

# Whoopee! We're In!



**YIPPEE AND HALLELUJAH!** This was the gleeful scene in the Heppner High gym Friday night when the Mustangs topped Sherman County, 52 to 45, to gain a first place tie once more with the Huskies. The victory also assured a spot for the Mustangs in the district tournament at La Grande March 3 and 4. Shown in an impromptu victory celebration are Heppner High rooters. (G-T Photo)

## Heppner, Sherman Again Tied at Top; Final League Game Here Friday

**Basketball Standings  
GREATER OREGON LEAGUE  
Western Division**

Team	W	L
Heppner	8	3
Sherman	8	3
Burns	7	4
Grant Union	6	5
Enterprise	5	7
Madras	3	8
Wahtonka	2	9

(\*Completed schedule)

**Last Week's Results—Friday**  
Sherman 45 at Heppner 52, Madras 61 at Wahtonka 59, Burns 39 at Enterprise 49, Saturday—Heppner 61 at Madras 54, Wahtonka 46 at Sherman 86, Grant Union 68 at Enterprise 49.

**Final Games—Friday:** Wahtonka at Heppner, Burns at John Day, Sherman at Madras.

Now in a tie with Sherman for first place in the Greater Oregon League, Heppner heads into the home stretch against last place Wahtonka here Friday night in an all-important fray which concludes the regular season hoop schedule for both quintets.

It's a must-win contest for the Mustangs in several ways. Should Heppner win, it would assure them of either undisputed first place, or tie them with

Sherman, depending upon the outcome of the concurrent Sherman-Madras game. But, should the Blue and Gold lose while the Huskies finish victoriously, it would drop Heppner into second, possibly a second place tie. The likelihood of the latter will hinge upon the results of Friday night's Burns-at-John Day battle.

While Heppner has already clinched a berth in the District 7-A-2 tournament at La Grande March 3 and 4, finishing the league's play as king of the mountain would be a definite plus for the Horsemens. The first place team plays the third place western division "five" in the opening series of the March hoopfest, while the second place club will face the first place squad from the eastern division (Vale).

In the event of a first place tie, according to Coach Bob Clough, Heppner would flip a coin with Sherman for tournament-placing berths. Nevertheless, each would receive a trophy symbolic of first place in league action.

Wahtonka, which has been down on its hoop fortunes all year long, would no doubt love to reverse the wrath of Lady Luck and knock the Mustangs

from their lofty perch. Unfortunately for the Eagles, a glance at last week-end's results reveals that their starters, including big guns Gary Ricketts and Mike Helseh, either did not play or saw very little action. Their return to action, regardless of the reasons for their recent lack of playing time, will enhance the Wahtonka's hopes, of course.

Wahtonka will probably rely upon their standard ball-control offense. But, should they still be short handed at game time, as far as experienced talent goes, speculation arises that they might carry it one step further. This would mean an out-and-out stall, such as the ones employed against collegiate powerhouse UCLA at various times this year, or one reminiscent of the 1963-64 Mustang gang. (The latter, it will be recalled, enabled Heppner to reach the district tournament after derailing a strong Sherman quint in a playoff game).

But regardless of Wahtonka's recent hoop status, the Mustangs aren't forgetting their previous Eagle encounter. In that one, Heppner had to battle for their lives to finish in front, 51-42. This fray could well be one like it.

# Corps Offers \$1 Million Cash

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has made a proposal of a \$1 million cash settlement to Morrow County School District R-1 as the answer to the apparent stalemate on construction of Riverside High School. Under this proposal, the district would build the school.

This was announced and discussed at a special meeting of the district directors at A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, Monday night. In addition to the \$1 million, the Corps would share in interim housing costs if the new school is not built by April, 1968, Supt.

David R. Potter reported. The figure is considerable less than that to which the Corps had agreed originally—\$1,242,000 plus contingencies, the school superintendent said. The Corps asked for a counter proposal, and the board approved an outline of the procedure for such a proposal. It is to be

made within a day or two with Supt. Potter and Ron Daniels, Riverside High principal, working out details subject to approval by the school board. Time has expired on bids offered by firms on the school structure, the low being more than \$1,700,000. All bids were rejected by the Army Corps.

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## Elks to Observe 70th Anniversary Here on Saturday

Seventieth anniversary of Heppner Lodge No. 358, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will be observed Saturday at the Elks Annual in the lodge temple here, Jerry Daggett, exalted ruler, announces.

Preparations are being made for a large attendance with features of the program starting at 1 p.m. and continuing until Sunday morning. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. in the Heppner Ford show room and will continue throughout the day Saturday for members and guests.

Ladies champagne tea and wig showing will be at St. Patrick's parish hall from 1 to 2 p.m. after which the Elks' ladies card party will be held in the same hall with bridge, pinocle and yahtzee in play.

Meanwhile, members of the lodge will attend a lodge session at 2 p.m. in the Elks' temple with Condon lodge No. 1869 putting on the degree work. R. E. (Whitey) Schroth, second vice president of the Oregon State Elks association, will present awards for youth leadership following the degree work.

A social time for the Elks and ladies will be held in the lounge of the temple from 4:30 until 9:30 p.m. Dinner will start at 6 p.m. in St. Patrick's parish hall and will continue until 8 p.m. with the Rhea Creek Grange in charge of preparation and serving.

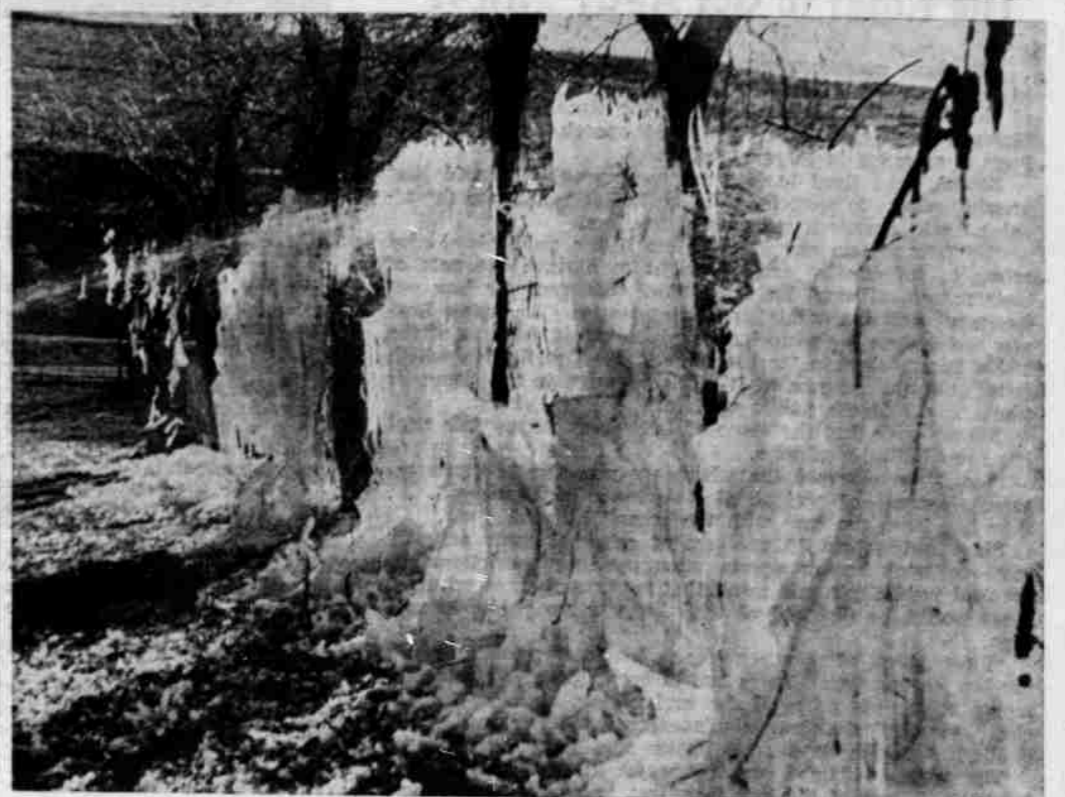
Dance will be at the Elks temple beginning at 9:30 p.m. with music by Roy Miller's orchestra and will continue until 1:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the dance.

Registration fee will be \$3.50 per person, which includes the Swiss steak dinner, entertainment at 11:15 p.m. and other events, Daggett states.

David McLeod is chairman of the anniversary committee. Calvin Sherman, Gene Orwick, and Darrell Padberg are on the entertainment committee and Jack VanWinkle is in charge of reservations. Claude Graham heads transportation and Clint Agee is in charge of registration.

Daggett, Glen Ward, and LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., are on the credentials and invitations committee. Officers' wives are in charge of the activities for ladies. Marshall Lovgren is club

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**NO, THIS wasn't taken in the Far North.** It was snapped at 2 p.m. Monday at the Morrow county fairgrounds. Sprinkling system, apparently irrigating the grounds, built up shields of ice on a row of trees, contradicting the sunshine of the bright day. (G-T Photo)

## R-1 Board Approves New Salary Scale

Board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 Monday night approved a new salary schedule with a base of \$5800 for a beginning teacher with a bachelor degree. The action was taken at a special meeting at A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon.

Steps on the scale have 4% increments. Teachers with less than a bachelor degree would start at \$4872 per year and could continue through seven steps (for years of experience) to \$6496 at the seventh step. Those with a bachelor degree would start at the \$5800 with no experience and could climb to \$7890 at the ninth step. Those with bachelor degree plus 30 hours of advanced training would start at \$6032 with no experience and could go to the 11th step at \$8586. Those with master degree, or a bachelor degree plus 60 hours, would start at \$6264 with no experience and could continue through the 12th step at \$9052. A teacher with a master's degree plus 30 hours could eventually reach a salary of \$9282, highest on the schedule, at the 12th step.

Starting salary in the system now for a teacher of no experience and with a bachelor degree is \$5200.

It is estimated that the new schedule would increase instructional salaries in the district by a total of approximately \$80,000.

**Only Two Vote**  
When the matter came to a motion before the board, it passed by a vote of two in favor to none against. All but two board members abstained from voting.

The matter came before the board Monday night after it was discussed at a dinner meeting of the Morrow county chapter of the Oregon Education association earlier in the evening. The teachers approved the schedule, a compromise from one they had presented to the board at a previous meeting, with some minor revisions. Proposed schedule that had been offered by the professional negotiation committee, now established by state law, set the beginning base salary at \$6000 with 4% increments. The board tentatively recommended the \$5800 base as a compromise, which the county teachers approved at their dinner meeting.

Mrs. Violet Lanham presided at discussion on the matter, and Principal Mick Tolar of Houghton school was in charge of the dinner meeting.

At the board meeting, directors also approved an administrators' salary schedule on an index formula. It provides 12 above the basic teachers' schedule, plus .01 for each year of administration up to .04. An additional .01 is provided the administrator for each five teachers serving under him. The schedule is also extended to 11 months but the index figures apply only for 9 1/2 months. The new schedule will mean an increase in salary for administrators. All of those whose contracts are expiring this school year were offered new contracts, at the regular board meeting earlier this month.

**Reject Coaches' Plea**  
The board at the Monday meeting rejected a proposal by coaches that the salary index for coaching be increased. They asked that head coaches be given an index figure of 10 and assistants .07. The index figure at the present time for head coaches is .08 and for assistants .04.

The budget committee approved a revised budget calendar, which calls for the next work session to be February 28 at Lexington at 7:30. Committee approval of the budget is expected on March 6 at the Lone High school at a meeting to begin at 7:30.

Publication dates for the budget are now set for March 9 and March 16 in the Gazette-Times, and the public hearing will be March 28 in the Lexington school office, starting at 7:30.

Budget election is dated April 17.

At the special meeting the board also discussed legislation and viewed a display of paintings by Rose Hooser of Irrigon. The paintings will be on exhibition at The Quay, Vancouver, Wash., from March 1 to April 1.

## Pirl Howells Sell Plant, Station

Mr. and Mrs. Pirl Howell, who have been Union Oil distributors in Heppner for 22 years, have sold their bulk plant and service station to Mike Gray, they announced this week.

The Howells have had the plant for 22 years and the service station for 10 years. Gray will begin as Union distributor on February 25 when he begins operation of the bulk plant, and will take over the service station as of March 1. He will continue his automotive business from the service station, specializing in tune-up work and light repair.

He will hire a driver to assist at the bulk plant.

Gray has operated Gray's Repair Shop on Morgan Street for the past four years. He states that hours at the service station beginning March 1 will be from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m., seven days a week.

The Howells state that they plan to devote more time on their enjoyable interests of hunting and fishing.

## Pipers Purchase Lexington Market

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Piper of Lexington have purchased Del's Market in Lexington from Mr. and Mrs. Elden Padberg, it was announced late last week. The sale became effective as of February 15.

Piper has been manager of the store since the Padbergs purchased the store from Elwyn Peck about four years ago.

Post office facilities will continue to be operated in connection with the store.

No immediate changes are planned by the new owners, Piper said.

Mrs. Padberg, who has worked in the store during the period of the Padberg's ownership, said that she is looking forward to being at home and "catching up on a lot of things."

**WEATHER**  
By DON GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of February 15-21 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	44	29	.04*
Thursday	48	23	.tr.
Friday	52	36	.07
Saturday	52	31	.05*
Sunday	43	20	—
Monday	56	23	—
Tuesday	53	28	—

\*Indicates hail or snow.

## Two More Named for 1967 Royal Court

### Ione High Senior Chosen Princess



**PRINCESS BERNIECE MATTHEWS**

Berniece Matthews, one of the 17-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews, has been selected by Willows Grange to represent the Ione community on the 1967 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court.

Learning of her selection, the new princess was overcome with joy and declared it to be "a dream come true," fulfilling many of her childhood interests and desires.

Princess Berniece had spent 12 years of her life on the Gabert Ranch where she learned to ride at an early age. Since moving to town, she has continued to ride on the ranch of her uncle, Franklin Ely, where she keeps her quarter horse, "Snookie."

During her 12 years of schooling in Ione, Berniece has been an outstanding leader in school activities. Her twin sister, Denise, is also a popular senior this year at Ione High school, where both are honor students. The two were also delegates to the Ione Legion Auxiliary to Girls' State Convention in Salem last summer. Another honor came to Berniece when her article was judged winner of the Oregon Wheat League Newspaper Article Contest.

years, is in band and chorus is a member of National Honor Society, is president of Girls Athletic Association, is active in pep club and pep band and works on the annual and paper staff.

She has been a member of 4-H clubs for the past six years, active in sewing and cooking clubs. She enjoys the outdoor sports of riding and boating, and helps the family with household duties of cooking and sewing.

Following graduation, Princess Berniece plans to enroll in the fall at Oregon College of Education, where she will major in elementary education. She is looking forward to an exciting summer as a member of the court of Queen Verina French. Other princesses announced are Ruby Fullerton of Morrow County Wranglers and Maureen Doherty of the Lexington Grange.

### Grange Selects Maureen Doherty



**PRINCESS MAUREEN DOHERTY**

Royalty came again into the Bernard Doherty family with the naming of their daughter, Maureen, to the 1967 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court.

Princess Maureen will represent the Lexington Grange. She was selected at the last meeting Saturday, February 11, by vote of the grange membership. Candidates are not restricted to daughters of grange members, and the Dohertys are not members of the grange.

Last summer Maureen represented Morrow county as a princess on the Spray rodeo court. Her older sister, Martha, served in 1964 as a princess with the Morrow county court.

The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty is this year attending the University of Oregon where she is enrolled as a freshman in pre-nursing. She was a member of the 1966 granting class of Heppner High school.

Maureen has grown up on the ranch in Blackhorse Canyon which has been in the Doherty family since the 1880's, home-steaded by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Doherty after they came here from Ireland, and birthplace of her father.

During her nine years of work in 4-H clubs, she has won many honors in sheep, dairy and beef livestock projects, in-

cluding the 1964 grand championship as livestock showman at the Morrow County Fair. She served for four years as a junior leader, and was a 4-H camp counselor for two years. Her parents and others in the family have worked consistently as 4-H leaders, especially in livestock clubs.

Although her interests turn to the out-of-doors with animals and riding as her favorite hobbies, Maureen has been very active in school. In 1965 she was chosen as a delegate to Girls' State, she has held several class offices while in high school, was a member of the debate team and a member of the National Honor Society.

Princess Maureen will ride "Duke", an eight-year-old gelding in her court appearances. Duke is a rodeo veteran, having been Martha's horse in 1964

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