

## Townie Hoopsters Win First Five

The Heppner "Townie" basketball team has started the 1959 season off with a bang by taking decisive wins in all of its first five games. It won its latest tussle with the Condon Air Base squad 76 to 57. Top scorer on the Heppner team is Clint Agee, 6 foot, 7 inch center, who has averaged 30 points a game.

So far Heppner has beaten both Ione and Lexington twice, in addition to its Air Base victory. The townies will play their next game at the Ione gym Sunday afternoon and the home schedule calls for Lexington, Jan. 20; Condon, Jan. 21; Fossil, Jan. 22; Air Base, Jan. 27; and Ione, Feb. 3. These are all league games and there will also be some non-league games to be scheduled with Hermiston, Echo and Pendleton.

Team members are John Piper, Chuck Huggett, Clint Agee, Ken Sawyer, Lyle Jensen, Neil Beamer, Dick Applegate, Vic Groshen, Jim Mallon, Tom Hughes, Eddie Olson, Ben Stenkamp and Ken Turner. La Verne Van Marter is manager.

## Valby Lutherans Set Annual Meeting

Valby Lutheran church will hold its annual congregational meeting Sunday, Jan. 18. It was announced this week. A special 11 o'clock service is scheduled with Dr. Swenson, president of the Columbia conference of the Augustana Lutheran church conducting.

A potluck dinner will follow the service with the annual meeting scheduled immediately afterward. Important business will include approval of the 1959 budget, election of officers and consideration of the merger with the American Lutheran Church Synod.

Those running for church offices are David Baker, Bob Peterson, Ann Bergstrom, Ruth Bergstrom, Florence Beckett, Raymond Lundell, Herb Peterson, Don Peterson, Gerald Bergstrom, Gerald Peterson, Karen Lundell, Mrs. Raymond Lundell, Martha Peterson and Mrs. Henry Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson are in charge of the meeting and potluck.

## First National Sees Increases in Loans And Deposits

A new all-time record high deposit total was recorded by First National bank of Oregon when the statewide bank reported its December 31, 1958 statement of condition figures to the comptroller of the currency.

Yearend deposits of \$849,167,094 were reported, eclipsing the old mark of \$821,125,576 set on December 31, 1955 at the previous peak of Oregon's post-war boom.

The Heppner branch of First National reported yearend deposits of \$5,859,673 and loans totalling \$3,555,907, according to J. H. Bedford, branch manager.

At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch for the December 31, 1957 call for bank statements. On that date, deposits were \$6,001,795 and loans were \$3,184,343.

In establishing the new record, First National gained \$60,598,000 in deposits over the past year. Loans for the 78 offices amounted to \$427,263,905, a gain of \$38,804,000 over a year ago.

C. B. Stephenson, president of First National, said several factors were responsible for the significant increase in deposits. He cited the increase in lumber prices during the last half of 1958 and its stimulation to local business. He also pointed out that statistics show that people apparently are passing up many hard goods items, such as appliances and automobiles, in order to save money.

The bank president illustrated this by pointing out that \$32,624,000, about half of the increase in First National deposits the past year, was in the time and savings categories.

## COW BELLES PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Morrow County Cow Belles will be held at the fair pavilion annex, Friday, Jan. 16 at 2 p. m. All members and others interested in livestock meat promotion are invited to attend.

## SPAULDINGS HAVE GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spaulding, Jr. are the parents of a 6 lb 9 oz girl, born January 8 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. She has been named Janice Lee.

Grandparents are, Mrs. Jessie Simpson, Springfield, Oregon and Carl F. Spaulding, Long Beach, California.

## Number of County Businesses Climb During Past Year

"There are 11 more business concerns in Morrow county today than there were last year," says J. Harry White, district manager of the Portland office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. Basing his facts upon a physical count of the January, 1959, Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book, White points out that in 1958 there were 95 businesses listed in Morrow County and today 106 businesses are listed—an increase of 11.6 percent.

The reference book, incidentally, lists only manufacturer, wholesaler and retailers. It does not include some of the service and professional businesses such as beauty and barber shops and stock and real estate brokers. Thus, the figures for business in Morrow county would actually be higher than the 106 listed above.

White also added that during the past year, 20,197 changes were made in the reference book listings of Oregon businesses, including 5,102 names added, 5,140 deleted, and 9,955 changes in ratings of continuing businesses. The reference book contains approximately three million business listings for over 50,000 communities in the United States. It is published every sixty days to keep listings current. During the past sixty days, nearly 70,000 new names were added and nearly 65,000 names were removed. Credit ratings were changed during this period on more than 110,000 business concerns.

Using the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book listings as a guide it is interesting to review what has happened in the largest community in the past year:

The reference book listed 56 businesses in Heppner in January, 1958. The January 1959 listing shows 64 businesses here, an increase of 14.3 percent.

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 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 percent of all commercial transactions in the U. S. are made on credit terms," he added. "The purpose of the reference book is to help businessmen in any part of the country make prompt and accurate credit decisions to ship or sell to businessmen 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.

Each reference book listing, which includes the rating, is a condensed summary of the information contained in the Dun & Bradstreet credit report. The report includes a history of the business (who owns it, who runs it, and how long it has been operating); a description of what the business does and how it does



**WILLIAM F. BARRATT**, partner-manager of Barratt Ranches, Heppner, Oregon, who has been appointed to the 12th District Farm Credit Board and will officially assume his duties at the board's annual meeting in Spokane, Jan. 19. As a member of the district board, Mr. Barratt serves as director of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, and Spokane Bank for Cooperatives.

## Health Education Stressed by Council

Morrow county community leaders were told of the need for more nutrition and health education this week by Miss Patricia M. Erpelding of the Oregon Dairy Council. "All of the schools in this county will be receiving information helpful to them in encouraging better dental health," Miss Erpelding informed Jack Flug, county superintendent of schools. The importance of eating a good breakfast was also discussed with Mrs. Velma Glass, public health nurse and Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent.

The dairy industry in the local area helps to support this program of health and nutrition education.

## Justice and Municipal Courts

Dexter Martin Miles, violation of basic rule, \$25 fine.  
Eugene Sawyer, failure to stop at stop signal, \$10 fine.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrival—Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Young, Heppner, a 7 lb 8 oz boy born Jan. 13, named Harley Bruce, Jr.

Patients—Jack Davis, Heppner, dismissed; Susan Cook, Kimberley, dismissed; David Cook, Kimberley, dismissed; Clifford Morris, Heppner, dismissed; Laura Lee Sumner, Heppner, dismissed; Edna Bailey, Heppner, dismissed; Marie Fore, Heppner, dismissed; Carl McDaniel, Heppner, dismissed; Rosella Tholberg, Heppner, dismissed; Timothy Chapman, Spray, Madelyn Duke, Heppner; Mary Jean McLeod, Heppner; Ruby Wills, Kinzua; Ethel Zelmantz, Heppner; Hank Pointer, Lexington; Amine Nichols, Spray.

Mrs. Loyd Burkenbine left Sunday by train for Palco, Kansas where she will attend her sister's wedding and visit her parents for about three weeks.

it; a financial section which usually includes the latest financial statement; and a record of how the concern pays its bills.

## 4-H LEADERS AND JUNIOR LEADERS FETED AT PP&L BANQUET WEDNESDAY

Sixty-seven 4-H leaders, their wives, husbands and junior leaders were pleasantly entertained by the Pacific Power and Light Company at their fourth annual 4-H leaders' banquet held Wednesday evening, January 7, at the Episcopal parish house in Heppner. The Lexington P-TA ladies prepared and served the banquet.

Carl Rhea, 4-H council vice president, introduced John Kohls and H. A. O'Bryant, area representatives of the Pacific Power and Light Company, Pendleton, who extended the welcome to the group. Response was made by Dennis Doherty, 4-H junior leader.

Cecil Root, public relations man from the state office of Pacific Power and Light, Albany, spoke to the group congratulating them on the youth work they were doing. Betty J. Sedgwick and Gordon Hood, state extension agents from Corvallis, also extended their greetings and issued an invitation for the 4-H leaders to attend the state 4-H leaders conference in Corvallis, January 21-23.

Musical numbers were provided by Jean Martin and Karen Lundell, 4-H members from Ione.

Highlight of the evening was the travelogue presented by Mrs. Tom Wilson, who, along with her husband, has just recently returned from a three month trip to Europe. The expert photography of the colored slides she showed and her short descriptive comments on each, made her presentation very enjoyable.

Mrs. John Graves, Hardman, was presented with a plaque from Olin Mathison Company, as the winner of the 4-H alumni award. This award is given for outstanding leadership in the promotion of 4-H club work. Mrs. Graves, a former 4-H member, parent, and leader has been a continual booster of 4-H work in the county.

County extension agents, N. C. Anderson and Esther Kirmis presented pins to the following leaders: (These awards are sponsored by the U. S. National Banks)

First year leaders—Mrs. Don David, Boardman; Mrs. Merritt Gray, Heppner; Mrs. Oscar George, Ione; Oscar George, Ione; Mrs. Elmer Rill, Heppner.

Second year leaders—Mrs. Virginia Matlock, Irrigon; Mrs. Lee Gustafson, Irrigon; Wanda Huwe, Irrigon; Mrs. Eugene Wardwell, Heppner; Mrs. B. J. Doherty, Heppner; Marcel Jones, Heppner; Roy Partlow, Boardman; Kenneth Smouse, Ione; Don Greenup, Heppner; Gunner Skoubo, Boardman; Joe Hausler, Ione.

Third year leaders—Mrs. Wanda Davis, Irrigon; Bernard Doherty, Heppner; Bob Brindle, Heppner; Kenneth Palmer, Lexington; Mrs. Bob Brindle, Heppner; Ralph Skoubo, Boardman.

Fourth year leaders—Beth Van Schoelack, Heppner; Mrs. C. E. Brenner, Ione; Alfred Nelson, Lexington; N. C. Anderson, Heppner.

Fifth year leaders—Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Heppner; Wilbur Van Blockland, Heppner.

Sixth year leaders—Carl Rhea, Echo.

Seventh year leaders—Mrs. Randall Martin, Heppner; Mrs. Louis Carlson, Ione.

Ninth year leaders—Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Heppner; Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione.

Fourteenth year leader—Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Ione.

Morrow county junior leaders are as follows:

First year—Carol K. Anderson, Faye Kenney, Billy Doherty, Roger Doherty, Linda Heimblinger, Marilyn Morgan, Sandra Rhea, Libby Van Schoelack.

Second year—Kurt Gantenbien, Connie Anderson, Cella Boulden, Dennis Doherty, Russell Dolven, Brenda Townsend.

Third year—Carole Anne Anderson, Janice Martin, Judy Berger.

Fourth year—Mardine Baker.

## DAUGHTER BORN IN SPAIN

Arlene and Mrs. Harry Snider (Darlene Brannon) are the parents of a 6 lb 13 oz daughter born January 5 at the Air Force hospital in Madrid, Spain. She has been named Vickie Lee.

Grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Snider of Ashville, North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bettell of Ione and J. H. Brannon, Heppner. Great-grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham of Heppner.

## ON EOC HONOR ROLL

EASTERN OREGON COLLEGE, La Grande—Jean Marie Damon, a senior at Eastern Oregon College and a 1955 graduate of Heppner high school, has been named to the honor roll for the fall term.

A student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 is perfect) in all course work in order to be named to the select list.

Jean Marie, majoring in elementary education at EOC, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Graham of Heppner.

## HEPPNER CIVIC LEAGUE

The Heppner Civic League will meet Monday evening at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Phillip Blakney. The new officers will be elected for the coming year and all members are urged to attend.

## LAMB AT CONVENTION

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, left Thursday by train for New Orleans by way of Chicago to attend the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Lamb is a director of the national organization and also represents the Oregon council at the convention.

## BENEFIT SHOOT SLATED

The Morrow County Gun Club will hold its annual March of Dimes benefit merchandise shoot Sunday, Jan. 18 at the club grounds south of Heppner. It will start at 10:30 a. m.

## NAVY RECRUITER COMING

Bob Johnson, the Navy recruiter from Pendleton will be at the post office in Heppner between 11 and 1 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 20 to interview young men and women interested in enlisting in the Navy. Johnson stated there are numerous vacancies presently existing in all branches of the Navy including the Naval Air Force for those who qualify.

## Local News In Brief

Jo Allison, who has been staying at the Gene Cutsforth home and attending Heppner high school, has gone to Portland to be with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles returned Saturday from Portland. L. E. Bisbee has returned from Newport where he spent the holidays with his daughter, Katherine Bisbee. Over Christmas they visited his son in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Harvey Miller left today (Thursday) for their home in Portland after several days in Heppner on business.

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