

Heppner's First Game In Hoop Playoffs Set For 8:30 Tonight

Heppner High's Mustangs, first place winner in the western division of district 7-B, will play their first game in the district playoffs Thursday night at 8:30 against Dayville, third place winner in the southern division of the district. The games will be played at the Pendleton armory.

The winner of the district playoff at Pendleton will earn the right to go to Bend the following weekend to represent district 7-B in the state finals.

Other teams who will tangle in the district games this weekend are Mt Vernon and St Joseph's of Pendleton; Helix and Long Creek; and Stanfield and Pilot Rock. They will play in that order starting Thursday afternoon with the Heppner-Dayville game set for the last one in the evening.

Should Heppner win over Dayville tonight, they will play the winner of the Stanfield-Pilot

Rock game at 8:30 Friday night. The final game for the district championship will be at 8:30 Saturday night.

Ione, who was tied with Heppner and Stanfield for first place in this division lost a tight playoff game Monday night with St Joseph and was eliminated from further play. The Cards held a five point lead with only 1:13 left in the game, but a last minute push by St Joe gave the Pendleton team the victory with a final score of 52-51. It also gave them a spot in the district playoffs.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE TO MEET

The Rhea Creek grange will meet Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 p m for a potluck dinner and regular grange meeting. Hosts and hostesses for this meeting are Mr and Mrs Ray Drake and Mr and Mrs Clive Huston.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr and Mrs Jack Fastabend of Richland, Wash are the parents of a nine pound daughter born March 2 at Kadlec hospital in Richland. Grandparents are: Mr and Mrs C A Ruggles and great-grandparents are Mr and Mrs W A Ruggles of Lexington.

BISHOP TO CONDUCT LENTEN SERVICES

A Lenten meditation at 6:30 Sunday evening at All Saints' Episcopal church will be led by Lane W Barton, Bend, Bishop of the missionary district of Eastern Oregon. The service will be followed by a potluck dinner at the parish hall after which Bishop Barton will show his films taken in England of historical places and the Lambeth conference there. Church members and friends are welcome.

EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET

The Heppner Extension unit will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 1:30 p m at the home of Mrs William Heath. The project will be "fabrics and finishes", with Mrs Merritt Gray and Mrs Richard Meador as leaders.

Mr and Mrs Bill Scrivner and her mother, Mrs George Gordon drove to Lewiston Tuesday to return Mrs Gordon to her home after a two weeks visit in Heppner. Mr and Mrs Scrivner returned that evening.

PP&L Announces More Construction Plans for District

Pacific Power & Light Company announced last week its 1959 construction program will require a record one-year investment of capital funds for new transmission lines, distribution circuits and substations needed to serve the growing power requirements of its customers.

"The year's budget of \$23,500,000 for the work represents a new high level of normal construction of customer-service facilities," it was reported by PP&L's local district manager, Eldon Drennan. The amount budgeted for the local district is \$381,000.

He said Pacific Power expects to invest a record \$100,000,000 in similar transmission and distribution facilities during the next five years in order to maintain modern electric service standards for homes, farms and factories throughout its system.

The company's capital expenditures since 1949, including the completion of generating plants capable of producing 611,000 kilowatts of electricity, totals \$269,000,000, he said. New power plants completed late in 1958 alone more than doubled PP&L's generating capacity, the district manager reported.

During 1959 PP&L plans to build 94 miles of transmission line of 66,000-volt or greater capacity and to increase transmission substation capacities by 340,000 kilovolt amperes necessary to deliver new power supplies to PP&L load centers. This phase of the year's work will require \$6,536,000, it was reported.

More than 250 miles of distribution circuits and distribution substations adding a total of 99,250 kilovolt amperes of service capacity will be built.

Drennan reported the work of strengthening the distribution circuits in the rural and urban areas of the district will require an expenditure of more than one-quarter million dollars.

The work includes the installation of new transformers and related equipment necessary to handle the growing electric loads of the company's customers in the district.

SUMMERS VISIT FROM CORVALLIS

Mr and Mrs Jack Sumner and sons of Corvallis were in Heppner for several days visiting at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs J C Sumner and at the home of her mother, Mrs Helen Cox.

While in Eastern Oregon, Mr and Mrs Sumner attended the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford Show and Sale at Walla Walla and Mr Sumner took second place on his pen of five bulls.

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County 4-H Story To Be Recounted

County agents Esther Kirmis and N C Anderson have been invited to present "The 4-H Story" to Rhea Creek Grange on Sunday afternoon, March 8th, and at the Lexington P-TA on Tuesday, March 10th at 8:00 P M in the Lexington school auditorium.

The program, similar to the one presented at Heppner P-TA in January, will include all active 4-H members in each community presenting illustrations of the 4-H projects offered in the state of Oregon. Former 4-H members, 4-H leaders, and the two county agents will also be featured in the program.

The 4-H scrapbook of Patsy Wright, former Morrow county 4-H member and 1956 national representative 4-H girl, will be displayed for the interested public.

ATTENDS MEDICAL MEET

Dr A D McMurdo returned Sunday from Vancouver B C where he attended a three day meeting of the American College of surgeons. The meetings were held in the Vancouver Hotel and were attended by about 300 surgeons.

Mrs McMurdo went as far as Portland where she stayed with friends, Mr and Mrs Maurice E. Smead.

IONE NEWS

Miss Mildred Seehafer, daughter of Mr and Mrs W G Seehafer of Boardman and A/2c Duane Essex were married at Stevenson, Wash Feb 13. They are making their home in Sacramento, Calif. He is in the Air Force and is stationed at San Clemente. The bride was a senior in the Ione high school this year.

Miss Mardine Baker, student at the University of Oregon and daughter of Mr and Mrs E Markham Baker, was elected vice president of the White Caps, a pre-nurses organization at the University. Miss Baker is taking a nurses course.

BOARDMAN ITEMS

Mr and Mrs Don Downey spent Monday and Tuesday in Portland. Visitors at the Downey home last week were Mrs Downey's brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Bill Califf and four children of Estacada.

Miss Tanna Turner and Dale Burkhardt of White Swan, Washington were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Turner. Miss Turner is the niece of Mr Turner.

ROCK HOUND'S CORNER

By BETTY WAGNER

In the fall of '55 before there was a rock club in Morrow county, some friends went on a rock hunt in the Opal Butte district. After spending a day hiking up and down the hills and climbing over stumps, digging for thunder eggs (one family didn't even know what a thunder egg looked like), finding promising material and breaking rocks open with a rock hammer, the bug had bitten—the families were taking the first step towards becoming rock hounds.

Most of the rocks gathered on that fateful fall day of '55 were later thrown out in the driveway as there didn't seem to be anything of value or particular beauty in them. About that time the rock club was organized and one of these families joined it. With a little more knowledge of rocks, gem stones, and semi-precious stones the whole family became very rock conscious—even the little three year old girl began collecting "pretty gravel" and the driveway almost moved into the house. One day the girl brought her mother a stone which, in the sun, looked like glass with fire in it. It was one of the stones the mother had thrown out earlier, but now, thanks to knowledge gained at the rock club, she recognized the stone as a fire opal from Opal Butte! You can be sure now that no stones are thrown out until positively identified or examined to determine if there is any hidden beauty. Perhaps you have some rocks in your home that have never been identified. Don't throw them away. Come and bring them to the rock club—that's one of the ways we learn. Have you ever heard of "bragging rocks"—we all have them!

On Saturday night, Feb 21, the rock club met in the Hotel annex and after a short discussion, enjoyed the beautiful Walt Disney film, "A World is Born" plus a very educational film on carborundum wheel grinding.

It's just about that time of the year when we get spring fever and rock fever, so soon we'll be off to the hills with our rock picks, shovels, and sack lunches and what fun it will be to get to gether later at our meetings on the third Saturday night of each month in the Hotel Annex and show with pride the "results" of our hikes, especially after some of those "results" have been applied to a rock saw and carborundum wheel.

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Local News In Brief

Mr and Mrs Ben Anderson and Mr and Mrs Leonard Rill returned Saturday evening from their trip to Arizona.

Mrs Ted Smith and Mrs Harlan McCurdy Jr, were in Pendleton Tuesday for the day.

David Hynd of Heppner and Jack Hynd, Jr, of Cecil were in Pendleton Thursday on business.

Mr and Mrs Jack Loyd and son Timmy and Mrs Jennie Allgood were in Pendleton for the weekend. The Loyds were visiting at the home of Mrs Loyd's sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Bob Hales, and Mrs Allgood was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs J H Clift.

Mr and Mrs Ted Schaffeld and children of Ontario were visiting her mother, Mrs Floyd Adams over the weekend.

Mrs Ernie Winchester and Mrs Ernie Garrison were in Pendleton Tuesday for the day.

Saturday evening, Mr and Mrs Harold Becket attended the reception of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls for Miss Karna Gasoway, grand representative to the state of Washington, at Umatilla Assembly No 69. Mrs Becket is the grand deputy in Oregon.

Clarence Greenup, formerly of Heppner was here on business Tuesday and Wednesday and returned Wednesday to his home in Portland.

Word has been received by Mr and Mrs Cal Sumner that their son, Jay at OSC, has been promoted to Sergeant in the ROTC.

Mrs Gene Hall and Archie Ball Jr, spent the day in Pendleton Thursday and returned home that evening.



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