

Heppner Trips Condon But Ione Gets Even

By Larry Mollahan

It happened to OSC the same night! The Heppner Mustangs dropped their first in 16 games. Heppner completed the Condon series with a 56 to 43 win Friday night at Condon but met Ione Saturday and was forced to split the two game lone engagement with the Cardinals after a thriller-diller of a contest 40 to 41.

Blue Devils Froze
It was a cold evening on the windswept plateau at Condon. Dick Kononen, star Mustang captain came through with 17 points for Heppner. Checking Kononen was Tom Neel who hit 16 points for the Devils.

Heppner pulled into a 25 to 18 lead at the end of the half and maintained a steady margin of points throughout the game. Big Tom Neel proved to the capacity house why he is one of the most valuable high school players in Eastern Oregon. The Condon center sank jump and set shots from all parts of the floor. Neel kept Kononen and Neil Beamer jumping for their rebounds.

The Heppner scoring is as follows: Kononen 17, Grabill 8, Jensen 4, Beamer 8, D. Piper 1, Ruhl 6, Hayes 1, Haguewood 10, J. Piper 1.

Blue Devil scoring: Dyer 2, Neel 16, McIntyre 9, McKinney 4, Chase 8, Parman 2, Logan 2, Ammons 2.

Ione Edges Heppner
The big number eleven was the finishing point of a ten game winning streak for the Heppner Mustangs. On the lone maple where no team has gone away the victor since the gym's construction two years ago, Heppner proved to be no exception.

A slow start in the first quarter was Heppner's downfall. Ione rolled in the first points after a scoreless two minutes and twenty seconds of play. Heppner just couldn't find the basket until Dick Kononen dunked in two foul shots with 25 seconds remaining in the first period.

Kononen was at the foul line six times and made five tries

Mustangs Win Berth In Tournament Play

Heppner, winner of the Big Wheat League, is assured of a spot in the district basketball playoffs which will be held in Madras March 3, 4 and 5.

It is not yet known what teams the Mustangs will face, as this weekend's games will decide several positions.

successful in the second period. A shot by Kononen with a minute and a half remaining put Heppner ahead for the first time. The Heppner fans relaxed and enjoyed the half time entertainment with a 19 to 16 lead.

Despite the efforts of Bob Grabill Ione seasawed ahead in the third quarter 27 to 25. Grabill used his jumpshot three times successfully for six points.

The final period was the type where a person couldn't even think with the two large cheering sections going full blast.

The seconds ticked off with agonizing slowness as Heppner and Ione battled for the ball. Ione kept one or two points ahead and stalled the last seconds in spite of an all court press thrown up by Heppner. Jerry Haguewood put in five freethrows and one field goal in the last period for Heppner.

Heppner scoring: Kononen 11, Grabill 10, Jensen 2, Beamer 8, Ruhl 2, Haguewood 7.

Ione scoring: McKinney 11, Rietmann 2, Swanson 10, Barnett 4, Jones 8.

RADIO CLASS FULL
Ray Smith, radio instructor, said this week that he is unable to handle any additional new members in his recently organized class. Another new class will be started about April 1, he said.

He also announced that he will start giving amateur examinations within a short time.

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EFFECT OF NEW SOCIAL SECURITY LAW TOLD AT FARM BUREAU MEETING

About 75 people gathered at Willows Grange Hall Tuesday February 22 for the potluck supper preceding the regular meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau. Later in the evening a great deal of interest was manifested in a talk by Homer Henderson, field representative for the Social Security administration at La Grande, who told how the new Social Security law applies to the farmers.

He stated that all self-employed farm operators with earnings of \$400 a year or more must have a social security card and pay 3% of their earnings up to \$4200. Social Security must also be paid on each farm employee who earns at least \$100 in a year. Farmers can now report Social Security for employees annually but anyone who has been reporting quarterly should get permission from the internal revenue department before starting to report annually. He said that the farmers should read and get all the information possible regarding the Social Security and then let their congressmen know how they feel about the law.

Mrs. Tom Wilson, accompanied by Janice Martin, entertained the group with two violin solos. Mr. Jack Flug, county school superintendent, and Mrs. Flug were guests.

W. W. Weatherford who attended the Oregon Farm Bureau leadership training conference in Salem, Feb. 14 and 15 reported that crop areas such as this should work together in getting a program that can work here as the programs adopted so far do not work the same here as they do in most other areas. He also explained that the property tax is no longer a stable tax and therefore other means of taxation should be used.

Newt O'Hara, president, announced that the county had gone over the top in its membership.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Torn, Condon, a 7 lb. 15 oz. girl born Feb. 20, named Marlene Kathryn. To Mr. and Mrs. William Zinter, Ione, a 7 lb. boy born Feb. 19, named Robert LeRoy. To Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gonty, Heppner, a 9 lb. 1 oz. boy born Feb. 22, named Charles Douglas.

Medical—Baby Farley, Heppner, dismissed; Carolyn Tramel, Spray, dismissed; Emma E. White, Heppner; Beryl Stillman, Heppner, dismissed; George Spears, Condon, dismissed; Harold Ammons, Mayville.

Major Surgery—Max Tueller, Condon; Frances Didier, Condon; J. B. Davis, Spray; Creston Robinson, Heppner.

Minor Surgery—Delphia Asher, Fossil, dismissed.

Out-Patients—Homer Bowman, Kinzua; Luther Snow, Heppner; Claudette Edwards, Condon; Larry Lear, Condon.

CAPITAL PARADE

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of legislative parties were announced Monday by Governor and Mrs. Paul Linton Patterson.

On March 22, Mrs. Patterson will be hostess at a coffee to honor wives of members of both the senate and the house of representatives. The affair is to be at the Patterson home between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

On March 28, Governor and Mrs. Patterson will be hostess at a dinner for senate members and their wives.

Two dinner affairs are planned for members of the house and their wives or husbands. One MOE CAPITOL PARADE dinner will be on March 31, the other on April 1.

CAPITOL SHORTS

Circuit Judge Sloper, Marion county, signed an order Friday directing the Oregon Racing Commission to appear March 11 to show cause why they denied a petition for a dog racing plant near Eugene. During a hot discussion over the anti-wire tapping bill Senator Carl Francis warned that it would interfere with the great American pastime of listening in on party lines. . . . During 21 months from March 30, 1953, through December 31, 1954, a total of 25 lawyers were appointed pro tem judges by Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette for 1806 judicial days replacing judges who were ill or legally absent.

DOG OWNERS

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Cattle Sales Continue High

HERMISTON—Ivan Cox of Heppner topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with a 1045 pound white-face cow that sold for \$14.90 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

Volume of cattle consigned was up substantially at the auction. Consigned were 412 cattle compared with 232 the previous Friday, 236 hogs compared with 104 and 12 sheep compared with 126.

Prices were generally strong at a brisk, active sale, with Oregon and Washington packers, feeders, and farmers contributing to a broad demand. Fat cows and fat heifers, insufficient to meet the demand Friday, will be in demand again this Friday when the fourth annual all-breeds registered sale will also be held.

Slaughter cows of better finish met increased demand, resulting in price increases of \$1.70 cwt., on commercial cows at a \$14.90 top, utility cows up one dollar at \$12.40 cwt., and canner-cutters up one dollar at \$10.90 cwt., a few heavy Holsteins selling at up to \$12. Other price increases included baby calves up \$7 hd., at \$30; heifer calves up 20c at \$19.10 cwt.; veal up 45c at \$23.20 cwt.; stocker steers, \$18.60, up 40c; feeder steers, \$20.10 cwt., up 50c; fat heifers, \$19.30 cwt., up \$1; weaner pigs, \$15.50 hd., up \$2, and feeder lambs, \$17.30 cwt., up \$1.70.

Calves: Baby calves 6.50-30.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 19.40-22.25 cwt.; heifer calves 17.60-19.10; veal 21.75-23.20 cwt.

Steers: Stocker steers 17.35-18.60 cwt.; feeder steers 18.75-20.10 cwt.; fat slaughter steers 20.50-21.80; fat heifers 16.60-19.30.

Cows: Dairy cows 94.00-136.00 hd.; dairy heifers 11.50-14.90 cwt.; stock cows 102.50-132.50 hd.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 13.10-14.90 cwt.; utility 11.35-12.40 cwt.; canner-cutter 8.50-10.90; few heavy Holsteins to \$12; shells 6.10-7.60.

Bulls: 13.10-14.60 cwt.
Hogs: Weaner pigs 9.50-15.50 hd.; feeder pigs 17.10-19.20 cwt.; fat hogs 17.80-18.90 cwt.; sows 13.60-15.00 cwt.; boars 8.50-14.10 cwt.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 15.40-17.30 cwt.; no fat lambs, ewes or bucks.

John Wightman is spending the month in Calif. where he attended the national meeting of soil conservation districts in San Diego, visited the Edward Brown family in Redlands and is now at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wightman at Port Arena.

Miss Hazel Morrison of John Day and Mrs. Eva Shold of Pendleton were luncheon guests of the Rev. and Mrs. John Reeves Friday.

Milosh Popovich, in charge of the engineering experiment station and leader on this project.

The new "multi-grade" or 10-30 oils will come in for special attention. Oil temperatures will be varied widely in this series of tests.

Auto engine wear is measured by pumping the motor oil from the running engine through a well with a built-in Geiger counter. The Geiger counter shows the amount of radioactive iron particles have "worn off" in the engine tests.

Farmer, Spare That Owl—Value as Gopher Trap Seen

Something new in the feeling some farmers have toward owls was presented at the executive meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association Monday night.

The change of heart toward owls, usually considered detrimental to chickens and other farm fowls, came from a story appearing recently in the Walla Walla Union Bulletin. It concerned a farmer near Dayton, Wash., who contends that owls do more good than harm and cited a clipping from a farm journal which said:

"It told of an avocado grower in California who put up several owl houses on his farm, figuring owls were the biggest gopher traps available. Four young barn owls occupied one of the houses."

"After three months, investigation showed that the owls had caught and eaten 94 gophers, 89 mice, 27 kangaroo rats, 7 moles, 4 ground squirrels, 3 brush rabbits, and 17 other creatures. No remains of birds or fowls were found although young chickens and ducks ran loose in the barnyard and orchards at all times."

The Dayton farmer estimated that he spends at least 20 cents for each gopher killed, and 5 cents for each mouse. At these rates, the California owls represented a saving of \$23.25 and were happy to oblige.

The local stockmen plan further investigation into the value of owls as gopher and mouse-traps.

College Plans Tests On Motor Oils, Auto Engine Wear

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—How different weight motor oils affect auto engine wear will be tested this spring in a special engine equipped with radioactive piston rings at Oregon State college.

The project is the second phase of a fundamental study on engine life, made possible with the radioactive rings.

In the new study, oils ranging all the way from the very light number 5 to the heavy truck grade 50 will be tested, according

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barratt and Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt attended the annual luncheon meeting of the Farm Loan association in Pendleton Tuesday. Garnett Barratt was chairman of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert O'Hara of Weston were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson.

Mrs. Charles O'Connor of Ione fell Monday breaking both bones in her left wrist.

Mrs. Walter Edger and Mrs. Frank Moyer are spending the month of February in Mesa, Arizona. They will return through California where they will visit the Edward Brown family, former Morrow county residents.

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