

Mustang Wallowa Trip Nets Two Victories

By Larry Mollahan

The Mustangs made a 350 mile jaunt through the ice and snow in the high mountains of Eastern Oregon a successful one, returning with the bacon from two hoop contests.

The Mustangs were successful in putting down Elgin Friday night 51 to 47 and Enterprise on Saturday night 42 to 38.

Elgin presented the biggest threat to the Mustangs, losing only one member of their starting quint which won fourth place at state last year.

Skip Ruhl, the only junior of the starting five scored high with 14 points for the Mustangs. Dallas Cason and Ron Miller each matched Ruhl with 14 points each for Elgin.

Neil Beamer, 6' 4" Mustang center was absent from the traveling lineup with a slight case of the flu.

Lyle Jensen did some beautiful faking and dropped in two field goals from the inner key. Ruhl was off to a good start with two dunks also in the first panel. Dick Kononen and Jerry Hague-wood each dropped in one two pointer to end the first stanza 12 to 6 with Heppner ahead.

Kononen set the pace in the second panel with three counters from the key. Ruhl was right behind him with one foul shot and two field goals. The midway point saw Heppner maintaining a 23 to 16 lead.

The third stanza saw Hague-wood zero in and drop in four long ones. Kononen, Bob Grabill, Jensen and Ruhl each hit for two points. Jensen getting his on foul shots. With one quarter remaining Heppner held a 39 to 27 margin.

Jensen spent the last quarter at the foul line caging 5 out of 7 freethrows. Ruhl was the only Mustang that scored a field goal in the last period. Skip used the foul line for one point also. Grabill hit two gift shots and Kononen and Jim Hays each hit one from the foul line. Foul shooting seemed to hold the difference in almost every game the Mustangs have played.

Enterprise Unsuccessful
It was a great weekend for foul-shooting. Enterprise made 32 of their 38 points on foul shots. Heppner collected only 2 of their 42 scores on the gift throw.

Jim Hayes scored high for Heppner with 10 points. Wilson tallied 17, 12 of which were freethrows.

A quick 12 to 3 lead was established by Heppner in the first quarter with Skip Ruhl and Lyle Jensen each hitting two field goals. Dick Kononen and Jim Hayes each stretched the nets for one field goal.

Kononen demonstrated his cage knowhow sinking two goals and one foul shot in the second period. Bob Grabill and Jim Hayes each caged two field goals to end the half 25 to 18 with the blue and gold Mustangs ahead.

Larry Downen's cagers had a low scoring third period with Lyle Jensen and Jerry Hague-wood each hitting one field goal. Enterprise was ahead for the first time at the end of the third panel 31 to 29.

Skip Ruhl dropped in two buckets and one gift shot in the final period of play. Jim Hayes canned two long ones along with Dick Kononen and Lyle Jensen who both hit one deuce.

No game this weekend, the Mustangs next game will be Dec. 30 with Stanfield at Stanfield.

Ponies Nip Condon
with seconds remaining in the last quarter Duane Alderman pulled the game out of the hole for the Heppner grade school Ponies dropping in three sensational hook shots that put the Ponies ahead to win 28 to 24. The Ponies played host to the Condon graders Friday night.

Alderman and Limber Jim Walker scored high with 8 points apiece for the junior horsemen. Walker and Alderman started

Grandson of Heppner Woman on Orient Basketball Tour

Richard Green, Gresham, Grandson of Mrs. Alex Green of Heppner and a student at Portland State college is now touring Japan and Asia with the school basketball team.

The team left Seattle by plane on December 4 and before their return to this country on January 6 they will have played games in Tokyo, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Formosa, Manila and Singapore. The team record has been good, having won the first seven games played by wide margins.

In a recent letter he told of sight-seeing trip in Japan, and of excellent hotel accommodations in Singapore.

Portland State is the third basketball team to tour the Orient this fall, the University of Oregon and Harlem Globetrotters teams having recently returned from trips there.

Coast Guard Exams Due in February

Congressman Sam Coon announced today that competitive examinations for admission to the U. S. Coast Guard academy will be held throughout the country on February 28 and March 1, 1955. Examinations in Oregon will be held at Eugene and Portland.

The congressman pointed out that the Coast Guard Academy offers young men between 17 and 22 a four year course of college training leading to a bachelor of science degree in engineering, and also a commission as a career officer in America's oldest sea-going service.

Applications for the examinations must be postmarked on or before January 15, 1955, and Congressman Coon urged all young men interested in an appointment to write immediately to Coast Guard headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Candidates for the academy must be single and in excellent physical condition. Congressman Coon said. A high school diploma is the minimum educational requirement, although high school seniors assured of graduation by June 30 are eligible to take the examinations.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lamoriaux, Condon, a 7 lb. 3 oz. girl born Dec. 15, named Valeta Jo. To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers, Lexington, a 8 lb. 8 oz. boy born Dec. 19, named Barry Ward. To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell, Lexington, a 8 lb. 4 oz. girl born Dec. 20, named Karen Louise. To Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, Kingza, a 6 lb. 12 oz. girl born Dec. 22.

Medical—George Meitner, Condon; Mabel Faris, Ione, dismissed; James Butler, Mayville, dismissed; Loraine Bewley, Condon; Bernice Lamb, Heppner.

Minor Surgery—Patricia Lawlor, Ione; Helen Croker, Monument, dismissed.

the game off with one basket each in the first period. Condon was unable to score in the first quarter of play.

Walker tipped in 2 buckets in the second panel to lead the scoring. Larry Prock, Bill Pettyjohn, Dick Robinson each hit a gift throw.

The third period ended with Condon gaining steadily with a 20 to 14 score.

The fourth period was Alderman's big scene leaving Prock Pettyjohn to hit one foul shot apiece.

Heppner won the preliminary 28 to 12.



The late Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, acclaimed the U. S. Navy hero of World War II is to be honored by a memorial statue, probably in Oregon's coast line overlooking the sea.

Admiral Gatch executed one of histories boldest and bravest navy maneuvers when he ran his USS South Dakota between two charging Japanese battleships and put both out of commission.

Friends of "Tam" Gatch in his birthplace here in Salem are to call a meeting at the Capitol sometime in January when the group will organize to fulfill the memorial objective.

OVERRIPE FEDERAL PLUM
Allan G. Carson, former state senator from Marion county, has terminated his candidacy for presidential appointment to the federal bench position in Oregon vacated last spring by Judge James Alger Fee.

Several weeks ago Carson notified U. S. Senator Guy Cordon of his withdrawal but received no answer from the recently defeated senator. Now comes the grapevine from Washington, D. C. that Cordon is to be under the overripe federal plum when it drops.

ECONOMIZING HIS NAME
There will be economy in the air when the legislature convenes at the Capitol, January 10, and Governor Paul L. Patterson will be strictly harmonious with that event.

During his first elective term, beginning January 10, he will be called upon to sign his name to thousands of documents and has decided to shorten his name by dropping the middle initial "L".

He will be compelled to sign his name with 13 letters, Paul Patterson because he was elected with that name.

Official records show that he was nominated and elected by the voters as Paul Patterson, at the primary and general election.

MEDICAL FUNDS INCREASED
Almost one million dollars in federal funds for hospital purposes came to Oregon this year. Allocation of \$300,000 of it will await completion of a new study of auxiliary health facilities, the State Board of Health announced recently.

The board authorized acceptance of \$325,000 more for construction and rehabilitation centers, chronic disease hospitals, nursing homes and diagnostic or treatment facilities.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RULING
Oregon's public schools must excuse children to attend outside religious instruction classes, provided that such instruction does not interfere with school activities and that it doesn't take longer than two hours a week, Oregon's Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled Wednesday.

Before a child can be released to attend religious classes, his parents must request it.

A school board cannot arbitrarily refuse such a request when properly made. On the other hand discretion is vested in the board to approve or disapprove in as far as the same may interfere with the regular work of the school.

FOUR TONS OF CANDY
About a pound of candy for each of the state's wards has been ordered for Christmas, almost four tons of it.

The State Department of Finance bought the candy, which includes hard mixed, jelly beans,

Farm Census Job Now Completed

Jack L. V. Halbrook Friday performed his final act as field supervisor for the 1954 Census of Agriculture by closing down the temporary office which was established at Bend, for taking the census.

Farm census questionnaires collected locally are being shipped to census headquarters for editing and tabulating. The results, when published, will present figures for counties, states, regions and the United States. The first of the preliminary reports covering each of the nation's 3,068 counties is expected to be published early next year.

In a final statement, the supervisor expressed his appreciation for the "splendid cooperation" he and his enumerators received from farmers in the 18 counties in which he conducted the census. "This cooperation," he added, "enabled us to complete this important inventory of our agricultural resources quickly and efficiently."

Contributing Charge Brings 2-Year Term

Roger Allen, Ione, who had been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, pleaded guilty in circuit court on Monday and was sentenced by judge William W. Wells to two years in the penitentiary. He was taken to the Salem institution Monday afternoon by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

At the Monday court session Orma Marlene Miller was granted a divorce from William Frank Miller and was granted restoration of her maiden name of Fisk. The damage suit of Loren Matteson versus Patrick Doherty, scheduled to be heard on Monday was settled out of court.

chocolates and orange slices. The Oregon State Hospital patients will get 2,000 pounds, with 1,675 for Fairview home, 1,600 for the penitentiary, and 500 for the state school for boys at Woodburn.

CAPITAL SHORTS
Oregon along with five other Northwest states will celebrate the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial in 1955. . . S. P. has ordered 168 diesel locomotives to go into service within six months on coast lines. . . Oregon teacher's salaries are lower than those of bordering states, average classroom salary in California is \$4,925, in Washington \$4,310, in Oregon \$4,150.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Sr., spent a few days last week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Chaffee had as their guests last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Routh of Twin Lakes, Washington. Mr. Routh is the twin brother of Mrs. Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and children will spend Christmas with relatives in Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin have returned from a three weeks trip to the coast.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Rev. Earl L. Soward, pastor of the Heppner Christian church, returned home this week from a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Soward at San Diego, Calif., where his mother has been bedfast for several months.

He also visited his daughter, Mrs. Marie Greenhalgh at Whittier, Calif., where her husband is associate pastor of the First Christian church.

Bill Hughes is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gernet Barratt will leave Thursday (today) for Salem where they will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. William B. Barratt and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Heltzel.

Mrs. Clara B. Gertson left on Wednesday to spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anhorn of Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell and children Nancy and Judy will drive to The Dalles Christmas day to spend the holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hattenhauer and Mr. Ferrell.

Wendell Connor, who is attend- ing Pacific University, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor.

Mrs. Beatrice Bedford of Port- land arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford. Larry Bedford, will arrive Christmas Eve to be with his parents.

Dr. Edward K. Schaffitz spent the first part of last week in Portland attending the Northwest Congress of Optometry. Representatives from nine western states and Canadian provinces attended.

Mrs. Mary Carter of Portland will arrive Friday to spend Christmas with her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz.

Jim Smith, who is attending Stanford University, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith, this week to spend the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly of Seattle arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

Miss Sally Cohn arrived home Tuesday from the University of Oregon to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn.

Miss Nancy Adams, who is attend- ing Mills College, arrived home Friday for the Christmas holiday with her mother, Mrs. Floyd Adams.

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