

**LEXINGTON NEWS**

**Church Belfry Fire Subdued at Lexington**

By MARGARET SCOTT

A fire broke out in the belfry of the local Christian church Sunday morning and was believed to have been started by sparks landing in the piled up leaves around the belfry. Due to the quick action of the fire department and the cooperation of volunteer firemen, the flames were extinguished before much harm was done and Sunday school was resumed.

A luncheon was held at the Congregational church Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Roberta Robinson, a leader in Sunday school work, and Mrs. Mildred Reeher, president of the women's conference in the Congregational church in Oregon. A good crowd was present and the talks given by the visiting ladies were enjoyed very much. In the evening a group of local people in company with Miss Robinson and Mrs. Reeher attended another meeting in Ione.

Mrs. Henry Rauch is ill at her home.

Mrs. Atla Cutsforth and children and Mrs. Mary Ross and children of Heppner were visitors at the Harold Townsend home Saturday.

Rae Cowins spent the week end in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Trimble left Sunday to spend the week at their home in Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller attended a dinner given for the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Lee Beckner ranch south of Ione Sunday.

Coy Thornburg has returned home from his work at the Lawrence Slocum ranch above Heppner.

Sharon Becket of Heppner spent Friday at the home of her great grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Thornburg.

Friends here have received the announcement of a baby son born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vinson April 14.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McMillan over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller of Umatilla and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hechtner of Walla Walla.

Joe Bond and a party of friends from Sunnyside were visiting in town Sunday.

A group of friends gathered at a surprise birthday party Saturday evening at the W. E. McMillan home in honor of Mrs. McMillan and Adolph Majeske.

Guests at the Wm. Barnett and James Leach homes last week were N. A. Leach and daughter, Veva, and J. R. Leach of Portland. Sunday visitors at the Barnett home were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Redding of Eight Mile.

Mrs. R. D. Allstott of Hermiston visited last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Archie Padberg.

Mrs. Florence Beach returned home Tuesday evening after spending the winter with her sister in Beaverton.

Pendleton visitors from here last week were Merle Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner and Elmer Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gray and son-in-law, Laurel Ruhl, were business visitors in Portland last week.

Mrs. Lara Bowen is the new depot agent here.

Business visitors in town Tuesday were Jess Dobyns and the East Oregonian representative, G. C. Beddow, from Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smethurst were called to Portland Monday evening by the death of Mr. Smethurst's father.

Harry Duvall has returned home from Pendleton where he has been serving on the grand jury.

Gene Miller returned home Wednesday from the Heppner hospital.

Mrs. R. B. Wilcox of Hermiston visited with relatives here last week.

**School News**

By Jerrine Edwards

Mr. Campbell attended the institute in Spokane.

Ione defeated Lexington in the first game of softball this season, which was played on the Lexington field Friday afternoon.

The high school girls attended a

play day in Heppner Wednesday afternoon and on Friday went to Boardman where they attended another play day.

Casts for the two one-act plays which the student body will present in the near future have been selected. The P. T. A. will give the third of three plays. The cast for "Here Comes the Bride" includes Ellen Padberg, Donald Peck, Wilma Tucker and Joyce Biddle. The cast for "Skinflint" includes Zelma Way, Erma Scott, Elroy Martin, Eugene Majeske, Jerrine Edwards and May Rauch.

Lavelle, Elmer and Marciele Pieper are absent from school with whooping cough.

Mrs. Ralph Scott motored to Walla Walla Saturday, taking a group of girls over for the Girls' League conference. Those attending with Mrs. Scott were Zelma Way, May Rauch, Wilma Tucker, Joyce Biddle and the advisor, Patricia Jewell.

**PINE CITY NEWS**

**Mrs. Bartholomew Has Leg in Cast**

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew had the misfortune of hurting her leg and knee cap again. She is having it placed in a cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGreer spent the week end in Redmond.

Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger left on Tuesday for Long Creek to spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Reid Buseick, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rauch spent Sunday in Pendleton.

Tom Boylen of Pendleton spent Monday at his ranch on Butter creek.

The Lena Home Economics club met at the Marion Finch home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Currin spent Saturday visiting the John Harrison family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brosnan of Lena visited Friday at the Harrison and Finch homes.

The grade school gave a party in honor of the high school last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Daly were business visitors in Heppner Saturday.

Mabel Rauch was employed at the Robert McGreer home over the week end.

Fred Rauch, Sr., and Fred, Jr., were business visitors in Pendleton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Clark of Redmond are spending a week with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark. Barton Clark is superintendent of the Pine City school.

There was one fatality for every motor vehicle accident of all types in Oregon last year, yet there was one death for every four accidents involving pedestrians over 65 years of age, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

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**Water Supplies Vary in Oregon For 1939 Season**

Irrigation farmers of Oregon who depend upon water stored in reservoirs have little to worry about this year so far as irrigation supplies are concerned, but those who obtain their water direct from streams will have a short irrigation season in most sections of the state unless unusually heavy precipitation occurs during the late spring and summer.

Such in general is the water forecast for the state of Oregon recently arrived at through a series of six meetings throughout the southern and eastern part of the state, conducted by R. A. Work, superintendent of the Medford branch experiment station and head of the federal-state snow survey and irrigation water forecast service in Oregon.

This is the fourth consecutive year that these district meetings have been held where representatives of cooperating agencies have gathered to compare data and arrive at a combined estimate of stream flow prospects.

Snow surveys this season showed that at high altitudes the snow still showed a water content in some instances up to last year's unusually favorable supplies, and in most cases up to average.

In the medium and lower mountain elevations, however, the unusually warm March took the snow off so rapidly that seasonal flow of the secondary streams is likely to be very much shorter than last year. Relatively speaking the Umatilla and Walla Walla river basins are

better off this season than any other section of the state. This is in contrast to last year when this area was in relatively worse condition. Streams and reservoirs both will provide ample water for prospective irrigation in that area.

At the other end of the Columbia basin Wasco county is probably facing the poorest irrigation year. Extremely limited snow supplies on the west slope of the Cascades in Wasco county indicate very meager stream flow this year.

In the northeastern section of the state, including Wallowa, Union, and Baker counties, is relatively better off than either the central or southern Oregon regions so far as flow of secondary streams is concerned.

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The division of market enforcement of the state department of agriculture tested 988 light scales and 49 heavy duty scales in business places throughout Oregon during March. Of these, all but 14 were sealed as giving correct weight to

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