

# Ione, Heppner Win First Playoff Games

## Mt. Vernon Bows 56-52 To Ione; Heppner Takes St. Marys 44 to 35

Both Ione and Heppner got over their first hurdles in district basketball playoffs Wednesday night, Ione winning over Mt. Vernon 56 to 52 and Heppner easily defeating St. Marys of The Dalles 44 to 35. The win was Heppner's first and its first game in the district playoffs, while Ione had won the right to meet the southern sub-district winner by defeating Unapine, McEwan of Athena and Echo in the northern sub-district tourney last weekend at Echo. Heppner will play again Thursday night at Arlington and Ione will meet Mt. Vernon Friday night in the Ione gym.

**Ione Shorthanded**  
Ione's Cardinals had one of its closest games of the season against Mt. Vernon being short the services of three of its top players. Tom White became ill before the game and was unable to suit up at all, Dennis Swanson was suffering from a bad back and saw very little time on the floor, and Herb Peterson was recovering from an attack of stomach flu and played far below his ability.

Mt. Vernon got off to a head start over the Cards, running up a 10 point lead early in the game. The Ione squad overcame this lunge in the third period to go ahead by the same margin that Mt. Vernon whittled down to four points in the final period. The win gives Ione an enviable record of 22 straight victories for regular season and the playoffs with no losses.

**Heppner Victory Easy**  
Heppner had little trouble getting over St. Marys in their first district meeting at the Arlington gym. In fact coach Steve Trukositz used some of his substitutes in the final period. Ruhl had the best shooting eye of any of the Mustangs running up 14 points, Hagnewood was next with 9.

The other game last night saw Condon win over Culver 51 to 49 in a game that was Culvers until the final 10 or 15 seconds. That win gave Condon the right to meet Heppner Thursday night and if Heppner wins that game they will draw a bye Friday and play again Saturday night, possibly with Condon again should they win Friday. During the regular season Heppner beat Condon twice.

Ione will meet the Mt. Vernon squad Friday night at 8 p. m. in the Ione gym for the second game of the series. Should a third game be necessary it will be played at Ione on Saturday night. Nearly 100 persons from Ione made the trip to Mt. Vernon to support their team.

The winners of the district playoffs will go to Salem next week to participate in the state B basketball tournament.

In addition to Ruhl and Hagnewood for Heppner in the Wednesday game, Jensen got 7 points, Kononen 8, Hughes 2, Green 2, and Hayes 2.

## Mustangs Top Wasco 56-46 to Wind Up Basketball Season

**By Larry Mollahan**  
The 1953-1954 basketball schedule was wound up last Friday night on the Wasco home floor for the Mustangs who beat the "Savages" 56 to 46.

Cocher Steve Trukositz sent his B squad down to the tilt. Neil Beamer 6' 3" center displayed some unusual hoop talent rolling in 16 tallies to take high point honors for the Mustangs. Decker for Wasco was ailing for the nets as he rolled in 23 points for the Savages.

Heppner maintained a lead during the whole contest, the first stanza ended with the Mustangs ahead 12 to 6. Beamer and Vic Grosheus each rolled in 4 points this period along with Steve Green and Ed Olson who rolled in two tallies apiece.

The second period was a hard affair with Heppner ahead 24 to 29. Decker unleashed his shooting arm to dump in 8 for Wasco while Beamer again pounded the backboards to rack up 4 more points. Del Piper started to figure in the score book rolling in 4 tallies to match Beamer. Dave Cox and Lowell Turner each hit the nets for two points this period also.

The third period ended 38 to 30 with Beamer using his height to full advantage dumping in 4 more points. Piper kept up and dumped in 4 tallies also. Turner rolled in 4 points along with Vic Grosheus who hit for 2.

The game wound up 56 to 46 with Beamer again putting in his four tallies along with 6 points from Piper, 2 from Dick Applegate and 1 from Louie Savers. Mac Griffith connected with two tallies also.

The final results of the team scoring have been compiled. Dick Kononen was high with 23. Jim Hayes 10, Jim Green 39. Jerry Hagnewood 16, Bill Hughes 13.



**IONE'S CARDINALS**, who last night won over Mt. Vernon in the first of the district playoff games for the right to go to the state tournament. They have won 22 straight games. The squad, front row left to right, Duane Baker, Tommy White, Sammy Barnett, Lee Falmer, Dick Ekstrom. Back row, Dennis Swanson, Malcolm McKinney, Richard Rea, Jerry Bristow and Herbert Peterson. Gary Brenner is manager and Russell DeBondt coach. (Cut courtesy East Oregonian)

## German Newsmen

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At the University of Oregon he has taken varied studies in addition to those in the School of Journalism, which is his sponsor during his stay. The program, which includes four other young German newspapermen is administered by Gorin A. Sabine, dean of the School of Journalism, for the State Department.

The five Germans arrived in the United States aboard the SS Andrea Doria last September 3, where they were met by Eric Allen, Jr., city editor of Medford (Oregon) Mail Tribune, who took a leave of absence from his paper to serve as coordinator for their program.

After several days in New York, where they visited a number of newspaper and magazine offices and other attractions, they visited Washington, D. C., for two days, and then came west by way of Chicago and Portland. All have travelled extensively on the Pacific coast, enroute home they will have an opportunity to see much of the American South.

The program, the only one of its kind in the United States this year is a part of the Exchange of Persons program of the U. S. State Department, which has brought some 30,000 persons to America in 1953-54 alone. Of the total, about 8,000 are from Germany. The program is financed in large part by the sale of surplus war materials in Europe.

The five newspapermen visiting Oregon were selected for the trip by the office of the U. S. High Commissioner in Germany on the basis of ability, potential leadership and influence, and the ability to speak English.

Bob Grabill 133, Jerry Dougherty 1, Skip Ruhl 129, Lyle Jensen 45, John Piper 3.  
The game scoring came out with Heppner having 1143 to the opposition season having 937.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

**New Arrivals**—To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Way, Heppner, a 7 lb 2 oz girl born Feb. 26, named Beverly Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Biss, Condon, a 7 lb. 12. oz girl born Feb. 27, named Lorraine Lellani. To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Whitehouse, Condon, a 6 lb 11 oz girl born Feb. 28, named Victoria Jeanne. To Mr. and Mrs. Layton G. Tripp, Kinzua, a 6 lb. 11 oz girl born Feb. 28, named Kathy Christine. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Asher, Kinzua, a 7 lb. 10 oz girl born Feb. 28, named Nola Jean. To Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. King, Heppner, a 8 lb. 13. oz boy born March 3, named Carl Franklin, Jr.

**Medical**—Mrs. Lola Owens, spray, dismissed; Melvin Wham, Kinzua, dismissed; Clarence Anderson, Condon; Tony Didier, Hermiston, dismissed; Steve Thompson, Hermiston, dismissed; Miss Catherine A. Humphrey, Fossil, dismissed; Mrs. Belva Eoland, Hermiston; Mrs. Isabel Rae Neel, Kimberly.

**Minor Surgery**—Mrs. Elnore Thompson, Condon; Monte Evans, Heppner, dismissed; Jennings Dahlkey, Spray, dismissed; Michael Monahan, Heppner, dismissed.

**Out Patients**—Charles Aldrich, Ione; Gary Holland, Newbridge, Ore.

## Two Heppner Students At FHA Convention

Jo Ann Keithly, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keithly and Sharon Rill, 16 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rill will represent the Heppner FHA chapter at the ninth annual state meeting of the Oregon Association of Future Homemakers of America to be held at Oregon State College March 4 and 5.

"Homes for America's Future," will be the theme emphasized throughout the meeting which will open at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. Activities Friday will include general sessions, group meetings, recreation, a pageant and a formal banquet and installation of the 1954-55 state officers.

Mrs. Homer Hager, chapter advisor, will accompany the girls to Corvallis and Mrs. Luola Bengtson will serve as homemaking teacher during Mrs. Hager's absence.

**Mrs. Frank Baker has returned** from a week spent in Kennewick, Wash., where she was houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roberts and daughter Doris. Mrs. Roberts is the former Mamie Teague who worked for a Heppner paper run by a Mr. Hicks, over 40 years ago.

**Mr. and Mrs. W. O. George**, Mrs. Luola Bengtson and Mrs. Donna Neal were among those from Heppner attending the dedication of the new Elks temple in Condon over the weekend.

## John R. Martin Services in Portland

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Little Chapel Gables Funeral Home in Portland for John R. Martin, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin of Heppner. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated. Vault burial was at Portland Memorial Mausoleum.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a sister, Janice, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Miles Martin of Heppner and Alex W. McLeod of The Dalles.

Attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. James Healy and Michael and Sheila, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagonblast, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Orlow Martin, Moro; and Mrs. Cecil Stephens, of The Dalles.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket were Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Herson of Walla Walla, Washington.

**QUILT ON DISPLAY**  
A quilt which will be sold by the Triple Links club as a benefit project to purchase a wheel chair for Mrs. James Leach (Margaret Smith) is on display at Case Furniture Co. It will be sold April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William Labhart had as their guests for the Elks annual, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Luch of Arlington.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wells spent Monday in Pendleton on business.

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