

Heppner Wins 2 Jamborees, 1st Game

Two Games Set For This Weekend

By Larry Mollahan

For the first week of play the Heppner Mustangs have turned in a very imposing list of victories. The local cagers won both the Boardman and Arlington jamborees and defeated the Stanfield Tigers on the Mustangs home floor 54 to 38.

The Mustangs swept to three easy victories at Boardman, overrunning Irigon 10 to 3, Umatilla 11 to 4, and Echo 18 to 9. Scoring was fairly evenly distributed over the Heppner lineup. Skip Huhul demonstrated his aggressiveness for several fast breaks that helped him score high with 9 points. Neil Beamer ranked next with 8, Jim Hayes hit for 7, both Jerry Hague, Wood and Dick Kononen made 6 points. Lyle Jensen dropped in 3 tallies.

Friday night over 300 Heppner fans watched Heppner win the Arlington jamboree in the Honkers new gym. The Mustangs won all five games they played, defeating Condon 11 to 7, though Heppner had an extremely rough time with the Blue Devils; Rufus 17 to 2; Fossil 13 to 6; Arlington 16 to 9, Wasco 12 to 11. The second string played most of the Wasco game.

At Arlington Dick Kononen edged out Skip Ruhl for high point man. Kononen hit for 16 while Ruhl made 15 points. Lyle Jensen potted in 14, Bob Grabill used his unstoppable jump shot for 10, Neil Beamer hit for 6, Jim Hayes caged three, Ed Olson and Lowell Turner each hit for 2.

Stanfield Tigers Caged 54 to 38
The first game of the season came close to being the Mustangs first defeat. With the score tied up 21 all at the half it was only through some skillful strategy on the part of the basketball mentor Larry Downen which slowed down the Stanfield attack. Neil Beamer scored high for the Mustangs with 14 points while Forrey of Stanfield matched him with 14 tallies. Dick Kononen hit for 10, Lyle Jensen 9, Skip Ruhl 8, Jim Hayes 7, Bob Grabill 6.

Heppner is employing a sort of roving post play that has had very successful results so far.

This weekend will bring Heppner against Lone on the Mustang court Friday and Lexington in the Jackrabbits' gym Saturday.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL SUPPORT NEEDED FOR BETTER RAIN PROGRAM RESULTS

Directors of the Morrow County Weather Research Inc. met this week to discuss the problems created by the installation of corn petitive generators in the local area the use of which may be taking moisture away from this area rather than increasing it.

It was pointed out that at the present time the local unit is forced to operate a program of weather modification to assure farmers in this section that they will get their share of rainfall. The reason for the concern, it was pointed out, is because generators operated for the purpose of increasing rainfall in another area can easily rob the immediate area of rainfall it could reasonably expect to fall from natural causes.

The local organization, a part of Tri-County Weather Research, has always been hampered by lack of sufficient funds, and it was brought out at the meeting that more support from local residents is necessary if they are to get all the moisture they might expect to get naturally. They urged the general public to strive for continuation of the rain program in this area.

Directors of the Morrow county

Value Equalization Subject of County Assessors' Meeting

Mrs. Joseph Hughes, county assessor and Edwin Walker, deputy, were in Vale last week to attend an Eastern Oregon assessors' conference called to aid in setting a price for livestock and establishing a uniform schedule for farm machinery depreciation that all Eastern Oregon counties may have the same base for assessment purposes.

The assessor said that the figure arrived at will soon be available in the office for examination by interested persons.

It was also announced that the current county-wide reappraisal program is progressing rapidly with nearly all county property except parts of Ione, Lexington, and Heppner already reassessed.

On Tuesday Allen Howells, director of records for the state tax commission spent the day in the local office checking records.

Water Use Report

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tions up to date as regards existing conditions and desires of local interests," the commission concludes in its report.

Irrigation Development
Considerable pumping irrigation has been developed in recent years in Northwestern Umatilla county and in northern Morrow county, according to the annual report of the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission.

Well-drilling is concentrated in the Butter creek area and west of there on the slopes of the Columbia river, the report said.

During 1953 and early 1954, 33 desert entry claims were filed in the area surrounding Boardman bombing range south of Boardman on lands comprising every other section in the area, it was noted. Desert entry claims require development for cultivation or irrigation to justify removal of such lands from grazing leases under administration of the federal Bureau of Land Management.

This means the drilling of wells for irrigation development, the report pointed out, because climate and rainfall there are not adapted to dry-farming. While only a part of these desert entry claims have been processed to date, well-drilling for irrigation development already is taking place under some which have been approved, the report said.

Considerable further pumping irrigation development in and adjoining the Umatilla river basin area is anticipated wherever adequate ground water or river water is available with lifts that are not excessive the report said.

And it indicated findings from a ground water survey conducted in the Umatilla basin during the past two years by the U. S. geological survey, to be available in report form by June of next year, should prove a valuable guide to further irrigation development through well-drilling.

The report points to availability of cheaper electric power and of aluminum irrigation pipe as factors in the increase in irrigation. It calls attention to the big river-pumping project on the Columbia river near Irrigon, developed by state Sen. Rex Ellis of Pendleton, as an example of one type of development.

Noting that much interest had been expressed in the possibility of release by the Air Force of the presently unused south half of the huge Boardman bombing range for possible irrigation development, the report says that the air force real estate division this year advised the commission that no change in size or utilization was contemplated for the 95,000-acre range.

"While ground-water supplies may not be adequate for any large share of the vast areas around and within the bombing range area, plans considered many years ago are surface irrigation might become feasible with low-cost power and needs for added crop production which may develop," the commission indicated.

Any surface water development of the areas which would be severely handicapped by the exclusion of such a large portion of the area involved, it was noted.

Large-scale development of irrigable lands on Columbia river slopes in the lower John Day basin area would require upstream storage with long distribution systems or high lift pumping from the Columbia or John Day rivers, the report said, adding that this does not appear justified now under current needs and prices for agricultural production.

The Upper Columbia River Basin Commission was established by the 1951 Oregon legislature but didn't have the money to establish an office until the current diennium. On November 1, 1953, headquarters were set up in Pendleton with Paul T. Rowell as executive secretary. Commission members are: Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington, chairman; Judge Garnet Barrait, Heppner, vice chairman; J. W. Forrester, Jr., secretary-treasurer, Pendleton; Ray C. Baum, La Grande; R. J. Brown, The Dalles; and Robt. D. Lytle, Vale. J. F. Short, Redmond, who resigned upon his recent appointment as state director of agriculture, will be replaced by an appointment by Paul L. Patterson.

Mrs. Jack Bedford spent three days last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Glass in Pendleton.

Mrs. Lowell Gribble visited in Pendleton Tuesday.

SCS Flood Control Support Pledged

Supervisors of the Heppner Soil Conservation district agreed to actively support any application of the local people for assistance in watershed protection and flood prevention on the Willow creek watershed at their monthly meeting Tuesday night at the county agent's office. Federal aid is now available for such projects under the watershed protection and flood prevention act passed by the last congress.

New district farm plans were approved at the meeting on the Silver Spur ranch, Inc., 3924 acres; Tracy Elder ranch, 5175 acres and Al Bunch, Peters estate, 1009 acres.

The monthly progress report showed 26 acres of land leveling, 32 acres of engineering surveys, three farm ponds and 7435 acres of conservation surveys completed.

Tentative date for the district's annual meeting was set for February 1.

Newt O'Hara, Lexington, supervisor, and Charles A. Carlson, Ione, left Sunday for Phoenix, Ariz. where they will be guests of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company for a week with two conservation district representatives each from the remaining states. They were selected to represent the Heppner district which was the state winner in the 1954 Goodyear national soil conservation district contest, it was reported.

Local Dealer Sees New Cars on TV

James J. Farley, Heppner Willys dealer, attended a special closed-circuit television showing of the 1955 Kaiser-Willys line of Jeeps, station wagons, trucks and passenger cars in Portland Wednesday.

The TV program, originating in New York City was viewed on giant television screens in theaters and hotels in 22 cities in the U. S. and Canada Farley said.

The two-hour show was received in Portland at 9 a. m. and was viewed by more than 10,000 distributors, dealers, their families and sales personnel. It is reported that this is the first international closed-circuit television show ever used by an automobile company to introduce its new models to its sales organization.

Complete merchandising and promotion plans were also revealed.

Park Election

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ing the building. Some of the work has been done during the past few years, but the League has determined that it would cost approximately \$5,000 to complete the project by the installation of new siding, installing double doors and windows, sealing and reinforcing the interior, painting, installing a heating system and other work.

In the original straw ballot proposal, it was suggested that a two mill special levy be asked for the park project, but the council, in adopting the ordinance, set the levy at one mill, feeling that the \$6,000 which it would raise over the five year period, would suffice to convert the land into a usable park.

Other business conducted by the council included the authorization of the public property committee to investigate with power to purchase, a used oil distributor offered for sale by the Howard-Cooper corporation. If purchased, the oiler will make it possible for the city to do its own street sealing work at a much lower cost than it has been contracting the job for during recent years.

The group also heard a report that all but five houses in Heppner are now connected to the sewer system. An investigation will be launched to determine if those property owners not connected are in violation of the city ordinance requiring connection to the system.

James J. Farley was authorized to construct a 32 foot driveway into his business property on East May street, and Kemp Dick was granted a building permit for the construction of a greenhouse on his property in North Heppner.

PICTURES GO ASTRAY

Somewhere between Heppner and the engravers a complete shipment of cuts for this week's paper went astray, probably due to the heavy seasonal mail load.

As several of them were a part of "picture-stories", several stories intended for today's paper must be held over until arrival of the cuts next week.

Safe Driving Day Proclaimed by Mayor

Heppner Mayor Dr. L. D. Tibbles this week joined with other officials throughout the nation in proclaiming Next Wednesday, Dec. 15 as S-D in Heppner, and urged all drivers to take particular care to prevent accidents for the 24 hour period.

S-D, or Safe-Driving Day, is being promoted by the President's Action Committee for traffic safety in an effort to eliminate all accidents on that day. The need for the program is pointed up by the fact that 38,800 persons were killed in traffic mishaps during 1953, and property damage and medical expenses incurred are estimated at 4 billion dollars.

On the special day drivers and pedestrians alike are urged to observe all written laws governing traffic, and the unwritten laws of courtesy on the streets and highways.

55 Persons Attend Elks Memorial

More than 65 persons attended the Elks Memorial service held last Sunday afternoon in the lodge hall. J. O. Turner, Heppner attorney gave the main address referring to the memorial plaque which hangs in the hall and lists the names of former members who have passed on.

In speaking of the plaque, Turner recounted that he had known personally most of the members listed and told of things that had happened during the lifetime of many of them. Sunday's service was planned to especially remember the seven members who have died during the past year. They died during the past year. They Irvin Fessler, Richard Wells, Frank Roberts, E. W. Weatherill, and Frank Engelman.

Vocal selections were sung by Oliver Creswick accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner.

HOSPITAL STILL IN USE

Misunderstanding about which hospital was recently closed in Walla Walla brought the announcement that the veterans hospital in that city is still open and that anyone wishing to send gifts to veterans there are welcome to do so. They may be sent direct or left with Mrs. John Bergstrom.

The TB hospital there is the institution closed recently.

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Donald Blake Joins Sigma Delta Chi

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Blake have received word that their son Donald has been initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism honorary, at the University of Washington where he is a junior in the school of journalism.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Ruth Morgan, Condon, dismissed; Lawrence Cochran, Heppner (deceased); Bernadine Nelson, Spray; Audine Bergstrom, Heppner; Joan Moe, Heppner, dismissed; Constance Murray, Mounment, dismissed; Maude Dunn, Heppner; Lavonnie Gammell, Heppner; Edith Hayes, Hood River; Velton Stark, Pilot Rock; Gwyneth Green, Heppner.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

A special meeting of the Heppner school board has been set for this evening (Thursday) to go over the final plans for the new grade school building with the architects.

All specifications are due to be completed within about a week and it is hoped to issue a call for

Elks to Show Special Film to Public

The Heppner Elks lodge will show a prize-winning film titled "The American Cowboy" Thursday, Dec. 9 at 9 p. m. after the regular lodge meeting. It was announced today. The public is invited.

The sound-color film, produced by the Ford Motor company, tells a realistic story of the year-round activities of one of America's traditional and picturesque figures—today's cowboy and how he works, lives and plays.

The Picture was selected for exhibition at four famous film festivals an dwas recently chosen for the Scholastic magazine award as the documentary film of the year.

bids immediately with the results to be known early in January.

Mrs. Fay Kiser of Nesplan, Washington is visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Burkenbine.

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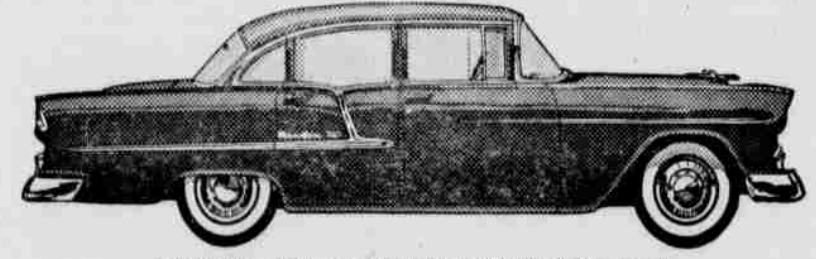
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