

Mustangs Take Second Place at Condon Trackmeet

By Kenneth Easter

The Heppner high school track squad had to be satisfied with second place Saturday, when they were edged out by the host team at the second annual "Condon Gallops". The Mustangs clinched gained 41 2/5 points to Condon's 45. Other schools participating in the meet were Rufus, Fossil, Moro, Weston, Sisters and Culver.

Heppner came out with five firsts which included Wendell Connor in the broadjump and low hurdles, he ran the latter in 22.6 to set a new school record; Jim Hayes, half mile; Bill Hughes, pole vault and Bud Harshman, in the mile.

Jim Green took second place in the high hurdles, running them in 17.7, to break his own school record in the process. He also collected a third in the low hurdles. Jack Sumner took second in the shot put, Lyle Jensen, second in discus, Bud Harshman second in the half-mile. Freshman Skip Ruhl won third in the 440 and Jack Sumner and Jerry Hagwood tied for third in the javelin. The Heppner relay team also won third. Bob Grabill and Bill Hughes were in a five-way tie for third in the high jump and Mike Monahan, though he didn't place in the mile, looked very good for a freshman.

Wendell Connor led scoring with 10 points. Harshman had 8, Hughes 5 1/2, Hayes 5, Green 4, Sumner 3 1/2, Jensen 3, Ruhl 1, Hagwood 1/2, and Grabill 1/2. The relay team accounted for the other one.

The annual Heppner Invitational track meet will be held

BETTER RURAL MAILBOXES IS GOAL OF SPECIAL WEEK

Better rural mailboxes for Morrow county is a community goal for the week, April 12-18, according to N. C. Anderson, county agent. Farm families throughout the nation will join that week in the fifteenth anniversary of the rural mailbox improvement campaign. "This week is an excellent time for our farmers to make an all out effort to make their mailboxes a community pride," Anderson said.

Cooperating with the Post Office department in the campaign are newspapers and farm journals, youth groups, rural organizations, civic leaders, and the agricultural extension service.

"The rural mailbox has long played an important part in better living for our farm families," Anderson stated. He credited the rural delivery service with performing a vital function in keeping farm families in close touch with community life and in bringing better farming practices through the printed word.

Rural mailboxes are individually owned and maintained and their appearance is a matter of both personal and civic pride, observed the county agent. Although it is not required that mailboxes and their supports be painted, it is the desire of the Post Office that they be painted white, preferably, or aluminum.

The owner should place his name in neat black letters about one inch high on the side of the box that is visible to the carrier as he approaches it. Where boxes are grouped closely together, the name should be lettered on the

here this Friday with the first event scheduled for 1 o'clock. It promises to be a big meet with eight schools planning on entering. They are Condon, Rufus, Moro, Weston, Lexington, Dufur and St Marys of The Dalles.

door. Anderson said it helps the rural carrier if neighbors group boxes together wherever possible, especially at or near crossroads or other places where a considerable number of boxes are located.

Another way in which patrons can cooperate with their carrier is to keep the approach to the mailbox in sound condition during wet seasons and clear of snow or other obstructions. A convenient height for boxes is 3 1/2 or 4 feet.

Mustangs Well Into Baseball Practice

By Kenneth Easter

The newly organized Heppner high school baseball team has had three practices to date with about 22 boys showing up for the workouts, coach Steve Trukositz announced. Most of the time has been spent in teaching the fundamentals and rules of the game but expect to play a regular game shortly.

Though the game is new to most of the boys, Trukositz reported lots of enthusiasm from the squad. He also said that his big job will be to find a pitcher as only two boys, Dick Kononen and Bill Hughes, are trying out for the mound position.

Fair and Rodeo Committees Named

Committee chairmen were named and plans laid for the coming Fair and Rodeo early this week at a meeting of the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo board. It was announced last week that Elise Bauernfiend, Morgan had been named Queen for the weekend, and the board hopes to be able to announce the names of her court members shortly.

The committee chairmen named by the board are, Harold Erwin, general chairman; John Eubanks, races; Jack Van Winkle, dances; Bill Blake, tickets; Jack Loyd, concessions; Floyd Jones, livestock; Bill Smethurst, parade; and Roice Fullerton, publicity. N. C. Anderson was reappointed secretary.

The group announced that they are now dealing with two producers of rodeo stock and expect to sign a contract with one of them within the next few days. As soon as the stock is contracted, the committee expects to announce the general program of events.

4-H Skit, Mule Show Fill Wrangler Meet

The Wranglers had a full evening of entertainment at their April 7 meeting when the 4-H club under the direction of Mrs. Harold Erwin presented a two-act skit, "The Sad Birthday Cake" which was followed by "Johnny, the educated mule" presented for the group by the owner, Dwight Misner.

Members of the 4-H club presenting the play were Ida Sue Stratton, Jo Ann Keithley, Roberta Hannon, Virginia Andresen, Barbara Warren and Virginia Gonty.

The club agreed to the request of the fair board to sponsor the Friday horse show and the Sunday morning cowboy breakfast at the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo.

It was also announced that the next ride will be April 26 with riders starting at the club house and riding to the Floyd Jones ranch.

NEW HOTEL CLERKS

Two new clerks have taken up their duties at the Heppner Hotel during the past few days. They are Hite H. Hillerich, Salem, who is day clerk and W. Paul Koontz, Portland who is the new night clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scott of John Day were overnight guests Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mehl LaVelle and family.

System Expansion Planned by PP&L

Pacific Power and Light company plans to spend \$10,500,000 in construction work on its power system this year, continuing the rapid expansion that has taken place since the war, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager here.

The 1953 building program follows the biggest construction year in the 43-year history of the company. A total of \$22,517,989 was spent during 1952, of which \$18,264,400 was to carry forward construction on the 108,000-kilowatt Yale hydro-electric project on the Lewis river in southwestern Washington.

The company plans to spend approximately \$411,500 for improvement of its system in the Pendleton district which includes the Heppner service area, Huffman said. This will bring to more than \$3,934,000 the amount the company has spent to expand its Pendleton district system during the heavy post-war building program.

Numerous service improvements throughout the Heppner service area are scheduled during 1953 with large sums set aside to serve new customers and to provide additional service for existing customers.

Huffman said that Pacific Power & Light already has invested \$75,000,000 in new plant facilities during the post-war period to serve a rapidly growing region. Customers now served by the company total 149,054, an increase of 2727 over 1951.

These customers also are using more electricity. Average residential use during 1952 was 5376 kilowatt hours, an increase of 393 over 1951. This heavier use, Huffman said, was highlighted by the fact that residential customers are paying less each year for electricity. In 1952, the average was 1.38 cents per kilowatt hour—including surcharges billed—as compared to 1.40 cents in 1951. The national average price per kilowatt hour was 2.77 cents, twice Pacific Power's average.

Mrs. Elbert Cox left Monday for Portland where she will visit with her sister, Mrs. Stephen Irwin. Mrs. Cox will also visit in The Dalles with her daughter Mrs. Cecil Mullins and family. She expects to return home Saturday.

Rev. John R. Reeves, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Madras, will be in Heppner Sunday to conduct services at All Saints' Episcopal Memorial Church.

Mrs. Merle Kirk of Hermiston spent Monday in Heppner looking after business matters.

Boy Scout Annual Meet Set for Condon

The annual meeting of the Covered Wagon district, Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held on Tuesday April 21, 8:00 p. m., Community Congregational Church, Condon. Report from the nominating committee will be given and nominations can be made from the floor. To be elected are the district chairman, vice chairman, commissioner, and members-at-large. Voting delegates are the institutional representatives from their organizations that sponsor the Scout units in this district and the present members-at-large.

Following the annual meeting, the regular monthly district roundtables will be conducted. A training film on the circus theme will be shown. Plans will be made for the district camporee in April, the National Jamboree in California in July, and troop camping this summer at Camp Wallawa.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Leavell, Umatilla, a 6 lb. 13 oz. girl born April 12, named Linda Susan. To Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Forbes, Condon, a 7 lb. girl born April 13, named Sylvia Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson T. Morley, Kinzua, a 7 lb. 1 oz. girl born April 13, named Christine Joanne. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. J. McElligott, Ione, a 8 lb. 9 oz. boy born April 11, named Peter Gregory.

Medical—Mrs. Irene Leathers, Ione, dismissed; Charles Cecil Floyd, Heppner; Mrs. Anna Marie Akers, Ione; Chris T. Brown, Heppner; Mrs. Louis A. Schott, Kinzua; Frank Caldera, Empire Oregon; Mrs. Ethel Petty, Kinzua; Harold Adams, Heppner; Mardine Baker, Ione; Mrs. Bessie Livingston, Heppner; Baby James Craig, Kinzua; Mrs. Lavonna Gammell, Heppner; Mrs. Estel Nellis, Kinzua.

Minor Surgery—Dennis Lee Cox, Dayville, dismissed; Ruth Marie Robinson, Lexington, dismissed; Mrs. Nancy Weems, Spray, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Max Buschke, Heppner. Out-patients—Glen F. Ward, Heppner; Beverly Ann Sherman, Heppner; Peter Farley, Portland.

Mrs. W. F. Barkla has as her guests this week her mother, Mrs. M. B. Kohler of Corvallis and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deeter of Walla Walla.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo spent Saturday in Spokane where he attended a medical meeting. This was held at the Davenport Hotel. Marvin R. Wightman made a business trip to Boardman Tuesday.

Local Bank Deposits, Loans Show Increase Over Year Ago

Quarterly statement of condition figures released by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on March 31, 1953, deposits at the branch were \$6,053,783.39 and loans were \$1,631,474.53. Announcement of the totals was made by J. H. Bedford, manager of the branch.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the Branch for March 31, 1952. On that date, deposits were \$5,714,053.70 and loans were \$1,161,509.63.

Further figures show on March 31, 1953, deposits at the First National Bank of Portland with its 48 statewide banking offices were \$563,364,955, loans were \$303,578,582 and resources were \$619,343,713.

In releasing these figures F. N. Belgrano, Jr., president of First National, reported that all three figures represent increases over a year ago. Over March 31, 1952, deposits at the bank have increased \$29,928,128, loans have increased \$2,535,729 and resources have increased \$40,783,325.

CAPITAL PARADE

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Temperatures snapped in the House and speculation was rife as to whether the governor is strengthening his case with organized labor had not lost support with backers of the original bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker and their daughter, Mrs. Frances Mitchell, left the last of the week for California where they will spend two weeks' vacation.

F. F. A. NOTES

A first of the month check with the new F. F. A. trailer scale recently built by the boys showed John Brosnan's bull to be the fastest gaining animal in the Heppner chapter. Eddie Brosnan's bull, and three out of Oliver DeVin's four steers were close behind.

Brosnan's animal gained 3 pounds per day. Eddie Brosnan's 3.5 pounds, and Oliver DeVin's three steers gained over 3 pounds each per day.

James Allen, instructor, again stated that the F. F. A. scales will be available to 4-H members and ranchers wishing to use them.

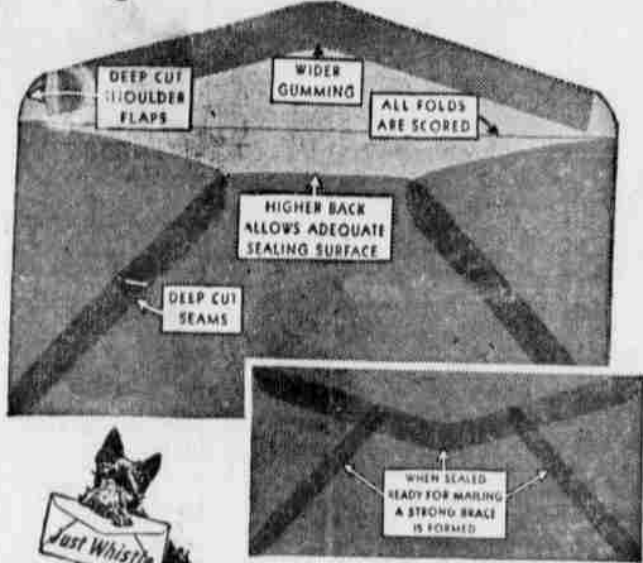
Mrs. Lydia Ray of Salem arrived in Heppner Wednesday for a visit with her father, William G. Covins, who is convalescing at his home following a recent major operation at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She was met by Arlington by her brother, James Covins.

Mrs. A. D. McMurdo returned home Sunday from San Mateo, California where she has been visiting for the past few weeks with her son, Dr. Bernard McMurdo, and family. Dr. and Mrs. Bernard McMurdo are the parents of a daughter, Molly Anne, born April 2 in San Mateo. This is their third child and first daughter.

Mrs. Clara B. Gertson left Wednesday afternoon for Portland to attend a meeting of the State Public Welfare Commission committee on procedures.

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