

### AREA WATER SUPPLY SEEN POOR FOR SUMMER IRRIGATION SEASON

The water supply outlook for the 1959 irrigation season (April-September) in Umatilla, Morrow, and Gilliam counties continues to be only fair to poor except for irrigated lands served from reservoirs which will likely have satisfactory water supplies, according to a report released today by W T Frost, snow survey supervisor for U S Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Oregon agricultural experiment station. Increase in the mountain snow-pack during February was slightly above normal.

Water content of the mountain snow-cover is still far short of a normal winter's accumulation.

This year's snow accumulation is only 37 percent of a normal winter's total.

The soil-mantle under the mountain snow-pack is well wetted. Cold Springs and McKay reservoirs have 25 percent more than the normal storage. Inflow to McKay during February was especially good. These reservoirs should furnish satisfactory water supplies this season.

Forecasts of April-September runoff have been revised slightly downward to 61 percent of normal on McKay creek and slightly upward on the Walla Walla to 77 percent of normal. This is because snow-cover at certain key stations, given weighting in the forecasting techniques, increased in different amounts during February.

Flow of the Umatilla is forecast at 80 percent of normal for the irrigation season. Most of the smaller streams will experience serious shortages by late June or even earlier if the June rains are not received.

Farmers and ranchers in Umatilla, Gilliam and Morrow counties can "stretch" this year's meager irrigation water supplies by cleaning and repairing ditches and water control structures; by using fertilizer to get more crop with the same amount of water; by "working" the water—not just letting it run; by consulting with the local Soil Conservation Service technicians and county agents who have additional recommendations.

Statewide, Oregon's water supply outlook for the 1959 irrigation season (April-September) remains poor to extremely poor except for those lands which have adequate reservoir facilities. The mountain snow-pack increased by nearly normal amounts during February but continues to be extremely short. Reservoir water supplies for irrigation are well above normal.

### Bridge Club Meets Friday Evening

Mrs Creston Robinson entertained the Friday Night bridge club at her home Friday evening.

Her guests were, Mrs Ned Sweek, Mrs Jack Healy, Mrs Richard Meador, Mrs Bill Labhart, Mrs Bill Heath, Mrs Riley Munkers, and Mrs Don Bellenbrock.

First prize for the evening went to Mrs Labhart, second went to Mrs Healy, and Mrs Sweek won low.

### Mrs Gray Has High Score At Card Club

Mrs Jack Van Winkle entertained her pinocle club at her home Thursday evening.

The guests were Mrs Howard Pettyjohn, Mrs Bud Collins, Mrs Stanley Holm, Mrs Glen Smith, Mrs LeRoy Gardner, Mrs Riley Munkers, and Mrs Merritt Gray.

Mrs Gray was high winner for the evening, Mrs Gardner and Mrs Pettyjohn won double pinocle, and Mrs Collins was low.

### Boardman Notes

Earl Whiteman and Roy Ball were taken to the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston last week, both with pneumonia.

Many people on the project are ill with colds and flu.

Mrs Frank Beall and daughter Pat, Eugene, were weekend visitors at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Walter Hayes.

Mrs Eldon Lilly and children Jimmy, Janet, Jay and Jerry of La Grande are visiting this week at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Elvin Ely.

Those attending the community concert in Hermiston Tuesday of last week included Mrs Henry Gantenbein, Mrs Richard Waymire, Mrs Wayne Kahn and Mrs Sigvald Aase.

Mr and Mrs Nathan Thorpe and son Jim, Mr and Mrs Royal Bando and Mr and Mrs Glen Carpenter attended the meeting of Morrow County groups at Lexington Saturday night. Jim Thorpe was initiated in the third and fourth degrees.

Harold Hartle, Pendleton, was a Sunday visitor at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Frank Marlow. His father, W W Hartle, returned here with him, after spending the weekend in Pendleton.

The temperature in Boardman at 2 p m Monday was 70 above zero.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Tannehill left for La Grande Monday to visit several days at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Donald Tannehill.

### Monument

Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon for George Leonard Thompson who passed away March 4 at the Blue Mountain general hospital at Prairie City at the age of 86.

He was born Sept 6, 1872 in Clackamas county and was preceded in death by five brothers. He was never married and his sole survivor is a sister, Mrs Mary McIntyre of Hamilton, though there are 13 nieces and nephews.

Rev Warren Henry of John Day officiated at the services held at the Monument Community church. Pall bearers were Bill Marht, Fred McWillis, Tom Neagus, George Stirritt, Boyd Hinton and H D Hinton. Interment was in the Monument cemetery with Driskill Mortuary of John Day in charge.

D L Matteson drove over from Heppner Saturday to spend the weekend with his folks, the Elmer Mattesons and his sister's family, the H W Scotts.

### LEXINGTON

Pendleton visitors this week were Mrs Lois Hunt, Mrs Lorene Ledbetter, Mrs LaVerne Henderson and Mr and Mrs O W Cutsforth and Mrs Em Peck and daughters.

### PP&L Reminds Kids That Kites and Power Lines Don't Mix

As blustery March winds bring out the kite flyers, Pacific Power & Light company has issued its annual safety appeal to children to stay far away from power lines while flying kites.

J R Huffman, PP&L local manager, urged all parents to remind their children of these basic rules:

1. Always fly your kite in an open field or playground, well away from power lines and poles.
2. Use only dry string for kite line.
3. Never use wet string, metal thread or fine copper wire for kite line. The materials are conductors of electricity and can bring about serious shock from accidental contact with overhead wires.
4. If your kite lodges in a power line, or in a tree near power wires, leave it there. Don't try to get it down. Power company linemen never take chances with live wires, and neither should you.



### JUST SEW & SEWS

Working on our dresses is the way the Rug Sew and Sews spent the day March 14 at the Beggs home economics room. We are nearing completion of our dresses now.

4th summer school was discussed and requirements for attending.

Service Thomson, reporter

### IONE LIVESTOCK CLUB

Our fourth meeting of the Ione Livestock club was held at Herb Ekstrom's on Feb 15.

On the roll call each member gave a report on safety. Every member was there except Cheryl Smouse.

After the meeting two films were shown. One was on Hereford cattle and the other was on safe driving.

Our next meeting will be on March 22 at the Don McElligotts.

Four members of the club went on the tour to Federated Livestock Ranches, Inc on Saturday, February 14.

Cheryl Smouse, reporter

### Four New Bluebird Groups Organized

Four new Bluebird groups have been organized recently in Heppner, bringing the number of Bluebird and Campfire groups to nine.

The Bluebird program is arranged for girls from 7 to 10; the Campfire program is for girls 10 and older.

New groups are being led by Mrs Don Bennett with Mrs Wayne Snyder and Mrs Darrell Power as assistants; Mrs William Siewert with Mrs Marshall Lovgren as assistant; Mrs Ed Dick with Mrs Gene Pierce assisting; and Miss Leta Humphreys will lead a group next month with Mrs Floyd Jones' assistance. Mrs Helen Cox is acting leader.

The Fairy Flock Bluebirds who have had Mrs Dick as their leader for three years are now under the supervision of Mrs Elmer Schmidt with Mrs Jerry Daggett as assistant. These girls will "fly up" at the Campfire ceremonial in April and become Campfire girls.

Mrs Charles Collins is leading a group of third graders, and there are three Campfire groups lead by Mrs Vic Kreimeyer, Mrs Cox, and Mrs Charles Huggett.

Last Sunday, March 8, the older Bluebirds and Campfire girls observed their annual joint worship by attending St Patrick's church with their leaders.

The annual ceremonial has tentatively been set for Sunday, April 19.

The Heppner Civic League is sponsoring a number of the Bluebird groups. Leaders for new groups to be formed next fall for girls now in the first grade will be needed, according to Mrs Cox and Mrs Dick, who are responsible for organizing the Bluebirds.

### RHEA CREEK LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Rhea Creek Livestock club met at the home of Mr and Mrs Paul Webb on March 1. We decided to have a kind of a field day at the Harold Wright ranch on May 2. Nels Anderson showed a movie on how to grade swine, chickens and dairy cows.

Guests were Mr and Mrs Darrel Harris and Johnny, Mr and Mrs Archie Ball, Leonard Rill, Mrs Harold Wright, Jim Valentine, Nels Anderson and Kit, Frank Anderson and Bill Rawlins.

At the close of the meeting we had hot chocolate and cookies. The next meeting will be at the Archie Ball's on April 5.

Kenneth Wright, reporter

### BUTTER CREEK JUNCTION CLUB

The sweat shirts have been received by all members of the club. Each shirt has the name of the club monogrammed on the left side.

Mitchell Ashbeck gave a report on Dairying, Nels Anderson and assistant, Paul Rowan, presented slides on Pigs and judging of Animals. Mr Anderson gave out pamphlets on Dairyman Cow Judging contest.

This meeting was held at 4:00 p m, so refreshments were served after the business meeting. Mrs Carl Rhea, and Mrs W J Doherty served cocoa, coffee and brownies.

The next meeting will be held at 2:30 p m in the Pine City schoolhouse, March 22.

Allyn Witherrite, reporter

### HEPPNER KOOK-ETTES

The Heppner Kook-ettes met March 5 at Betty Angell's house.

Members attending were Melody Frye, Linda Warren, Joyce and Claudia Noland, Peggy Snyder, Melanie Bailey and Betty Angell.

Visitors were Katy Melby and Heide Wagner.

We made hamburgers and at our next meeting we plan to make cookies.

Betty Angell, reporter

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