

## SPRING ARRIVES 3 WEEKS EARLY

### Crop Prospects Best in Years, Revealed by Melting Snow.

### RANGES LOOK GOOD

### Lambs Turned on to Grass, and Early Shearing Seen; Streets, Highways Put in Shape.

Lamblike, spring arrived in Morrow county the first day of March, just three weeks ahead of schedule. The country north of the mountains emerged rapidly from its blanket of snow and ice. Rivulets in the canyons subsided Friday as last of the unabsorbed snow water found its way into the creeks or settled in depressions on its way.

The whole landscape presented a drenched appearance as bright Sol's beams smiled down upon it to bring forth rapidly greening vegetation. The birds sang merrily. A buttercup was seen to spread its blossom hardy ere its head had reached the surface.

Farmers who had feared for their wheat were made happy. The disappearing snow revealed generally the best stand in years. Several pioneer operators said their farms were graced with the best looking fields in their long experience.

Preparations for spring plowing are being made apace. And those who did not plant last fall are rushing to get their seed into the ground.

Sheepmen, well along with lambing in many places, are also happy. They have been able to turn the new lambs out on the fast greening hillsides, which give promise of excellent spring range. Weather prospects also give promise of an early shearing season, with assurance of a high quality clip due to fine coating grown as protection in the cold season.

Heppner's Main street emerged from the mud Tuesday when Mark Merrill, chief, and Homer Hayes, chief of police, supervised washing it down with the fire hose. Other streets are rapidly being put in shape also with filling of ditches and holes washed in many places by the flood waters.

State highway crews were busy on the Oregon-Washington highway before the water had subsided, cleaning up debris and eliminating other menaces to traffic. While the pavement's surface is loose in places the road is now in good condition.

The county faced a larger problem with its dirt roads which were badly washed in many places, but crews are busy getting them back in shape as fast as possible.

While the run-off of water was quite heavy, fields generally are believed to have absorbed a good portion of moisture, and such thawing as has occurred in the mountains has been quite gradual, assuring water for irrigation on the lower creek bottoms. Though the bottom land was well deluged, farmers on lower Willow creek are taking the creek into their ditches to saturate it the more. Willow creek is maintaining a strong flow through Heppner.

### \$7000 Water Bonds Will Be Sold by City Mar. 21

Bonds for improvement of the water system in cooperation with PWA voted recently, in the amount of \$7000, will be sold by the city March 21, it was decided by the council Monday evening. The advertisement for bids appears in this issue.

Bids will be made on the basis of not more than 5 percent interest, the bonds to be redeemed serially, \$3000 in 1943 and \$4000 in 1944, to link in with the present bond retirement program.

A street paving project submitted by Harry Tamblin, county engineer, was tabled without action. The city dads, however, took steps to put the streets in shape immediately from the damage done by melted snow water.

### Local Gas Price Drops

Local service stations dropped the price of gasoline 2½ cents Tuesday, making the price for first structure gasoline 18 cents. Smiles of farmers occasioned by Spring's arrival broadened at the news which indicates a large saving in spring farming operations.

This week's drop marked the first fluctuation in gasoline prices locally in several months. A like reduction is reported generally in gas prices on the coast. Standard Oil company was credited with breaking the price, followed immediately by similar action on the part of other major companies.

### CAMP FIRE GIRLS ACTIVE.

Nakomis Camp Fire girls met in Miss Dale's room last evening. Old business was brought up, plans talked for an overnight hike and other plans made for a doughnut sale Saturday. The girls enjoyed a hike last Saturday afternoon up Hinton creek, the first hike this year.—Margaret Doolittle, scribe.

## LEXINGTON

**By BEULAH NICHOLS**  
Mrs. John Pieper was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home last Thursday afternoon. A large white birthday cake, decorated in white and pink, with the greeting "A Happy Birthday" and her age, was baked by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rufus Pieper. Mrs. Pieper was the recipient of many useful gifts and the guests enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Pieper were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Mrs. Otto Ruhl, Mrs. Adolph Majeske, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mrs. Alex Hunt, Mrs. Nettie Davis, Mrs. James Pointer, Mrs. Gene Gray and Mrs. Rufus Pieper.

Wilbur Steagall was unfortunate in having his car quite badly damaged Monday night when he ran into a cow on the highway near the ranch formerly occupied by Monte Bundy. Several cows were on the road and Mr. Steagall did not see them in time to stop before hitting one.

Mrs. J. G. Johnson is ill with pleurisy.

Evelyn Davis, niece of Mrs. Frank Moyer, sustained quite painful injuries when she fell from a bicycle which she was riding Friday afternoon. She was taken to Heppner to a doctor.

Several men have been added to the highway crew this week to speed up the work of getting the roads in order again as they are in bad shape since the recent cold weather and high waters.

A deal was completed last week wherein the Farmers National Warehouse corporation purchased the Lexington Farmers Warehouse company. This deal has been pending for some time but the final arrangements were made only last week. Harry Dinges has been retained as manager.

Friends here have received announcement of the birth of a 9½ lb. son on February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burchell of Corvallis. He has been named Larry Edward.

The Lexington Grange is sponsoring an old-time dance at the grange hall on Saturday night, March 7. Admission 50c per couple. Everybody invited.

Harvey Bauman and Frank Munkers have recently purchased Allis-Chalmers tractors from the Beach Equipment company.

From a Corvallis paper of recent date we learn that on February 12 Billy Burchell, formerly a student in the local school, was high point man in a basketball game between the Corvallis junior high school and Monroe. The article in part reads as follows: "The Corvallis junior high school basketball team won from Monroe by the score of 29 to 18. The game, which was full of thrills, was played on the floor of the Corvallis junior high gymnasium. Billy Burchell was high point man for the evening with eight points. At the end of the half the score was 12 to 11 in favor of Monroe, but Corvallis made a comeback during the third quarter and kept the lead until the end of the game."

Mr. and Mrs. James Pointer have returned to their home after spending several days with Mrs. Pointer's mother, Mrs. Nettie M. Davis. Mr. Pointer conducted services at the Christian church last week.

Lawrence Beach was a visitor in Portland last week.

J. O. Turner, attorney of Heppner, was a business visitor in this city Thursday.

Mrs. Adella Duran is visiting friends in Touchet, Wash.

Monte Bundy, formerly a resident of this community, is spending a few days here.

Joyce Biddle spent the week end with Wilma Tucker.

Archie Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt and Mrs. Mary Azquenaga of Heppner were visitors in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Helms and children of Ione were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Helms over the week end.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer.

Irma Lane came up from Portland the first of the week and is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox, Sr., of Heppner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Harrison and son of Cascade Locks are visiting Mrs. Harrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer, and other relatives.

Paul Doherty, who enlisted in the marines at Bremerton, Wash., some time ago, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Doherty, at her home on Black Horse.

The Lexington Home Economics club will meet at the grange hall on Thursday afternoon, March 12, with Alta Cutsforth and Beulah Nichols as hostesses.

Arnold Spraner of Mt. Angel came to Lexington last week and is in charge of the local barber shop. At present he is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn.

Ed Miller of Portland is visiting relatives in this community. The high school students will present three one-act plays in the public auditorium next Thursday evening, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Salter, proprietors of Salter's hatchery at Ione, were transacting business in the city yesterday. They expressed pleasure at the spring weather which will reflect bigger egg production in their flocks.

## COMES THE DAWN

By A. B. Chapin



### Francis Troedson Tells Rotarians About Sweden

Francis Troedson, a senior at Oregon State college who last year visited Sweden with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johan Troedson of Morgan, gave a 30-minute talk before the Corvallis Rotary club last Thursday at the club's luncheon hour. The O. S. C. Barometer carried the following report:

The Swedish people are perhaps the happiest in the world today; the nation has had no economic depression, has had no wars for 106 years, and during all this time its products have been sold to other European nations at fine profits, said Francis Troedson, Oregon State college student, at the weekly Rotary luncheon Thursday. Troedson visited Sweden last year. The fertile lands of south Sweden raise anything, but dairy products with constant demand year after year. The thrifty Swedes do not know the meaning of poverty, the nation being perhaps the best governed in Europe. Taxation is based upon property and number of children, said the speaker.

Fine highways run into every corner of the nation, its rail lines, government owned, are electrified, and high class. The use of electricity is common, even farm houses and buildings everywhere using the "juice." The school system of the country is much the same as in the United States, except that between grade and high school one year is given to "church school," not compulsory, but usual. There is more home training of pupils in Sweden than in the United States, and children are more courteous to elders.

Visits were made in Denmark and England. London is "dirtier" than New York, was an impression.

### Local Red Cross Chapter Making Hospital Supplies

Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, is working on its annual hospital supply quota, with fine cooperation being received from various women's organizations, reports Josephine Mahoney, chairman.

The Woolgrowers auxiliary is knitting six beanies or hospital caps, which are used by patients in recreation quarters or in the dining rooms for keeping heads warm. Kensington club is making six card table covers; Carnation club, three laundry bags; Add-a-Stitch club, three laundry bags; Energetic Ten club, six pairs bed sox. Mrs. Geo. McDuffee, production committee chairman, is making six bedside bags, and Mrs. Mahoney is making six water bottle covers.

### CAR WRECKED.

The car operated on the Pendleton-Heppner-Arlington stage run by Gay Anderson, Jr., was badly damaged last evening when it turned over on its top as Anderson was returning from Unasilla with a load of high school basketball players. All occupants escaped injury. The accident occurred near the Harry Schriever place on the Lexington-Jarmon road. It was rolled over on its wheels again and brought on to Heppner.

### LIONS TO PUSH TENNIS PROJECT; HEAR McMAHON

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### NOTICE.

Anyone running over the fire hose will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MARK MERRILL,  
Fire Chief.

### Missed the Town Clock? It May Run Again Soon

Those who have missed the tolling of the town clock will be glad to know that ere long the village chronometer will again be in active service.

The dome of the courthouse has presented a doleful aspect at night for some time, with the clocks' three faces hidden in darkness. That also will be different, as the electrician was on the job getting the lights in order again.

But what has happened to the clock? You ask.

The fact of the matter is it lost its innards. About a month ago the large timepiece was dismembered, and that which makes it tick was sent East for repairs.

Hank Howell, janitor, hopes the works will be returned soon. The clock's resuming its place in the normal order of city life will save him a heap of explaining.

### Johnson Out for Judge; Bucknum Seeks Clerkship

Two more candidates entered the primary race for local offices this week when Bert Johnson, Ione attorney and wheat raiser, filed his completed petitions for the county judgeship, and Gordon Bucknum, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bucknum, cast his hat into the contest for clerk. Both are republicans.

With the rest of March remaining in which candidates may file to get names on the ballot for the May 15 election, it is expected there will be more aspirants. To date no demonstrators have filed. In the republican ranks the clerk's race is now three-carried with Bucknum opposing Charles Barlow, incumbent, and Paul M. Gemmel, while Johnson and G. A. Bleakman, former county commissioner, now have the field for judge.

### Hardman Folks Welcome Return of Old Resident

The return of J. C. Walker, Hardman's barber and cobbler for many years, was warmly welcomed by a large number of friends of that community with a food shower on Tuesday last week. Mr. Walker, a cripple, was made happy by numerous gifts and felicitations of friends.

Those present were Mesdames J. B. Adams, Harlan Adams, Blaine Chapel, Carl Leathers, Walter Farrens, Frank McDaniell, Chas. McDaniell, J. H. Hams, Jim Brannon, Raymond McDonald, Miss Zetta Bleakman, Miss Delia Bleakman, Miss Dolly Farrans, Miss Charlotte Adams. Those unable to attend who sent gifts were Mrs. Irl Clark, Mrs. Wes Stevens, Mrs. Roy Robinson, Mrs. Cecile Musgrave, Mrs. Lillian Turner, Miss Frances Inskip.

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### TRAVEL PARTY HELD.

Irene Padberg and Nina Snyder were hostesses for the Add-a-Stitch club at the Snyder home yesterday afternoon. Travel was in play with high score going to Elsie Cowins and low to Irene Padberg. After the business meeting delicious refreshments of cake, fruit salad and coffee were served. The next meeting will be an all-day meeting at the club rooms. Present were Lela Cox, Grace Shoun, Shirley Whitson, Zella Dufault, Della Edmundson, Elsie Cowins and the hostesses.

## IONE

By MARGARET BLAKE

Francis Sexton of The Dalles, grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon, and Deputy Grand Master Simmons of Hermiston, paid the Ione lodge an official visit last Tuesday night.

Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mrs. Fred Nicholson, A. C. Pettys and Carlton Swanson returned on Sunday from South Bend, Wash., where they had gone to attend funeral services for Mrs. Millie Newton, sister of the ladies and of Mr. Pettys. Mrs. Newton passed away at the South Bend General hospital on February 28 and funeral services were held at South Bend on February 28, the body then being taken to Philomath, Ore., where it was laid beside that of her husband who died last June. Mrs. Newton was a native of Morrow county. She was born at the Pettys farm on Willow creek March 26, 1851. After her marriage to Mr. Newton she lived at Philomath and at South Bend, about thirty years having been spent in the latter place. She is survived by her children, Mrs. Thelma Hall of South Bend, Mrs. Freda Koski of Olympia, Wash., and Geo. Newton of South Bend a granddaughter, Thelma Jean Koski; four sisters, Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mrs. Frank Engelman and Mrs. Fred Nicholson of Ione, and Mrs. James Cosman of California, and one brother, A. C. Pettys of Ione. Mrs. Frank Engelman who made the trip to Washington with the party will remain with her nieces for a short time.

Walter Eubanks made a trip to Portland Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Eubanks as far as The Dalles where she stopped off for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Weddle, and by Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore who will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wrex Hickok, for a time.

Fred C. Ziekle leaves for Pocatello, Idaho, Wednesday night to attend a meeting of employees of Mrs. Fred Ely of Morgan was called to Estacada last week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Doty. Mrs. Doty passed away on Thursday and was buried at Estacada on Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Turner and Miss Valjean Clark assisted by Mrs. E. R. Lundell were hostesses at a surprise birthday party in honor of Miss Helen Lindsay last Wednesday evening at the Legion hall. Guests were Dorothy and Sybil Howell, Nelda Jean Feely, Mildred and Helen Lundell, Jane Fitzpatrick, Miriam Hale, Jane Huston, Nola Keithley, Opal Cool, Eleanor Everson, Katherine Griffith, Mrs. E. G. Sperry, Charles, Herbert and William Davidson, Alfred Emert, Harry and Eugene Normoyle, Manrice Feely, Tommy Evers, Ellis Pettys and Charles Christanson.

J. E. Swanson was a business visitor in Pendleton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farley are moving to Willows.

H. D. McCurdy and son H. D. Jr. made a trip to Portland Friday, returning home Monday.

Clarence Kruse of Oswego came up on Friday. He was accompanied by Huston Bryson who has been in Portland. On his return home Sunday he was accompanied by Mrs. Kruse and their daughter Karen who have been at the home of Mrs. Lana Padberg the past month.

Judge and Mrs. Wm. T. Campbell of Heppner were calling in Ione on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Engelman of Portland were at the Frank Engelman home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and family and Miss Freda Anderson spent Saturday in Pendleton.

George Ely is moving into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mathews. He has purchased this property from his sister, Mrs. Walter Bauthues of Custer, Wash.

Rev. Hinkle of Portland, Episcopal minister, accompanied by Rev. Frederick Wassenbach, late of Munich, Germany, will be in Cecil on Sunday, March 15, to conduct services in the hall. Rev. Wassenbach will speak on the subject, "Church Conditions Under Hitler." The meeting will be at 3 p. m.

Members of Heppner and Ione I. O. O. F. lodges visited the Picked team from the three lodges conferred a degree on a candidate. A social time was enjoyed later.

Several members of the Ione and Morgan I. O. O. F. lodges attended

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### LIBRARY GETS NEW BOOKS.

Another large assortment of new books was placed on the shelves of the library this week. Included are attractive books for both adults and children. Arrivals include "The Song of the Lark," Gather; "Black Tulip," Dumas; "Miss Lulu Bett," Gale; "Jungle Portraits," Akeley; "The Proselete," Ertz; "Barren Ground," Glasgow; "The Three Musketeers," Dumas; "Captain Blood," Sabitini; "The Reds of the Midi," Gras; "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," Mark Twain; "The Conqueror," Atherton; "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," Rice; "The Master of Jalna," Roche; "The King of the Golden River," Ruskin; "Siberian Gold," Harper; "The Valley of Silent Men," Curwood; "Greenmantle," Buchan; "Snake Gold," White; "The Crook of Gold," Stephens; "Tales From Shakespeare," Charles and Mary Lamb; "The Old Curious story Shop," Dickens; "Pilgrim's Progress," Bunyan; "Rip Van Winkle," Irving; "Cap'n Eri," Lincoln; "Janice Meredith," Ford.

## HOOP TOURNAMENT STARTS TOMORROW

### Eight Teams to Vie for Class B Title of 13 E. O. Counties.

### BOARDMAN TOUTED

### Morrow Lads Make Strong Bid; Heppner Meets Baker Team; Deering Is Referee.

Heppner will be the mecca of basketball enthusiasts from 13 eastern Oregon counties tomorrow and Saturday. At stake in the local gymnasium will be the district 13 class B high school championship. The winner taking the right to compete later in Salem for the state class B championship.

Eight teams will compete here, namely North Powder, Boardman, Umatine, Grass Valley, St. Francis Academy of Baker, Maupin, Burns, Heppner and Ione. All teams except Heppner won their right to play here by coming out on top in sub-district tournaments last week end. Courtney's team plays by virtue of courtney's extended the host city.

The tournament schedule calls for eight games to be played two each, Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday morning and evening, as follows:

Friday—3 p. m., North Powder vs. Boardman; 4 p. m., Umatine vs. Grass Valley; 7:30 p. m., Heppner vs. St. Francis Academy; Baker; 8:30 p. m., Maupin vs. Burns.

Saturday—9 a. m., winner game 1 vs. winner game 2; 11 a. m., winner game 3 vs. winner game 4; 7:30 p. m., consolation, losers of morning games; 8:30 p. m., championship game.

Season tickets, admitting to all games, are being sold at \$1.25 for adults and 75c for students. Single admissions for each session of games, day games, 35c for adults, 25c for students; night games, 50c for adults, 35c for high school students, 25c for grade school students.

Boardman high school won the B league title for Morrow-Gilliam-Wheeler counties at the sub-district tournament in Arlington last Saturday night by defeating Condon, 37-19 in the final game. Coach Ingers' basketball display an enviable season's record, having scored 624 points to their opponents' 319. In the 19 games played this gives an average of 32.8 points per game. Individual honors probably go to Swan Lubbes, senior forward, who during the season accounted for a total of 202 points.

Tom Deering of Touchet, Wash., will be the referee in charge of all games.

The pre-sale of season tickets had made favorable progress yesterday under sponsorship of the Lions club, and was turned over to the students this morning by E. F. Bloom, school superintendent, in charge of all local arrangements. Continuance of present beautiful weather will assure a large attendance by outside people to boost for their teams, says Mr. Bloom, who further impresses upon all home folks the opportunity to witness one of the most thrilling sports events of the year.

All revenue goes to pay expenses of tournament and traveling and housing expenses of visiting teams.

### Tax Statements Mailed; March 25th is Deadline

Mailing of tax statements was being made from the sheriff's office yesterday, with announcement that deadline on first quarter payments is set for March 25. Taxpayers who wish to take advantage of the three percent cash discount are advised to make their payments before the deadline date.

Opportunity is also afforded those who owe taxes for 1934 and prior years to save penalty and interest by making a quarterly payment on the tax of the earliest year of delinquency at the same time the quarter's tax is paid for this year. If such payment is made on the delinquent tax, there will be no penalty or interest charge.

The sheriff's office was preparing to take care of a large number of customers who it was expected would take advantage of the opportunity to save by paying before the 25th.

### Morrow Grain Growers Buy Lexington Warehouse

Morrow County Grain Growers took over full control of the warehousing situation at Lexington, Saturday, when they purchased the Lexington Farmers Warehouse company holdings for \$8000. They purchased the Collins warehouse, Lexington's second warehouse, a year ago.

S. J. Devine, president, and J. O. Turner, secretary, acted for the farmers' cooperative group who have operated the Farmers' warehouse for several years. J. E. Swanson, Ione, is county manager for the Grain Growers.

### INVITATION EXTENDED.

Woolgrowers auxiliary of Echo has extended an invitation to all Morrow county friends to attend a dance they are sponsoring in Echo Saturday night. Woolgrowers especially are invited.