

Local News

Herman Neilson spent a few hours in Heppner Tuesday, coming from his ranch home in the Hardman vicinity. Mr. Neilson states there is no snow in his vicinity and that as far as he can see into the timber there is very little snow. He is well pleased with weather conditions up to this time and states there is plenty of moisture out his way.

Roads having dried sufficiently to permit travel, Ivar Nelson drove to Heppner Wednesday from his ranch in the Gooseberry section. He feels the farmers can well put up with a little travel inconvenience to get their fields soaked up the way they are at present. Grain is beginning to sprout in his vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton left Heppner Wednesday morning for Oakland, Calif., on an extended visit. Mr. Hamilton was located here a short time with Camp Heppner. He was transferred to Baker and later to Pendleton. He is no longer connected with the service.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo was called to Portland again this week to testify in the John Smith-Union Pacific trial. The trip was in vain as far as Dr. McMurdo was concerned as the parties reached an out-of-court settlement just before he was called to the witness stand.

The Union Missionary society will meet at the Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. World Day of Prayer will be the program followed by the group which is made up of the missionary societies of the Christian, Episcopal and Methodist churches.

Mrs. Henry Happold, Mrs. D. M. Ward and Mrs. W. E. Pruyne are reported on the sick list this week. Mrs. Happold has recovered and returned to her work in the postoffice. Mrs. R. B. Rice of Sand Hollow is a patient at Heppner hospital.

Mrs. Terrell Bengel and baby son, Ralph Lee, came home from Pendleton the first of the week. The young man honored his paternal grandfather, R. L. Bengel, by arriving on January 25, Mr. Bengel's birthday.

The Lexington Three Link club will give a card party in the dining room of the Leach hall, Friday, Feb. 16. Tables for "500" and pinochle. Thirty cents per couple or 15 cents for one person. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bucknum and E. L. Bucknum spent Sunday at John Day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Farley. Returning via Long Creek and Ukiah the Heppner party found springlike conditions.

Dan Gilliam, recently of Walla Walla, has joined the staff of Rosewall-Gentry Motor company as body mechanic. Mr. Gilliam and wife and child arrived in Heppner the first of the week.

A dance is scheduled at Willows grange hall in Ione, Saturday, Feb. 10. Merrill's orchestra of Heppner will furnish the music. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

Charles Bartholomew was in Heppner Saturday from his lower Butter creek ranch. Speaking of the weather, he said he had nothing to complain of but the low-hanging fog.

George Schlagel, who has been seriously ill at Camp Heppner for several weeks, was sufficiently recovered to be removed by ambulance to Vancouver the first of the week.

Verner Troedson was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday. The snow has disappeared in the Ella district north of Ione.

D. A. Wilson spent a few days in Portland on business. He went to the city Saturday night and returned home Wednesday.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the home of Mrs. Alex Green.

A baby girl weighing 8 3/4 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham at Heppner hospital Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Week end visitors in Heppner from Salem were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller and Mrs. Andrew Baldwin.

Hubert Mackey, lower Willow creek rancher, was transacting business in Heppner Friday.

Fred Hoskins was a Heppner business visitor Monday from his ranch on Rhea creek.

Dean Ekleberry was in Heppner Friday from his ranch in the Morgan vicinity.

Educational Forum

Contributed articles from county school leaders telling the purposes of education.

READING READINESS
By Mary E. Culp and Eva Casteel, Irrigon.

Reading readiness is the period in a child's life when traits of readiness to read are developed and, in the case of many of these traits, stimulation for their development is provided.

Many children who come to the first grade are not ready for instruction in formal reading. This may be due to such factors as: (1) Physical conditions; (2) mental abilities; (3) personal qualities and experience background. Just as children are ready to learn to walk and talk at different ages so are they ready to learn to read at different times.

All the questions relating to the physical conditions can not be analyzed accurately. We know that the factors of malnutrition, presence of certain toxins, glandular disturbance, absence of necessary vitamins, vision, hearing and speech have much to do with a child's future achievement. Pre-school clinics sometimes take care of these, and also county doctors and nurses offer their assistance; however, the greatest burden is on the parents. They should keep a continuous check-up on their child's condition if they desire the greatest amount of learning to take place.

It isn't advisable to start any child to school before he reaches the age of six. A child, before he reaches this age, many times isn't able to do abstract thinking, hasn't the necessary memory span, and can't distinguish likeness and differences in word forms. Experience has shown that mental tests for young children are of distinct value in determining which children are ready for reading. Results of these tests indicate that a mental age of 6 1/2 years is desirable if a child is to learn to read easily.

Readiness for beginning reading does not solely depend upon intelligence, but also to a great extent upon a child's previous experience.

The child should have a rich store of well-defined ideas relating to his home, his family, his pets and the outdoor world.

He should be able to associate what he reads with what he already knows.

If a child can use good sentences when speaking he will be better able to follow the thought of a printed sentence. A child who has a wide speaking vocabulary and is physically fit when he starts to school will have little difficulty in associating oral words with printed words.

Here again, responsibility rests with the parent. A child learns many words from well-chosen picture books. Children who have the privilege to travel have formed many word concepts.

Parents who will take the time and patience to answer a child's questions are doing a lot toward helping to make him a successful reader.

Grades Should Help in Buying Eggs

Many consumers purchase eggs blindly because they do not understand the terms used to designate grades and sizes.

And what is more important to the producer, many poultrymen do not take advantage of the highest possible price because they fail to take the eggs to town while they are strictly fresh, says Director J. D. Mickle of the state department of agriculture, which enforces the state egg law.

Briefly, state grades which confront the purchaser of eggs mean: Grade AA, strictly fresh with very little of the secondary or water white; grade A, slightly older than the top grade and with weaker body of both white and yolk. (Good quality storage eggs fall into the Grade A class.) Grade B, an egg which when broken out in the pan finds the yolk flat on the pan surface and both bodies of white blended and soft.

Besides quality terms, each container of eggs must show the size. The top or oversize eggs weigh 27 ounces or over per dozen. Other sizes graduate down to 15 ounces per dozen in this order: Large, medium, small and undersize.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who assisted and patronized the benefit dance given for Erma Scott.

Girls' League of Lexington High School, Lexington I. O. O. F.

When a child is first learning to talk parents can do much to forward the development of good habits of enunciation and articulation. A pupil who speaks indistinctly and mumbles his words or talks baby talk will find his work more difficult.

A keen interest in learning to read should be developed. This can be done by reading interesting stories to the child, providing interesting picture and coloring books, and by arousing the curiosity of the child as to the meaning of the printed material.

The emotions of a child should be regarded seriously, because they affect his work habits and attitudes toward learning. Nervousness, impulsiveness, self-consciousness and timidity have long been known to be causes of disability.

In conclusion, let us again stress the important part parents play in the reading readiness program.

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MUST RECORD BRANDS

Chapter 140 Oregon laws 1939 requires all livestock brands used in Oregon to be recorded each year. This requirement has to do with all brands whether they are new brands or brands which have been recorded before. Applications for recording marks and brands have recently been sent out by W. H. Lytle, chief of the department of animal industries. If there are livestock operators who failed to receive these application blanks, they may be secured at the county agent's office.

MARRIED AT LEWISTON

The marriage of Miss Belva Bundy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Bundy of Heppner, and Ronald Coblantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coblantz of Pendleton, was an event of Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Lewiston, Idaho. The young couple will make their home in the Shannon apart-

ments. Mr. Coblantz is employed at the Heppner Steam laundry.

HEADS DANCE COMMITTEE

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 7.—Francis Nickerson, Jr., Heppner, has been appointed in charge of dates for the University of Oregon law school winter term dance, February 17. Nickerson is a graduate of Heppner high school and is a senior majoring in law at the university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson, Sr.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Girls League, the Oddfellows and the Lexington grange and to our many friends and neighbors for their expression of friendship and kindness during Erma's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott and family.

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Friday-Saturday

THE BIG GUY

Victor McLaglen teams with Jackie Cooper in his meatiest role since "The Informer." Also in the cast are Edward Brophy who always gives a good performance in a semi-comic role, and Ona Munson, well-known for her portrayal of Belle Watling in "Gone With the Wind."—plus

THE GIRL FROM MEXICO

with Lupe Velez, Donald Woods, Leon Errol
Lupe, the firecracker, sings and dances and proves a constant headache to the rest of the cast in this uproarious comedy.
Cartoon

Sunday-Monday

SWANEE RIVER

(in technicolor)
with Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds, Al Jolson
The story of "Swanee River" is written in the melodies of Stephen C. Foster—"Old Black Joe," "Swanee River," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Oh Susanna" and many others that have always been a part of American music.
The First Robin Fashions Newsreel Abraham Lincoln

Tuesday

PAL NIGHT: 2 adults 35c; 2 children 10c

DANCING CO-ED

with Lana Turner, Richard Carlson, Artie Shaw, Ann Rutherford, Lee Bowman, Leon Errol
A madcap of dance, melody and fun with the king of swing leading the band!

Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 14-15

AT THE CIRCUS

with The Marx Brothers, Kenny Baker, Florence Rice, Eve Arden, Margaret Dumond, Nat Pendleton
The Marx Brothers gang up on a circus to bring you a three-ring jamboree of lunacy and laughter. You've never really been to a circus til you've gone with the mad Marx Brothers!
plus

THE MARCH OF TIME: Republic of Finland, 1919-1940
Here is the pictorial story of the brave and unyielding people of Finland, today desperately fighting for their lives.

STAR THEATER

Heppner, Oregon