

Mustangs Win Arlington Jamboree, Lose at Boardman; Play Lex. Friday

The Heppner high school Mustangs returned home victorious from the season's first tussel, the Arlington basketball jamboree played in the Honkers' new gym. The Mustangs played in five hoop battles and won all five of them.

The scores were:
 Heppner 17, Rufus 3.
 Heppner 11, Condon 4.
 Heppner 12, Fossil 6.
 Heppner 13, Arlington 7.
 Heppner 30, Wasco 2.

The following evening the

team again traveled to the north, this time to play in the Boardman Jamboree, but their luck didn't hold so well the second night. They succeeded in winning over Lone but lost their two games to Echo and Stanfield. The scores there were:
 Heppner 9, Echo 14.
 Heppner 11, Lone 9.
 Heppner 10, Stanfield 17.

The first regular game of the season will be played Friday night against Lexington at the Lexington gym.

Ione Cattle Top Hermiston Market

HERMISTON—Lawrence Jones of Ione topped the market at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday with 14 whiteface cows selling for \$137.00 per head and 10 steer calves, weighing 5055 lbs. going for \$17.70 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports H. W. Smith, also of Ione, consigned a 935 lb. whiteface cow for a top of \$12.70.

Volume of cattle consigned made a sharp recovery following the usual Thanksgiving holiday slump. Prices were steady to stronger throughout the market.

The 632 head consigned compared with 257 consigned the previous Friday. Also consigned Friday were 153 hogs, compared with 65, and 56 sheep, compared with 33. Better quality fat lambs and breeder ewes will be in demand at the sheep sale Friday.

First short-fed grain-fed fat steers of the fall were consigned Friday on a strong and active market, with both packers and feeders from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California competing for stock.

Quality of cattle was better and prices were substantially higher. Strong demand raised the price on bulls up to \$2.60 cwt. to a top of \$14.50. The fat steers came on the market at a strong 20c per pound.

A strong hog market saw fat hogs up 75c. Sows were up \$1.30. In the sheep market better quality fat lambs brought 50c more, for a price of \$16.40. Demand continued strong for breeding ewes, none of which were consigned.

Others topping the market were C. A. Linder, Hermiston, 5 fat hogs, 1020 lbs., \$24.10 cwt.; J. M. Kendall, Stanfield, 4 fat hogs, 875 lbs., \$24.20; Mrs. H. H. Whipple, Irigon, 1 3/4 fat hog, \$21.10; Emmett Rogers, Boardman, 215 lb. veal, \$18.20; Ned E. Roberts, Patterson, Wash., 1185 lb. good steer, \$20.00; Hilmer Horn, Pilot Rock, 995 lb. whiteface bull, \$14.50; P. Hudeman, Stanfield, 4 Angus heifer calves, 1955 lbs., \$15.90; Raymond Gates, Spray, 1170 lb. Angus bull, \$16.10; Ray Eckles, Hermiston, 590 lb. short-horn steer calf, \$17.90; G. P. Lindesty, Lowden, Wash., 585 lb. whiteface steer, \$17.90; Dean Forth, Pendleton, 26 whiteface

feeder steers, 27485 lbs., \$16.80; E. M. Huiden, Arlington, 11 whiteface yearling feeder steers, 9850 lbs., \$16.70; Sam Porter, Pilot Rock, 115 lb. lamb, \$16.40.

Calves—Baby calves 4.50-13.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves, 16.75-17.90 cwt.; heifer calves 14.10-15.90 cwt.; veal 16.50-18.20.

Steers—Stocker steers 14.10-15.20 cwt.; feeder steers 15.50-16.70; fat slaughter steers, good, 18.10-20.00 cwt.; fat heifers 15.60-16.30 cwt.

Cows—Dairy cows 86.00-122.50 hd.; dairy heifers 31.00-62.50 hd.; Holstein heifers up to 14.60 cwt.; stock cows 102.30-137.00 hd.

Slaughter cows—Commercial 11.75-12.70 cwt.; utility 10.50-11.25; canner-cutter 8.00-9.90; shells 5.50-7.50.

Bulls—12.00-14.50 cwt.

Hogs—Weaner pigs 9.50-14.50 hd.; feeder pigs 22.75-24.10 cwt.; fat hogs 23.90-24.20 cwt.; sows, 19.50-21.10 cwt.; boars 7.50-11.00 cwt.

Sheep—Feeder lambs 13.75-14.50 cwt.; fat lambs 15.75-16.40 cwt.; no ewes; bucks 3.00 hd.

State Debt Seen Up 500% Since 1945

Oregon in 1952 ranked 18th in the nation in terms of state indebtedness, it is shown in a fiscal study of the Northwest Research Council of the National Association of Manufacturers at Portland.

The state's debt, in 1952, was \$116,564,000—an increase of some 500% since 1945. This means a per capita debt share of \$74.82 for Oregon residents.

New York state tops the list with a state debt of \$909,052,000, while the national total of state indebtedness was \$6,874,135,000 last year.

The NRC blames this state's increasing indebtedness on the "increasing size of our national government."

"Today, Uncle Sam takes 77% of each Oregonian's tax dollar," the NRC stated. "In 1938, this figure was 40%."

The 23% of the tax dollar that is left to state and local governments is not sufficient to allow the states to carry on necessary projects, such as building schools and hospitals, without going further in debt, the NRC avers.

In 1951, 27 states were forced to operate "in the red," and in 1952, no state was without a state debt, the NRC pointed out. Na-

Important Livestock Marketing Meeting Set for January

Oregon people should get a better understanding of all factors involved in livestock and meat marketing by attending the conference to be held at Oregon State College January 6 and 7, according to N. C. Anderson, Heppner, Morrow county extension agent.

He said current conditions in the industry are focusing attention on the need for taking a look at livestock and meat from the animal to the table.

Oregon State College's extension service is sponsoring the conference, in which producers, packers, and wholesalers, retailers, labor groups and consumers will be taking part.

Changes that have developed in marketing over the years have brought on the conference, according to Frank L. Ballard, associate director of Oregon State College extension service.

More immediate reasons for holding it now, he said, are the recent break in livestock prices; record number of cattle in the United States; position in the cattle cycle; low point in hog cycle; low lamb prices despite low sheep numbers, and the cost-price squeeze confronting the livestock producer.

Anderson said the conference is aimed at developing better understanding among the people who handle livestock and meat products. Recommendations that will guide the industry's future in Oregon may come out of the meeting in January, he said.

The six groups taking part have already given their ideas of some of the industry's problems and questions as they see them, Anderson said. Their reports are to be prepared from views expressed at their preliminary meetings.

However, Anderson emphasized that other opinions may be expressed during the January conference. He invites both individuals and organizations to take part and express their views.

Additional total of state indebtedness increased \$1,589,000,000 from 1950 to 1952.

The NRC report went on: "Squeezed between rising costs and limited tax revenues, the states have been forced to accept money from the federal government to carry on purely local activities."

"There are some 45 different programs through which the federal government sends our tax money to states in grants-in-aid. Only a small part of what Oregonians pay in federal taxes is ever returned for use in this state, however."

Estimates of the NRC indicate that in 1952 Oregon tax some \$604 million in taxes to Washington, D. C., and in 1951 received only about \$22 million in federal grants.

"Government hand-outs are usually accompanied by government supervision of the use of that money. Thus the states and cities lose the right to administer their affairs as they see fit," the NRC said.

"The problem can be solved," the NRC added, "only by returning to local governments their rightful responsibility for local activities and enough money to execute them."

Following is the Oregon indebtedness in recent significant years and the per capita share of the debt:

Year	Debt	Per Capita
1941	\$ 35,072,000	\$31.01
1945	20,332,000	15.71
1951	42,330,000	27.17
1952	116,564,000	74.82

State debt in 1952 of other Northwest states is: Washington, \$225,633,000; Idaho, \$1,209,000; Montana, \$44,970,000.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Everett Harig, Hermiston, a 6 lb. 5 oz. girl born Dec. 4, named Joyce Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Baker, Jr., Hermiston, a 5 lb. 6 oz. girl born Dec. 7, named Judy Kay. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cooley, Ordance, a 5 lb. 13 oz. boy born Dec. 7, named Allen Dale. To Mr. and Mrs. Simon W. Winters, Sr., Heppner, a 8 lb 5 1/2 oz boy born Dec. 7, named David Paul. To Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nordquist, Umatilla, a 8 lb. 11 1/2 oz. boy born Dec. 8, named Glen Leroy. To Mr. and Mrs. George R. Rugg, Heppner, a 7 lb. 8 oz. girl born Dec. 9, named Jelene Wavel. To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barth, Fossil, a 5 lb. girl born Dec. 7, named Doretta Kay.

Medical—Lester Wade, Condon, dismissed; C. A. Andrews, Lonerock, dismissed; James C. Walker, Kinzua; Ed Cox, North Powder.

Major Surgery—Henry M. Johnson, Condon, dismissed; Joe N. Batty, Kimberly, dismissed; Fred Tibbitts, Heppner; Homer E. Davis, Lonerock.

Minor Surgery—James Douglas Hesselbine, Kinzua, dismissed; Mrs. Sandra Kinoshita, Heppner, dismissed.

Out-Patients—August A. Stecker, Spray; Mrs. Samuel Jones, Heppner; Richard Calvin, Heppner; James Earl Orwick, Heppner; Miss Leta Humphreys, Heppner.

Conservationists Plan Annual Meet

Plans for the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District to be held February 1 at the Lexington Grange hall were outlined at the regular monthly meeting of the district supervisors held Monday evening in the bank building.

Newt O'Harra of Lexington gave a report of the state convention of Soil Conservation Districts held in Bend in November. The keynote of the convention was the vigorous protest to the reorganization of the U. S. Department of Agriculture affecting the Soil Conservation Service, particularly since organized districts were not consulted.

New farm plans were approved on the Eugene S. Logan ranch at Coil and the James Lindsay ranch at Ione. The monthly

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progress report showed conservation surveys completed on the ranches of Millard Nolan, Lexington and J. G. Barratt, Lena. Three hundred and eight acres of strip cropping were completed on the Charles A. Carlson ranch at Ione, twenty-two acres of land leveling on the John Hanna ranch, 1500 feet of stream channel alignment made on the Otto Ruhl ranch, Lexington; and 5200 feet of diversion ditches constructed on the Leonard Rill and Lawrence Beckett ranches at Eightmile.

Present at the meeting were Orville Cutsforth and O'Harra, of Lexington; and Raymond Lundell, Ione, supervisors; Rudy Mayko, acting district conservationist, Pendleton; Nelson Anderson, secretary; and Tom Wilson, work unit conservationist.

Mrs. David Wilson is visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt in Corvallis.

Mrs. E. E. Gonty and daughter Virginia left Wednesday for Portland where Virginia will be under a doctor's care. They accompanied Roice Fullerton, who was going into Portland on business.

AT PORTLAND MEET

Dr. E. K. Schaffitz, will leave Saturday for Portland to attend a three day meeting of the Northwest Congress of Optometry to be held at the Multnomah hotel. His office will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mrs. Floyd Adams left today for Portland where they will meet Mrs. Adams' daughter Nancy, who is returning from Mills College for the Christmas holidays. They will return the first of the week.

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