

# Shamrocks Start Hoop Season With Two Victories

The Hepner Shamrocks, local independent basketball team, scored two impressive victories the past week in downing Goldendale 75 to 53 and the Condon Air Base 62 to 48.

Goldendale's Ramblers, previously unbeaten in five games, bowed to the sharpshooting Shamrocks, who ran away with the game the second half after trailing 32 to 30 at halftime. Larry Downen, Hepner high school coach, led all scorers with 24 points. Lanky Al Parent, jump shot specialist, dumped in 16 counters for the Shamrocks.

Monday night the local hoopsters entertained the Condon Air Base squad and came out on top in both ends of a doubleheader, winning both the "A" and "B" squad games. Rich Rea, rookie Shamrock recruit from last year's championship Ione high school team, shared scoring honors against the Airmen with Bill Scribner with 14 points each.

Next home game for the Shamrocks will be Wednesday, January 5, against the strong Hermiston Merchants, third place team in last year's Oregon State AAU tournament, and paced again this year by Dick Leebe, six foot six inch center.

## Winter Extension Course Offered

Leslie Grant, formerly Morrow county school superintendent, now an insurance man at Arlington, is the instructor for Oregon school law and system of education (Ed 316) which is being offered this winter term in The Dalles. Beginning January 12 for 7 meetings with two hours credit being offered this course will be held in The Dalles high school starting at 7 o'clock. Material covered in this course will be Oregon laws applying to schools and teachers; teacher personnel policies and practices; professional organizations; means for continued professional growth. This course carries a fee of \$12 which is based on \$6 per credit hour and is authorized by the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Registration may be completed at the first meeting or at a later session through special arrangements with the instructor. For further information contact your county school superintendent or write: department of state-wide services, general extension division, 1620 SW Park Avenue, Portland 1, Oregon.

## Hardman Community Party Held Dec. 21

The Hardman community had its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 21 at the I. O. O. F. hall.

There was a potluck dinner at 6:30 which was followed by a program given by the grade school in charge of their teacher, Mrs. Ila Albert. This was followed by the arrival of Santa who had free candy for everyone and he then passed out exchange gifts.

There were nearly 75 persons present at the party and all reported a wonderful time.

## WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM FRIENDS

The Gazette Times this week received a note from Margaret Rutledge, Puyallup, Wash. telling that her father, W. P. (Pete) Prophet, who was a resident of Hepner for many years, extends a Merry Christmas to his many friends here.

He is 93 years of age and is now blind, but would appreciate hearing from friends here. His address is Route 4, Box 965, Puyallup.

## BABSON FORECAST

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27. OTHER LABOR GAINS. I forecast that heavy guns of the labor bigwigs will be trained on the guaranteed annual wage, shorter work week, and more pensions. With a better congressional control of appointments to the National Labor Relations Board, the decisions of that body will swing more toward labor than toward management.

28. NEW INVENTIONS. These will mostly be a labor-saving type. I forecast a marked increase in automation and cybernetics, and other marvelous changes in production methods.

29. EMPLOYMENT. Unemployment outlook is brighter, since business will be on the up-grade during the first half. I forecast that local and seasonal unemployment will still prove a knotty problem.

30. FAILURES. The salient business characteristic of 1955 will be bitter competition. Many companies already weakened by competitive conditions will no longer be able to keep afloat. I forecast a rise in both the number and the total value of failures during 1955.

31. MERGERS. I forecast that mergers and consolidations will be encouraged by federal officials, if, by merging, a weak company can be saved. But while every effort will be made to prevent bankruptcies, Washington will frown on large mergers and consolidations.

32. GENERAL REAL ESTATE SALES. The time is already past due when real estate prices should have been falling. Only a fear of World War III and easy credit have prevented this. Therefore, I forecast that a downturn in prices cannot long be postponed.

33. URANIUM CRAZE. The greatest speculation will take place in the seeking and trading of land with uranium prospects. This is now centered in Colorado, Utah, and vicinity; but I forecast it will spread in a limited way to many other states and even to "offshore" property. It could exceed the gold rush of 1849. Another demand will be for woodlands which can be bought for a few dollars per acre.

34. COMMERCIAL FARMS. These have suffered a decline in price as a result of the slump in agricultural prices and farm incomes. Unless more will be done politically for the farmers next year, I forecast that the recent decline in commercial farm prices may continue during 1955. Subsidies for the farmers on the fringes of larger cities should hold up well in price as migration toward the suburbs continues.

35. VACANT LAND IN CITY AREAS. With the exception of parking lots, city vacant land should experience a continued slow reduction in price during 1955; but no marked change in suburban vacant land, except for parking. I am very bullish on land anywhere suitable for parking.

36. BUSINESS PROPERTY. I foresee little hope for improvement for such property in the larger cities during 1955. Business property in the suburbs has now been so inflated, and therefore will not be so vulnerable to declines and high taxes.

37. INDUSTRIAL BUILDING. The construction of new industrial plants gives every indication of continuing to mark out a downward course during 1955. I forecast that the brightest spot on the construction horizon for next year is the prospect for increased municipal construction,—schools, hospitals, etc.

38. RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION. The building of new homes was held at very high levels during 1954. Although I expect the trend of new home prices to be downward during the year 1955, they will still persist at very high figures, at least during the first half of the year. New

homes will continue to be the choice of purchasers, even though older homes give better values.

39. TAXES. The Eisenhower Administration has clearly recognized that expanding business and increased expenditures for plant and equipment are the true sources for rising employment and more jobs. I forecast a continued aim during 1955 will be to have taxes aid business—and thereby help employees to more and better jobs.

40. INCOME TAXES. I forecast there will be no further relief in 1955, of the double-taxation feature on dividends or of the 25% capital gain tax. Furthermore, corporation income taxes will not be permitted to decline as scheduled next spring. I forecast that, unless business slumps more than I anticipate during late 1955, there will be no reduction in personal income taxes next year, except to correct some technical errors. Any relief for the individual "small" taxpayer will be saved until the election year, 1956.

41. POLITICS. The really big political news in 1955 will not be made by the laws that will be enacted, but by the tremendous preparations for the 1956 presidential campaign. Those who claim that President Eisenhower is at heart a liberal and will get along well with a Democratic Congress should remember the lessons of politics.

42. WORLDWAR III. In my opinion, the initiative in international affairs still rests with Russia. The Kremlin is not yet ready for an all-out attack and no one in the West wants World War III. Malenkov is now pushing a "Peace Offensive." I am referring here to the year 1955—over the long term, I still feel that a major holocaust is inevitable, but I forecast no World War III in 1955.

43. FOREIGN AID. Our foreign efforts during the year will continue to aim at plugging the leaks and building new dykes against the flooding tides from the East. I forecast we will work hard to build-up Europe with Germany as the core; but Russia will make spectacular gains in the Far East, particularly in India.

44. FOREIGN COMPETITION. As Germany rears and the Brussels Treaty Organization goes into gear, I forecast further improvements in Europe. Competition from European manufacturers will, however, intensify. Reciprocal trade deals will be pushed. I would not be surprised to see a decline in our exports in 1955 and an increase in imports.

45. CHURCHES AND CHARITIES. I forecast that the spiritual awakening which started in 1954 will continue into 1955 with an increase in Church members. This is a very important sign. Gifts to charities will also increase, due to more liberal allowances on taxes, up to 30%, provided 10% goes to churches, schools, or hospitals.

46. TRAVEL AND SPORTS. I forecast more money will be spent on travel and sports in 1955. This is becoming an important new industry and should especially benefit Florida, California, Arizona, New Mexico, the Great Lakes Region, New England, and the Northwest.

47. NEW METALS AND ALLOYS. Next to air-conditioning, I expect great growth in the use of new metals and alloys. I forecast the rare-metal stocks will be sought in 1955 as were the oils in 1954.

## Consumer Prices To Remain Stable, Specialist Finds

Prices that Oregon families will pay in the year ahead will be much the same as they have been, according to Mary Beth Minden, Oregon State college extension home management specialist.

For the past three years, consumer prices have not varied much, she said. The rise in consumer prices nationally has been only a little more than 1 percent since January, 1952. Miss Minden foresees very little change in the year ahead.

Farm families can expect generally a little less net income next year, she said. Many other families will have a shifting income, with no general up or down pattern. For safe planning, she suggests families consider chances for less income.

With these possibilities, it will be even more important for families to do a good job buying and planning, Miss Minden said. Many of them will need to consider how to stretch their money.

The home management specialist recommends a three-point program for the family's "pocket-book planning". It includes income, prices and how to manage. "Planning, scheming, and spending know-how are all tools which help us use our money and other resources wisely," she commented. "Using these tools to advantage can make a difference in our living in the year ahead."

Miss Minden discusses outlook in prices for food, clothing, home furnishings and equipment, services, and housing in a new extension publication, "The Family Look Ahead, 1955." This leaflet is available through county extension agents or Oregon State college.

## GIBBLES IN VALLEY FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble and children were in Salem to spend Christmas eve at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills. On Christmas day they went to Woodburn to have dinner at the home of Gribble's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Tyler.

## SMITHS LEAVE FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and daughters Jennie and Kathy leave Friday December 31 for a three months vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii.

They have rented a home there and the girls will attend school for the three months.

48. ADVERTISING. I forecast business spending in this field will increase further in 1955. It not only is the salvation of individual businesses, but is the best stimulant for national prosperity.

49. POPULATION. I forecast the population will continue to increase during 1955, with a growing percentage of young people between 18 and 22. This means a greater demand for clothing, college education, and especially for new school buildings.

50. CONCLUSION. Develop Faith, Meditation, Health, and Good Works—with more attention to your family—to create reserves for real trouble which some day will come. GO TO CHURCH!

## Irrigation Bulletin Released by College

Information on how to make a concrete irrigation check that is easy to clean and install and resists washouts is given in a circular released by the Oregon State college agricultural extension service.

The publication, "An Easy-To-Clean Concrete Check," prepared by Marvin N. Shearer, OSC irrigation specialist, includes detailed plans along with the proper construction steps.

Copies are available from the county extension offices and OSC.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brown, Lexington, a 9 lb. 3 oz. girl born Dec. 24, named Maxine Way. To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bowman, Kinzua, a 6 lb. 1 oz. girl born Dec. 25, named Sara Lucine. To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kinoshita, Hepner, a 5 lb. 8 oz. girl, born Dec. 27. To Mr. and Mrs. James Myers, Spray, a 6 lb. 12 oz. girl born Dec. 29.

Medical—Opal Waters, Condon; Lola Ferrel, Kinzua, dismissed; Robert Templeton, Spray, dismissed; Diane Dick, Hepner.

Minor Surgery—Clarence Hall, Kinzua; Joan Browning, Kinzua, dismissed; Luelladean Severs, Condon, dismissed; Anna Harshman, Hepner, dismissed; Frankie Harshman, Hepner, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Charles Waters, Condon; Dot Belle, Hepner, dismissed; Jackie Howell, Monument; Elma Walter, Fossil; Mary Ellen Rogers, Lonerock; Pence Brisbros, Spray, dismissed.

Out-Patients—Alvin Bunch, Hepner; Linda Batty, Hardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz and son of Monmouth were here to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Labhart.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt and children of Corvallis are spending the Christmas holiday here with relatives.

Miss Eleanor Rice is home from school in California to spend the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fastabend of Portland spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother in Post Falls, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright at Moses Lake, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright accompanied them. The Whitmer Wrights continued on to Seattle.

## New Insecticide Possible Control For Cattle Grubs

A new phosphate-type insecticide holds promise for better control of cattle grubs that cost the livestock industry an estimated \$175 million annually in meat losses and damaged hides, according to Robert Every, Oregon State college extension entomologist.

The new material now under test by USDA researchers at Corvallis has proved more effective than the standard rotenone spray against the destructive insect parasite of cattle. Rotenone, the standby grub spray in recent years, is a plant product imported chiefly from the Far East.

Entomologists A. R. Roth and Gaines W. Eddy, of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service laboratory at Corvallis, report 100 percent kill with the phosphate spray in preliminary trials. They explain, however, that livestockmen should continue to depend upon rotenone for grub control until more is learned of possible toxic effects of the new spray to cattle.

The material is designated for simplicity as 21-199. Roth and Eddy found that one part of the chemical mixed with 200 parts of water, applied to the backs of nine grubby cattle, killed all the grubs—245 of them—in less than a week. In comparable tests, rotenone sprays killed 84 percent of the grubs the first week; 91 percent by the end of the second week.

The phosphate spray apparently kills grubs by direct contact. It also gave complete control when applied as washes to the backs of infested cattle. As grubs reach a late stage of development within the body of cattle, they form cysts under the skin of the backs of the animals and make holes in the skin. Trace amounts of the spray or wash penetrate these holes to the grubs, causing their death.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson had as guests over the Christmas weekend Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Mabel Yackley and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Owens all of Hillsboro. Mrs. Yackley will remain for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shanks of Portland were guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall spent Christmas day in Weston at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Key.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harshman spent Christmas day with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Camp at Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Parsons and children spent Christmas at Austin visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cook and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo and Miss Lulu Hager went to Portland last Friday to spend Christmas with the McMurdo's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMurdo.


Miss Joan Blake, student at the Art Museum in Portland and Donald Blake, University of Washington, are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Blake for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. George and sons Kit and David left Monday to spend several days in Portland on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Warren and children of Rupert, Idaho, former Hepner residents, were here to spend Christmas with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl L. Soward and son Wayne were in Prineville to spend Christmas at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ferebee. Three brothers and two sisters of Mrs. Soward were also there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty and family spent Christmas at Beaverton at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hemrich. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Altshin, Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hemrich of Longview, Wash.



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