

## IONE NEWS

Vernor Troedson  
Delivers First Wheat

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Harvest commenced in this vicinity last week and will be general following the Fourth. First delivery was made in Ione Tuesday by Vernor Troedson who farms north of Ione, close to the Sands. His grain is making ten bushels. A. H. Nelson is up from Canby for the harvest on his ranch near Jordan Siding. Wheat from there is being delivered at Jordan and is from seed sowed last August. James Lindsay and Smith Brothers at Morgan began harvesting last week. Fred Mankin near Ione is reported to have harvested grain weighing sixty-four pounds to the bushel. His grain is yielding well.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Everson of Hood River spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everson. They brought back Eleanor Everson who has been visiting them since school was out.

Bert Johnson motored to Portland Saturday and on his return brought his mother, Mrs. Mary Johnson, and sister, Miss Olga Johnson, home for a visit.

Mrs. Laxton McMurray departed Saturday for Seattle where she expected to take a boat for Alaska. Mr. McMurray drove her as far as Wenatchee, where she met her cousin, Mrs. A. E. Hinkley, who will make the trip with her. The boat was to leave on the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Erret E. Hummel left Saturday for La Grande where they will visit Mrs. Hummel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristow and family arrived in Ione Sunday from Baker. They will visit Mr. Bristow's parents, the E. J. Bristow's, and Mrs. Bristow's mother, Mrs. Ida Grabill.

Emil Swanson motored to Salem Monday to visit his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McMillan. Mrs. Swanson, who has been visiting there, will return with him. He was accompanied by Norma Lou Lundell who will visit the McMills for a while.

Guests at the Leonard Carlson home are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eastman and daughter Bernadine, Dorothy Hemerson, Richard Lewis, all of Portland, and Marion Albertson of Minneapolis, Minn., who arrived Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Thompson have rented the apartment formerly occupied by Mrs. Harriet Brown, and moved in Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball and family moved into the J. W. Howk home from their ranch Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Odom and daughter returned from Salem Wednesday where they were visiting Mr. Odom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Odom, and sister Juanita. Miss Juanita and her cousin, Robert Putnam, accompanied them home to visit for about a month.

Ted Thompson arrived in Ione Saturday for harvest. He was a student at University of Oregon this winter.

Martin Bauernfeind spent the week end in the mountains with his family. When he returned to Morgan, his daughter Elsie returned with him to stay until the Fourth.

Carl Bauman, who farms near Morgan, started to cut his grain Saturday but had to quit because it was too green.

Miss Mary McNamee of Seattle is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Clara Newlin, here.

Clarence Linn of Vernonia spent his Fourth of July vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ely entertained the following people at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers, George N. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palmateer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Ely and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beauteus and Robert, at a family reunion.

Earl Padberg, who is employed in Portland, spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Padberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason and granddaughter, Janet Mason, Miss Emmer

WATER DEVELOPMENTS SHOW WORTH  
DURING DRY SEASONS THIS YEAR

(Editor's Note: This article, last in a series of six on the AAA range program by the Morrow county agricultural conservation association, discusses the importance of water in successful ranching.)

Many an Oregon ranch operator has been thankful this spring for the water improvements made on his range during the last few years under the AAA range program. Newly developed sources of water have, in many cases, helped bring range animals through recent dry months with decreased worry to their owners.

Many water improvements made their appearance on Oregon ranges last year, with the AAA aiding operators in paying the cost. The state office at Corvallis said recently that 160 dams, 600 spring improvements, 113 reservoirs, and 85 wells were developed on cooperating farms during 1938.

In Morrow county one of the most popular water developments was the Luckman Bros. ranch, with five springs appearing. Other typical developments were Gladys Corrigan, Pat McLaughlin and Lucy O'Brien Wilkins.

Adequate water for livestock is just as important in successful range operation as good grass. Not only is

Maynard and Mrs. Martha Knight spent Sunday in the mountains at the Wheeler Point lookout station, where Bert, Jr., is located.

Mrs. Fred Buchanan and father, W. E. Ahalt, spent Monday at the Ray Barnett home. When she left, Mary Barnett went with her for an extended visit at their Butter creek home.

Jimmie Barnett is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Nord, at Vancouver, Wash.

Days of Yore  
Reenacted Here

A scene reminiscent of D. B. A. (days before autos) was enacted at the Heppner depot last Friday night. Such a scene was common 25 years ago, but in recent years doubtless the times a crowd has gathered at the depot at train time could be registered in a very small ledger.

Occasion for the gathering seemed to be the departure of a dozen or so enrollees of Camp Heppner CCC, augmented by the departure of several other people on holiday trips and other missions.

There was much hustle and bustle in and around the old depot that has witnessed many departures and arrivals in years past. Passengers buying tickets, baggagemen checking baggage and loading same on the baggage car—and not to be overlooked the tender farewells accorded the tree troopers. It was a scene to draw many pictures out of the past and stir memories that would require several columns to recount in part. Maybe such travel sprees occur frequently but it so happened that a reporter was on the job Friday evening and the sight of so many people seeing the train off, and so many people traveling by rail seemed to justify special mention.

Hayes Family  
Reunites on Fourth

The annual picnic of the Hayes family was held at the lovely country home of Mrs. Nancy B. Hayes on Rhea creek Tuesday, July 4. Those attending were Mrs. S. Running, sister of Mrs. Hayes; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moore, Mary Jane, Jim and Larry of Eugene; Andy Hayes of Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. Ott Robinett and children, Valena and Perry, of North Powder; Joe Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Ira McConkie and Mary Kirk of Lone Rock; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hayes of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes and son Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hayes and son Billy and Hap Hayes of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes and son Jimmie and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gentry and Mrs. Nancy Hayes. A bountiful dinner was served at noon. Horseshoe games and music were the diversions of the afternoon.

it important in itself but also the location is an essential factor in proper distribution of stock over the range. With too few watering places, animals tend to over-graze nearby areas and fail to graze sufficiently on more distant range where grass may be good but drinking water lacking.

Payments given for water development are not intended fully to cover the cost, but they do give encouragement to make the best possible use of whatever water is available on the range.

A typical example of a ranch operator benefitting from the range program is a Jefferson county rancher, who said he had hauled water a distance of a mile and a half for several years in order to supply his winter range. Last year the AAA program suggested that he develop a nearby seep hole to supply a stock tank and thereby eliminate the hauling. He completed the project, and immediately secured a constant flow of clear spring water which is piped to a steel tank adequate to take care of all requirements.

Like many an operator, he had "never got around" to developing the spring until the AAA program gave the incentive and showed that it could be done.

Stockmen Inspect  
Big Squaw Butte  
Range Experiment

Possibilities of rejuvenating central Oregon range lands through carefully planned management systems were brought home to some far shows that where cattle were grazed throughout the summer of 1938 on these ranges, the animals lost weight the first month and then gained up to two pounds per day in May and June, held their own in 200 persons who attended the second annual field day at the Squaw Butte regional range experiment station late in June. This was by far the largest party that had been shown this 16,000-acre experimental area, which is operated jointly by the division of grazing of the federal department of the interior and the agricultural experiment station at Oregon State college.

The station was started in the summer of 1935 but fences were not completed until the growing season of 1936, hence the experiment has not been carried far enough to draw July, August and September, then

any definite conclusions regarding the best management plans. Visitors had the various experiments explained to them, however, and were able to judge for themselves as to the progress made thus far.

One of the most striking demonstrations observed to date is the serious competition given grass by the native sagebrush. In areas where sagebrush had been cleared on a test basis the growth of forage has been doubled several times. "If we could just find some breed of Mormon crickets that would live on sagebrush only, it would be a great thing for the range," R. G. Johnson, professor of range management, joyfully declared in pointing out the striking difference where the sage has been removed.

A large number of different grasses and other forage plants in nursery plots near the headquarters were viewed by the visitors, who were told about the possibilities of the various grasses by H. A. Scoth,

federal agronomist. Nobody knows yet whether artificial seeding will ever be practical on these huge range areas but maintenance of this nursery will serve to determine which grasses, if any, may be suitable in the future for such purposes.

One interesting result obtained so lost rather heavily during October. Chemical tests made of the natural grass during this same period showed that the protein content of the grass dropped from around 14 per cent in May to less than 3 per cent by October. These tests are being repeated until definite conclusions may be drawn.

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