

Services Today At Hillsboro For W. J. Thomas

Death came to William J. Thomas, 71, of Heppner and Tucson, Ariz., at the Tucson Medical Center hospital on Monday, March 9. He had been released from the hospital the week previously from a recurring illness, and seemed to have been making favorable progress. After sudden complications developed, he was readmitted last Thursday and became progressively worse.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 1:00 p.m. from the Donald-Suel Funeral Home in Hillsboro, with the Rev. Charles Knox of the First Christian church, Heppner, officiating. Interment was in the Hillsboro cemetery, beside relatives of his widow in the Humphreys family plot.

Mr. Thomas retired in 1957 after serving many years as accountant with Firestone Tire Co. in Akron, Ohio. He moved to Burbank, Calif., to be near his daughter, Mrs. Royal (Betty) Gardner. On November 13, 1962, he was married to Miss Leta Humphreys in Heppner. They made their home here during the summer months, but went south to Arizona in the winter, taking residence in furnished mobile homes. Mrs. Thomas' present address is 5609 Lazy Heart St., Tucson Estates, Tucson, Ariz.

Survivors include his widow, Leta; a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, and their two children, in Burbank, Calif.

Several friends from Heppner attended the services. Among them were Mrs. Virginia Turner, Mrs. Theta Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mrs. Fred Parrish, Mrs. Jim Hager, Mrs. Ed Gonty, Mrs. Grace Nickerson and Mrs. Charles Knox.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that contributions be made to the Christian church memorial fund.

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Second School Clinic Scheduled

The second of the school immunization clinics is scheduled to be held March 25 under the direction of Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Health Officer of the Morrow County Health Department. The proposed schedule follows: 9:00 A.M. — Heppner Elementary school (High school to follow); 10:30 A.M.—lone grade and high school, (Lexington to follow); 12:30 — Riverside school at Boardman; 1:30 P.M.—A. C. Houghton elementary at Irrigon.

Parents of Heppner kindergarten children needing injections and attending the 10:30 session are requested to bring the child to the Heppner Grade school at 9:00 A.M. the morning of the clinic.

Immunizations offered will again include DPT, DT, Typhoid vaccine and Smallpox vaccinations for those receiving series or booster. Parents are reminded that a successful smallpox vaccination "take" should occur within 8 to 14 days, with a scab, crusting and scar resulting. If some immunity remains from a previous vaccination, an "itching pimple" reaction is produced within 4 to 7 days and the scar is not permanent. If no reaction is produced, please check with the Health Department or family doctor.

Literature Course To Start April 3

A college-level evening course, "Contemporary American Literature," will be offered in Heppner this spring by the Division of Continuing Education of the State System of Higher Education.

Participants in the course will meet at the high school on Friday evenings, beginning April 3, from 7:00 to 9:45 p.m., and on Saturday mornings, beginning April 4, from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Details on fees and registration are included in a time schedule of evening classes to be offered in Oregon communities this spring.

The schedule may be obtained by writing to the Division of Continuing Education, La Grande Continuation Center, College Campus, La Grande.

Delegation Meets With State Board

Five men, representing Morrow county and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, were expected to meet with the State Highway Commission at Salem today (Thursday) to present the case again for an improved highway from Heppner to Interstate 89.

To make the trip were County Judge Oscar Peterson, Mayor Al Lamb (also Chamber of Commerce president), Bill Barratt and Oliver Creswick, chairman of the Chamber's development committee. Dick Wilkinson also tentatively planned to make the trip.

The group, which is limited to a 15-minute presentation, expected to press for a new route to the Columbia River Highway and ask that more improvements be made to the present Willow Creek highway in the meantime.

Stephens Added To Forest Staff

Joaquin (Moose) Stephens has been added to the staff of the Heppner Ranger district, U. S. Forest Service, as wildlife biologist, it is announced. He formerly was with the Forest Service at Dale.

Stephens, who is known as "Moose" in lieu of using his first name (pronounced "Wah-keen") replaces Emory Clapp who was transferred to Pendleton several months ago to work on range analysis.

In the Stephens family are four children. They have rented a house on Gale street.

Replacements for Chuck McLean, formerly fire control officer on the district, and Bob Eggers, forestry aide, are yet to come. The position left open by McLean's resignation will be open to the Civil Service roster. The two men have taken over management of the Wagon Wheel Cafe here.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week include the following: Sharon Mabe, Kinzua; Dorothy Edwards, Fossil; Ora Evans, Heppner; John Reeder, Pilot Rock, and Nettie Thorpe, Heppner.

Patients dismissed during this same period were: Vernon Cecil, Heppner; Betsy Pattee, Condon; Marguerite Chapin, Heppner; John Lane, Heppner; William Welch, Kinzua, and Christopher Johnson, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer of lone are parents of a daughter, born Thursday morning, March 12. The young miss weighed 7 lbs., 5 1/4 oz., and has been named Anita Jean. She joins three older sisters, Barbara, age 7, and twins, Debora and Donna, age 4. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Heppner; and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer, lone.

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Mustangs Capture Third in Tourney

By JIM MORRIS

Game, but futile, best describes the effort put forth by the Heppner Mustang basketballers Friday night in La Grande as they fell to the more experienced Vale Vikings, 69-37, in the first round of the District 7-A-2 basketball tournament. Vale went on to win the tourney and a berth in the state A-2 basketball tournament Saturday with a 68-57 triumph over the Burns Hillanders, Friday night conquerors of Enterprise.

Saturday night, the Mustangs turned tigers and tipped the Enterprise Savages, 46-44, to capture third place in the tourney.

Friday the Blue and Gold had the chore of trying to bump off the top seeded team in the tourney when they played the Vikings, the top team in the eastern half of the district. The local club failed to turn the trip as the Vale club fired a blistering barrage at the basket, hitting the hemp at a .538 pace for the evening.

Heppner managed to stay in the contest for the first quarter with the Vikings as the Mustangs slowed the pace and trailed by two, 8-6, at the end of the stanza.

Vale's offense began to click in the second canto and they gunned in 21 points for the quarter. Meanwhile, the Horsemen were having troubles on the firing line and managed only four marks for the period.

Vale led a half, 29-10. After the intermission break, Heppner scored on fairly even terms with the Vale quint but were still staggering from the cold second quadrant. Vale coasted in the last period on their way to the important victory.

One interesting fact that came from the Friday game with Vale, is that the Burns cheering section and cheer leaders came over to sit in the Mustang section and root for the Heppner team. The incident is a good illustration of fine sportsmanship on the part of the Hillanders.

Ken Smith led the Mustangs scorers in the game as he tossed in 15 points.

Ted Evans topped the game scorers and the Viking club with 16 points.

Mustangs Kick Savages
Saturday, it was a determined Heppner squad which took the floor to meet the Enterprise Savages in a battle for the consolation honors in the tourney. There were many heroes for the Horsemen in the contest as they turned back the Enterprise five.

The teams fought evenly through the first period and were deadlocked at 9-9 when they lined up for the second-quarter tip.

Things livened for the Heppnerites in the second quadrant. The Mustang hoopsters increased their tempo to fire in 16 points and forge ahead of the Savages, 25-17 at the half.

Enterprise fought gamely in the third period and narrowed the Mustang lead to six points, 35-29.

The Wallowa county club kept up its stubborn tactics in the final canto and put together a rally that almost caught the local cagers. With the score at 46-44 and 18 seconds showing on the clock, Enterprise had the ball out of bounds under its own bucket. The Savages got the ball into play and appeared headed for a tie, which would have forced the game into an overtime period. Scott Barratt provided probably the biggest play for the Mustangs in the game as he blocked the shot of one of the enemy cagers driving for a crumple and the tie.

Carl Bauman counted 15 for Heppner. Close behind were Bill Snyder and Ken Smith with 14 each.

Creswicks Attend Portland Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick attended a meeting of the Oregon Funeral Directors at the Hilton Hotel in Portland from last Thursday through Saturday.

One of the principal speakers at the meeting was Dr. Robert L. Fulton, associate professor of sociology at Los Angeles State College.

"Traditional funeral rites for the dead symbolize and give expression to religious beliefs, but changes in the pattern of modern living have made death to some more of a temporal than a spiritual matter," he said. He added that the funeral today must be considered more, rather than less, socially useful and emotionally valuable than before.

Creswick is chairman of the Oregon association's annual convention which will be held in May.

Scores:

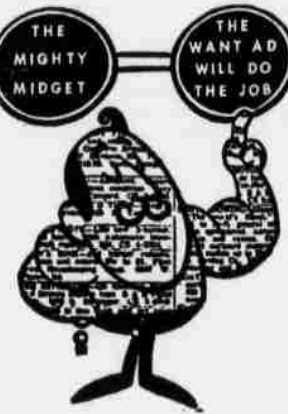
ENTERPRISE (44)				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Bailey	2	1	4	5
Christy	3	0	5	6
Strohm	3	5	3	11
Olson	2	0	3	4
Ensminger	4	3	3	11
Aschenbrenner	3	1	5	7
Totals	17	10	24	44

HEPPNER (46)				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Snyder	3	8	1	14
Smith	5	4	1	14
Bauman	6	3	4	15
Clark	0	1	2	1
Barratt	0	2	2	2
Spencer	0	0	1	0
Totals	14	18	11	46

VALE (69)				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Hyland	7	1	2	15
Evans	8	0	0	16
Ingram	2	3	0	7
Wilcox	0	1	2	1
Lavender	1	0	1	2
Winder	2	1	1	5
Chester	4	0	1	8
Ego	4	2	1	10
Cammamm	0	2	0	2
Nelson	1	1	0	3
Rettig	0	0	0	0
Hager	0	0	2	0
Totals	29	11	10	69

HEPPNER (37)				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Smith	7	1	2	15
Clark	4	0	4	8
Barratt	0	4	2	4
Bauman	1	0	1	2
Snyder	1	0	3	2
Evans	0	0	1	0
Spencer	3	0	1	6
Totals	16	5	14	37

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