

## IONE NEWS

By MRS. ELMER GRIFFITH

## Classes Join in Reunion at Ione

The classes of '34, '35 and '36 of Ione high school held a reunion at the I. O. O. F. hall on Thursday evening. Members of the classes present were: Walter Bristow, Raymond Lundell, Donald Heliker, Dot Crabtree Halvorsen, Howard Eubanks, Lloyd Morgan, Ellen Nelson, Eugene Normoyle, and Mildred Lundell. Guests were Charles O'Connor, Charles Lundell, Wallace Lundell, Denward Bergevin, Bert Mason, Jr., Charlotte McCabe Lundell, Louis Halvorsen, Annabelle McCabe Eubanks, and Paul Smouse. Later in the evening they were joined by the class of '31, who had enjoyed a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer. Besides the hosts other guests present were Veda Eubanks Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Martin (Helen Smouse), Norman Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan (Margaret Crawford). They formed an alumni association and elected the following officers: President, Milton Morgan; vice-president, Dot Halvorsen; secretary-treasurer, Walter Bristow. It was decided to hold a reunion next year to which all of the alumni of Ione high school will be invited. The evening was spent in dancing and refreshments were served.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers, who was born December 27 in Heppner, has been named Berl, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ekleberry are the parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 28 at their home near Morgan. The little lady has been named Cora Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and family of Boardman, Mrs. Wallace Matthews of Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ely and family were New Years guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely.

Guests at the Lewis Ball home on New Years day were Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay, Helen and Betty, George Elder, Cecil Thorne, Mrs. Diantha Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter and Stell, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peterson, and Melvin Brady.

This section has enjoyed fine rains lately. Since the first of December there has been 1.86 inches of moisture, mostly rain, and the ground is not frozen.

January meeting of the Women's Topic club will be held at the home of Mrs. Omar Rietmann on January 12. The book, "Inside Europe," will be reviewed.

Bernice Ring, who has been employed in Hood River for several months returned to her home here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark departed Saturday evening for Portland, where they plan to remain for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Swales went to the Willamette valley Friday to make their home on a dairy farm near Salem.

New Years day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter, Mrs. Ellen Reith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Meara and Mrs. Clara Kincaid.

Ruth Crawford, who spent the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wait Crawford, returned to Portland Monday to resume her studies at Marylhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Esper Hansen visited Monday on their return to Spokane from a visit with friends in Portland.

Mrs. Iva Mitchell Weatherford who lives in Montana, was visiting old friends here Sunday and Monday. She was a guest at the C. W. Swanson home. She spent the holidays at Echo with her sister, Mrs. John Oliver.

A party of friends held a pot luck dinner at the Ted Smith home Sunday, attended the show, and returned there for a watch party in the evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin and Betty and Denward, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Hara and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Haguewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner of Thornton, Wash., who spent Christmas here at the home of their son-

in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin, departed Friday for Mexico City, to enjoy the winter sunshine for awhile.

Holmes Gabbert who has been seriously ill of septic sore throat at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Mankin, was taken to his home in Portland Friday by Mrs. Gabbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwynne Peck, who have been spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Peck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farris, departed Monday. Mr. Peck will resume his studies at O. S. C. and his wife will join him there later.

Miss Lucy Case will be in Ione January 11 for the third and last of the series of cooking lessons. Anyone wishing to attend who was not present when food was assigned to be brought, can bring a hot dish for the dinner.

Denward Bergevin departed Monday for Spokane to reenter Gonzaga, and his sister Betty was returned to her school at Seattle.

Donald Heliker is visiting relatives and friends at The Dalles.

Miss Linea Troedson and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Troedson have returned to their home in Portland after a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Troedson.

Mrs. Lee Beckner returned Tuesday from a visit with friends in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hinckley who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laxton McMurray, departed for their home in Kennewick, Wash., Sunday. They stopped in Hermiston where they found Fred McMurray suffering severely from an accident with farm machinery, in which he sustained several broken ribs, as well as serious internal injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linn and daughter Leta spent several days with Mr. Linn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn. They left Sunday for their home in Forest Grove.

Rev. Moffat Dennis will hold preaching services at the Congregational church in Ione each Sunday evening during January.

## BOARDMAN NEWS

By MRS. CLAUD COATS

## Flu Epidemic at Boardman Subsides

School opened again on Tuesday with a bang after a week's vacation. The flu has cleared up considerably during the vacation and the attendance is much better than at closing time. The teachers who spent their holidays away from home were Esther McGrew, Glenn Mallery, Ray Lewis, Elinor Tilden and Lois Messenger spent a few days with her brother, Uram Messenger and family of Portland.

F. L. Corwin of Mulino is visiting at the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Corwin.

Rev. Mr. Walpole was pleased to have his mother from Portland spend Tuesday and Wednesday with his family. This was Mrs. Walpole's first visit on the project.

Essie Jones and Janet Gorham spent a few days in Portland last week. Miss Jones returned home on Friday and Miss Gorham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorham were dinner guests Friday of Mrs. Gladys Fortier and daughter Norma.

Jim Howell was home over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howell. Jim is working near Roseburg this winter.

Norma Gibbons left Monday to resume her school teaching at Bend. She has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Gladys Fortier.

Ralph Skoubo returned home Monday from Portland where he had been visiting.

Esther Jones left Tuesday for La Grande to spend a few days with friends. She formerly worked there.

Earl Cramer left Wednesday for Spokane where he has work. He has spent the past few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cramer.

Mrs. George Wicklander, Sr., arrived home on Tuesday from The Dalles. Mr. Wicklander is much improved at this writing and will also arrive home in a few days. Mr. Wicklander was taken sick while working near Heppner some three weeks ago.

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## Bird Propagation Boosted by State

A new project recently inaugurated by the State Game Commission through aid of Pittman-Robertson federal funds provides for the development of seed stock refuges in the Willamette Valley for the benefit of pheasants, quail and other small game.

Sites of not less than 1,000 acres each that are suitable for restocking purposes will be selected and easement control for a period of five years secured from the landowners, which will give the Commission the right to develop food and cover resources on the land, restock it with game and regulate the seasons and methods of hunting.

The program proposes to keep the refuges closed to all hunting for a period of three years, after which they will be opened on a rotation basis. It is anticipated that this plan, together with last year's closure of the Willamette Valley, will accomplish a great deal toward the rehabilitation of the pheasant and small game in the western part of Oregon.

Inasmuch as a detailed survey of game conditions had previously been made in Benton county by the Oregon Research Unit, the present program is being initiated in that county to take advantage of the data already available but will be extended to other counties of the Valley also.

Although the work has been un-

der way for only a short period, farmers and landowners have shown a great interest in the program and in most cases have cooperated readily in signing up the necessary easements.

## Predatory Animal Funds Allocated

Fifteen Oregon counties have been allocated a total of \$17,250 for predatory animal control in 1940 by the state department of agriculture. This, together with the state game commission's \$11,700 and WPA funds for this purpose, will give every county in the state some monies for predatory animal control, reports Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the division of animal industry.

The appropriation, balance of the \$36,000 voted for this work by the 1939 legislature, is based on necessity for control and financial cooperation received from the counties.

The allocation by the department: Baker county, \$900; Gilliam, \$1,500; Grant, \$2,000; Harney, \$1,500; Jackson, \$1,500; Klamath, \$1,000; Lake, \$1,500; Malheur, \$750; Marion, \$500; Morrow, \$1,500; Sherman, \$600; Umatilla, \$1,000; Wallowa, \$1,000; Wasco, \$1,000; Wheeler, \$1,000.

A check on gasoline pumps that have not made application for 1940 licenses is in progress this week, report officials of the state department of agriculture. Oregon has more than 13,000 retail pumps.

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## Oregon "Birthplace" Rural Electrification

Believe it or not, but the Hood River valley was the birthplace of rural electrification in the United States, according to report made by Everett Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering at Oregon State college.

Davis found that the first strictly rural electric distribution line in the United States was built in 1906 and was two miles long, connecting five Hood River valley farms.

Today Oregon is still a leader in rural electrification with more than 53 percent of all farms in the state electrified. Three years ago only 32 percent of the farms were served by electricity. Latest figures show upwards of 7000 miles of rural line serving more than 33,000 rural customers in this state.

The Rural Electrification administration has assisted substantially in extending rural service within the last year or so, says Davis. Four projects are either under construction or have been recently completed, to serve about 1300 farmers. Extending lines in populous farming districts is fairly simple, but in sparsely settled regions like the Eastern Oregon wheat country, distribution lines are so costly as to be prohibitive under present conditions in many localities.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, on WEDNES-HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th.

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During the electric service interruption  
on New Year's Day

We appreciate your patience and good nature while waiting for service to be restored. It did a lot to make a difficult job easier.

The trouble was caused by severe sleet conditions in a localized area between Mosier and Hood River. For a stretch of about a mile, high up on the side of the mountain, our Powderdale transmission line became loaded with ice to the point where something just had to go! Wires were weighted down with 6 inches of ice. Poles and crossarms were similarly covered. The hillside was as slick as a skating rink.

To reach the breaks in the line, our men had to chop steps in the ice. In many places they had to crawl on hands and knees. But somehow they managed to set new poles, string new wire, and get the line back in service early Tuesday morning. It was the kind of repair job that looks hopeless to any but the members of an experienced, level-headed organization which puts maintenance of electric service ahead of everything.

So we want to thank them publicly for the fine job they did under most difficult conditions, to the end that your electric service might be fully restored as quickly as possible.

And in case we were too busy to extend greetings on Monday,  
here's wishing you A Happy New Year!

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