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## Road Betterment Seen in Arrival Of Highway Crews

Construction and  
Resurfacing Work  
Underway in County

Improvement to highways of the county is seen in the arrival this week of state crews at Lexington and Ione to begin work on the Lexington-Jarmon section and the Willow creek district. Patching is being done where that will suffice, but in the main a top coating will be put on both highways.

The last work of a permanent nature done on the Willow creek highway was from a point south of Morgan to a point near Cecil. This consisted of a resurfacing job which has held up well despite heavier hauling during the war period. When the highway commission visited here in 1944 (it may have been 1943), Engineer Baldock stated that resurfacing was contemplated from Morgan to Heppner when highway work could be resumed. The same order was announced for the Lexington-Jarmon and Jarmon-Echo Junction sections, and crews are now so employed.

Out west of Heppner, on the Heppner-Condon highway, a contract crew is engaged in preparing 12 miles of grade for surfacing. Most of the stretch is high to impassable at present, due to regrading but from what can be seen there is some realigning going on as well as regrading. Some of the curves are being reduced, or lessened, in a program of removing as many bottlenecks as possible. At the rate the work has been progressing, farmers of the district should be able to haul their grain to Heppner on an all-paved highway this season.

The county is getting set to do some road improvement work. No announcement has been made relative to new roads but there is enough repairing to be done to keep a sizeable crew busy for months.

## Current Matters Occupy Time of Luncheon Group

Matters of current interest were discussed at Monday's luncheon of the chamber of commerce. First and foremost was the most current topic—the fire which only two hours before destroyed the hangar and one plane at the Lexington airport. Manager Jack Forsythe was present to give the hottest news of the day and to report on general conditions at the port, aside from the fire.

Glen Jorgenson spoke briefly on food conservation measures sponsored by the government and urged participation by the chamber in getting the program before the people.

B. C. Pinckney made a report on the cancer fund drive to date, reminding his hearers that there is considerable distance to go before the county quota is met.

Mrs. Edwin Dick stated that her committee on junior employment would meet Monday evening to formulate a tentative set-up to submit to the high school. This was done and the results of the committee's efforts will be announced next week.

J. J. O'Connor made a report on the swim tank building which is to be repaired and equipped as a recreation building for the young people of the community. The project is being sponsored by the Woolgrowers auxiliary.

## STORES TO REMAIN CLOSED FROM NOON UNTIL 3 P. M. FRIDAY

Heppner stores will remain closed from noon until 3 p. m. Friday in observance of Good Friday, it was announced today by J. J. O'Connor, chairman of the merchants' committee of the chamber of commerce.

Supt. George Corwin stated that the school will not close but that students wishing to attend Good Friday services will be permitted to do so.

## Angling Restraint To Be Removed in Oregon Saturday

Marked in red on the angler's calendar is April 20, opening day of the general trout season for Oregon in all counties but Lake and Harney. With a few exceptions, Lake county streams open on May 20 and those in Harney county on May 4. Weather and water conditions will determine the prospects for opening day success, according to F. B. Wire, state game supervisor. The coastal waters will probably be in the best shape as from present indications the Deschutes and other central and eastern Oregon waters are apt to be roily, the early part of the season.

The Game Commission's heavy spring stocking program, started in February and to be completed by May, will go a long way toward helping fill the anglers' creels this season. More than a million legal-sized trout held over the winter at the hatcheries are being released in streams and lakes from east to west and north to south. This, of course, is just a preliminary as the bulk of the liberations will be made during the summer and fall.

The bag limit or trout six inches or more in length is 15 pounds and one fish in any one day and 30 fish but not to exceed 30 pounds and two fish in any seven consecutive days. Anglers are warned against the use of live minnows except in bass waters and against chumming, both of which are prohibited by commission regulations. Numerous lakes and streams have special seasons and regulations which are prohibited by Commission regulations. Numerous lakes and streams have special seasons and regulations which are listed in the official synopsis of angling regulations issued by the commission and available at all license agencies.

## Governor Chooses Editors as K. O. G. Educational Group

Further pointing to the need for a vigorous forest fire prevention campaign this summer, with fire hazard increased due to greatly stepped up tourist travel through Oregon, Governor Snell today cited Keep Oregon Green work as a vital public service for all citizens.

Governor Snell called upon nine newspaper men, officers and directors of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' Association, to act as a spearhead committee to carry the message of the statewide Keep Oregon Green program into every city and town through the state's newspapers.

"In the five years since the founding of Keep Oregon Green in 1941, the newspapers of the state have given magnificent support, the Governor pointed out, "and this constant attack by editors and reporters against man-caused fires has been so successful that nationwide attention has been attracted to our work. By cutting forest and range fires to an all time low, our natural resources have been saved; jobs have been protected, and continuing payrolls have been insured."

Named to the Keep Oregon Green newspaper committee are: Tom B.

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## Easter To Be Ushered in With Sunrise Service at Site of Cross

Heppner churches will follow the established custom of observing the dawning of Easter day with a sunrise service at the site of the cross on the summit of Morrow butte. Three of the town's churches will combine in this annual pilgrimage, the Church of Christ, Methodist, and Assembly of God, and the invitation is extended to all persons who wish to join in the service.

Overcast skies this Thursday morning may foretell a change in plans for the fitting observance of Easter, although programs arranged for services in the churches will not be affected. The principal worry will be to those who have planned to blossom forth in their new spring ensembles, and great will be the disappointment if Jupe gets over-generous with his sprinkling.

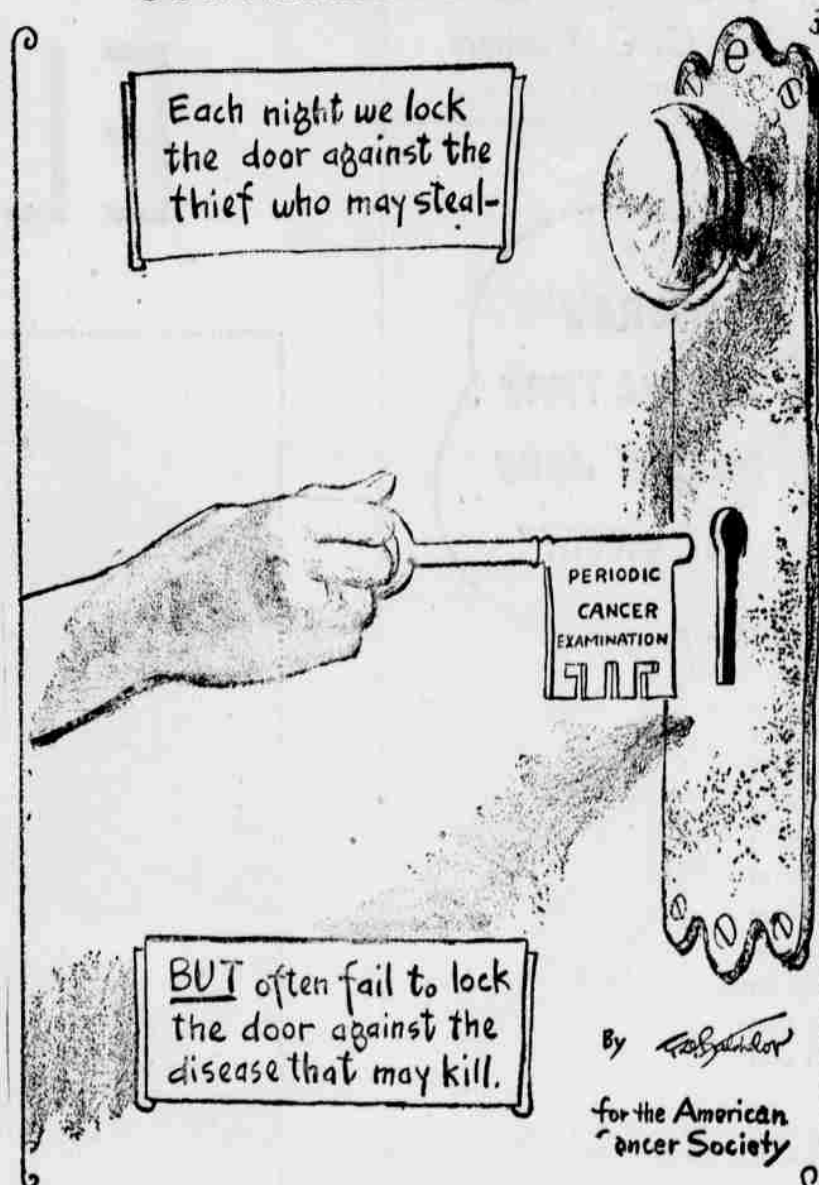
Church programs will feature

the children in exercises of one kind and another. At All Saints Episcopal church the church school will make the annual presentation of the children's offering, when they turn in their mite boxes. There will also be a presentation of attendance awards. This service will be held in the church. There will be special music at the Holy Communion service at 11 o'clock.

At the Methodist church there will be a special children's program under the direction of Mrs. Fletcher Forster. At the morning worship hour there will be special music at which time the Masonic lodge will attend in a body.

The Church of Christ will have a program by the Sunday school and a special Easter sermon by Glen Warner, visiting speaker.

## OUR NUMBER ONE ENEMY



is cancer because too few of us recognize the danger signals of cancer and fail to seek early medical treatment. Cancer of the breast and uterus can be cured in 75% of the cases if treated early, and yet more than 33,000 women die annually in the United States from cancer of these sites.

Your gift to fight cancer may protect your home or the home next door from this terrible malady. Give to Cancer Drive and mail or deliver to B. C. Pinckney, local chairman, or to Heppner Branch, First National Bank of Portland.

## Plane and Hangar Lost When Blaze Hits Lex Airport

Citizens Ready to  
Aid in Financing  
Replacements

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the hangar at Lexington airport Monday morning, defying all efforts of volunteer fire fighters to save it. With the hangar Jack Forsythe's new Aeronca plane, his office equipment and some merchandise. Both building and plane were partially insured.

Manager Forsythe states that he went to the airport as usual Monday morning and after starting a fire in the oil stove in his office, went to town to get his mail. He was down about one-half hour when it was discovered that the hangar was on fire. Limited fire fighting equipment was rushed to the port and a pump was put into action at the town reservoir, which is just at the edge of the port and shortly removed from the hangar. The battle with the flames was futile and in a comparatively short time the hangar collapsed.

Added to the loss mentioned was a pile of fence posts at the west side of the building. The gasoline pump recently installed by the Standard Oil company was scorched but not materially injured.

The charred remains of the hangar were still smoldering when Lexington citizens got together and underwrote a new building for the port and a new plane for Forsythe, pending settlement of insurance claims. This was done to facilitate early rebuilding plans and to make it possible for the manager to carry on his training and flight program just as soon as materials can be obtained. Forsythe's second plane was moored outside the hangar and was not damaged. He and Mrs. Forsythe drove to Portland Wednesday to see if a new plane can be obtained at an early date.

It is understood an effort will be made to obtain funds by popular subscription to complete payment on property purchased for use by the airport. The Town of Lexington paid for the original tract and later contracted for another strip of land which has not been paid for entirely. Heppner citizens have expressed a willingness to help finance this fund, as well as aiding in further improvements to the airport.

Manager Forsythe says that about his worst loss is his records. Fortunately he had just run over his books and remembers quite well how most of the accounts stand.

## Garfield Crawford Accepts Job as City's "Ambassador"

In a letter to Mayor J. O. Turner the first of the week, Garfield Crawford gave notice of acceptance of the portfolio as Heppner's "ambassador" to Washington to represent the town in its bid for a flood control dam. He stated that he had already contacted Rep. Lowell Stockman and that a meeting had been arranged for Mr. Stockman, Senator Guy Cordon and himself to meet with the chief engineer to see what could be done about making the Heppner project a "must" on the rivers and harbors program.

The only remuneration the "ambassador" asks is the privilege of telling the engineers his story about the flood and how badly he knows the town needs the protection of a flood dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Thomson have announced the arrival on April 15 of a baby girl, Carol Sue, who weighed seven pounds when born. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are residents of Poulsbo, Wash.