

# Heppner to Play First District Hoop Game Tonight

## Two Wins Over Stanfield Give Tournament Berth

Heppner's two wins over Stanfield (reported below) gave the Mustangs undisputed hold of second place in this division and another chance to go on to state honors.

District playoffs started today in Pendleton and Heppner plays its first game tonight (Thursday) at 7 p. m. against St. Joseph of Pendleton. If the Mustangs win they will meet the winner of the Pilot Rock-Mt. Vernon game at 8:30 p. m. Friday. Should they lose, they will play the loser of that game at 3 p. m. Friday.

Other teams in the district playoff are Helix, Mitchell, Echo, and Dayville. The state B basketball tournament will be held in Baker March 8, 9 and 10.

By James Monahan

Coach Larry Downen's Mustangs pulled the biggest upset of the month as they dumped the Stanfield Tigers twice last weekend by 50-44 and 45-38 scores to clinch a berth in the District 7-B tournament.

Already beaten on their home floor by the Tigers the Mustangs took the floor as definite underdogs the first night and looked just like that at the first half's end as the scoreboard showed a 22-16 total for the Stanfield Tigers.

Heppner's blue and gold quint kept within shooting distance at the first quarters end but lost a potential lead at the free throw line as they connected on only 1 out of 5 attempts. "Skip" Ruhl and John Piper scored 2 buckets apiece for all of Heppner's scoring while Stanfield's scoring was more evenly divided to bring the first quarter score to 10-9.

Six points separated the Mustangs from the Stanfield hoopsters at the intermission with a 22-16 score.

Breaking loose with a basket-barrage and filling the hoop with 18 points, two more than they had scored in the entire first half, the Mustangs slowly started their comeback. Tibbles and J. Piper led the horses with 8 points each while D. Piper scored the extra two pointers. Stanfield didn't quite fall behind but held only a 3 point lead with a 37-34 score-board showing.

Heppner played a defensive game the last quarter, holding the "striped cats" to only 7 points while the Heppner hoopsters kept up their cannonade and rolled through 16 points for the final winning margin of 50-44.

John Piper captured the high point laurels for Heppner with 16 points while Norm Evans took honors for the Tigers with 14.

A flip of the coin decided the play-off site and Ione was chosen by Coach Downen.

The first quarter's end was virtually a repeat of the night before as the buzzer rang at a 10-10 tie with Tibbles leading the way with 5 tallies. Stanfield kept in the game the first period by hitting 6 out of 7 attempts.

Tibbles led the Mustangs in the second stanza with a 6 point burst on 2 tips and a pair of



ANOTHER PHOTO of the same McDonald Canyon stream below the Marcel Jones home south of Heppner shows it covering a big part of the bottom land. Channel normally is only a foot or so wide at this point. Where the creek flows through Heppner it is depositing a large share of its load of soil plugging the channel. (GT Photo)

### HOSPITAL NEWS

**New Arrivals**—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoskins, Ione, 6 lb. 7 oz. girl born Feb. 25, named Mary Maxine. To Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Schroeder, Kinzua, a 3 lb 15 1/2 oz. girl born Feb. 28, named Connie Lea. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halrston, Fossil, a 8 lb. 5 oz. girl born Feb. 29.

**Medical**—Molly Dyer, Condon; Ronald Robison, Spray, dismissed; Sharon Mabe, Kinzua; DeJores Thorpe, Heppner, dismissed; Dolores Barnett, Ione, dismissed; John Bergstrom, Heppner; Alice Kincaid, Fossil; Fredrick Garner, Condon.

**Minor Surgery**—Dorothy Clary, Condon, dismissed; Frankie Lovgren, Heppner, dismissed.

### EXTENSION UNIT MEETS

The Rhea Creek extension unit met Friday at the home of Mrs. Barton Clark with Mrs. Kenneth Batty and Mrs. John Bergstrom as project leaders discussing care of the skin. Fifteen members were present.

The next meeting will be on March 7 at the Rhea Creek hall.

gift shots to add to the Mustang total of 15 for a 25-22 halftime score. At halftime the Tigers had scored 10 free throws out of 22 points.

Heppners lead took a 1 point increase in the 2nd quarter with a small 9 point output to the "cat's" 8.

The Mustangs edged ahead as much as 11 points in the last period but continued to lead throughout the eight minute final as they tallied 11 points and kept a tight lid on the Tigers to post a winning score of 45-38.

Copping high point honors for the tilt were Ruhl and Tibbles with 14-13 points respectively.

In other District 7-B qualifying games, McEwen was beat out of a berth by Helix as John Stevens led the Grizzlies to a 61-48 win, while St. Joseph was edged out in a close 43-41 contest with Pilot Rock.

Due to St. Joseph's loss, Heppner will meet the Bluejays in an evening contest scheduled for 7 tonight at the Pendleton Armory in the 3rd game of the opening round of the District 7-B play-

### ATTEND CHURCH MEETING

A Methodist Youth Fellowship convale was held at Salem on Saturday, February 25.

Mrs. Lester Boulden attended, accompanied by Carolyn McDaniel, Celia Boulden, Renn Harris and Jesse Smallwood.

They were guests Saturday evening of St. John's Pioneer church in Portland and returned to Heppner Sunday.

### ACCIDENT INJURIES SLIGHT

Two cars driven by Donald Hunt of Lexington and Hildred Zell of Wasco were involved in an accident at Boardman Saturday night causing heavy damage to both cars and slightly injuring two passengers. Suffering minor injuries were Mrs. Mabel Haven and Mrs. Ethel Van Gilder, Wasco, passengers in the Zell car.

### ATTENDING MEETING

Dr. H. S. Huber will be in Portland March 4 through 7 to attend the Oregon State Dental Association meeting. His office will be closed for the four days.

Mrs. J. A. Hattenhauer of The Dalles and her brother Oscar Hufington of Delta, Colorado are visitors at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKay of Walla Walla were guests at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koenig Sunday.



Two political announcements made this week had a stirring effect on several potential candidates for top state offices who were undecided and awaiting developments in the filing of candidates.

The first was Governor Elmo E. Smith's promise that he would make a vigorous state-wide campaign for the Republican nomination for governor. This practically precluded a three-cornered GOP primary scope in the gubernatorial race.

The Oregon Republican "Ways and Means" committee was still under shock from Rep. Norblad's announcement that he would not run for congress to succeed himself in the 1st District, but would file for governor. They were depending on an undisturbed program which included Elmo E. Smith as the one who would be just right for the form-fitting gubernatorial chair.

The other announcement was that of Terry Schunk, Sheriff of Multnomah County, who came out for mayor of Portland. This pleased the state candidates who wanted the heavy vote getter to stay far from their campaigns.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry could have a free ride if he should file for congress in the 1st District. His term as Secretary of State does not expire until January. His past service on the board of control with Sig Unander and his cooperative work with Governor Smith would keep him from running against either of them. He has stated that he would not oppose them on account of the warm friendship he feels for each of them.

### HISTORIANS ORGANIZE

The Oregon Conference of Historians was organized in a meeting at Willamette University this week. The membership is persons interested in the tracing of history. Present were persons representing the state, nine colleges in the state and one school.

### STATE EMPLOYEES GROUP

The 14-year-old Oregon State Employees Association now has a membership approaching 6,000. James Daniels, new executive director, has a goal of 12,000 members of the state's 21,000 employ-



GOVERNOR ELMO SMITH of John Day last week announced that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the position he recently assumed following the death of Governor Paul Patterson.

ees by 1957 and plans for an OSEA building, complete with meeting rooms and office space.

Officers of the association have consistently held as their first motto, "The Good of the State." A long-sought goal has been to secure for state employees wages and working conditions comparable with private industry. There are instances wherein such is not the case.

### STATE LIQUOR HEADS GO

When you are reading this piece Oregon may have two or three new liquor commissioners and its first director of the motor vehicle department all appointed by the governor. Governor Elmo E. Smith has been working on these appointments for several days. The 1955 legislature took the large motor vehicle department from the secretary of state and gave the appointment of its director to the governor.

A "courtesy" resignation from the Oregon State Liquor Commission was received by Gov. Elmo E. Smith from commissioners J. H. Sroufe, Portland, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1960 and Lowell Seaton, Albany, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1958. Commissioner Lester Ireland, Hillsboro whose term ended Jan. 1, asked not to be considered for reappointment.

### CAPITAL SHORTS

State engineers are probing two possible sights for a new million dollar steel girder bridge to be constructed across the Willamette River at Newberg. The Portland-Salem Freeway, one of the finest roads in America would be designated the Paul Patterson Memorial Highway. The idea is sponsored by Gov. Elmo E. Smith

### Boardman News

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ely and children Renee and Rickie, Hermiston, visited at the home of Ely's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely, Saturday. Sunday the Elys and daughter Eileen went to Ione to visit at the home of Ely's father, H. O. Ely.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlow were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marlow, Hermiston, and Mrs. Marlow's sister, Mrs. Clarence Thomas, Riggins, Idaho.

The Boardman Yellowjackets wound up the basketball season by winning a game from Lexington Saturday night with a score of 60-44. Bill Thorpe of the Yellowjackets was high with 20 points.

and Marion County's Sen. Robert L. Elfstrom. . . Governor Smith has suggested study of a proposal to determine an individual's state income tax by taking a percentage of his federal income tax.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin are spending some time at the Oregon coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Funk of Wasco were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kane.

A. G. Devore of Milton-Freewater, former Heppner resident, was calling here on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson left Thursday (today) for Everett, Washington to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly.

Mrs. Ted Smith left Sunday for a weeks visit in Redmond, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake have returned from a months vacation spent in Arizona.

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