

### Spring Lamb Crop May Be Lessened By Severe Winter

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salt Lake City, Jan. 21 (AP)—Experts agreed today that the 1949 crop of spring lambs in the west may be seriously threatened by the current severe winter, with its effect on the breeding of sheep.

A short lamb crop this spring would mean higher meat prices and a reduction in the livestock population and value.

Utah, with an estimated 1,616,000, rates sheep as one of its most valuable livestock crops. In 1948, the flocks were valued at \$27,766,000, and their wool alone was worth more than \$5,000,000.

The winter of 1948-49 struck with a fury unparalleled in the memory of many sheepmen. It caught most of their flocks out on desert ranges.

Natural forage was covered by deep snows, topped by a frozen crust. Cut off from their natural feed, the sheep needed hay and concentrates to keep alive, and roads to bring them in have frequently been blocked.

Secretary James A. Hooper of the Utah Wool Growers association called the situation a calamity. Director Marion Clawson of the federal bureau of land management, after a special survey of the stricken areas and their starving flocks, said that it was "impossible to exaggerate" the peril to the flocks.

Ray Hile, agricultural statistician in the federal bureau of agricultural economics, said that the cold weather and deep snows would have a detrimental effect on normal mid-winter breeding.

Hile explained that sheepmen normally have their ewes bred between mid-December and late January. Gestation period for sheep is five months.

"This means," Hile added, "that the lambs ordinarily are dropped at the shearing and lambing pens while the ewes are on their way from the winter range on the desert to the summer range on the mountains."

Lambs are able to trail after their mothers when they are only a week old and, ordinarily, are strong enough to operate on their own power almost from birth and through the summer.

But, the expert said, the winter may change the picture.

Hile said that the cold and snow would cut down on the mating processes "because of the very nature of the weather and the animals."

In addition, he continued, failure of the ewes to obtain sufficient feed and exercise during the gestation period probably will be hard on the lambs they are carrying.

"There's a good chance that many of the lambs will be weak or mal-formed," Hile said. "And that means that the 1949 crop probably will be short, although only time—and the processes of nature—can tell."

### Pleasant Ridge

Pleasant Ridge, Jan. 21 (Special)—Jene and Bill Kunkle and Jene Miles, of Portland, were visitors at the Anton Halter home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hagerty were guests at the J. F. Jewell home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Povey attended a polo benefit party held at the Eastern Star grange hall Saturday evening.

H. Johnson and grandson, of Bend, were callers at the Mikkelson home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Petersen were dinner guests at the Herb Farquharson home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Horace McKee and Linda were callers at the Jack Wilcox home Sunday.

Dinner guests at the Mikkelson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burson and daughter, Linda, of Powell Butte, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller and daughter, Kern, of Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cottrell entertained a group of friends at pinocle Saturday evening at their home. Horace McKee and Mrs. Oswald Hanson held high scores and Archie Masterson and Mrs. George Coffelt had low. The traveling prize was received by George Coffelt.

Mrs. Horace McKee was a visitor at the H. E. Roberts home, in Redmond, Wednesday.

### Bend Dog in Retriever Role



Photo by Joe Van Wormer  
G. I. Dan, owned by Lloyd Magill, Bend, is pictured here in a retriever role at a recent hunting trip in the Vale area. Dan is bringing in a live mallard. With Magill on the trip were B. A. Stover, Joe Van Wormer and A. L. O. Schueler.

### King Abdallah Worried About Sheriff's Moves

Seattle, Jan. 21 (AP)—King Abdallah of Trans-Jordan may be worried about international moves but he is also worried about the moves made by a deputy sheriff in King county, Washington.

"He must be worried," said Deputy Pat Bliss today. "I took a pawn away from him on the last move and now I've got a pawn setting out for bait."

The sheriff's "moves" are part of an international chess game carried on by airmail between the two for nearly three years.

Bliss said he hasn't heard from the king for six months. "I think I got him over a barrel with my last move," he chuckled. "But you should never underestimate that old boy. He's good."

"Maybe the reason he hasn't answered me is because of all the trouble in Palestine. But still, I think I got him goin'."

Bliss, a 67-year-old veteran law officer, said he started the game with the Arabian king when urged by a newspaperman.

"I saw a picture of the old boy

playing with an American soldier, and they were surrounded by a couple of the Abdallah's boys. Looked like the only thing the soldier could do was lose. So I decided to play at a safe distance and see if he was good."

When reporters call up to ask Bliss about his international headscratcher, he always makes sure of their identity before he'll talk. "Can't ever tell when the old fella will send one of his agents over here," he laughs. "I might have him too worried."

Bliss thinks the reason the king is so good at chess is that "he has to figure out how to keep one jump ahead of all those girls he's got. Takes real mental training to do that."

### Culver Seeking Recreation Road

Culver, Jan. 21 — Members of the Culver school board have launched plans for construction of a new gymnasium to replace the one lost by fire week before last. As soon as insurance adjusters who are now at work complete their survey, and make known how much of the loss will be reimbursed, the board states that it will take steps to seek a special tax levy for additional funds and build a gymnasium of a greater capacity than that destroyed. Such a structure is needed, it is declared, because of the recent substantial increase in student bodies of both grade and high school.

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### Terrebonne

Terrebonne, Jan. 21 (Special)—Jean Harper was a Friday night guest at the home of Darlene Poppe.

Mrs. Pearl Weigand attended a bridge dinner at the home of Mrs. Jack Elliott in Redmond.

The Ladies' Pioneer club postponed their meeting because of the inclement weather. Their next meeting is planned to be Feb. 9.

Mrs. Butch Sturza was a Tuesday afternoon visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCoin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Arkerman, of Bend, were guests Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Poppe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark and son and Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Gerking, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McGregor.

Friday the Terrebonne grange No. 663 will go to Tumalo for the visitation night; all members are asked to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keeney, of Culver, were Monday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark and son and Mrs. Gerking returned last week from visiting in California.

Boyd Brown, of Brothers, was a visitor Tuesday at the J. O. Hansen ranch and will be in the Terrebonne community several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hollman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weigand were Monday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hershey.

Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunn were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen. Mrs. Clarence Svarverude spent the afternoon sewing with Mrs. Hansen.

Mrs. Etta Neal, of Camp Sherman, was a Thursday visitor at Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson's home.

The Soil Conservation district had its regular meeting at the county agent's office Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Amsherry were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hansen.

The Family Bridge club met at Mrs. Pearl Weigand's home Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Terry Isaacson.

Mrs. Jake Settemeyer and children were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Drew left for Millican to farm with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mogan.

Mrs. Dale Ayres and Mrs. Bruce Bates were Sunday bridge dinner guests in Redmond at Mrs. Jack Elliott's home.

Andy Parkey spent the week with his sister, Mrs. Dolly, at Camp Sherman.

### BOY'S BODY FOUND

Longview, Wash., Jan. 21 (AP)—The body of Loren Beach, 11, Longview, was found Thursday in a log-pond near here. Police said the body was in eight feet of water and death had been from drowning.

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### Plane Missing On Rescue Flight

Winnipeg, Jan. 21 (AP)—A Royal Canadian air force plane returning from a rescue mission with 10 men aboard was missing today somewhere in the frozen Arctic wastes between Baffin island and Churchill, Can.

The plane, a Dakota, had been scheduled to arrive at Churchill at 11:30 p.m. EST yesterday after picking up an ailing department of transport radio operator and an Eskimo at an Arctic bay outpost on Baffin island.

An SOS from the plane was picked up at Churchill at 1:48 a.m. EST today, but it gave no details as to position or what had happened to keep it from returning to Churchill.

The air force started a search for the plane immediately.

Besides the radio operator, Harold Dunn, and the Eskimo, the plane carried a crew of seven and an army doctor from Churchill.

### TALKED OUT OF TURN

Henryetta, Okla. (AP)—One Henryetta football fan is considering the virtues of silence. He is the unlucky grandstand quarterback who engaged a nearby woman fan in conversation on the subject of the "dumb Henryetta coach." The conversation ended abruptly when the lady said she was Mrs. Marion Anglin. Anglin is the coach.

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