

Knappa Sinks Local Five: Umatilla, St. Joseph Next

By James Monahan

Heppner's Mustangs lost their first home game in nearly 2 years last Thursday night when the re-fending State "B" champions, Knappa's timber topping "loggers," sawed the Munsangs off at the hooves by a 53-36 trouncing.

Coach Larry Downen's quint was stopped cold by the sagging man-to-man defense that continually kept the Mustang "5" shots coming from 25 to 30 feet out. The distance gave the Mustangs a very low shooting average for the night as they registered a cool 25% while the fouls shooting averaged out to another low of 26%.

Puggy Hunt and Company held the Heppner squad to six tallies, all of which were field goals; and in the meantime, racked up 13 points to take a 13-6 halftime lead. Knappa's fast break gave the Loggers a quick 10 point lead before the Mustangs scored on a long shot by Ruhl.

Tibbles, held scoreless the first period, dropped through two long scores to lead the Mustangs in second stanza scoring as the blue and gold cagers, rang up a total of 8 points but Knappa kept in front by scoring 9 to take a 22-14 halftime lead.

Hunt, "All State" center of last year's state tournament, poured through 12 counters in the second half and pulled his team ahead at the third quarter pasting a 35-25 score.

John Piper, Mustang forward, aided a losing cause in the third and final periods by lacing the net with 10 points after being kept scoreless the first half.

The Loggers ran away in the final period by scoring 18 tallies to the Mustangs 11.

Hunt took the high point honors for the night while Ruhl paced the Heppner cagers with 15.

Coach Larry Downen's hoopsters venture to Umatilla for a Cayuse conference tilt Friday night and play a return game on the home floor with Ned McInvers Bluejays of St. Joseph this Saturday night.

Heppner's first loss of the season came at the hands of the Bluejay quint and revenge is sought by the blue and gold cagers.

Umatilla, a victim of the Mustang "5" at the Boardman jamboree, is expected to give the Mustangs a rough fight as the game is to be played on the Viking's home floor.

While the Mustang varsity was losing a lone game to Knappa, the J. V.'s split a pair of hoop tilts with the Echo "B" string.

Ed Groshens led the little Mustangs with 16 points as coach Jim Mallon's squad romped over the Cougars by a 36-39 trouncing.

George Delapp's Cougars came back the next night with some new material on his squad to edge the Mustangs 38-36 score on the Heppner team's own floor.

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Andrew Jarvis Chaffee

Andrew Jarvis Chaffee, 69, passed away at his home Thursday, December 29. He was born April 22, 1886 at Fulton, California and had been an employ of Morrow county for over 26 years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Neighbors of Woodcraft lodges.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10 a. m. at the Heppner Christian church with Rev. Norman Northrup officiating. Interment was in the Paseo, Washington cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Mabel; one brother F. A. Chaffee, Spokane; a sister, Mrs. H. H. DeChenne, Colville, Wash.; a cousin Ethel Zeimants, Heppner and several nieces and nephews.

Out of town relatives attending the services included Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Chaffee, Spokane; Mrs. H. S. DeChenne, Colville; Ellsworth Chaffee, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Routh, Twin Lakes, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott, The Dalles.

Creswick Mortuary had charge of arrangements.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Arnold, Condon, a 8 lb. 1 oz. boy born Jan. 1, named Jimmy Earl.

Medical—Marie Clary, Heppner, dismissed; Myrtle Smith, Heppner, dismissed; Gretchen Barratt, Heppner, dismissed; Evelyn Warren, Heppner, dismissed; Barbara Warren, Heppner; Pearl Steers, Heppner; John Nimi, Heppner; Henry Emry, Monument; Emma Breshers, Lexington, dismissed; Billie Leftwich, Heppner; Edgar Denton, Heppner; Nettie Denton, Heppner; Belle Myers, Condon; Nora Greenfield, Fossil; Jacqua Howton, Ione.

Minor Surgery—Sam Schmidt, Fossil, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Joanne Keithley, Heppner.

Out-patients—Lee Davis, Lone-roev; Erma Boyd, Heppner; Lela Swan Heppner.

Sheep Production Contest Deadline Set for January 15

Closing date of entries in the second annual Oregon Sheep Production contest has been extended to January 15, it was announced this week by the state contest committee.

Contest chairman C. M. Hubbard, Junction City, said the date was extended beyond the originally announced January 1 deadline to make allowance for the double holiday season. Interested commercial farm flock operators should contact their county extension agent for full

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details. The educational-type contest to promote better flockmanagement and marketing is sponsored by the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders association and Oregon State college extension service.

A major function of the program is to provide information exchange among growers on profitable practices recorded on sheep production forms available from county agents. Hubbard said even though flock operators do not enter competition, the forms will provide valuable information on an easy way to keep records. Complicated book-keeping is not necessary, he stated, to analyze flock production from year to year.

The contest committee has recommended a public tour next spring to visit farms of county winners in the 1955 contest. Secretary S. A. Jackson, Benton county extension agent, said a two-day tour has been suggested, probably in April.

Last year's winners focused attention on the value of marketing lambs early for greatest profits. John Landers and Harry Lindgren, OSC livestock specialists who analyzed the 1955 production forms, noted a 50 percent spread between the highest and lowest gross income contestants. Much of the difference, they said hinged to hitting early top markets with prime and choice lambs.

EXTENSION UNIT MEET

The Heppner extension unit will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lee Scriver in Heppner.

Farm Equipment, Road Walkers Need Reflectors

Fewer daylight hours and foggy nights have increased the needs for reflective material on equipment moved on highways, caution a member of the governor's safety committee, Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader at Oregon State College.

During the past two years, 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America chapters distributed enough tape to "light up" mobile equipment on 700 farms in Oregon as part of the "Reflectoize to Stay Alive" safety campaign. It is being continued this year.

Use of reflective tape on farm equipment, cattle passes, railroad crossings and on sides of trucks is being promoted. Club members are also checking danger spots in barns and homes in cooperation with five mutual insurance companies in the Willamette Valley.

"We want people to be aware of all hazards," says Hutton.

Mable Mack, assistant director of the OSC extension service and safety committee secretary, reminds parents that children may be in danger walking to and from schools in foggy weather. "Twenty-five cents worth of tape applied to raincoats and overshoes may save a child's life", she says. Last year in Coos county, 500 children were given reflective-covered buttons to wear on outer garments.

Although Oregon has been one of the nation's 13 worst states as far as farm and home accidents are concerned, Mrs. Mack reported the state's record improved last year. It is still the blackest state record in the Pacific Northwest, however. California and Washington have a lower percentage of accidents, according to Mrs. Mack.

Farmer Eligibility In Social Security Benefits Discussed

Most self-employed farmers and dancers will not establish eligibility for insurance benefits under the social security law until they make income tax declaration in January 1957, reports Manning Becker, Oregon State college farm management specialist.

It is possible, however, for farmers to become eligible in 1956 if they have earned as much as \$400 from farming in each of the calendar years 1955 and 1956. But along with this goes responsibility to report earnings from farming and to pay the 3 percent social security tax not later than April 15, 1956. The social security administration has suggested payments be made early as possible.

Becker believes most farmers will normally establish their eligibility next January when they report total earnings for 1956. Where conditions warrant, retroactive insurance benefit payments will be made from the time the person becomes eligible.

The form for making a report and remitting the required tax for social security insurance (Schedule SE) comes with the federal income tax return, Form 1040. If your net earnings from farming were as much as \$400 in 1955, you are obliged to fill out and file this return and pay the social security tax, according to Becker, even if you do not owe any federal income tax for 1955.

Older farmers—those 65 or over—can retire after March 1956 and start getting monthly old-age insurance payments if they have met the earnings requirements and paid their tax. Other farmers, regardless of age, will acquire family protection in the form of monthly payments to surviving dependents in the event of their death, provided they meet the same requirements.

In either case, the payment of the social security tax must accompany the income tax declaration or return, Becker emphasizes. This responsibility is required by law.

Further information on social security taxes may be obtained from internal revenue service offices. Information about benefits may be obtained from social security district offices. If you don't know where these offices are, your postmaster can tell you, says Becker.

RADIO CLASSES TO START

The second annual radio class will start next Monday, Jan. 9, Ray Smith instructor announced. It is open to all persons including youngsters in the fifth grade or over. All novices are also urged to attend. There is no charge.

The classes are held at Smith's home, 114, W. Center st.

LAST FIRE CALL EASY

Heppner firemen received their last fire call of 1955 Friday afternoon only to find there was no fire. It was reported that the Earl Gilliam home on West Baltimore was on fire, but it is thought that heavy smoke from a nearby chimney gave the impression that the house was on fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Trusky of Pendleton were here for the funeral of Joe Snyder. Mrs. Trusky is a niece of Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. Don Richards of Seattle was here for the funeral of her uncle, Joe Snyder.

Mrs. Mary Carter left Sunday for her home in Portland after spending the holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz.

Mrs. Sadie Riggs of Pendleton is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Joe Snyder.

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In charge of refreshments will be Mrs. Omar Laney, Mrs. John Ledbetter and Miss Hilred Flud.

Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton left Wednesday morning for Vale where they were called by the death of his father.

Carol Odom and Roger Olson of Arlington spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson.

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