



MUSTANGS IN ACTION—Heppner's hoop squad was caught in action against Boardman by high school cameraman Tom Glass. The Mustangs won handily 58 to 25. Shown left to right are Bob Mahoney, Stevan Flug (almost hidden behind Mahoney), Bob Huffman, jumping against an unidentified Boardman player; Larry Prock and partially hidden behind referee is Larry Fetsch.

Mustangs Sink Both Lexington and Lone

Heppner knocked off their age-old rivals Lone and Lexington in this weekend's play. These two victories stretched the Mustang's winning streak to 5 games.

Friday, February 7, the Mustangs took on the Cardinals from Lone and came out on top of this scrap 50-41. This was only the second time the Mustangs have beat the Cards on their "new" gym floor. With good control on the boards Heppner led 28-22 as the buzzer sounded, ending the first half. In the second panel, the Mustangs began to increase their lead and only once more did Lone become a threat as they cut Heppner's lead to 5 points with three minutes to go.

Three Heppner players shared in double figures Friday. They were Groshens with 12, Morris with 10, and Alderman with 10. High for Lone was Ball with 21. Lexington:

Saturday, February 8, playing on their own floor, Heppner overcame the Lexington Jackrabbits by a score of 47-24.

In the first quarter Heppner held the Rabbits scoreless. As the half ended the Mustangs were leading 19-7. Heppner was never in danger of losing this lead throughout the remainder of the game as they romped to victory.

Tom Driscoll was high point maker for the Mustangs with 15 and Morris was next with 9. High for Lex was Doherty with 8.

Many Civil Service Jobs Now Open

The U S Service commission announced examinations for several government positions.

Applications are open for store-keeping clerk, \$2690 to \$3415 a year, until March 5. Apply at the

Applications will be accepted by the Portland office until March 7 for apprentice electrician lineman and sub-station operator, \$2.23 per hour, and sub-station operator at \$2.97 per hour.

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Oregon Farm Prices Show January Gains; Highest Since April

Oregon farmers started the new year with prices at the highest level since last April, according to Mrs Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Prices received by farmers in the state rose nearly 2 percent from mid-December to mid-January, Mrs Horrell found in studying reports from the U S department of agriculture. As a result, prices now stand at the same level as a year ago.

Nationally, farm prices also gained 2 percent during the last month to reach an average nearly 4 percent higher than January 1957. Most of this national up-trend was due to sharply higher prices on fresh market vegetables, a result of winter freeze damage in the South. Mrs Horrell said.

Meat animals also moved up in price, but more moderately. And these higher price tags more than offset lower prices received by farmers last month for eggs, dairy products, cotton, and corn.

While prices were rising, the parity index—the government's yardstick for measuring farm costs—also kept moving uphill. Mrs Horrell found that this index edged up again last month to reach the highest level on record and 3 percent above a year ago.

As a result, the parity ratio—the ratio between prices received and prices paid by farmers, including taxes, interest, and wages—stood at 82 in mid-January. This was one point above mid-December, Mrs Horrell said, but the same as mid-January of 1957.

It has been more than five years since this parity ratio has topped 100—the point set by Congress as a "fair" relationship between prices paid and prices received by farmers, Mrs Horrell pointed out.

"Grass Is Wealth" Bulletin Issued

True value of a ranch depends on the pounds of grass it can produce rather than the number of acres or livestock on it, according to a new bulletin published by the Oregon State college extension service.

A livestock operation is one that turns grass and other forage into something that can be sold for cash, the bulletin points out. And since a hundred pounds of forage can produce only so many pounds of beef or mutton or wool, it's really the amount of grass and other forage a ranch can produce that determines its value.

Titled, "Grass is the Wealth," the new bulletin opens by explaining eight simple facts about grass that are said to be the first steps toward planning a range improvement program. Value of perennial grasses over annuals, how top growth depends on root systems, amount of moisture needed to produce a pound of grass, and how pasturing affects grasses are just some of the facts covered.

Range grass growth is seasonal, but livestock eat every day, the bulletin also points out. This creates a real problem for ranchers who need forage the year-round. The bulletin helps solve this problem by listing seven ways ranchers can even out the productive seasons of their pastures.

It then goes on to suggest ways to improve range lands east of the Cascades. Balancing feed consumption with production, use of water holes and salt to spread grazing, tricks with fencing, and range clearing methods are among the seven ways listed.

The illustrated bulletin was written by E R Jackman, OSC extension range management specialist; W W Chilcote, botany; D W Hedrick, range management; Gene Lear, state extension agent; and D N Hyder, range conservationist for the agricultural research service at the Squaw Butte-Harney experiment

Boardman News

Mr and Mrs Wayne Patton are the parents of a daughter, born Feb 3, in Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston. She has been named Betty Ann. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jack Taylor of Boardman, and Mr and Mrs Lewis Patton of Pendleton. Great-grandparents are Mr and Mrs Emery Lyons of Boardman. The baby weighed nine pounds.

.3 of an inch of rain fell during the weekend in Boardman.

Advantages of Tree Planting Programs In Soil Bank Given

Advantages of putting marginal cropland into forest plantings under the Soil Bank program are explained in a new booklet just published by Oregon State college extension service in cooperation with the Oregon state board of forestry and the U S forest service.

Copies of the booklet, "Planting Trees Under Conservation Reserve," may be obtained from local county extension offices or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Deadline for putting land under a conservation reserve contract for 1958 is April 15, reminds Charles Ross, OSC farm forestry specialist. Ross co-authored the booklet with Carl Hawkes, U S forest service forester.

Included in the 16-page illustrated booklet are case studies of how such plantings are paying off to Oregon farmers, absentee owners, part-time farmers, ranchers wanting wildlife refuge plantings, farmers wishing to retire, and others.

Forest plantings the being recommended by county agricultural planning councils throughout Oregon who see increased long-range returns if marginal croplands are placed back into forest crops for the future, Ross says.

The program pays up to \$30 an acre to help get seedlings planted. In addition, farmers can receive yearly rental payments of \$8 to \$14 an acre, varying by counties, for the conservation measure. The contract period is 10 years but may be extended for certain reasons such as inability to obtain enough trees.

Current shortages of forest tree seedlings will be corrected by next fall in Oregon, Ross says, through expansion of the state forest nursery program and private nurseries. Sign-up before April 15, even though seedlings are not now available will protect eligibility in the event the national program is altered, he noted.

Either five or ten-year contracts are offered for tree plantings as field windbreaks or as game refuges. The booklet discusses lands eligible for contracts and includes a "question-answer" section on other detailed information. It also tells where to obtain technical advice on forestry in various areas of the state.

SELLS HOME

Mrs Josephine Mahoney Baker of Kennewick, Wednesday revealed the sale of her home on Center street in Heppner to Mrs Norah Rasmus. Mrs Baker was in Heppner completing the transaction and visiting.

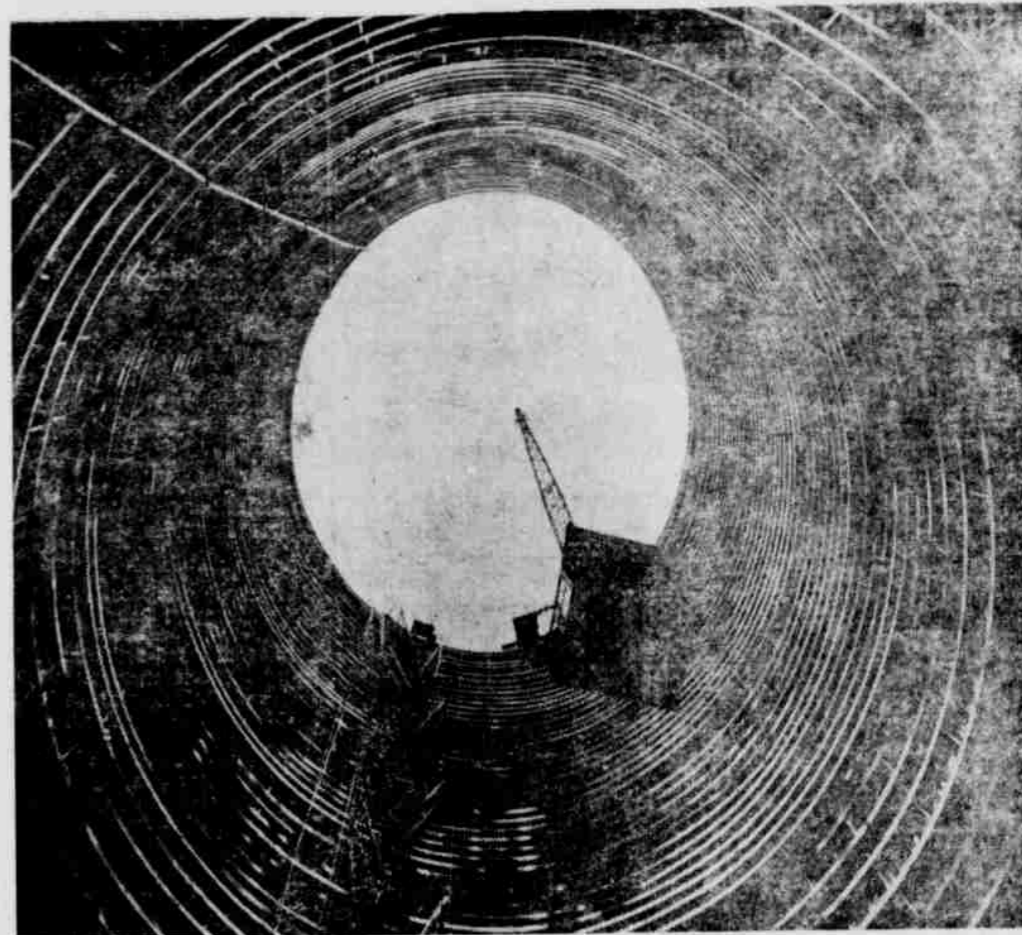
ATTEND MEETING

Mr and Mrs Robert Penland, publishers of the Gazette-Times, left today for Eugene to attend the winter conference of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association to be held there Friday and Saturday.

The GT office will be closed all day Saturday.

station, Burns.

Oregons residents can get a copy of the bulletin at their county extension office or from the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.



SKYHOOK FOR A POWER DAM—Construction of Pacific Power & Light Company's 250,000-kilowatt Swift hydroelectric project on the Lewis river, where the company is building the world's highest earthfill dam, has attracted nation-wide photographic attention because of unusual perspectives and subjects afforded press photographers. Above, concentric steel ribs of the 55-foot diameter surge chamber achieve pattern to frame a crane that looks like "skyhook" as it lowers materials to workmen at bottom of 200-foot deep chamber. Huge tube will ease back-pressures in 1575-foot long power tunnel, which has just been holed-through by screws after 14 months underground work.

My Neighbors



"Stop quibbling, Alice. The country desperately needs future scientific brains!"

PARENTS OF SON

Mr and Mrs Wayne A Reynolds of Independence, Oregon are the parents of a 6 lb 6 oz boy born, February 11.

Mr and Mrs Ervin Anderson are the great uncle and aunt.

HAVE NEW GRANDSON

Mr and Mrs J W Bedford of Bakersfield, California are the parents of a 7 lb 1 oz boy, born, February 9. He has been named Jack Jensen.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jack Bedford of Heppner and Mr and Mrs Alfred Jensen of Sunny-side, Washington.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Carl Spaulding, Jr were Mr and Mrs William Haseltine of Parkdale.

Frank Anderson attended the meeting of the Northwest Wheat League in Spokane last week. On his return to Heppner he was accompanied by Mrs Eugene Hazelhurst who will visit until the 21st at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs James Valentine.

Donald E Turner of Portland visited overnight Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs J O Turner.

Mr and Mrs Philip Bladney were weekend visitors to Portland.

Harry O'Donnell Jr drove Mrs John Healy to Portland Sunday and returned Monday. Mrs Healy will visit her daughter, Miss Cecilia Healy, and her granddaughter, Joan Healy who is a patient at Shriner's hospital.



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