

At The Legislature--



MEIER & FRANK IN SALEM

The Meier & Frank Company of Portland will build a large and complete modern department store in Salem on the old Salem High School block, two blocks from the Capitol Mall. In making the announcement this week President Aaron Frank said building would start next year. Ample parking space on three adjoining blocks has been purchased.

ANOTHER GREAT PROGRAM

The Governor and the top hands in the senate and house last week made an 11-point program for the legislature which they very gravely did not consider. Here are 11 points they overlooked.

1—Save repair costs on penitentiary walls and bars by creating Office of State Locksmith to serve escaping convicts.

2—Require use of gas gadget that will burn ten times as much gas when speeding.

3—Prohibit overloads when log-rolling.

4—Provide pensions and scarlet letters for poor little rich boys and "smart boys" who beat the draft.

5—Limit electric surcharges to summer nights.

6—Require collar on glass of beer removed.

7—Furnish little morons, among the children who visit the legislature, with cement guns. They are tired of carving the marble walls and shooting senators with water guns.

8—Ban legislative parties not serving pop for ulcer patient-prohibitionists.

9—Make an imperium that Governor et al when appointing boards and commissions shall select persons that are not so smart that they will set up a monopoly for their group. (Should appoint plumbers on milk commission, P. T. A. members on barber board, aeronauts on higher education board, onion growers on cosmetics board and vice versa.)

10—An act for an act for action-period.

11—State control of the common cold. Cold, that is, not common cold.

LATOURLETTE DEFINES LAW

Chief Justice Earl C. Latourlette ruled that the 1951 state law regulating aerial spraying of farm crops and forest lands was unconstitutional.

The court said the law gives too much power to the Department of Agriculture and State Board of Aeronautics. Under the law they have "uncontrolled and unfettered power to make rules and regulations governing airplane operators in application of chemicals, which is a perfect exemplification of bureaucracy in full bloom with attending confusion worse confounded." Chief Justice Latourlette wrote.

GOVERNOR SIGNS NEW LAWS

The principal bills passed by the senate and house and that were this week signed by the Governor include:

SB 45—Authorized counties to employ and pay reasonable fees to attorneys for work in connection with the construction or acquisition of inter-state bridges or ferries.

SB 71—Hereafter notices of tax delinquencies will read, "for delinquency proceedings commenced."

SB 77—Makes annual license fees for osteopaths same as those of medical doctors.

SB 89—Withdraws from appropriation the waters of most streams flowing into the Columbia River between the Sandy River and Hood River.

HB 25—Reduces maximum speed limit for school busses from 55 to 45 miles per hour.

HB 52—Motor vehicle wrecking establishments must be within the building or enclosed with at least a six foot fence in all counties over 20,000 population.

HB 66—After a hearing the State Tax Commissioner may make an order directing that municipal corporations prepare a budget conforming to the full requirements of the law.

HB 78—Includes personal property in taxation for cemetery districts.

HB 227—General administrative authority over all circuit courts of this state is vested in the Supreme Court and subject to its rules, and shall be exercised by the Chief Justice who shall appoint an administrative assistant.

HB 234—Authorizes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint judges pro tem from membership of the bar when court dockets become congested, who are to receive \$35 a day for services.

HB 249—Provides that when a school board asks for suspension of a teacher's certificate the teacher shall be entitled to a hearing relative thereto before the state board of education.

FARMER-SHIPPERS PROTEST

At a hearing held this week on a bill that would freeze minimum railroad freight rates many shippers expressed themselves as

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PLAYOFF WINNER MOVES UP--

District Championship Takes Mustangs to State Tourney



THE MUSTANGS—Heppner high school's district championship basketball squad and their coach display the trophy the team won Saturday night at The Dalles by defeating Cascade Locks in the final game. They are now in Salem where they will play their first game Thursday afternoon in the state tournament. This picture, taken at the Monday noon chamber of commerce meeting at which the team members were guests shows from the left, seated: Wendell Connor, coach Stephen Trukositz, Skip Ruhl. Standing, front row, Lyle Jensen, Les Case, Jerry Hagewood, Jimmy Hayes, and Wayne Soward, manager. Back row: Bob Grabill, Dick Kononen, Mike Grant, Jack Sumner, Bill Hughes, and Roland Taylor. Sumner was picked as a district All-Star and Taylor as an All-Star reserve. (Photo by Alex Thompson)

Council Approves Sewer Ordinance

The Heppner city council, at a special meeting last Wednesday night made final changes and approved the complicated sewer ordinance which it had been studying for nearly a month.

The ordinance, which was patterned after similar ones adopted in other Oregon cities, gives the requirements and regulations governing the construction, use and operation of sewers, outlines requirements for hooking the city sewer system, and regulates the use of private sewage systems within the city limits.

The council left the ordinance pretty much as was reported last week, although numerous small changes in the measure required nearly a complete rewrite. Mayor J. O. Turner said that as soon as all the changes and additions were incorporated in the ordinance by city attorney J. J. Nys, the council plans to publish it in its entirety to give Heppner residents an opportunity to become familiar with its provisions.

The provisions of the ordinance are now in effect and Turner indicated he hoped people would understand the various regulations before individual hookups were started from the residences into the new sewer system now under construction.

Clarence M. Scrivner Funeral To Be Friday

Funeral services for Clarence M. Scrivner, a former Heppner resident, who died Tuesday at The Dalles hospital, will be held at Calvary Baptist church in The Dalles at 2 p. m. Friday.

Mr. Scrivner was born in Heppner August 1, 1894 and lived here until about 20 years ago when he moved to The Dalles. Closest surviving relatives are two daughters, Lee Scrivner of Heppner is a cousin.

Early Morning Blasts Awake City Residents

County sheriff, C. J. D. Bauman and Heppner police chief Charles Gomillion are looking for the identity of the party or parties who woke up a good share of the city's population early Wednesday morning with a series of shotgun blasts, car backfires or some other form of noisemaker.

The commotion was heard by many persons about 6:30 Tuesday morning and reports to the police said the noise sounded like 8 or 9 gunshot blasts.

Apparently there were no casualties at any rate, as the officers have not yet uncovered any bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Robinson of Hardman were business visitors in Heppner on Tuesday.

FOREST SERVICE REPORT SHOWS HEAVY AREA USE DURING YEAR

Umatilla National forest heads this week released a report telling of the activities of the forest service during the past year and of the heavy use given the area by visitors.

The service estimated that 139,000 persons visited the forest last year. Of this number, 26,000 were hunters, 6000 were fishermen, 24,000 were winter sports visitors and the balance campers, picnickers, etc.

The 1952 fire season was one of the largest and driest on record, but in spite of this fact the acreage burned was kept to the exceptionally low figure of 245. There were 135 fires in the forest last year compared to an average of only 65 per year for the past five years. 36 of the blazes were man caused and the other 99 were set by lightning.

The most severe fire of the season was set by lightning in August on the north fork of the John Day river.

Very few man caused fires occurred during deer season, but elk hunters started 17 fires. Forest crews were still fighting elk hunters fires the day before Armistice day when a welcome snow storm ended the fire season.

Included in the various forest service projects was maintenance work on 1023 miles of forest road and 918 miles of trail. 275 informational and directional signs were posted on the roads and trails. Several bridges were replaced or repaired and many sections of forest road received improvement work.

The practice of seeding to grass areas eroded by logging to prevent erosion until another timber crop can be started was continued. It resulted in seeding of 515 acres of skid roads and landings, and an additional 300 acres of depleted grazing land was cultivated to kill weeds and seeded.

6983 cattle and 23,670 sheep were grazed on forest land under permit and 30,000,000 feet of national forest timber and 3000 Christmas trees were cut during the year.

C. A. Carlson Again Conservation Head

New officers of the Heppner Soil Conservation District for 1953 are Charles A. Carlson, lone, re-elected chairman; John Wightman, Heppner, re-elected vice chairman; Raymond Lundell, lone, treasurer; N. C. Anderson, secretary; W. E. Hughes, Heppner, supervisor, and Orville Cutsforth, Lexington, supervisor. Also present at the monthly meeting held March 3 at the county agent's office in the bank building were Marion Krebs, Cecil and Orian Wright, Rhea Creek, advisory supervisors, and Tom Wilson, work unit conservationist.

A monthly progress report made at the meeting showed dryland range seedings of alfalfa and crested wheat completed on the C. A. Carlson and James Lind, say ranches at lone. Irrigated hay and pasture seedings were completed on the Lewis Halvorsen, Herbert Ekstrom, James Lindsay, Marion Palmer, H. Dobyns and Gary Tullis ranches at Lexington.

The district noble sweep plow was used by Kenneth Peck, Bill Padberg, Vernon Munkers, Bill Van Winkle and Gene Majeske, all of Lexington, to remove rabbitbrush and sagebrush from dryland pastures.

Tom Wilson, work unit conservationist, reported two new fields planned for strip cropping on the Alvin Bunch and Paul Brown ranches north of Heppner.

P-TA BASKETBALL GAME IS POSTPONED

Due to a conflict of dates, the annual P-TA sponsored benefit "Tall man, short man" basketball game previously scheduled for this Friday night at the Heppner school gymnasium, has been postponed until Friday, March 20, committee chairman, Mrs. L. E. Dick announced this week.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Purling and J. C. Owens were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Winters and children of McNary and Mr. and Mrs. Con Adkins of Pendleton.

Heppner Tackles Chiloquin Today In First Game

Takes Cascade Locks in Final Dalles Game

By Kenneth Easter

Coach Steve Trukositz's Heppner high school Mustangs earned their first trip to the state B Basketball tournament since 1921 last Saturday night when they won the final game of the district 6-B tourney at The Dalles by defeating Cascade Locks 54 to 50.

The Heppner squad left yesterday for Salem and the state tournament where their first game will be played at 4 o'clock today (Thursday) with Chiloquin.

Heppner, by winning the district 6-B playoff won the right to meet the winners of the other seven districts in the state in the single elimination tournament which will decide the state basketball championship.

Other teams entered are Drain, Echo, Elgin, Jefferson, Brownsville and the winner of the Garabaldi-Knappe game, which had not yet been decided. In the first round Thursday the Heppner-Chiloquin tussle will follow the Echo-Drain game, the first of the tourney.

District Final

In the final district game at The Dalles Saturday, Heppner had to come from behind as Cascade Locks forced to an early lead which it held 14-13 at the end of the first period, and which they had stretched to 27-23 at halftime. The Mustangs boomed back in the third quarter to end the period with a 38-37 lead and then closed out on top with a four point margin, 54 to 50.

Again in this game, the Mustangs showed an effective defense as well as a good offense, for as in the Rufus game, they had to stop a big man. They held down big Jim Byers to 12 points, much below his usual average.

Jack Sumner was high point man for Heppner with 21, while Dick Kononen scored 15 and Mike Grant hit for 11. Altho Sumner, Grant and Kononen did most of the scoring, Les Case and Roland Taylor earned much credit for some fine passing and tight defensive play.

Heppner 55—Rufus 43

In the semi-final game, the Mustangs downed the Rufus Wolves 55 to 43 with free throws making a big difference. Rufus outscored Heppner from the field 17-16, but the Mustangs connected for 23 of 50 free throws, while Rufus could find the basket only 9 out of 35 times.

Another big factor in this victory was Heppner's ability to hold down 6 foot 3 Al Blake, who had scored 32 points in each of Rufus's previous games. They allowed him only 12 points.

Whistle tooting was frequent with 29 fouls being called on Rufus and 20 on Heppner. The Wolves lost all their starting five in the final minutes, while Heppner kept its first string intact.

Heppner 47—Sisters 32

The second game of the tournament found the Mustangs matched against the Sisters Outlaws, and as in the first game against Lapine, coach Trukositz used substitutes freely. Heppner jumped to an early 16-8 lead, and still had a comfortable 26-21 edge at halftime. They increased their lead to 36-27 at the end of the third quarter and scooted on to a 47 to 32 win. The Mustangs hit .311 while Sisters made .231.

One All Star

The excellence of the teamwork of the Heppner squad all through the tournament was pointed up by the fact that only one Mustang, center Jack Sumner, was picked on the district all star team, although Roland Taylor was chosen as a reserve. All agreed that Sumner's playing stood out, but the continuing margin for victory came from the nearly perfect support given him by all other members of the team.

PARENTS OF ELEGIBLE CUB SCOUTS TO MEET

There will be a potluck dinner Thursday March 19 at 6:30 p. m. in the Christian church basement for all parents interested in getting the Cub Scout program started again in Heppner.

Most County Schools Set Spring Vacation

Most county school students will enjoy a spring vacation next week, but the length of time will vary from two days to a full week. Lexington is the only school not taking some time off.

Heppner, lone, and Irigon schools will be closed Monday and Tuesday, and at Boardman students will get the entire week.

Many of the teachers will spend part of the vacation in Portland to attend the annual conference of the Oregon Education Association which is being held Monday and Tuesday.

Red Cross Drive Lags, Quota Only Half Raised

Morrow County's 1953 Red Cross drive was lagging badly this week with only one-half of the quota turned in so far, Mrs. James J. Farley, county drive chairman, reported. Of the \$2400 quota, only \$1260.90 has been collected.

Mrs. Farley said that she has received reports from only about 60 percent of the Heppner workers and that lone has reported in approximately one half of its usual contribution. Workers in Lexington and Morgan were among the first to send in returns.

The chairman again urges the workers to make a concerted effort to contact every person in their district in an effort to put the drive over the top. Morrow county for the past several years has been among the first counties in Oregon to reach its assigned quota, but Mrs. Farley feared that unless more contacts were made by workers, the goal might not be reached.

The need of Red Cross funds was again stressed, when it was pointed out that the organization is sponsoring the production of the recently developed gamma globulin, an antibody now being used in the treatment of polio. It is the hope of the Red Cross, Mrs. Farley said, to be able to get a large enough supply of the needed globulin to be able to treat all necessary persons in the worst polio disaster areas this coming year.

Mrs. Farley said she has had no report from the north end of county, and has had considerable difficulty finding workers in that area.

She asked that any county resident who has not been contacted within the next week or so, and who wishes to make a donation, to either contact her at Heppner, or mail the contribution to her.

Fancher Elected District Bar Prexy

Bradley D. Fancher, Heppner attorney and Morrow county district attorney was elected president of the Sixth Judicial District Bar Association at a meeting of that organization in Pendleton March 6.

Other officers who were chosen at that time are Robert W. Collins, vice-president; Rex W. Hardy, treasurer and Raymond S. Danner, secretary. All but Fancher are from Pendleton.

Mrs. Elmer Springer has returned to her home in Hood River after a week's stay in Heppner with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Springer.

Boat Accident Claims Life Of Boardman Man

By Flossie Coats

BOARDMAN—Again the Columbia River claimed another victim. Dale Hug, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Hug was drowned in the Columbia Sunday morning sometime between 11:00 a. m. and twelve noon, when he and his partner Archie Jones, son of Mrs. Blanche Jones, was capsized in the new motor boat he had recently purchased, across from Sixmile. The two boys left their homes early Sunday morning for a cruise on the river, and upon seeing a barge coming down the river they motored into a cove to wait for the waves to subside, as they thought, but they were still too high and capsized the boat.

The two boys seized the boat but after a time Hug slipped away and Jones seeing his trouble went for him, each getting back to the boat, but again for some reason Hug slipped and that was the last time Jones was able to see him.

According to reports the Coast Guard at The Dalles was notified by the S. P. & S. train crew on the Washington side. After the Coast Guard sighted the boat they notified the State Police at Arlington of the boys location. State Police Pope waded into the river hauling the Jones boy out and reviving him with artificial respiration. An ambulance from Condon was summoned which took Jones to his home in Boardman. He was picked up some eight to ten miles below where the boat capsized.

Up to date the body has not been located although the Coast Guard and State Police are still working.

Young Hug leaves his young wife Bette, who is expecting a baby soon, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Hug, two sisters, William and Wanda, a brother Delmar who is serving in the Armed Forces in Korea. Dale was a graduate of the Boardman high school in 1946 and has also served his time in the armed forces.

His mother, Mrs. Hug is at the present in the St. Anthony's hospital where she recently underwent major surgery.

Career Day Set for County Students

Plans are being made to hold another Career Day for junior and senior high school students of the county some time in April, it was announced this week by Leslie Grant, county school superintendent.

The special event, to be held at the Heppner schools, is planned to give students information and aid in determining the type of work they plan to continue following graduation. Speakers will be chosen from the various business, professions or industries in which the various students express interest, and they will explain what training is necessary and desirable for a person wishing to follow any certain line of work.

The exact date of the day will be announced later.

Judge and Mrs. J. G. Barratt made a business trip to Portland Tuesday. They expected to return to Heppner the last of the week.



MANAGERS for the annual P-TA benefit "tall man, short man" basketball game are shown trying to find out some of the fine points of each others strategy for the coming tussle which has been postponed from this Friday night until March 20 due to conflicting schedules. Jack Van Winkle, head man for the "shorties" has gone into training for the event by cutting down slightly on cigars for the next few days, and Everett Keithley, who will coach the overgrown team has started walking home for lunch instead of driving his car the necessary three blocks. Both expect to be in top physical condition to lead the team members. Both captains were reticent about giving the names of any of their team members, apparently for security reasons. (GT Sport Photo)