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## The Spell is Broken

Thirty-two years is a long time to go without getting a whack at state tournament play. That has been Heppner high school's luck up to now. But, the patient wait has been rewarded, for as this piece goes to press, coach Steve Trukositz's Mustangs are doing their utmost in Salem to bring the state championship trophy home to rest beside the district cup they garnered Saturday night at The Dalles. If we were of a superstitious nature, we would cross a couple of fingers, some toes and maybe even our eyes in an effort to give the boys a little more of the good luck they had with them during the district playoff.

It was more than just luck, though, that found the Heppner squad on top of the heap when the smoke cleared away last Saturday. It was a combination of good training, real teamwork by the boys and some topnotch coaching. We talked to some of the squad during their short visit at home between tournaments and their attitude is one which should, coupled with their abilities,

take them a few steps farther up the ladder to state basketball fame. They weren't cocky, nor were they any more scared than would be any other group of high school kids waiting for such an important thing as a state tournament. They are going to play each game as they come to it and not take any chance that some team they thought weak might put one over on them. It was this attitude that won for them in The Dalles, it could very well do the same for them in Salem.

If they are the best B league ball team in the state, they will come home Sunday with the prize, or maybe their spot is second or third or eighth, but wherever they wind up, we know they will have played their best for they're not a team to "come apart at the seams" under pressure. Much of the credit for this training goes to coach Trukositz, but just as much credit goes to the players for wanting to learn how to play the game right.

Whatever their final position in state play may be, we wish them luck, and for their successes, both past and future, congratulations.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

E. R. Jackman, veteran farm crops specialist, Oregon State college, hands out some good advice this week in the form of an old adage, "If someone gives you a lemon, take it and make lemonade out of it." The lemon he is speaking of is in the form of markedly lower prices for most of our numerous seed crops that have hurt seed growers but can be a help to seed planters.

Some of the crops that are lower in price than they have been for years include the cover crops, alfalfa, ladino clover, alta fescue, intermediate wheatgrass, orchardgrass and pubescent wheatgrass. The latter is selling for considerably less than one-half the 1952 price. This means that many of the sod waterways that have been held up because of the high cost of seeding should

be encouraged by this low cost of seed.

In the case of irrigated pastures and logged off land, seedlings can be made for as little as many dryland seedings cost a year or two ago. It appears now that seed cannot go much lower.

Farmers planning to buy sprinkler irrigation equipment for next summer's use, should do so now. Aluminum pipe is in good supply and dealers have ample time to do a good job of designing. If purchasing is put off until next spring, dealers will be rushed and it will be impossible for everyone to obtain immediate delivery at that time.

With spring just around the corner, questions have been coming in concerning the planting of

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

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Mrs. M. Brown, Miss Ruth Stephens, Miss Maxine Gentry, Miss Kathleen Slocum, Miss Neva Shinn, Miss Huldah Tucker, Miss Bertha Tucker, Miss Lavelle Leathers, Miss Vella Ward, and Miss Margaret Jones comprised a group of Lexington visitors who were here for the basketball tournament last evening at the high school gymnasium. The Lexington boys' team met the McLoughlin high school team.—Pendleton E. O.

A debate was held in the Civics class Tuesday on the question

potatoes. The time for planting of potatoes for early use is more important than the variety to plant. The two most common early potato varieties are Triumph, sometimes known as Bliss Triumph or red Bliss, and Earliest of All. Other more common varieties such as White Rose, Netted Gem, Burbank, Katahdin or Kennebec, can be used for early harvest if they are planted early.

The most important consideration in selecting potatoes for the family use is to buy good seed. Certified seed should be used.

Early potatoes should be planted in mid-March (as soon as the land can be worked.) The seed should be planted shallow. Potatoes for mid-season harvest should be planted any time during April or early May. Potatoes winter use should be planted in late May or June.

"Resolved that the U. S. should immediately relinquish her control over the Philippine Islands". The affirmative team consisted of Keith Logan, Clara Phelps and Myra Wells. Violet Hynd, Elaine Sigbee and Dorothy Pattison maintained the negative side. The class was unable to decide the debate in favor of either side.

Charles Thomson of Thomson Bros. has been experiencing some lumbago for several days the past week, which threatened to lay him off the job at the store.



## PEACHY PRESERVERS CANNING CLUB

The Peachy Preservers Canning club held its third meeting at Jean Marie Grahams home on February 7. The officers are president, Janet Wright; vice president, Sally Palmer; secretary, Jean Marie Graham; reporter, Pat Peck. The other members are Patsy Wright, Shirley Peck and Sharon Bill.

Dinner was served by Mrs. Graham and the other mothers to the Sewing and Canning girls before the canning meeting.

During the meeting we saw slides and discussed various canning containers and jars.

The next meeting will be held at Sharon Bill's home on March 14.

Pat Peck, reporter

## SOUTH HEPPNER LIVESTOCK CLUB

The South Heppner Livestock club held a meeting March 8 at the home of Patsy and Janet Wright. Three members were absent.

We learned how to determine a dairy calf's weight by measuring it with a tape. We measured Patsy and Janet's calves.

The next meeting will be held at Mike Grays home on April 12.

Janet Wright, reporter

## State Future Farmers Slate OSC Convention

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Oregon's Future Farmers of America will hold their annual state convention on the Oregon State College campus March 16 to 19.

More than 400 FFA boys from the state's 81 high school chapters will participate in the 1953 meeting, which marks the 25th anniversary of the national organization. FFA membership in Oregon this year is more than

## East Oregon Hereford Show March 19-20

A record crowd is expected to be on hand March 19th to view the judging and grading program scheduled for the first day of the big two-day Spring Hereford Show and Sale at Ontario, being sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Hereford Association March 19 and 20 according to Show Manager, Si Williams of Hermiston.

Arrangements are complete for the event with interest being shown by both registered Hereford breeders and commercial cattlemen of the lower Snake River Valley in both Oregon and Idaho. Buyers are expected to come from Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Nevada.

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3500.

During the four-day session, delegates will draft the program of work for the coming year, elect new officers, confer state farmer degrees on worthy candidates and determine state winners in parliamentary procedure and public speaking. A special livestock judging clinic, directed by OSC specialists, is planned.

Lywood Lundquist of Newberg high school is state FFA president. Ralph Morgan of Salem, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, is in charge of convention plans. Cooperating on campus arrangements is the OSC collegiate chapter of FFA.

of the county: Judge Tippet, En-terprise; George Russell, Vale; and Ted Graves of Burns will judge and grade the cattle beginning at 1:00 p. m. March 19 at the Malheur County Fairgrounds. Seventy-five head of top quality Herefords have been consigned from leading herds of the area.

The following day, March 20, the cattle will be paraded through the sale ring with the auction sale slated to begin at 1:00 p. m. and Ellis White of Ontario on the auction stand. Manager Williams stated that a large enclosed tent, complete with heating system and ample seating space for the comfort of all attending, will house the sale ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Peoples (Marilyn Miller) of Portland spent the weekend in Heppner visiting friends.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## A Difficult "Situation"

Did you see that "Classified Ad" last week? The one that wanted a farmhand who had to be "an expert agriculturist, sheep herder, tractor driver, bridge player," plus being "an authority on chemistry and mathematics"?

Slim Thomas, who ran that ad more or less as a joke, called and said, "I got 23 answers and almost every one claimed they could meet all those qualifications! That means I want to keep the man I have—Handy Peters."

"He was thinking of quitting but now I've got to talk him into

staying. Handy never pretends to be an expert, he's just a good all-around hired hand."

From where I sit, Slim's smart to be wary of people who consider themselves to be all-around "experts." Some folks will "expert" on anything—from the clothes a man should wear to whether he ought to drink beer or butter-milk. Personally I don't want to "classify" myself as knowing all the right answers.

Joe Marsh

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## STAR THEATER, Heppner

MARCH is NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH! Morrow County has a quota like every other community... let's put it over the top!

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, March 12-13-14

### DUEL AT SILVER CREEK

Audie Murphy, Stephen McNally, Susan Cabot, Faith Domergue. King-size western filmed in the beautiful outdoors in Technicolor.

### WILD STALLION

Ben Johnson, Edgar Buchanan, Martha Hyer. Smooth and speedy action drama.

Sunday-Monday, March 15-16

### THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Lana Turner, Kirk Douglas, Walter Pidgeon, Dick Powell, Barry Sullivan, Gloria Grahame, Gilbert Roland. Compelling story—all star cast—outstanding performances. This film is highly considered in the Academy Award nominations.

Sunday shows at 2 p. m.—4:25—6:45 and 9

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 17-18

### CARIBBEAN

John Payne, Aylene Dahl, Francis X. Sullivan. Adventure, romance and drama in the Technicolorful Caribbean.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, March 19-20-21

### MONTANA TERRITORY

Lon McAllister, Wanda Hendrix, Preston Foster. In Technicolor. There's plenty of action here!

### FEARLESS FAGEN

Janet Leigh, Carleton Carpenter, Keenan Wynn, and Fearless Fagan (Himself). Come face to face with this roaring lion and you'll roar right back!

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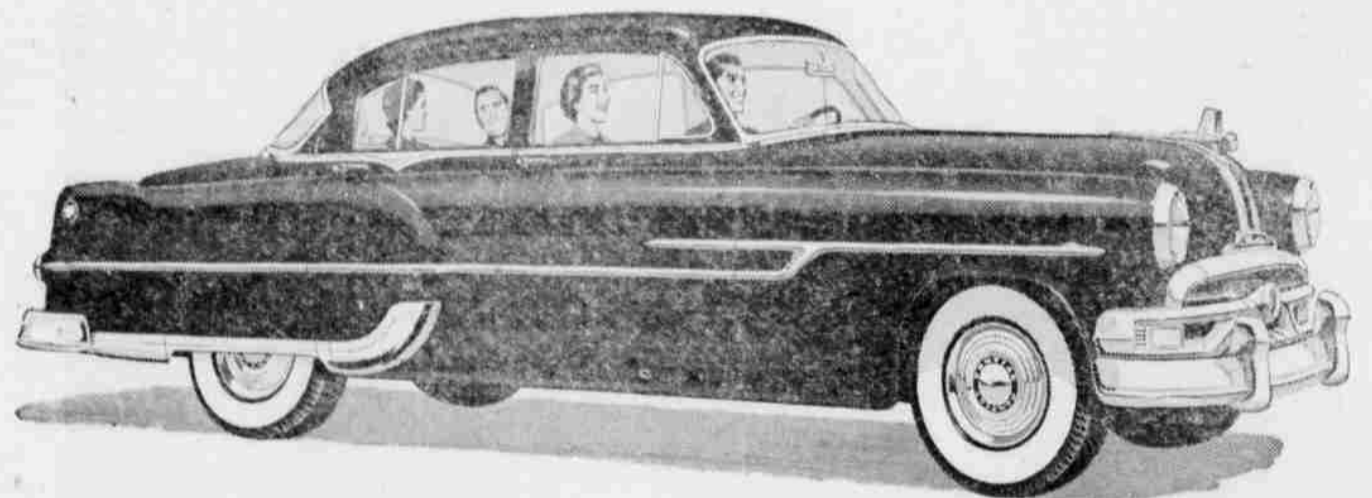
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