

Mustangs Victors Over Arlington And Enterprise

By Larry Molahan

The Heppner Mustang hoop squad made a clean sweep of last week's games, winning two varsity contests and two B games. One was a league tilt.

In the first game Friday they came out on top of the Arlington Honkers 50 to 29 in an all-important league game. It was played on the Heppner floor.

The Mustangs used a splitting, the post play that the Honkers were unable to stop, and Dick Kononen, key man on the Heppner offense, set the pace for the evening with 18 points. Dominating the boards was Bob Grubbill who accounted for 10 points and Skip Fuhl took the long distance shooting honors with another 10.

The B team ran up a 48 to 20 victory over the Arlington second string in the preliminary with Ed Olson dumping in 10 19 points for the junior varsity.

The following evening the Enterprise Savages invaded the local floor to lose to a powerful Heppner squad 63 to 48. Hugges and Kononen each potted 17 points to take top honors.

The same night the B squad beat the Irrigon hoopers 46 to 20 with Green coming out high point man for the evening with 10 points.

No Name, But She Helps Out

The publishers and staff of the Gazette Times send you greetings in this issue. They are all listed, except our Lonerock correspondent who started on her own and has never received a by line. We can't seem to find out who the news sleuth for Lonerock is, but we know she too wishes you all a Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pfeiffer of Seattle arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with their daughter and son and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer.

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It's Christmas again, so we say to all our friends

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Improved System Developed to Check Rainmaking Results

OREGON STATE COLLEGE

Important advances in the technique for analyzing results of cloud seeding are reported by three Oregon State college physicists. They believe their method will yield a much better measurement of the merits of "rain making."

To date, using their technique on an analysis of cloud seeding efforts in Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties, the meteorologists have not found any spectacular increases in rainfall which could be credited to the seeding. After considering the use of the modern tools for measuring the rainfall—including radar—the OSC scientists have retained the old-fashioned, standard rain gauge as still the most reliable indicator.

To analyze the results of the commercial cloud seeding operations in the Tri-county area, they have compared average daily

precipitation amounts at nine official stations in the "target area" with average amounts at stations along a line from Portland to Eugene.

Daily precipitation figures are handled statistically in a "multiple factor formula" which includes important new features in checking results. The formula takes into account various weather factors such as the air flow pattern, location of the storm center, upper air conditions and general precipitation pattern in the Northwest.

With the system, therefore, they are able to say how much precipitation would have been provided each day by nature alone in the three counties.

The three scientists, Fred W. Decker, John A. Day and Russell L. Lincoln, have been working on their system this year for the OSC agricultural experiment station. The Oregon wheat commission is financing the study.

Cloud seeding operations have been conducted in the Tri-county region since September 1950, under a series of contracts between the wheat growers and the various commercial cloud seeding firms.

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Seasonal Drop Hits Cattle Volume

HERMISTON—W. L. Rill of Heppner topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with a 1150 lb. whiteface bull going for \$12.50 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reported.

Others topping the market were Billy Correa, Echo, 950 lb. steer, \$20.40 cwt. Gene Cutsforth, Lexington, 6 whiteface heifer calves, 3480 lbs., \$16.70; Buster Burrett, Ritter, 13 whiteface cows, \$13.00 per head; John B. Correa, Echo, 1075 lb. whiteface cow, \$12.90 cwt.; August Strecker, Spray, 12 mixed feeder pigs, 1400 lbs., \$25.75; A. W. Wolfe, Stanfield, 3 mixed fat hogs, 750 lbs., \$25.00; R. J. Justensen, Pasco, Wash., 16 lambs, 1815 lbs., \$17.60; Mrs. K. Hanna, Hermiston, 1 buck sheep, 185 lbs., 6c per lb.

Volume of cattle consigned took its usual pre-holiday drop. The 408 cattle consigned. Compared with 716 head the previous Friday. Also consigned were 116 hogs, compared with 198, and 65 sheep, compared with 67.

Demand continued very active and broad, with prices generally fully steady. A newcomer to the sale was a Portland feedlot buyer, in addition to the regular buyers representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California feeders and packers.

Included in the cattle were 75 stock cows comprising a three carload shipment from Montana, the second Montana consignment in many weeks. Cattle were fully steady in price, bulls of poorer quality bringing 50c less. Stock cows were of better quality, bringing \$133 hd., up \$3. Hogs were of slightly lower quality and were down somewhat.

The first feedlot lambs of the fall were consigned, better quality lambs bringing a top of \$17.60 cwt.; up 60c. Consignment of feedlot lambs marked the end of the pasture lamb season.

With no sale on Christmas Day, the next sale Jan. 1 will include a sheep sale with fat lambs in demand. Breeding ewes continue in demand but are very scarce since those that remain on farms

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Madsen, Kinzua, a 7 lb. 14 oz. girl, born Dec. 17, named Eileen Elizabeth. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paul Anderson, Heppner, a 6 lb. 12 oz. boy, born Dec. 21, named Joseph Paul, Jr. To Mr. and Mrs. Sidney C. Zinter, Lone, a 8 lb. 5½ oz. girl, born Dec. 22, named Julie Kay.

Medical—A. E. Davis, Boardman; Clifford Neal, Condon; Mrs. Mary Whalen, Condon; Sheila Maley, Condon.

Major Surgery—Nanette Griffith, Kinzua.

Minor Surgery—Mrs. Genevieve Hunt, Heppner, dismissed.

Out-Patients—Mrs. Lana Padberg, Lone; Norman Donart, Kinzua.

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof." This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

are being held for lambing in February.

Cows: Dairy cows 85.00-143.00 hd.; dairy heifers 31.00-63.00 hd.; stock cows 100.00-133.00 hd.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 11.25-12.90 cwt.; utility 10.50-11.10; canner-cutter 7.00-9.90; shells 4.50-7.00.

Bulls: 9.90-12.50.

Hogs: Weaner pigs 11.00-16.50 hd.; feeder pigs 24.60-25.75 cwt.; fat hogs 24.75-25.00 cwt.; sows 10.50-22.10; boars 8.00-11.10.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 12.50-15.50 cwt.; fat lambs 16.50-17.60; canner ewes, 1.00-2.00; bucks 6.00 since those that remain on farms cwt.

More High Quality Beef on Way From Feed Lots

Beefsteak appetites—whetted by the best buys in years—can now get ready for large seasonal supplies of higher quality meat at lower prices as grain-fed cattle begin to clear the feed lots, says Ed Coles, Oregon State college extension livestock marketing specialist.

Consumers won't find as much cheap beef as the record supply of grass-fat cattle closes out its fall and early winter market season, reports Coles. But plentiful supplies of "high good" and "choice" grade beef in the season ahead from higher-finished, grain-fed animals promise lower prices for those grades than in recent months.

Actually there is no difference in the food value—only in the eating quality—of the grass and grain-fed beef, Coles explains. Cattle from summer pasture and range that aren't slaughtered for fall marketing go into feed lots where grain and hay rations add more fat or "marbling" between