

Mustangs Split Wins, Losses in Week's Hoop Play

By Jim Morris

The Heppner Mustangs were on their home court again Friday night where they encountered the highly rated Cougars of Echo and came out on the short end of a 71-53 clawing.

The Mustangs fought nip and tuck in the first stanza as the score stood at 16-12 in favor of the Cougars as the teams entered the second panel of play. In this period the scoring and playing was again close as both teams put forth a bid for the lead. But the Mustangs were not very successful as they were trailing 35-27 at intermission.

After the half the Cougars began to roll as they outplayed the Mustangs and gained a 60-35 lead by the last period. In the last quadrant the Mustangs pulled a full court press in a last minute effort but it proved futile as the Echo quint went on to victory.

Scoring — Heppner (53) — Groshens 9, Alderman 8, Dougherty 7, Ruhl 4, Morris 13, Connor 6, Laughlin 6.

Echo (71) — Jackson 20, S. Ramos 18, Ramos 13, Smith 18, Jordan 6, Correa 5, Meyers, Campbell, O'Brien 1, Resz 2.

Win From Lexington
Coach Larry Downen's Mustangs traveled to Lexington Friday night where they rolled over the Jackrabbits by a 61-44 count.

The Mustangs raced to a quick lead of 18-6 in the first stanza.

The Lexington quint started to hit in the second panel as they ripped the cords for 10 points but this seemed to do them very little good as the Horsemen dunked 16 more and were leading by a comfortable 34-16 margin at intermission time.

After the half the Mustangs kept the pressure on the Lex five and by the end of the third quadrant they had built up a lead of 49-24. The Mustang second five took over halfway through the third period and they turned in a very fine performance as they potted 18 of Heppner's total of 27 last half points.

Scoring: Heppner (61) — Groshens, 0; Alderman, 4; Ruhl, 15; Morris, 16; Dougherty, 10; Laughlin, 4; Huffman, 7; Flug, 0; Pettyjohn, 2; Connor 3.

Lexington (44) — Leyva, 0; Dougherty, 6; Noland, 4; Herman, 11; Patrick, 0; Miles, 14; Cornelison, 6; Hunt, 3.

IONE NEWS

Mrs. Louis Carlson gave a party Friday, Feb. 15 in honor of her daughter, Sandra's fifth birthday. Overnight guests were Anita Crawford, Kristine Peterson, Debbie Warren and Linda Pettyjohn. Others were Susan Jane and Billy Jepsen, Jodie and Jerry Snow, Darlene, David and Michael Warren, Cynthia Crawford, Earl James, Jerry and Nancy Pettyjohn and Cheri Carlson.

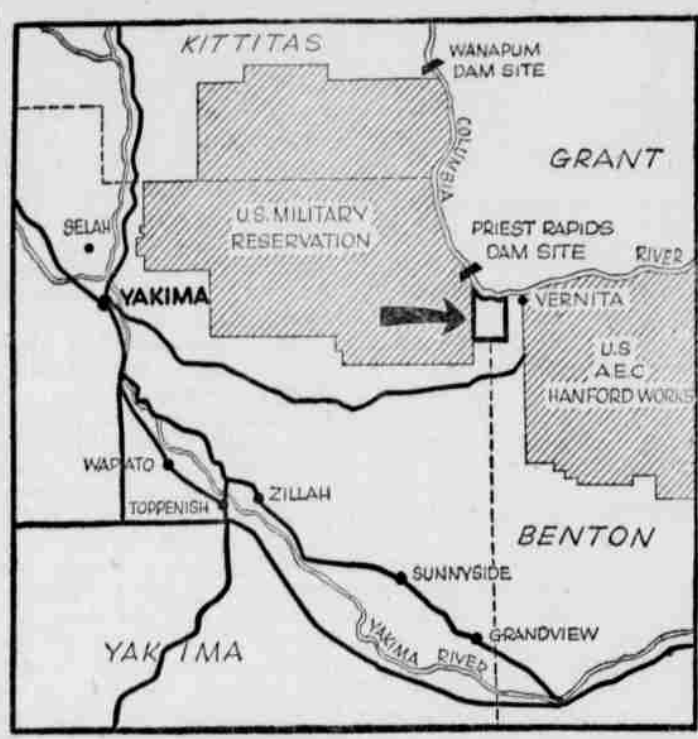
Justice And Municipal Courts

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ARROW POINTS TO 9000-acre tract being purchased by Pacific Power & Light company near Hanford Atomic Energy Works to have a site available for a future atomic power plant. Site is on the Columbia river about 35 miles east of Yakima, Wash.

PACIFIC POWER TELLS OF PLANS FOR FUTURE ATOMIC POWER PLANT

YAKIMA, Wn., (Special)—acquisitions by Pacific Power & Light company of about 14 square miles of land near the Hanford Atomic Energy Works reservation to have a site available for a future atomic power plant was announced Tuesday in Yakima by Paul B. McKee, president of the utility firm.

Part of the 9,000-acre tract has already been purchased and the Pacific company soon will exercise the options it holds on the remainder of the land, he said.

McKee reported that Pacific Power & Light, Washington Water Power, Portland General Electric and Montana Power companies have indicated by letter to Admiral Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C., that the group is actively interested in atomic power possibilities.

All or part of this group might be participants in the future construction of an atomic plant on the site which Pacific now has available for such a purpose, Strauss was told.

About 35 miles east of Yakima, the site adjoins the eastern boundary of the U. S. firing range military reservation and is very close to the Hanford reservation's western boundary. Most of the land is now useful only for seasonal grazing.

The relatively isolated tract lies on the south bank of a curve in the Columbia river a few miles downstream from the Priest Rapids dam site.

The site also is near a key center of power transmission lines at Vernita, where both Pacific Power & Light and the Bonneville power administration have substations.

"Our company and the others of the group have for more than three years been studying the atomic power situation," McKee said, "and we have held a number of serious discussions with the AEC."

"As long as economic hydroelectric developments can be carried on, it is obviously in the interest of power consumers of the region that such developments go forward vigorously. We estimate that it will require about \$150,000,000 a year from the four companies to carry on their part of the hydro program."

"However, the time is coming when the region will have to turn to thermal energy to keep up with its rapidly growing power requirements," he noted. "At present, atomic power is much more expensive than available hydro, but we look for great progress to be made in reducing atomic costs in the foreseeable future, and we want to be ready to take action at the proper time."

Lack of native oil and gas in the area and other natural fuel problems make the possibilities of nuclear energy of special interest to the Pacific Northwest, McKee commented.

Selection of the chosen site followed a survey of possible locations for atomic power develop-

Pacific Telephone Invests Millions In New Facilities

Pacific Telephone's annual report, released today by President Mark R. Sullivan, shows the company set new records in everything but earnings in 1956.

This newspaper received an advance copy of the report from Heppner manager D. A. Short, who said copies will soon be available to the public at the business office.

Almost \$423 million, or \$1.6 million for every working day, went into new telephone plant and additions. A record outlay of a single year, this figure topped the 1955 construction program by more than \$122 million.

Better than 513,000 telephones, reported as the highest one-year gain ever made, were added in 1956. The company's six-millionth telephone was installed last July. At year's end the company had over 6 1/4 million phones working in Oregon, Washington, California, the northern part of Idaho and Nevada.

"Our rate of earnings in 1956 stayed just about where it was in 1955," Sullivan said. "In fact as the year closed, it was trending downward sharply due to increased costs, particularly wage increases granted in the last month or two of the year."

Earnings per share of common stock were listed at \$9.57, compared to \$9.82 per share in 1955. In terms of return on average invested capital, earnings amounted to 6.46 per cent. Dividends paid out were \$7 per common share—or 73.1 per cent of earnings.

Revenues for the year topped 1955 by \$76 million or 11 per cent. But expenses also increased in just about the same proportions, Sullivan noted. Including taxes, expenses were \$66 million more than in 1955.

Wages were "by far the biggest single expense in our business," Sullivan's report shows they totaled \$412 million, of \$42 million above 1955. Addition of 4,877 new employees brought the number on the payroll to 90,773. Practically all employees received pay increases, Sullivan said.

Sullivan noted a marked trend toward the "better telephoned

home" in his company's territory. "Ten years ago," he said, "only one out of 35 homes had more than one telephone; now one out of eight has."

Colored telephones, too, appeared popular with the public. Last year, Pacific installed a third of a million colored sets.

One major project completed in 1956 was a microwave system between Oakland and Portland that closed the last link in a radio-relay chain stretching from San Diego to Seattle and Spokane. Another was a new coaxial cable between Los Angeles and Oakland.

Looking ahead, Sullivan forecast continued growth for the Pacific West. "By 1966," he predicted, "we should be serving at least 11 million telephones instead of 6 million. We should have something like \$4 to \$5 billion worth of plant instead of \$2 billion."

"In short," Sullivan concluded "if we are to keep pace with the growing West, it appears we will be called on in the next ten years to just about double the number of telephones we have in service, and double our dollar investment in plant."



IONE LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Ione 4-H Livestock club meeting was held at Kenneth Nelson's home Sunday afternoon February 10.

The roll call was answered by giving a report on our 4-H project. Kenneth Smouse, Jr. was absent because of illness.

Mr. Nelson showed us how to cut off the teeth of baby pigs. Mr. Smouse showed a film on judging sheep.

Most of the members bought a new 4-H club notebook. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fred Nelson at the close of the meeting.

William Akers, reporter

STITCH AND CHAT CLUB

The Stitch and Chat 4-H sew-

Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson attended the Wheat Commission meeting in Portland this week.

Ray Ainsworth arrived Sunday from Sun Valley to visit his cousin, Mrs. Delbert Wright.

Don Polson of the First National Bank, Portland, is at the Heppner Branch, temporarily replacing R. E. Ferrell, who is moving to Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner returned Sunday after three days in Portland visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fastabend and children of Kennebec, were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley, William Collins, Floyd Sayers and Marion Huggert were in Salem over the weekend for a bowling tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg had as their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Padberg of Pendleton.

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