

County Teams Fare Badly in Hoop Jamboree

Four of the five Morrow county teams playing in Monday night's opening basketball jamboree at Umatilla came out on the short end of scores, Irrigon being the only county team to chalk up a victory. The eastern division won the combined score game 132 to 100. The four eastern division teams played two quarters against the western four.

Heppner lost to Echo 42-25, Stanfield beat Ione 33 to 32, Irrigon stopped Lexington 23 to 15 and Umatilla edged out Boardman 34 to 28.

The Mustangs will play their first regular game Saturday night at Pendleton when they take on St. Joseph then will open their home games Tuesday against the Ione Cardinals. They will have another home game Friday, December 14 when they meet Elgin on the local floor.

Farm Bureau Hears Of Insurance Plan

The new \$10 deductible Farm Bureau automobile insurance policy was explained by Bill Barratt last week at the regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau held at the Harold Beach home in Lexington.

The new policy will become available as soon as the Farm Bureau has 12,000 policies written, Barratt explained.

A discussion was held of the resolutions passed at the state convention and of the Bureau sponsored 480 bill. It was also announced that the domestic parity plan for wheat will be recommended by Gerald Detering, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation to be held in Miami, Fla. Dec. 9-12. The plan was adopted by the Oregon Bureau at its annual meeting in Pendleton last month when the delegates went on record as favoring domestic parity for wheat with acreage control.

Justice And Municipal Courts

William James Devine, truck speeding, forfeited \$30 bail.

Lee Ristiek, no PUC permit, fined \$10.

John Henry Cox and Crystal L. Blackford, both pleaded guilty to being intoxicated on public road. Fined \$75 each.

Charles Milton Kelsey, truck speeding, \$29.50 fine.

Charles Leslie Lilly, truck speeding, \$29.50 fine.

Lawrence E. Scott, Violation of basic rule, forfeited \$30 bail.

Delin Matteson, drunk in public place, \$20 bail forfeited.

Washing Machine Grounding Urged

If a new washing machine is on your Christmas list, save yourself a shock and have it grounded when it's installed.

This advice is from M. G. Huber, Oregon State college agricultural engineering specialist. Any machine or washer, he says, should be grounded because chances for electric shock are greater around damp cement floors or places where there's apt to be moisture.

Many machines are made so they can be plugged into only one outlet. However, a three-pronged plug is the newest trend in washers being sold today, says Huber. Although it won't fit most of the outlets in your home, it's appearing in more appliances as a ground method.

MOVES TO HEPPNER

C. F. Spaulding Sr., father of Carl Spaulding, arrived last week from California to make his home in Heppner.

MANY AREA HIGHWAYS TO GET WORK UNDER STATE-FEDERAL PROGRAM

SALEM — The Oregon State Highway Commission today released details of plans to spend \$44,340,000—mainly in federal aid interstate funds—on interstate, primary and secondary routes in Highway Division 5 in Central and Eastern Oregon.

State Highway engineer W. C. Williams earlier had announced that \$30,742,000 of the amount earmarked for this area would go into four and two-lane projects along US 30 from Stanfield Junction to the Idaho border.

"In addition to that amount we plan to invest \$6,633,000 on the area's primary roads, \$6,393,000 on secondary roads and \$572,000 on urban improvements," Williams said.

The engineer listed major improvements scheduled for the area's primary highways as follows:

"The two major primary highway improvement projects involve grading and paving 22.11 miles of the John Day highway between Fossil and Service Creek at an estimated cost of \$2,600,000 and grading and paving intermittent sections of the Central Oregon highway between Juntura and Vale at an estimated cost of \$2,135,000," he said.

Other secondary highway projects scheduled for this immediate area include:

Six miles of grading and oiling on the middle unit of the route between Hamilton and Long Creek on the Kimberly-Long Creek highway at a cost of \$410,

Report on Oregon Pastures, Ranges, Cattle Favorable

Oregon's ranges and pastures are in better condition than a year ago, and rate about average for this time of the year.

The rest of the West, however, isn't doing so well, reports Steve Marks, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college. While range feeds are gone in most of the Northwest and California, a U. S. department of agriculture report from Denver says range feed conditions in the rest of the West are in the worst condition since 1934, rating only 63 percent as good as average.

In Oregon, Marks reports that range and pasture growth was favored by rain and generally favorable weather in October. And while Western Oregon pasture feeds were a little below normal, Eastern Oregon range feeds were generally average or better.

The supply of hay and home-grown feeds in the state is above average.

At the same time, Oregon cattle are going into the winter in "good" to "very good" condition, Marks says. The condition of cattle was found to be above average in all parts of the state except the southwestern counties, where they were slightly below average.

Sheep and lambs around the state are also reported to be in good condition for this time of year.

Rock Hounds View Indian Artifacts

The Morrow county gem and mineral society was shown a collection of Indian artifacts Tuesday evening at its regular monthly meeting held at the Hotel Heppner. The collection is owned and was shown by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan of Monument and is said to be one of the finest in the northwest.

Because of the Christmas holidays the club's next meeting has been set up to December 18, it was announced.

EXAMINER COMING DEC. 18

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at the court house in Heppner on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

000; 1.3 miles of paving and structures between Hinkle and Bucks Corner on the Hermiston highway at a cost of \$165,000, and \$350,000 in improvements on sections of the Ukiah-Hilgard highway.

Grading and oiling on 21.34 miles of the Wasco-Heppner highway from the John Day River toward Condon and Mile Post 41.36 at a cost of \$650,000; widening pavement on the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada highway between Rome and Basque over a 25 mile stretch at a cost of 531,000.

Livestock Prices Again Up Slightly

HERMISTON — Prices were slightly higher on most grades of animals at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday where 88 consignors placed 494 cattle, 126 hogs and 45 sheep on the auction block.

Sale manager Delbert Anson reported a very snappy sale with plenty of buyers bidding for all classes of animals. Steer calves again led the market with a high of \$18.50 cwt. while veal was close behind with a top of \$18.25 cwt. Feeder steers sold well at from \$15.60 to \$16.30 cwt while dairy cows sold steady at from \$87 to \$112.50 per head.

Fat hogs were up a bit with prices ranging from \$15.50 to \$16.40 cwt. A high of 716.10 cwt was posted for heavy fat lambs, a good gain over previous weeks.

Needed particularly for next week are fat cows for commercial buyers, feeder steers for feed lot and steer calves for farmers. The market:

CATTLE—Baby Calves, 10 to 11 per head; steer calves, 17.30 to 18.50 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.75 to 14.90 cwt.; veal, 16.10 to 18.25 cwt.; stocker steers, 14.10 to 15.40 cwt.; feeder steers, 15.60 to 16.30 cwt.; grass fat heifers, 13.10 to 14.30 cwt.; dairy cows, 87 to 112.50 per head; stock cows, 94 to 107.50 per head; commercial cows, 10.40 to 12.20 cwt.; utility cows, 8.90 to 10.40 cwt.; canner cutter cows, 7.20 to 8.90 cwt.; shells, 4.60 to 6.35 cwt.; ad bulls, 11.20 to 12.85 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 7.50 to 10 per head; sows, 11.10 to 13.40 cwt.; fat hogs, 15.50 to 16.40 cwt.; and feeder pigs, 14.50 to 15.90 cwt.

SHEEP—Feeder lambs, 13.75 to 15.20 cwt.; heavy fat lambs, 15.20 to 16.10 cwt.; yearlings, 8.20 to 9.30 cwt.; and ewes, 10 to 13.25 per head.

Those earning top prices at the market included T. L. Kirk, Stanfield, 15.90 cwt. for six feeder pigs of 590 pounds; Clyde Nobles, Umatilla, 10 per head for five weaner pigs; C. J. Cooper, Stanfield, 16.40 cwt. for a 230-pound white fat hog; George Griffith, Cecil, 18.50 cwt for three white face steer calves of 1700 pounds; C. J. Osmin, Heppner, 18.25 cwt. for a 325 pound veal; Charlie Bloodworth, Hermiston, 12.85 cwt. for a 1250-pound bull; and Robert Rice, Pendleton, 16.10 cwt. for 24 lambs of 2900 pounds.

Ranch Hand Hurt in Accidental Shooting

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported that Joe Taylor, an employee at the Toney Vey ranch on Butter Creek, is in the Hermiston hospital suffering from a serious gunshot wound received accidentally early last week.

According to the report two unnamed ranch employees had been practicing "fast draw" with unloaded pistols. One of the guns had later been loaded and the accidental shooting occurred shortly afterwards. No charge has been filed.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinger, Lexington, an 8 lb. 10 oz boy born Nov. 28, named Aaron Anthony. To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Adams, Spray, a 7 lb. 8 1/2 oz. girl born Dec. 2, named Sherill Irene.

Medical—Daniel Wardwell, Heppner, dismissed; Paul Peterson, Ione, dismissed; Harvey Spivey, Kinzua; Sara Trobraugh, Ione; Gloria Dolven, Lexington; John T. Burch, Spray.

Minor Surgery—John Rogers, Lonerock, dismissed; John Swanson, Ione, dismissed; Glenn Ward, Heppner; Ottilie Hunt Lexington; Lena Brown, Heppner; Richard G. Seitz, Fossil.

Major Surgery—Ray Massey, Heppner; Kenneth Smouse, Ione.

ASC Community Committees Are Named for 1957

The Morrow County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation community committees have been nominated and elected for the 1957 year. The election by mail ballots was completed November 24, 1956, with the following men elected chairman of their community.

Robert Peterson, chairman of the Eightmile community; Paul Webb, chairman of the South Heppner community; D. R. Pointer, chairman of the North Heppner community; Vernon Munkers, chairman of the Lexington community; Roland Bergstrom, chairman of the Ione community; V. R. Rietmann, chairman of the Morgan community; Harold G. Campbell, chairman of the Alpine community; Lyle Robertson, chairman of the Irrigon community; and Ralph Skoubo, chairman of the Boardman community.

The first duty of the newly elected community chairmen will be to meet at a open county convention, Monday, December 3, 1956, at the A. S. C. office to nominate and elect a county A. S. C. committee for the 1957 year.

Control of Costly Cattle Grub Seen With New Chemical

A new organic phosphate chemical—one that is only slightly toxic to warm-blooded animals—may be the answer to controlling cattle grubs that cost the livestock industry millions of dollars each year.

Tests in Oregon for the past two winters have shed optimism on the half-century battle to control the pest that reduces the value of meat and hides and "worrles" animals into weight losses.

Gains Eddy, U. S. department of agriculture entomologist at Corvallis, reports control of 92 to 100 percent of all grubs after animals received oral dosages of the chemical. The material, now known as ET-57, is not available commercially.

The costly cycle of the cattle grub begins with the appearance of heel flies during the first warm days of spring when they lay their eggs on the hair of animals.

Cattle run frantically to escape these insects that cannot bite or sting. Eggs of heel flies hatch and the larva burrow into the skin, then migrate for about eight months through various body organs and muscular tissue. They finally reach the skin surface of the animal's back—source of some of the best shoe leather—where they punch holes, drop to the ground, mature into heel flies, and repeat the costly cycle.

Since spraying of heel flies has not been practical, especially with range animals, Eddy and other USDA scientists around the country have long been trying to stop the cycle in the grub stage. The new material looks like the answer.

The small, oral dosages needed to get almost complete grub control show that long-lasting residues are not likely to occur in the meat of treated animals. Chemical residue in animals fat almost nil 14 days after treatment, and further studies will be made to determine time limit between treatment and slaughter. Preliminary studies by Oregon State college food technology department taste panels also show that flavor of meat was not changed.

Scientists are also investigating other ways to treat animals with the material—spraying with a liquid preparation, injections under the skin, and various oral methods.

Eddy has spraying tests now underway in cooperation with several Oregon farmers. If it proves as effective as the oral treatment, 25 to 50 animals could be sprayed in one lot, speeding up the operation and lowering labor costs.

Preliminary trials show a "bonus effect" from the treatment that also gets rid of cattle lice and killed biting flies for two or three days. Spray test in Oregon will also try to determine the best time to treat animals during the grub cycle for most effective control.

Mrs. Ethel Rose and daughter Betty spent three days this week visiting relatives and friends in Yakima.

Awards Given at Cub Pack Meeting

A Cub Scout Pack meeting was held Tuesday evening of last week in the multipurpose room of the grade school with five dens in attendance.

Dr. Wolff gave a talk and he showed movies of Puerto Rico and awards of year pins, bear pins and arrows were given to cub scout members. About 50 were in attendance.

The den Christmas party for all the dens will be given December 11 at the Methodist church, after school.

Methodist YF Plans Christmas Party

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held its weekly meeting on Sunday evening with Sharon Case in charge of the worship service and Janice Martin presenting "A Christian's place in Society".

Plans were made for the group to give a Christmas party for the 4th, 5th and 6th grade Sunday school classes. They will also carol for the shutins on Dec. 22. The members will decorate the church for the Christmas season next week.

Heppner Given

(Continued from Page 1) committee to investigate and order the proper type of light required to protect the pedestrian traffic. The light would be in operation during school hours and would require all traffic to stop at the crosswalk.

The council discussed the necessity of replacing about eight miles of old water line from the Cooper city wells and authorized the employment of engineers to examine the project, submit cost estimates and investigate the possibility of the city issuing revenue bonds to finance the installation. Such bonds, if they can be issued, would be retired from water revenues, possibly by means of a slight increase in the water rates. Such a bond would not require a special tax levy.

Mrs. Jarvis Chaffee and Mrs. Mabel Zeimantz returned Monday from a two day visit in Kennewick.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bill left last week on a two week trip to Red Bluff and other California points to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick went to Portland for Thanksgiving where they were guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forsythe.

VA Makes County Tax Payments for Vets With Farm Loans

Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of \$135 this year, a gain of 18 percent over last year and 68 percent higher than he paid in 1952.

This fact was disclosed by Roy V. Bell, auditor for the state Department of Veterans' Affairs, which has just finished paying the 1956-57 taxes on the properties of World War II and Korean veterans who have state loans.

The veteran borrower pays his taxes monthly to the department along with his loan payment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it before November 15, to earn the veteran a 3 percent discount.

The department this year paid taxes on 11,407 homes and farms in the amount of \$1,544,903.

In Morrow county, the tax on 31 properties amounted to \$4,918.05. The average tax here was \$158, compared with the statewide average of \$135.

Last year the average statewide was \$114 and in 1952 it was \$80.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Barnett and children of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hyatt and son of Kinzua were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Duran, parents of Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spaulding were in Portland over the weekend to attend a Tax Forum.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiler spent the holidays visiting at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Sumner in Ellensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher and family spent the holiday weekend in Portland at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shanks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruggles returned last Wednesday evening from a two weeks vacation spent in California.

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