

Mustang Ball Club Opens Season With Close Win

By James Monahan
Hepner's baseball "nine" made their debut in the '56 season with their best foot forward Tuesday afternoon as they dumped the Fossil Falcons in a close 6-5 tilt on Mustang's home field.

Coach Larry Downen's diamond squad had to come from behind to pull the game out of the fire. Behind 5-1, which was due chiefly to errors on the Mustang's part and blopping hits by the Falcons, the blue and gold team bunched two hits in the third frame to collect three runs to tie the game.

Fossil started the contest with a big bat to collect all their runs in the first two innings whereas the Mustangs spread their scores throughout the tilt.

Shortstop "Skip" Ruhl hit a dribbler and reached first on an infield error. He stole second to set up Hepner's first scoring play of the game as Tibbles hit a long sacrifice fly to bring Ruhl around for the only Mustang score for the first inning.

Still down by a 5-1 score at the end of the bottom of the second the horse's second sacker L. Turner laced a lazy single to right field for Hepner's first hit of the game and then stole second base. He came home after a bad toss to second which landed out in center field. Griffith

Coach Jim Mallon's track squad of six men returned from the Willamette Relays where the Mustangs placed 6th out of 25 in the two-mile relay.

Some of the Mustang cinder-men dropped out of events they were scheduled to appear in; this lowered chances of more Mustang ribbon winners.

Reports from Coach Jim Mallon's desk included the fact that his track team which has three new members: Duane Alderman, Al Esch, and Dick Ruhl are having morning practice which begins 7 in the morning.

Big preparations are now being made for the Pilot Rock Invitational meet which is on the agenda for April 14.

Hepner's first big meet will take place the 28th of April and invitations have been sent to twenty schools.

Last year, the Hepner Invitational was one of the big track events of the year as it was held under lights.

ended the second frame with a pip fly.

Hepner's big third panel produced three runs on two hits. Fossil missed two long flies by Gentry and Tibbles which gave the Mustangs two men on base. Dougherty brought home Gentry and then Lowell Turner hit a long fly which was dropped to drive in the tying runs. This concluded all scoring in the game until the last of the seventh when Ruhl walked and then he stole second. B. Gentry hit a smashing grass cutting single to left field to drive home the winning run.

D. Connor who pitched the last inning was credited with the win while John Ostrander took the loss.

Hepner will now prepare for their second home game of the season with Norm Bergstrom's Echo Cougars.

Several changes in the Mustang schedule have been made and a list of them are as follows:

1. The game with Ione has been moved up from the 13th of April to the 12th which is on Thursday.
2. The Umatilla and Irrigon games have been switched around to these dates: April 20 Umatilla here; 24 Irrigon there. May 8 Umatilla there; 11 Irrigon here.

Track Men Place

Creamery Observes 40th Anniversary

On April 1 of this year the Morrow County Creamery, owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cox celebrated its 40th birthday. It is one of the very few independent creameries still operating in Eastern Oregon.

The creamery was organized by a group of local men including John Wightman, the late Charles Thomson and others and officially started business on April 1, 1916. Cox joined the firm on April 16 of the same year and in 1932 bought all the outstanding stock in the company. The firm was originally incorporated for \$1,500.

The business opened in a building located where the Lane apartments now stand. Later it moved to the corner of Main and Center streets and in 1930 to its present building on Center and Chase streets.

The creamery makes its own ice cream and butter and has been selling these products under the Pride of Oregon name since 1925. The products are sold throughout Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties.

Hepner Student's Editorial Receives National Honors

"Let Us Give Thanks," a Thanksgiving editorial written by James Monahan for the Hepner High School Herald, received honorable mention in the National Quill and Scroll editorial contest. Fifteen editorials placed as winners with a number of honorable mentions. James was the only Oregon student placing in the contest.

His editorial follows: "Autumn in America brings colorful foliage, the termination of harvest, and a day of thanksgiving created by an American.

Reaching back into the annals of time nearly 200 years ago when Washington first declared a day to be set aside as a day of prayer, reverence and thanks to our beneficent Fathers, we find that America's interpretational value of this holiday have not changed from the original concept.

An American, whoever and wherever he may be, should bow his head humbly and give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon him by Him.

He should give thanks for the insurance of freedom, his homeland, and his heritage.

The American should view his country; the small town, America's trademark; and bow his head as he takes into consideration the deeds of the great men of his great American heritage.

Let the modern day American give thanks for all of these—then, he may carve his turkey."

Lutherans Announce Confirmation Service

Hope Lutheran church will receive new members into the congregation through Confirmation during the morning services next Sunday.

The new adult members have gone through a 10-week study of basic teachings of the scripture to aid them in deciding if and what church they wish to join.

A senior Confirmation class, ages 12-14 has completed 30 one and one-half hour sessions and will answer questions about their faith at the 9:30 service. The public is invited.

Rev. Merlin Zier announces that anyone interested in learning more about the fundamentals of Christianity as well as a study of the different denominational approaches is invited to attend an inquirer's discussion group to be conducted this fall. The discussions are given without obligation.

4-H Window Display Winners Named

Winners of the window display contest for National 4-H club week were announced last week at the South Morrow 4-H council held at the E. M. Baker home at Ione.

The sweepstakes winner was the clothing club display in the J. C. Penney window at Hepner. Second place went to the cooking club with a display at Swanson's store, Ione; and third place to the Lexington Livestock club for its display in the Lexington post office.

Winners for getting the most names signed on tags worn by members during the week were William Rill, first; Gary Van Brockland, second; Kenneth Wright, third. All are in the Rhea Creek livestock club.

Reports were given on money raising projects and several food sales are planned. Some clubs have completed their fund drives.

Judy Howton reported on the IFYE party April 14 at the Ione Legion hall. It is to be a family fun night and will be held from 8 to 12 p. m. It will be a benefit for the IFYE fund.

It was announced that the annual 4-H summer camp on Hecceen creek will be held June 26 through 30 and also that the Eastern Oregon 4-H leaders conference will be held at Enterprise April 24 and 25. A recreational camp at Lake Chatcolet, Idaho was announced for May 13 through 20. Hobbies, crafts and dancing will be taught.

Mrs. E. M. Baker reported that the Ione 4-H clubs will observe national 4-H Sunday April 22 with a program in the Ione church.

A film on national 4-H camp in Washington, D. C. was shown and slides of the local 4-H summer camp were shown by Miss Beverly Bradshaw.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tueller, Condon, a 10 lb 3 oz. boy born March 29, named Bradley Jensen. To Mr. and Mrs. Max Gentry, Hepner, a 8 lb. 4 oz. girl born April 1, named Delores Diane. To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morris, Hepner, a 10 lb. 14 oz. boy born April 3, named Randy Dwayne.

Medical — Johnny Williams, Kinzua, dismissed; Helen Cohn, Hepner; Mary Wright, Hepner; Ed McNutt, Lonerock; Carey Ann Gregory, Kinzua, dismissed; Mary Johnson, Hepner, dismissed; Irene Annis, Lonerock, dismissed; Robert Kacklay, Condon, dismissed; Myrtle Broadus, Hepner, dismissed; Bernard J. Marshall, Hepner, dismissed; Alice Anderson, Hepner; C. J. Cook, Condon.

Minor Surgery—William Cox, Hepner; Nancy Campbell, Lexington, dismissed; Ella Bleakman, Hepner; Helen Martin, Ione; Fay Wilson, Hepner.

Major Surgery—Carolyn Trammel, Spray; Gary Moore, Hepner; Mildred Morris, Hepner.

Out-Patient — Paul O'Meara, Ione; Barbara Warren, Hepner.

EASTER GUESTS AT NASH HOME

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash Easter Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer, and Mrs. John Bergstrom, Marilyn and Gerald.

Mrs. Frank Wilkinson and sister-in-law Mrs. Elinn Mortimer-Rose of Troon, Scotland have returned from a two week trip to California. Returning with them was another sister-in-law, Mrs. Porter-Smith of Lincoln, England. The two ladies will remain at the Wilkinson home for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson spent the Easter weekend in Seattle visiting at the homes of her sister, Mrs. William Owen and her brother, C. D. Yackley.

Lyle Jensen left Monday to return to Pacific University at Forest Grove after spending the spring vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg were in Hood River and The Dalles visiting relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell and daughters Judy and Nancy spent Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morrison at Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner were visitors in The Dalles at the home of relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes of Condon were Easter guests of Mrs. Hayes' mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson.

Mrs. La Verne Van Marter spent two days in Pendleton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner spent several days in Portland last week visiting relatives and on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Waggoner and children spent the Easter weekend in Pendleton and La Grande visiting relatives.

DRIVE-IN OPENS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells, owners of the Wishing Well drive-in west of Hepner reopened the business late last week. It had been closed during the winter season.

EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET

The Hepner extension unit will meet with Mrs. Kemp Dick Tuesday, April 10 at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Merritt Gray will present the lesson on meat in meals. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer McCaleb

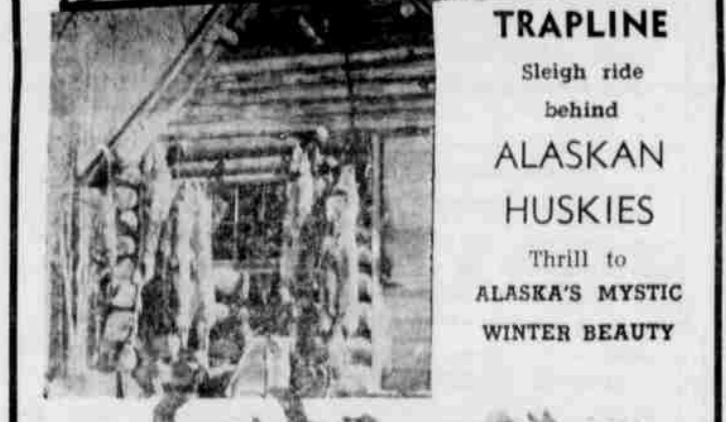
and three daughters of Portland were guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alex Green over the weekend.

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Red Cross Total Short of Goal

With only seven reports still to come in, the Red Cross drive has reached \$1975.50, it is reported this week by drive chairman Dick Brunner.

The figure is equal to 70 percent of the goal of \$2818 that it was hoped would be reached in the county, and unless there is an unusual donation of \$600 it appears as if the final figure will be around \$2200 or 80 percent, Brunner said.

A special donation of \$11.90 was received this week from the Ione schools which was raised by school assembly. The list of solicitors that have reported is too long to name, but their efforts are greatly appreciated, Brunner said.

Lexington P-TA To Elect New Officers

New officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Lexington P-TA to be held Tuesday, April 10 in the school auditorium. Considerable business is also scheduled.

There will also be election of delegates to the state P-TA convention and Orville Cutsforth will show films of his round-the-world trip. Being dad's night the following will serve refreshments: Gar Leyva, Bob Davidson, Roy Martin and Serge Coval.

HEPPNER FIRE CHIEF NOW OUT OF HOSPITAL

C. A. Ruggles, Hepner fire chief and insurance man, left a Portland hospital last Sunday following eye surgery performed a week earlier. He is reported recovering rapidly, but must remain in Portland for some time yet for treatment.

County OEA to Meet Here During April

Mrs. Lester Boulden and L. L. Robbins were host and hostess this week for the meeting of the Hepner chapter of the Oregon Education association. Business consisted of reports by Joe Stewart, Charles Huggert and Mrs. Fred Hoskins Jr.

Plans were discussed for the county assembly of the association to be held in Hepner in April and a nominating committee was appointed for the selection of officers for next year. The committee is Mrs. James Mallon, James Popham and L. L. Robbins.

The group's major project for the year, the school philosophy, is in the final stage of compilation and appointed to tabulate the first draft of the questionnaire were Charles Huggert, chairman, Joe Stewart, James Popham, John Snyder, Miss Marguerite Glavey and Mrs. Marie Clary.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED AT PIONEER HOSPITAL

Pioneer Memorial hospital will observe national hospital week by holding open house from 1 to 4 p. m. on Sunday, May 6, it was announced this week. During the open house the Morrow county TB and Health association will be offering chest X-rays to anyone over 15 years of age.

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