

"You Can't Take It With You"



"A LITTLE FREER with the hands . . . help us with the music, Ed" shouts Boris Kolenkhov (Rick Marquardt) as he instructs his ballet pupil Essie (Sue Melby) and her husband Ed

(Steve Hedman) at the xylophone in the Heppner High production, "You Can't Take It With You" coming Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.

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Chamber Hears Ag Speakers

The Monday Chamber of Commerce meeting was devoted to Agriculture. In observation of National FFA Week John Harris, Heppner FFA president and Mark Pointer, chapter secretary, and advisor Hal Whitaker were guests.

The two boys spoke. They noted that Green Hand and Chapter farmer are local awards; State Farmer is on the State level and American Farmer is National. When they chartered there were 29 members and now

in 1970 there are 29 members. Their money making projects net them \$1200 to \$1500 annually. This is used to send delegates to conventions both national and to state.

Potato Growing

Bill Wehrli of Wehrli Land Co. told his story for growing potatoes in Morrow County. He has purchased a total of 7500 acres in north Morrow County at a cost of 1.3 million dollars. They lay from the bombing range to the County line on the

east from the Freeway to Homestead Rd.

He enthusiastically tells the qualities of the soil. It is 70 to 90 feet deep. Long periods of sunlight provides a long growing season. The sun will warm the soil to 140 degrees. There are some wells in the area. He anticipates 20 wells about 125 feet deep. He will irrigate every 16 hours. Add lots of fertilizer. He says the soil is bare of nutrients almost like moon soil. The potato can expand easier

in sandy soil than in clay soil.

The Market

He says the potato market is booming due to improved potatoes, improved processing of French fries and boxed potatoes. Late potatoes can be harvested after 100 days.

He has a unique way of getting potatoes into his ground. It gives local people a chance to share in the potato boom using their money and his careful planning and know-how. He leases the land and to the individual who can do his own farming or Wehrli Co. will put in the crop. He anticipates those leasing the land can expect to double their money in 6 to 18 months.

Some of the Boeing people have been hired by Wehrli. Glenn Walker of Pendleton, formerly to Heppner is working for the company as is Bill Steagall of Heppner and Dennis Baker of Condon.

The first 100 acres were leased to his folks, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wehrli of Condon.

Buildings

He expects to put up 6 potato storage buildings 320 x 50 x 16. They will be air conditioned and humidified and one will be refrigerated.

Ag Experience

Bill Wehrli, Condon, got his start as a fertilizer man and has since raised potatoes on 142 acres out of Moses Lake to make an astounding crop record. He programmed a fertilizing schedule for a wheat farmer to set nearly a world record. There were 55 acres of wheat which produced 155 bu. per acre and one 8-acre plot that produced 1828 bu.

Hoop Season Ends at Moro

Western Division League Standings

Madras	6	0
Wahtonka	5	1
Heppner	3	4
Sherman Co.	2	5
Pilot Rock	1	6

Friday games: Pilot Rock at Wahtonka; Sherman at Madras. Saturday: Heppner at Sherman; Wahtonka at Madras.

In their last league game of the season, the Heppner Mustangs take on the fourth place Sherman County Huskies at Moro on Friday, Feb. 28.

Although the Mustangs are out of the running for a berth in the Greater Oregon district tournament, they gave the western division leaders, the Madras White Buffaloes, a good run last Saturday night.

This will be the first time that a Clough-coached team hasn't made it to the district tournament in La Grande.

Heppner needs the win at Sherman to keep out of a third-place tie with them. Last year the Huskies waxed the Mustangs.

Ironically, Enterprise is tied with Vale in the eastern division, each having a 5-1 league record—but Heppner easily defeated the Savages twice this season, 67-51 and 71-55.

Vale, Enterprise, Madras, and Wahtonka will play off for the district crown in La Grande next weekend. The Mustangs will start spring sports earlier than has been possible for a number of years, the only consolation for missing the trip to La Grande.

Playing their last varsity basketball game will be John McCabe, Pat Kilkenny, Lee Huson, Bill Schlichting and Matt Murray. Rob Abrams, manager, is also a senior.

Jaycees Have Basketball Struggles

The Jaycees had two close games this weekend. They went to Condon Sunday where their game went into an overtime period. Dave Flanagan was Heppner's high point man with 19 and Potowski was high for the AFB with 22. The final score was 88 to 84 for the AFB. Playing for the Jaycees were Lyle Jensen, Eddie Yeoman, Ed Struthers, Harley Sager, Kyle Sager, Dan McBride, Tom Beam and Tom Wilson.

Jaycee Wives Plan Traveling Pie Sale

Jaycee Wives made plans for a Traveling Pie Sale for Friday, Feb. 27. Those wishing a special kind of pie may call in their orders to 676-9258 or 676-5813. Mrs. Tom Wilson is general chairman.

The members held their meeting Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. Pat Wonsor. Secret Sisters were revealed.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

For Week of Feb. 18-24

Wednesday	48	33
Thursday	50	29
Friday	51	27
Saturday	49	39
Sunday	50	27
Monday	50	31
Tuesday	49	33



FORRIE BURKENBINE checks the controls at the foot of the ladder of the Columbia Basin ladder truck. Noses on the left are Jack Melland, Jerry Hollomon, then Clyde Allstott, Clifford Wood, Charlie Walker and John Privett.



HEADS UP to watch John Privett, about 15 feet up on the Columbia Basin Ladder truck. He is manipulating the controls with his feet.

Local Firemen Make Use Of Columbia Basin Rig

Firemen got their first practice Monday evening at familiarizing themselves with the ladder truck that is available to the Fire Department from Columbia Basin. The ladder has

City Trying To Date Floods

Folks who can recall the approximate dates—the years and seasons—of floods in Shobe and Donaldson Canyons are asked to please contact the City Hall. The information will help the City and the U. S. Corps of Engineers locate further data in regard to securing work that will help end damage to property from the floods, if possible.

Immunizations Cancelled

The immunization clinics that had been scheduled for Morrow County schools have been canceled indefinitely because of the incidence of upper respiratory illnesses in area, according to Edna Challey, County Health nurse. The clinics will be rescheduled at a later date.

GRAIN PRICES

(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
Soft White Wheat 1.42 1/2
Barley 38.00

School Play Planned For Feb. 27-28

A planned 15 minute sneak preview of the Senior's "You Can't Take It With You" Monday evening became an hour of pure enjoyment. The play is full of good lines. Some of the actors are so well cast you can't be sure whether they are being themselves or are just good actors.

Molly Beckett, as the mother was so natural that in spite of her blue jeans and sweatshirt,

she just fit the part. Rob Abrams as the grandfather, though he is a key figure it is as though he were on the sidelines secretly enjoying the dilemma of the other members of the household. At times he smooths the rough surfaces then another time his lines prick the situation.

You'll have no trouble hearing Rick Marquardt from the back of the room as he plays

the part of the German dance instructor.

All in all it promises to be an evening worth while. Do go in plenty of time. Director Jane Rawlins has stressed "louder, louder" so much that even those in the back seat should have good listening.

Curtain time is at 8 p.m. both February 26 and 27 at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

Awards Highlight FFA Evening

One of the big events of the FFA year is the annual Parent and Son banquet and which this year for Heppner was also Parent and Daughter. Two girls taking Vocational Ag and members of the FFA are Sue Melby and Sandy Matthews.

The highlight of the banquet is the presentation of the awards before an admiring audience and the out-of-town speaker is usually a state FFA officer.

John Harris, FFA president

and emcee of the evening for the 33rd annual banquet Tuesday welcomed the guests and asked each member to introduce his parents. Others introduced were faculty members, charter members, state farmers, school board members and honorary members. He also introduced Mary Kay Hughes, FFA president and John Wells, State Sentinel.

Awards

The awards were presented by Hal Whitaker, chapter advisor.

The first award of the evening went to the outstanding freshman. This was Rick Drake who received a jack knife, a gift from the chapter.

Bill Greenup received the DeKalb Award by DeKalb Co. for the Outstanding program by a senior.

Livestock Farming Awards presented by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the FFA Foundation: Sheep, Bill Greenup; Poultry, David Wright; Beef, Kirk Robinson; Soil and Water Management, David Wright and Agri-mechanic, Steve McDaniel.

Kirk Robinson received the Morrow County Livestock Growers, Inc. rotating award for his outstanding livestock production. This is the 11th year the award has been made. Kirk also won the Star Greenhand award for the outstanding boy in 2nd year Ag. This is given by the FFA Foundation. He also received Star Chapter Farmer for the best project. This award is presented by the First National Bank and the FFA Foundation. This is the first time the award has ever gone to a sophomore.

The final award of the evening went to John Harris. It was the Public Speaking Award given by the FFA Foundation.

The Speaker

John Wells, State Sentinel was the guest speaker. He told his audience that all FFA members have a chance to meet the challenge of the motto, "Living to Serve" and aim for a profitable life. He challenged the younger members to set a goal and the older members to accomplish their goals. His last remark was notable, "The only direction you can ever coast is down."

Sandy Matheny played dinner music on the piano during the banquet served by the FFA members under the direction of their advisor, Betty Brown. The girls planned the menu of shrimp cocktail, roast beef, potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, corn, rolls, cheesecake with cherry glaze, coffee or milk.

FFA officers: John Harris, president; Bill Greenup, vice president; Mark Pointer, secretary; Steve McDaniel, treasurer; Kirk Robinson, reporter; Hal Bergstrom, sentinel.

(See pictures next week)

Red Cross Drive To Start Soon

With a quota of \$1471, the annual Red Cross drive will start in Morrow County on Sunday. Letters will be mailed next week.

The American Red Cross provided some \$4000 assistance last June for floods in Eastern Oregon. Nearly \$500 of this was spent right here in this area. About \$200 was provided to military families in emergencies, \$140 went to first aid and swimming here, \$111 went to the life-saving Bloodmobile.

The Rev. Don Johnson is Red Cross chairman here. A complete story will appear here next week.

Success

Mrs. Gerald Rood called to say they had a call from Kinzua on Thursday morning in regard to a pickup or small truck they were advertising for in the Gazette-Times. She said they continued to receive calls all during the week. They haven't made up their minds which one to take but they are pleased with the response of their ad.

WIN A PRIZE

There will be a drawing for free prizes Saturday at the Morrow County Grain Growers at Lexington. They are giving away 300 gallons of gasoline and a Homelite Chain Saw. (Never won anything? Well, sir, it's a cinch no one will win who doesn't enter!)

Assessor to Be In North End

Joyce Ritch will be in Boardman on Monday, March 2, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the City Hall to pick up personal property returns and Veterans and Senior Citizens exemptions and to answer questions from any taxpayer who may qualify for such exemptions.

On Tuesday, March 3, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. she will be in Irrigon at the old school building for the convenience of the Irrigon community.

View Housing Tract Opening

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lott and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasmussen have purchased a tract from Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hughes. It comprises 24 acres.

Streets, sewers and water lines will be put in and lots of one or more acres will be sold to the public. Tract is between Water Street, east of the high school.

Mrs. Pfeiffer Breaks Leg

Mrs. Kenneth Howard received word that her mother had undergone surgery in Salt Lake City for a compound fracture of her right leg. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pfeiffer of Pendleton had gone to Salt Lake for a skiing vacation. Monday the snow was slick and Mrs. Pfeiffer hit a bump and came down against one of the ski-tow towers.

She is in the University Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Buffaloes Stomp District Hopes

By DALLAS HARSIN

Chances for a berth in the district tourney looked better after the Mustangs dumped the Pilot Rock Rockets 80-75 last Friday night, but then slid out of reach when the Madras Buffaloes trounced the Horsemen 96-81 Saturday night. The games were played on Heppner's floor last weekend, Feb. 20 and 21.

From the line the Mustangs shot 55% to the Rockets' 50%, but the Rockets shot 45% from the field to the Horsemen's 42%. The lead changed hands a considerable number of times.

When the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter the Mustangs were down by nine big points. When the fourth quarter started the Mustangs wasted no time, scoring 25 points while the Rockets made 11. When the final horn sounded the Mustangs were in the lead 80-75.

An average of 80% points a game for the weekend wasn't enough to put the Mustangs on top of the Madras Buffaloes, however. Led by the sharp shooting of their big man, Ron Jones, the Buffaloes came out of the game with their sixth straight win in league play.

Heppner outshot Madras from the field, but the big difference came in the number of successful shots. Madras made 10 more baskets than Heppner did. At the gift line the Mustangs dropped in only 51% of their chances, to the Buffaloes' 60%. Heppner hit 19 of 35; Madras 14 of 27.

Ron Jones topped the scoring for the Buffaloes with a big 46 points. He was followed by Martinez with 19, Souers had 12, Snow 7, and Utter and Stacona rounded out the scoring with 6.

Mustangs scoring was led by John McCabe with 29 points, followed by La Verne Van Marter with 15, Pat Kilkenny 12, Matt Murray 4, Gary Watkins 7, Lee Huson and Steve Kemp 6 each, and Dave Gunderson 2.

Mcabe had a great night against the Rockets, dropping in 36 points. Van Marter added 19, Murray 8, Watkins 6, and Huson 2. Porter was high for the Rockets with 20 while Brannon, who fouled out, had 19.

SCORING:

Pilot Rock	17	27	20	11-75
Heppner	20	19	26	25-80
Madras	19	27	23	27-96
Heppner	18	23	15	25-81