer system. The feeling is growing that the sewer system should be first among any contemplated municipal improvements, and that if a bond issue can't be authorized some other method of financing should be looked into.

Final Rites For C. R. Marple Held in Pendleton Monday

Charge of Murder Filed Against Walter Ray Corley

Final rites for Charles Ray Marple, victim of shooting at his home west of Ione the night of May 8, were held at 10 a. m. Monday from the Folsom Funeral home in Pendleton.

Any new developments coming from investigations by the officers have not been made public to date. The main portion of the bullet which caused Marple's death was located in the tip of his shoulder. This, with another bullet taken from the gun supposed to be the one used in the slaying was sent to a ballistics expert in Portland.

Walter Ray Corley, lodged in the county jail on a charge of driving on a public highway while drunk, was recommitted to jail on May 9 after a charge of murder was filed against him by County Attorney Bradley D. Fancher. He is being held without bail.

In reporting the case last week this newspaper made it appear that Dr. A. D. McMurdo had definitely identified the killer. This was purely unintentional as he stated a gun was found in Corley's car, which did not necessarily mean it was THE gun.

'Puff' And 'Van' In Montana Blizzard

A Montana blizzard, a late one such as visited the Rocky mountain region early this month, isn't something to be passed off lightly. That's the opinion of Edward "Puff" Rice and La Verne Van Marter Sr. who experienced six days of waiting in a mountain cabin for highway equipment to arrive and clear the road.

The two Heppner men were cruising in the vicinity of Rimini, Mont. when the storm broke. They were fortunate to get into a well-stocked cabin and had nothing to worry about if the storm didn't last too long.

Van Marter was displaying a piece of ore picked up in the vicinity where L. E. Dick Sr. is mining. It is rich in lead, has some gold and silver and is plenty heavy.

Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson has returned to Heppner after spending a year or so with her children in California and Washington. Property interests brought her back at this time.

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Tri-County Weather Research Annual Meet To Feature Dr. Krick and Other Scientists

An opportunity to meet Dr. Irving P. Krick, leading scientist in the experiment to produce more rainfall, will be given people of the region on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Tri-County Weather Research at Condon on June 7. Dr. Krick and other scientists will be there, announcing Ralph Crum, Ione, president of the organization.

Crum advises those interested in the project to bring their questions to the meeting and fire them directly at Dr. Krick. "Here is the place to say that you do or

do not want the program. One year's operation is not enough to get all the answers," Crum said. He also declared that the cost is less than one-half cent per acre or just ice cream money for the kids, if everyone pays his share.

According to Crum, this is just a normal year with a scientific rain program that doubled the normal rainfall. No floods. No wash. All went into the ground. Roads are better than ever. Prospects for crop are good. No damage complaints. "Let's Keep Oregon Green," he concluded.

Poppy Day Plans Completed Tuesday

Plans for the annual Poppy Day campaign were completed at a meeting held by the Legion auxiliary Tuesday evening. Sales dates are May 25 and 26.

Publicity for the event was given further impetus by distribution of window cards throughout town advertising the memorial poppy.

Style Show 21st

The annual style show presented by the Legion auxiliary will be an event of Monday, May 21. The show will be held at the Legion hall in Heppner, opening at 8 p. m.

Fashions both old and new will be displayed. Adults will be charged a nominal sum which will cover admission to the show and a share of the refreshments.

The Rosewall Motor company has generously offered free taxi service to all needing that kind of service. Call 1492 for taxi.

FRED LUCAS BETTER

Word comes from Seattle that Fred Lucas is slowly recovering from his recent illness and hopes are held that he can be removed soon to the temporary family residence at South Bend.

William Maness paid a short visit to Heppner the latter part of the week. He is now in the Merchant Marine and having a five-day leave decided to come here for a looksee at the old stamping ground.

James Willard Hylton of Boardman is being held in the county jail on a charge of attempted break and entry. A Boardman eating house is the complainant. Lacking \$1,000 bail Hylton was lodged in jail.

SCHOOL ELECTION TODAY

The annual budget election of the Rural School District is in progress this afternoon. Results will be published in the next issue.

County Clerk C. W. Barlow took off for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warner at Eugene. Mrs. Barlow preceded him some time earlier and they will return home the end of the week.

Connor Cousins To Clatter Cleats at Corvallis Contest

There's nothing like keeping the good things within the family circle, or it would seem that is the belief of the Connor families living in Heppner. And it is a commendable trait of this family that they do their best when afforded the opportunity.

So it is with two of the Connor cousins, Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Connor and Wendell, youngest of the Frank Connor family of small but mighty athletes. These two lads may have had a trip planned to Corvallis this week-end when they went to La Grande Saturday to participate in the Eastern Oregon track meet but they knew they had to make good in the district meet or plan to stay home. The result was that Gary placed second in the pole vault and Wendell placed second in his specialty, the broad jump. They are on their way to Corvallis to participate in the state track meet May 18-19.

Bill Hughes, the other Heppner entry in the La Grande meet, ran sixth in his event, which was out of contention for the Corvallis trip.

Mrs. Lindsey Dies Tuesday at Pioneer Memorial Hospital

Mrs. Mildred Lindsey of Ione died Wednesday morning at the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner following an illness of several weeks. Her death followed that of her husband, the late Frank Lindsey, by seven weeks.

Mrs. Lindsey was a native Oregonian, born at Lafayette July 26, 1875. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sampson, early settlers of the Willamette valley.

Services will be held at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Saturday from the Ione Co-operative church, with the pastor, Rev. A. Shirley, officiating and the Phelps Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Ione.

Bands Add Color To Merchant Event

Entertainment pleasing to both the eye and the ear has been provided the past week at the Appreciation Days program on Saturday afternoons by the Ione and Heppner school bands. The young musicians, resplendent in their colorful uniforms make an attractive picture, whether marching or at ease.

To those who have been following the bands there is noticeable improvement in musicianship as well as in street marching.

There is but one comment to make and that is that the bands should be seen and heard often on the main thoroughfares.

LENA TO FETE WRANGLERS

The Wranglers, Morrow county riding club, will be entertained at Lena Sunday by Hinton and Butter creeks members. There will be a potluck lunch at noon followed by a program which will be open to the public, starting at 1 o'clock.

DANCE RECEIPTS GIVEN TO HOSPITAL LAWN FUND

Receipts from the dance sponsored by the American Legion post of Heppner and given in connection with the air show held at Lexington airport May 6 were turned over to the Pioneer Memorial hospital for use in developing the landscaping of the grounds.

Presentation of the fund was made in a brief ceremonial Saturday afternoon during the Appreciation Days program, when Jack Edmondson, commander of Post No. 87, handed the check to John Earnsdorff, manager of the hospital.

FARM BUREAU MEETS AT IONE MAY 28

The Morrow county farm bureau will meet at 8 p. m. Monday May 28 at the Willows grange hall in Ione. A speaker will discuss the advance of Communism in the United States. There will also be a film on new methods of irrigation.

Henry (Dub) Aiken Jr. has been rehired to teach in the Prineville system and has signed a contract.

School Days Just About Over For Kids of County

Baccalaureate To Open Activities of Commencement

School days for the young people of Morrow county are just about over, with most of the schools preparing to close by the end of next week. Exams and class activities have been crowding one upon the other in the rush to get everything done before school is declared officially closed.

Baccalaureate services mark the beginning of commencement week and in Heppner they will be held at the school auditorium at 8 p. m. Sunday. Rev. Francis McCormack will deliver the sermon and musical numbers will be provided by the school music department under the direction of Robert Collins.

Commencement exercises for the class of 1951 of Heppner high school will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, May 25 in the school auditorium. Vergil S. Fogdall, dean of students at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, will be the speaker.

Twenty seniors will receive their diplomas. These include Eilene Ball, Mary Gunderson, Patricia Healy, Delores Keenan, Juanita Matteson, Marlene Porterfield, Connie Ruggles, Darlene Wayne, Betty Wells, Grace Wilson, Joanne Wilson, Clyde Alstott, Malaki Campbell Bob Cunningham, Orville Cutsforth, Marion Green, Lyle Peck, Melvin Piper, Jerry Settles and Phil Smith.

8TH GRADE HAS 29

Graduation exercises for the 1951 eighth grade class will be held at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday, May 23 at the school auditorium. At the conclusion of this program the graduates and their families will gather at the All Saints Episcopal parish house where the mothers are sponsoring a party and prom.

Sally Palmer is valedictorian and Richard Kononen salutatorian of the 1951 class. The class includes Nancy Ball, Darlene Baker, Darlene Brannon, Patricia Davis, Frances Duran, Jean Marie Graham, Mary Ruth Green, Clarice Hastings, Rita Keenan, Sally Palmer, Sharon Rill, Margaret Wightman, Patricia Wright, Clara Lippert, Frances Marlatt, Neil Bramer, Forrest Burkenbush, Johnny Bronsan, Oliver Devin, Bobby Lee Grabill, Raymond Gonty, Jerry Lee Hagwood, Jimmy Hayes, Lyle Jensen, Richard Kononen, Ralph Marlatt, Larry Monahan, Jack Monagle and Peter Slocum.

Down Boardman way the baccalaureate services for the seniors will be held at 8 p. m. Sunday in the Boardman Community church. Miss Jean Scott and Wanda Needles will give the service and there will be special music by the choir. Graduation exercises will be at 8 p. m. Thursday in the school auditorium. Dr. Joseph Gaiser, head of political science at Eastern Oregon College of Education, will be the speaker. Emsley Rogers is the class valedictorian and Keith Tannehill the salutatorian.

Legion Auxiliary Elects Officers

Election of officers for the ensuing year was the order of business at the regular meeting of the group at Legion hall Tuesday evening.

Mrs. William Heath was named president; Mrs. James Healy, first vice president; Mrs. Herman Wallace, second vice president; Mrs. Carl Vincent, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. James Driscoll, sergeant at arms; and Mrs. Douglas Drake, historian.

On the executive committee are Mrs. Kemp Dick, Mrs. William Labhart and Mrs. Harry Tamblin. Installation will be held Tuesday evening, May 22, with a no-hostess supper, in the banquet room of O'Donnell's cafe at 7 p. m., at which time Mrs. Cecil Thorne, district No. 6 president, will honor the group with her presence.

MCCURDY IMPROVING

Although still an ill man, Harlan McCurdy Sr. is reported slowly improving. He still can have no visitors.