

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

During the past week wheels began to move in most of the county with the exception of the south end. A lot of "picking" of wheat, spring seeding, a little spraying, some plowing and grass seeding has been done. A few farmers found that even though their fall barley looked green without going into the field, it was definitely winter killed or weakened to the point where a few warm days would dry it up. Damage seems to be confined to the underground stem and root system with damage so severe that there is no cambium layer to carry moisture and plant food from the roots to the plant. The situation is quite comparable to weeds that have been sprayed and continue green until some hot weather comes with roots not able to keep the plants alive. Several hundred acres of Trebi barley have been torn up and re-seeded. Olympia and Utah winter survived the wintew with the exception of some damage to knolls or areas where there was no snow cover. A lot of spring wheat is going in where farmers did not complete seeding when cold weather prevented them from getting fall grain seeded.

A few farmers are still waiting the outcome of farm legislation before making definite plans for their spring operations. Most interest is in the soil bank plan and whether provisions will be financially inducive to seeding grass. However, a lot of farmers are going ahead with normal operations and taking advantage of the good moisture condition to get stands of dry land grasses established. A few of those that I have worked with in obtaining seed, making recommendations and so forth, are Oscar Peterson, Ione, who is seeding a hundred acres of Crested wheat and Nomad alfalfa; Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington who will have seeded 85 acres of grass and alfalfa this spring when he completes seeding toward the end of this week. He is using grass and Nobad alfalfa on dry land seedings and Vernal alfalfa where fields can be irrigated. Delbert Emert, Ione, has seeded a number of acres of dry land grass and alfalfa. Paul

Brown has decided to seed twice the acreage he had originally planned after seeing the good moisture conditions.

A few farmers have called for additional information on fertilizing existing wheatgrass plantings as a possible seed source after reading this column a week ago. Seeding of the 130 acre Nomad alfalfa-gress demonstration planting, sponsored by the range and pasture improvement committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, got under way this week at the Ralph Beamer ranch. In cooperation with Burlingham Seed Company, originators of Nomad alfalfa, the seeding is being made to demonstrate methods of seeding and the qualities of Nomad alfalfa. This seeding is being made with an "LZ" drill. The deep furrow openers are spaced fourteen inches and the seeding is being made directly into stubble land. By using the deep furrow openers competition with grass will be slight. An application of thirty pounds of nitrogen applied in the form of anhydrous amonia on part of the land will be compared for stand with an area where no nitrogen is used. This seeding will not be completed until the early part of next week as it now appears.

Those who might be interested in seeding grass directly into stubble might be interested in visiting this seeding to observe the operation. The field is located approximately four miles south of Heppner on the county road which leaves the Heppner-Condon highway at the corner where the gun club is located. This is the road that drops over into Sanford Canyon. The field is located about 200 yards east of the third cattleguard on the road.

## PONY KICKS

By Mary Stewart

The softball tournament has become one great big tie. The three teams, Green's Yanks, Howell's Bums, and Penland's Sluggers, have each won and lost a game apiece.

The junior high girls P. E. class



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has started its softball intramurals. Three teams have been chosen, one from each room in the seventh and eighth grades.

The captain of the eighth grade is Cara Lee Corbin. The team will go by the nome of Snyder's Girls and will be managed by Florence Morris.

Room 7A will be called the Sluggers, with Jeanne Schmidt as captain and Mary Evelyn Tucker as manager.

Boulden's Bulldogs is the title of the room 7B team. Dorris Morris is captain and Shirley Van Winkle, manager.

The chess champion of the grade school is Tom Driscoll. The tournament was finally completed and Tony Upton and Stewart Gribble came in second and third.

The first baseball game has been scheduled. It will be in Ione, April 4th. A return match will be held May 2nd, here.

## O KI ZU CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Our new officers are president, Rose Marie Nash; vice president, Sandra Campbell; secretary, Libby Van Schoiack; treasurer, Geraldine Swaggart; reporter, Jeanne Schmidt and hospitality chairman, Judy Schmidt.

Most of the girls are fire-makers, since they have just passed rank, so they talked about the Fire Makers rank.

Jeanne Schmidt, reporter.

## THE CHAT CHAT CLUB

The Chat Chat 4-H club met at Martha Peterson's home on Saturday, March 24.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Jacquelyn Brindle. We sang the Star Spangled Banner and recited the 4-H pledge.

Miss Beverly Bradshaw, the home demonstration agent, visited our club. She gave all our members 4-H pins to wear. We collected 40c for the flag set.

We made wrist pin cushions the rest of the afternoon.

The members present were Jacquelyn Brindle, Jennifer Brindle, Ann Jones, Martha Peterson, Mary Ann Johnson and Mrs. Brindle, our leader.

Ann Jones, reporter

## 4-H COOKERETTES

The Cookerettes 4-H club met at the home of Geraldine Morgan, March 10, at 1:30. The girls in Meal Time Fun made tuna and egg sandwiches. Geraldine demonstrated how to make muffins, to the girls in Easy Meals. After the meeting, Mrs. Morgan served punch with the sandwiches and muffins which the girls made.

The Cookerettes 4-H club met at the home of Sherry Corley on March 22, at 1:30. The girls in Meal Time Fun made a relish dish, and the girls in Easy Meals made potato soup. Mrs. Corley served chocolate cake after the meeting.

Dianna Pettyjohn,

## REMEMBER—

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**CARNIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**  
**Heppner Fair Pavilion**  
**FUN FOR EVERYONE**