

# 'Other Side' Told on Team Suspension



## Statement Given; Legal Action Eyed

Details brought to light by parents and school authorities in the past week reveal "another side" to the incident that resulted in the suspension of six Heppner High school players for drinking beer while at a motel in John Day on a basketball trip on the night of February 14.

As a result of the additional information, legal action is being considered against the motel operator, Attorney Bob Abrams said Wednesday afternoon.

Also as a result of the information that was divulged in the wake of the suspensions which took virtually the entire starting team of Heppner's highly-ranked basketball team, Oregon State Liquor Commission inspectors were in town Wednesday to interview players involved to determine whether some action should be taken through the commission. Two inspectors and a state policeman visited the high school Wednesday afternoon to talk to the players. The officials came in response to a request by N. C. Anderson, one of the parents.

Eight parents met Wednesday with High school principal Gordon Pratt, Coach Bob Cantonwine and two school directors, Irvin Rauch and Kenneth Batty, to concur on a statement to be issued in an effort to give the public a true account to the incident. It did not exonerate the boys but purported to show that they were not fully responsible and that circumstances had placed them in a compromising position. The group agreed that the boys had violated training rules and that suspension must stand. However, there was also unanimous agreement that alleged

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WRITE the vision; make it plain. . . These words were part of an address by Gov. Mark Hatfield last Thursday as he spoke to the huge crowd who turned out at Boardman to signal the start of construction by the Boeing Company of their space-age park. The sketch on the left of the picture depicts one of the proposed developments on the site. (G-T Photo)



THRONGS of people turned out to observe the official ground breaking ceremonies at the Boardman space age park. This picture captures a small portion of the crowd, estimated at over 2500, as they listened to an address by Governor Mark Hatfield. (G-T Photo)

# Big Crowd, Sun Smile On Boeing Ceremony

By JIM MORRIS

Sunny weather and a crowd of about 2,500 greeted Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield and Lysle Wood, vice president of the Boeing company, at the official ground-breaking ceremonies at the Boeing Space Age Park near Boardman Thursday morning.

Ted Riedinger, master of ceremonies for the event, opened the affair by commenting to the citizens assembled that the Boeing representatives were "Overwhelmed by the turnout here today."

Speaking from an open-air platform, Riedinger spoke in behalf of Boeing by saying, "We (Boeing) have been around for a number of years and we are now coming to be your neighbor." The Boeing representative then read a message to the people from Oregon Senator Wayne Morse in which the senator praised the bi-partisan cooperation which made the Boeing Park a reality. His message pointed to the future impact that the Boeing development could have on the economy of Oregon.

Morse was especially high in his praise for Oregon Congressman Al Ullman and Walter Norblad for the part they played in bringing the Boeing Company to Boardman.

Following the reading of Morse's message, Riedinger introduced Gov. Hatfield by referring to the governor as the person largely responsible for the Boardman space park.

In referring to the Boeing Park, Gov. Hatfield said, "We look for jobs to be developed, not only in the primary sense but in those supplementing supporting activities of construction, retail sales, and other services amounting to a complete range of economic activity."

"But just as what has gone before in trials and tribulations, so, too, we cannot expect an overnight blossoming of buildings and payrolls. The President has said that peace is a journey of a thousand miles and we must take one step at a time. And so it has been, and so it

will be, as we look to the future of this development. Today we take another step forward.

"Other steps will come through the development of new capacity to bid on other government contracts, as Boeings' own great research effort provides a magnet for laboratories and businesses which can offer mutual advantages. Such endeavors will require continued teamwork and diligence and alertness to the

## Local Residents Complain of Slight At Ground Breaking

Members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday directed their secretary to write a letter to Governor Mark Hatfield calling attention to lack of any recognition given to local officials at the Boeing ground breaking ceremony last Thursday.

Orville Cutsforth of Lexington brought up the matter, pointing out that while state officials and those of neighboring counties were acknowledged, none from Morrow county was included, although a goodly number of people from the home county of the space age industrial park were on hand, including Judge Oscar Peterson, Mayor Al Lamb and others.

Only Senator Wayne Morse mentioned Morrow county, Cutsforth said. "Neither the governor nor any others taking part mentioned the county once," he declared.

The motion to send the letter was seconded by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, who said that he felt an objection is in order.

Some of the local officials have been instrumental in development of the project since its inception, and Judge Peterson's work to free the land from navy bomb range to return to private use long pre-dates the planning for the space age park.

opportunities which will develop. "There has been no magic in the hard-earned fruits of our efforts thus far and no amount of wishful wand-waving will insure the future. To those we bequeath this beginning will go the responsibility for furthering what we have here begun.

"We welcome the added infusion of brainpower which will be brought within our borders. We welcome the skilled labor force with its artisans of many talents who will be building for Boeing but who will also be building for Oregon.

"We know not the full potential that succeeding scientists, engineers, technicians and economists may envision for this site. We do venture the prediction that if this nation stays true to its founding concepts of competitive enterprise, Oregon can

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# Spirited Five Faces Burns

Heppner travels to Bend Friday night to see if it can pull another basketball game out of the fire and win the title of champion of the western half of the Greater Oregon League. The Bend game will also help in determining who the Mustangs meet in the first game of the district playoff in La Grande, March 6 and 7.

After Burns, Heppner and Sherman each finished the season with identical 7-3 league records for the season, a playoff schedule was arranged to determine the winner of the western crown. The names of the three schools were put in a hat and one was drawn. The team which had its name drawn, Burns, drew a bye for the first game of the tie breaker and was committed to play the winner of the Heppner-Sherman game to decide the winner of the league.

Tuesday night the Mustangs pulled one of the biggest upsets of the current season when they

met the Sherman club on Condon's floor and took the measure of the Huskies, 28-24. As a result they won the right to meet the Hillanders in Bend and Sherman will play the second place finisher in the eastern half of the league, Enterprise, to decide the fourth team to enter the La Grande tourney along with Heppner, Burns, and Vale, the winner of the eastern title.

A lot will be at stake during the Friday game. If the Mustangs can turn the trick against the Burns five, then Heppner will meet the winner of the Sherman-Enterprise game in the first round of the tourney. If they lose the Friday scrap, then they will have to play the powerful Vale club in the tourney opener. The Vikings are currently rated as the fifth team among the state's A-2 elevens and must be considered the team to beat in the tourney. The winner of the La Grande affair will represent the district in the state A-2 tournament in Coos Bay, March 16-18.

Ione High's basketball squad puts all its eggs in one basket tonight as it travels to Hermiston to play in the sub-district 7-B basketball tourney. The Cards will enter the tourney along with seven other Umatilla-Morrow league teams to determine the team which will go against the winner of the southern half of the league at a later date for a berth in the state B basketball tournament in Pendleton, March 12-14.

Ione, seventh place finisher in the league, has little to lose and much to gain when it plays second place Riverside Pirates at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Other pairings for the first day's action: 2:45, McEwen vs. Stanfield; 4:15, Umatilla vs. Helix; 7:00, Weston vs. Echo. McEwen, the first place finisher in the league with a 16-0 league mark, is favored to take the tourney and go on to the state tournament. However, it is very possible for any team in the tourney to win the right to play the southern representative for the state tourney that last Saturday evening when the fifth place Helix club made the Scots go the limit to gain a slim 64-63 verdict.

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THREE HAPPY recipients of awards at the annual father-son banquet of the local chapter of FFA Wednesday night, February 19, at Heppner High school multipurpose room display their prizes. From left to right: John Wagenblast, winner of the plaque for general livestock excellence and the FFA scholarship award; Harold Wright, who was initiated into the chapter as an honorary member; and Ken Wright, named as the Star Farmer of the local chapter. Several other boys were awarded other honors at the dinner. (G-T Photo)

# 200 Attend Annual FFA Banquet With Mayor Al Lamb as Keynoter

About 200 people turned out for the annual father-son banquet of the Heppner High school chapter, Future Farmers of America, Wednesday night, February 19, in the multipurpose room at the high school. Girls of the Future Homemakers of America chapter prepared and served the dinner for the affair.

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ers are in a poor position when it comes to setting market trends, he stated.

The mayor said that cooperation among farmers gives them more "say" in the market. He commented that through the formation of cooperatives, the farmer helps both himself and his neighbors.

Morrow County Grain Growers is interested in FFA for "selfish reasons," Lamb said, because the FFA boys will be the leaders in the farming community of the future, and it is from these boys that the leaders and members of the MCGG and similar organizations will come.

Chris Brown, a member of the national band at the national FFA convention and a member on the theme of FFA. In his presentation, Brown pointed out the relationship between agriculture and daily life. He also

thanked those persons who helped him towards his trip to the convention. He gave special thanks to Arnold Melby, band instructor at the high school, and to Gerald Jonasson, FFA advisor and agriculture instructor at the high school.

Tony Doherty, one of the other delegates to the national convention and treasurer of the local chapter, gave the chapter report. The other delegate from the local chapter who attended the national convention was Frank Osmin.

Ken Wright, local chapter president and master of ceremonies for the evening, thanked Bert Huff, First National Bank of Oregon vice president, and Mayor Lamb for their cooperation and presented the two men with plaques of appreciation from the chapter.

Jonasson presented awards to many members in recognition of outstanding achievement during the past year.

Those winning awards were: Steve Wagenblast, outstanding freshman; Richard Blake, first

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# Elks Mark 67th Birthday At Annual Events Here

By LOY HARSIN

Commemorating sixty-seven years in Heppner, some 400 members of Elks lodge No. 358, visiting dignitaries and special guests met for the annual observance of the lodge anniversary Saturday.

Bob Platt, exalted ruler, presided at the afternoon business session of the lodge where special recognition was given to visiting dignitaries including G. B. Urlic of Arlington, grand esteemed lecturing knight; Ben Harlow of Portland, member of Oregon State ritualistic committee; Ed Nelson of Portland, member of the grand lodge ritualistic committee; George Stadelman of The Dalles, district deputy to the grand exalted ruler; Harold Kirk, Gene Harover, Bill Brown, all of Pendleton; Louis May, Hermiston and Lee Stewart of The Dalles.

The lodge session saw a class of 17 new members initiated into the organization with officers of the Condon Lodge No. 1869 presiding over the initiatory ceremonies. Initiated were Francis Rea, Warren Miller, Lloyd Henry, Bill Scott, Manuel Albusu, Art Dyck, Wayne Harsin, John Howton, Leonard Herrick, Omer Huston, Jerry McAuliff, William Pettyjohn, Wayne Rietmann, Bob Salter, Bob Fielder and George Campbell.

Recipients of special leadership awards for youth were Bill Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, and Virginia Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Moore, both seniors at Heppner high school. The presentation was made by G. B. Urlic, grand esteemed lecturing knight.

Wives of members enjoyed a social afternoon of cards at the Catholic Parish hall while their husbands were occupied with lodge duties.

Roast beef dinner was served at the high school multipurpose room by members of Willows grange, Ione, prior to an evening of dancing and entertainment at the Elks' Temple.

The "Miller Sound" provided the music for dancing and lis-

tening amid decorations carrying out the theme, "Winter Wonderland." Lodge officers' wives were in charge of the decorating. Additional entertainment was provided by a comedy group known as "The Cooper Mountain Boys." Darrell Padberg served as entertainment chairman.

# Elks Awards Given Seniors For Leadership

Two Heppner High school seniors, Virginia (Ginny) Moore and Bill Sherman, were awarded \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds at the Elks annual meeting Saturday afternoon.

The contest, sponsored by Elks Lodge No. 358, is open to high school seniors who live within jurisdictional boundaries of the local Elks lodge. The awards are given in recognition of outstanding leadership during their years of high school.

Making the presentation was Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight G. B. Urlic of Arlington. Ginny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Moore has been a popular leader in her class and school activities. She has displayed leadership in developing pep and good sportsmanship among her fellow students as cheerleader, songleader and pep club member, as well as active in student council work. This year she reigned as Homecoming Queen and last year as princess in the court.

Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, transferred from Stayton High school in the sophomore year. As student body president this year, he has shown leadership in promoting student activities, served as class president in sophomore and junior years, was Legion delegate to Boys' State last summer, has participated in drama, band and athletics and was an award winner in this year's Soil Conservation Speech contest.

# Barratt Named To Bank Position; To Leave Heppner

William (Bill) Barratt of Heppner, has been appointed assistant to the president of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, Paul F. Matson, president, announced today.

Barratt, 42, will take up his new position in September. He is a director of the Farm Credit Banks of Spokane which includes the FICB of Spokane, the Federal Land Bank of Spokane and the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives. With his family he will move to Spokane at a later date.

Principal owner and manager of Barratt Ranches, Inc., a sheep and cattle enterprise here, Barratt also owns an insurance business and irrigation supply company.

Barratt is vice president of the Space Age Industrial Park Development association, a former director of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton, member of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit association at Portland, member and past president of the Morrow County Farm Bureau and Morrow County Livestock Growers, a member and former director of the Morrow County Grain Growers and a member of the Pendleton Grain Growers.

A 1943 graduate of Oregon State University in agricultural economics, Barratt was a tank unit commander during World War II.

The new FICB post being filled by Barratt is another step in the bank's program to provide "more effective service to Production Credit Associations doing business with the FICB and lending to northwest farmers and ranchers," Matson said.

The FICB of Spokane extended about \$315,000,000 to PCA's and other financing institutions during 1963. Its loan funds are obtained through monthly sales of short-term bonds to the investing public.