

### Mustangs Continue In Hoop Slump Dropping 2 More

By Jim Morris  
Heppner vs. Umatilla

Heppner High's Mustangs continued in their slump Friday night, January 4, as they dropped a close one to the Umatilla Vikings by a score of 50-56 in an overtime tilt.

The Vikings outscored the Mustangs in the first panel, 12-5, and had widened their lead to 9 points by halftime.

After the intermission the Mustangs came back strong as they outscored the Vikings and narrowed their lead to 4 points by the end of the third quadrant.

Playing a strong last quarter, the Mustangs took a one point lead with 4 seconds left. But the Vikings got one counter on a free-throw by Remillard.

In the over-time period the Mustangs defense collapsed as the Vikings scored 8 and held the Mustangs to 2.

High scorer for Umatilla was Ross with 22. High for Heppner was Ruhl with 14.

Heppner vs. St. Joseph  
The Mustangs dropped their seventh game of the year on Saturday, January 5, to the St. Joseph Bluejays by the count of 57-49.

The Mustangs and "Jays" fought an even terms through the first half as the Mustangs scored 16 in the first quarter and 9 in the second to the Bluejays 14 in the first and 12 in the second stanza.

In the second half the Mustangs were outfought by the "Jays" and were never able to take a lead as they went down in defeat to the St. Joseph quintet.

Rodighiers potted 16 to take high point honors for the Bluejays. Ruhl was high for Heppner with 18.

The Mustangs have dropped seven games, but they have lost 5 of these by a very small margin, and they have lost only one league tilt. They have thirteen league games left and with continued support they will be "gunning" for the league championship all the way.

Upcoming games this week include Boardman here on Friday night and Ione on the Ione floor Saturday night. Both have the makings of good contests.

### NUMBER OF BUSINESSES IN HEPPIER INCREASES 7.7% DURING PAST YEAR

"There are 7.7% more business concerns in Heppner today than there were in 1955", says J. Harry White, district manager of the Portland office of Dun & Bradstreet. Basing his facts upon the figures in the current November, 1956 reference book, White points out that in 1955, 52 businesses were listed by Dun & Bradstreet; today there are 56 enterprises.

Each January business concerns in all parts of the United States receive from Dun & Bradstreet requests for their annual financial statements. This year the number of requests going out nationwide will approximate three million.

The reference book, incidentally, lists only manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and some service companies, such as laundries and gasoline service stations. Thus the total number of business in Heppner and Morrow county is actually higher than the figures quoted.

White stated that during the past year 39 changes were made in the reference book listings of Heppner businesses. These changes resulted from adding the names of new businesses, and deleting the names of those who discontinued, as well as accounting for changes in ownership, trade names and credit ratings.

As one phase in revising credit ratings and keeping them up-to-date, every year the credit reporting agency writes to all businesses who are listed in the reference book to request their year-end

balance sheets. White says that this letter speeds up the flow and processing of some of the facts on which credit ratings are based. "More than 95 per cent of all commercial transactions in the U. S. are made on credit terms," he added. "The purpose of the reference book is to help business men in any part of the country make credit decisions to ship or sell to businesses men in any other part of the country."

The credit rating is one of the key factors in approving orders to ship or sell. The rating consists of two symbols. The first, a letter of the alphabet, indicates financial strength or tangible net worth of the business. The second symbol is a number. It reflects a composite appraisal of the background, operations, financial stability, and payment record.

### Ullman Receives Appointment to Interior Committee

The House interior committee Wednesday announced the appointment of Congressman Al Ullman to the committee assignment formerly held by Oregon Representative Edith Green. Mrs. Green withdrew from the committee position in order to favor Representative Ullman's appointment.

The Ullman assignment assures full and adequate committee representation in such matters as Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation projects, mining and public lands, the telegram stated. Representative Ullman, long an advocate of full river development, pledged that he would continue his fight for sound farm and resources programs including speedy enactment of Hells Canyon legislation.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Tom Rice, Condon, dismissed; Gene Case, Heppner; Joe Barlow, Ione; Mabel Cox, Kinzua; Deborah Gruver, Olex, dismissed; Margaret Madsen, Heppner; Lola Ferrel, Kinzua; Bonnie Hawk, Spray; Iva Johnson, Fossil, (deceased); Frances Sheldon, Fossil; Fred Reed, Condon.

Minor Surgery — Linda Bowman, Monument, dismissed; Vida Heliker, Ione; Lois Ring, Ione; Tony Dreyer, Arlington.

Major Surgery — Andrew Harris, Heppner.

### Hog Prices Gain, Cattle Steady

HERMISTON—Hog prices again showed good gains at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday where 92 consignors placed 414 cattle, 111 hogs and 19 sheep on the auction block.

While cattle prices were holding steady feeder pigs brought a season high of \$20.50 cwt for the best animals. Weaner pigs with a range of 8.50 to \$14 per head and fat hogs with a spread of \$17.90 to \$19.00 cwt also topped last week's prices.

In the beef department veal bounced back to its high range of weeks ago, selling at from \$20.10 to \$23.50 cwt. Bull prices were also a bit higher ranging from \$13.30 to \$15 cwt. compared with last week's \$12.10 to \$13.80.

Needed for next Friday's sale will be more fat cows, heifers and veal, sale manager Delbert Anson announced. The Market:

CATTLE—Baby calves, 2.50 to 13 per head; steer calves, 17.20 to 18.30 cwt; heifer calves, 13.80 to 15.80 cwt; veal, 20.10 to 23.50 cwt; stocker steers, 14.75 to 16.35 cwt; feeder steers, 16.35 to 17.60 cwt; heifers, 13.30 to 16.00 cwt; dairy cows, 101 to 135 per head; stock cows, 92 to 135 per head; utility and commercial cows, 10.80 to 13.75 cwt; canner-cutter cows, 8.10 to 10.80 cwt; shells, 5 to 7.40 cwt; and bulls, 13.30 to 15.50 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 8 to 14 per head; feeder pigs, 18.20 to 20.50 cwt. (new high for season); fat hogs, 17.90 to 19 cwt; sows, 13.40 to 15.10 cwt with few light ones to 16.50.

SHEEP—Feeder lambs, 14.20 to 15.80 cwt; and ewes, 8.50 to 16.50 per head.

Those earning top prices at the market included T. F. Kirk, Stanfield, 20.50 cwt for two feeder pigs of 195 pounds; Evelyn Wood, Hermiston, 19 cwt for a 220-pound fat hog; Ed Livingston, Spray, 15.10 cwt for a 415-pound red sow; Coffin Sheep company, Pendleton, 16.50 per head for nine ewes; E. A. Daniels, Hermiston, 23.50 cwt for a 200-pound veal; Marquardt ranch, Lexington, 13.75 cwt for a 1035-pound white face cow; Fred Rauch, Hermiston, 17.60 cwt for four feeder steers; Foster and Coffman, Athena, 18.30 cwt for five angus steer calves of 1820 pounds; Grant York, Millton-Freewater, 15.50 cwt for 18 heifers of 11,390 pounds; and Ken Williams, Hermiston, 10.80 cwt for a 1535 pound holstein cow.

### Local Bank Records Deposit and Loan Gain Over Year Ago

A near record high mark in loans was registered by the 74 offices of First National bank of Portland on December 31, reflecting the heavy demand for money for consumer and business financing, it was reported by C. B. Stephenson, president of the statewide banking system, following a call for statements of condition by the comptroller of the currency.

Figures released by the Heppner branch of First National show deposits at the branch were \$6,752,090 and loans were \$3,073,162 according to J. H. Bedford, Manager.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for December 31, 1955. On that date, deposits were \$6,629,904 and loans totaled \$2,610,745.

First National's branches reported loans and discounts of \$431,742,185, a gain of \$11,067,663 over a year ago, but down \$12,376,695 since the September 26 all-time record high figure reported to the comptroller.

Deposits on the last day of the year were \$908,810,991. This is \$12,314,585 off from the same day one year ago, but a \$24,006,422 gain since the fall bank call.

The decline in deposits over a year ago is attributed by Stephenson to the consumer buying boom, the record high tax bill paid by Oregonians in 1956, and the fact that many persons are paying off debts. By purchasing an unprecedented quantity of goods and services last year, families were not able to save as much money as they had in the past.

"Continuing demands for personal credit and funds for business expansion have accounted for much of the heavy loan demand," Stephenson disclosed.

### Justice And Municipal Courts

Paul Warren, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10 fine.  
Lake S. Beckner, no motor vehicle license, \$10 fine.  
Monte Raymond McDonald, passing with insufficient clearance, \$25 fine.  
Ivan Ray McDaniel, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10 fine.  
Willie Medlock, no operator's license, \$10 fine.  
Orin O. Brace, overweight load, \$10 fine.

### LEAVES FOR CHICAGO

Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, will leave Jan. 11 for Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Co-ops. Lamb is the president of the Oregon Cooperative council.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hulshiger of Dayton, Wyoming, left Tuesday morning after a two days visit at the home of his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrse Chapin. It is the first time the two men have seen each other in 37 years.

### Local School Classes Aid CARE Food Crusade for Refugees

Leading Heppner supporters of the CARE Food Crusade, a program for sending food packages overseas to hungry children and adults, are the students of Heppner elementary schools 2nd and 5th grades.

Thanks for their generosity and willingness to share America's bounty with the neediest people in other countries, 264 pounds have been sent to West Germany, where thousands of refugee families have sought haven from the iron curtain countries.

The students have joined with others in the state as young volunteers "ambassadors of good will" sending much-needed food to critical areas, each package going in the honor. The money was raised in the 2nd grade by foregoing the usual holiday treats, and in the 5th by countless odd jobs.

Announcement of the school's participation in the Food Crusade is made by the Northwest CARE office in Seattle. Each \$1 sends 22 pounds of milk, cheese, flour, rice, corn meal and beans, the content varying according to the needs of the people. The food has been allocated from U. S. government surplus stocks and the dollar covers packaging and delivery overseas.

Packages may be sent to 19 areas in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. Thousands of letters have come to the schools during the past year from recipients of packages sent previously. Contributions may be sent the CARE office, Fredrick & Nelson, Seattle, or local volunteer outlets.

### LEXINGTON GRANGE MEETING DATE CHANGED

The Lexington Grange has announced that the date of its regular meeting has been changed from Jan. 12 to Jan. 19. There will be installation of officers at 5 p. m. followed by a potluck supper and the regular business meeting in the evening.

### POTLUCK POSTPONED

Special announcements have been mailed to all Elks members that the potluck dinner originally scheduled for Saturday night has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p. m. The change was made necessary due to the use of the lodge facilities by the Cattlemen's Association.

### LT. PIPER HOME

Lt. Loren Piper spent his furlough at Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Piper of Heppner. He is stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas where he is taking basic training in multi-motor planes.

Mrs. E. E. Gonty has returned from Renton, Washington where she has been visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gonty, and assisting with the care of her new granddaughter. Mr. Gonty went up on Sunday to bring her home.

Paul Koenig and Dee Jones Jr. of Heppner and Chuck Bonuidi and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hitchcock of White Swan left Friday evening by plane for Santa Barbara, California and Kansas City, Missouri. They were to pick up twin engine Beechcraft plane in Kansas City and expected to return here yesterday.

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