



HARVESTING WHEAT in the Grande Ronde valley, with the vast vistas of the fields and mountains making up a picture of beauty and grandeur. This picture was taken on the Conley brothers ranch about four miles northwest of Cove.

### District Leads Scouts of Area In Total Growth

Mt. Emily district led the entire Blue Mountain council of Boy Scouts of America in growth this year, with scouting being extended to a degree exceeding any previous year. New units, the organization of Cub scouts, and senior scouting, all have contributed to the record growth.

According to the latest available figures, the record stands as follows: April, 1944, 122 scouts; April, 1945, 190 scouts, 134 Cubs. This is a growth of approximately 134 percent.

Attendance and evidence of advancement have been consistent at the bi-monthly courts of honor. Four scouts received their eagle, the highest award given a scout, during the past year.

Among the new units added to the roster are the Cub pack and Neighborhood patrol at Imbler. Cub packs now total four, two in La Grande, having combined resources. A new scout troop in Union makes 10 scout units in the district. Although the air scout squadron had to be dropped because of leadership difficulties, a new explorer unit is being formed. New Cub packs and an additional scout troop are in immediate prospect.

The Green Bar conference held at Catherine creek guard station was well attended. This is the annual training school for patrol leaders.

The spring Camporee at the station was rained out, although 27 scouts braved the elements to attend this spring camping event.

Between 40 and 50 scouts attended the summer camp at Wallawa lake, with four making the trip to Anthony lake for the camp held there.

### Presbyterians Plan to Enlarge Present Building

The First Presbyterian church, organized in 1876, is the oldest Presbyterian church in eastern Oregon. The present structure, however, at 1308 Washington avenue was erected in 1926, when Dr. William Ross was pastor. Rev. Mark A. Talney is pastor now.

The 25-member choir is directed by Dr. Henry Ehlers of the music department of the Eastern Oregon college of education.

Sunday school enrollment in all departments is 230, consisting of beginner and primary departments, three junior classes, two junior high classes, three high school classes, and two adult Bible classes, as well as a home department for shut-ins.

Women's organizations are: Ladies Aid, Missionary society, Searchers. All meet once a month.

Social groups are: The Friendly club and the Men's club, which was organized 30 years ago. Both hold monthly meetings.

Youth organizations sponsored by the church are: Cub Scouts, and Youth fellowship, which consists of over 40 high school students active in the church.

Leaders for the various organizations are: Cub scouts, A. B. Olson; Girls scouts, Mrs. Marion Hunker; Boy scouts, Lee Deynolds; Youth fellowship, Rev. Mr. Talney.

The board of Christian education is composed of 25 church members. Expansion of the work has necessitated a building program toward which the church is now bending its energies. The addition to the present building will include in the two-story structure a large auditorium with a stage, an attractive room for young people's and women's meetings, a primary and beginner's department, and numerous class rooms.

The Tropic of Capricorn is south of the equator.

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### Daring Romance 'Together Again'

"Together Again" stars Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer, with Charles Coburn at the Liberty theater today and Tuesday.

Besides its brilliant stars, "Together Again" boasts of a cast which features Mona Freeman, Jerome Courtland, Elizabeth Patterson and Charles Dingle.

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