

Food crops must be increased.

Food waste must be decreased.

Do your part in both and help the nation

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BIG MAS MEETING CALLS FORTH MUCH PATRIOTISM

Thursday evening the Hermiston auditorium was filled with a record crowd drawn by the announcement of a patriotic meeting. Fully 400 were present and the program from start to finish was listened to very attentively with frequent outbursts of applause as the speakers touched on the various topics. The program consisted of a number of short talks along the line of what we, as a nation, should do to help during the war by feeding the world; the menace that confronts us not from the German people but from Prussianism; our unpreparedness to fight and the things necessary by the people to place the nation in better shape, and the more than century old traditions of the American nation to uphold always the cause of freedom.

The evening was opened with prayer by Rev. Graham and followed by the audience singing America. Interspersed between talks Doris Swajce, Grace Skinner and Zona Bessel gave appropriate recitations. There was also a song by the school. The closing number was the Spangled Banner by the audience. Both opening and closing songs were led by the Hermiston orchestra. The speakers were Hon. Frederick Steiner of Pendleton, Geo. A. Cressy, E. Bessel, W. J. Warner, Otto Lund, Rev. Graham, J. T. Hinkle, Father Butler.

USE OF UNOCCUPIED LAND TO BE GIVEN

In connection with the general movement for greater crop production, two local companies with large holdings of land have made very liberal offers. One is the Western Land & Irrigation Co. and the other is the Umatilla Farm Lands Co. The holdings of the first is on the west side of the river and of the other on the east side. Both have lands located in various parts of the Hermiston country and any one contemplating taking up the offer should first see either Mr. Watson or Dodd & Kennedy before going far with arrangements.

The Umatilla Farm Lands Co. has a number of tracts suitable for vegetable growing at once and water is available. It would require payment of the 1917 maintenance.

The offer of the Western Land & Irrigation Co. is for the free use of its lands on the payment of the current maintenance charge wherever suitable turnouts are already provided. Those tracts which have not turnouts already in could not be given on this basis because of the extra cost.

Both companies would want some assurance that land so cultivated would be handled with ordinary care, as they could not be expected to give its use to inexperienced people who might open it up and then decide not to go on or by carelessness allow a slow to develop. Already several applications have been made for these lands and their selections will be in the order received. The right to sell such lands is reserved.

PROJECT FARMER CANNOT BE FOUND

Friday morning of last week R. O. Dunning, who recently moved onto the McDonald place, left home and nothing has been seen or heard of him since. Mr. Dunning left the house about 10 o'clock and started south on the road along McKeen's west line. He was not wearing a coat and the family thought he was only going over to where the Kelly boys were doing development work. The family is very much concerned and fear that while temporarily unbalanced he may have perished.

Mr. Dunning came home from Canada about two weeks ago and had suffered terrible headaches all of that time. This fact has led the family to fear something may have happened. He is a man about forty-five years of age, rather short and inclined to be heavy, sandy complexion, sandy moustache. Word has been sent out to officers in all directions to watch.

Saturday some of the neighbors searched the vicinity of the Dunning home but found no trace. Sunday morning a party of 12 from town searched all of the ground to the feed canal, equally unsuccessful.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

R. C. Casfield made friendly and business calls in Hermiston Monday.

Hiestand Moore, who has been quite ill with measles is reported much better.

The McNaught Co. completed a road the first of the week from upper Butter Creek to Westland for hauling hay to the cutter at Westland.

Butter creek is high this week with a prospect of its getting out of its banks in many places although as yet no damage has been done.

Clever posters are out announcing the regular club dance at the Butter Creek hall next Saturday night, April 28. Pendleton music and everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Swayze, Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their families, all of Hermiston, motored out to Butter Creek Sunday afternoon.

H. T. Schroeder has rented the J. D. Watson place three miles west of Butter Creek. The place will be run by Mr. Schroeder's two sons. It has not been learned where the Basey family will locate.

At a meeting of interested persons living west of the Butter Creek valley and of the West side community at J. D. Waghorn's last Monday night it was decided to form a school district and build a schoolhouse at Westland. One school bus will be operated to convey those children living farthest away to school.

AUTOS WILL PAY FOR GOOD ROADS

It is astonishing to see how few voters seem to realize that it is the automobile which pays the principal and interest of the \$6,000,000 road bonding bill. Many people seem to think that the whole \$6,000,000 burden will fall on the taxpayer.

With even a moderate increase in the number of automobiles, the license fees will more than take care of interest and sinking funds, and redeem the bonds without using a penny of the state millage tax.

The millage tax is on the statute books now, and it is more than sufficient to take up the slack in the improbable event that the number of autos does not increase.

On the basis of the present number of autos, the license fees and the existing millage tax will more than meet principal and interest on the \$6,000,000 bond issue and the \$1,900,000 bonds for forest and post roads in addition.

Once the people realize that it is the auto, not the taxpayer, which carries the financial burden of both principal and interest on the bonds, their instinctive dread of tax increase will vanish, and they will avail themselves of the opportunity to unload a large part of the road burden upon the vehicles that use and damage the trunk roads the most.

COMMITTEE WILL WORK FOR GARDENS

The committee appointed to carry forward the work suggested by the visit of the O. W. R. & N. and O. A. C. special car believe that perhaps some people may be interested in the general plan which is intended to stimulate the production of garden and field crops this season. If those who are so interested will notify the committee and will furnish the assurance that they will seed, cultivate and harvest such garden crop, arrangements will be made to procure vacant lots and water supply and will if necessary arrange for plowing the same. With this end in view the committee earnestly requests that all people on the Umatilla project take this matter to hand and bend every effort to increase their acreage in these garden crops. The demand will be enormous for all food crops and there is no better way to serve our country in this time of its great need.

Those wishing to cultivate city lots will see J. H. Young.

BOY SCOUTS AID IN RECRUITING

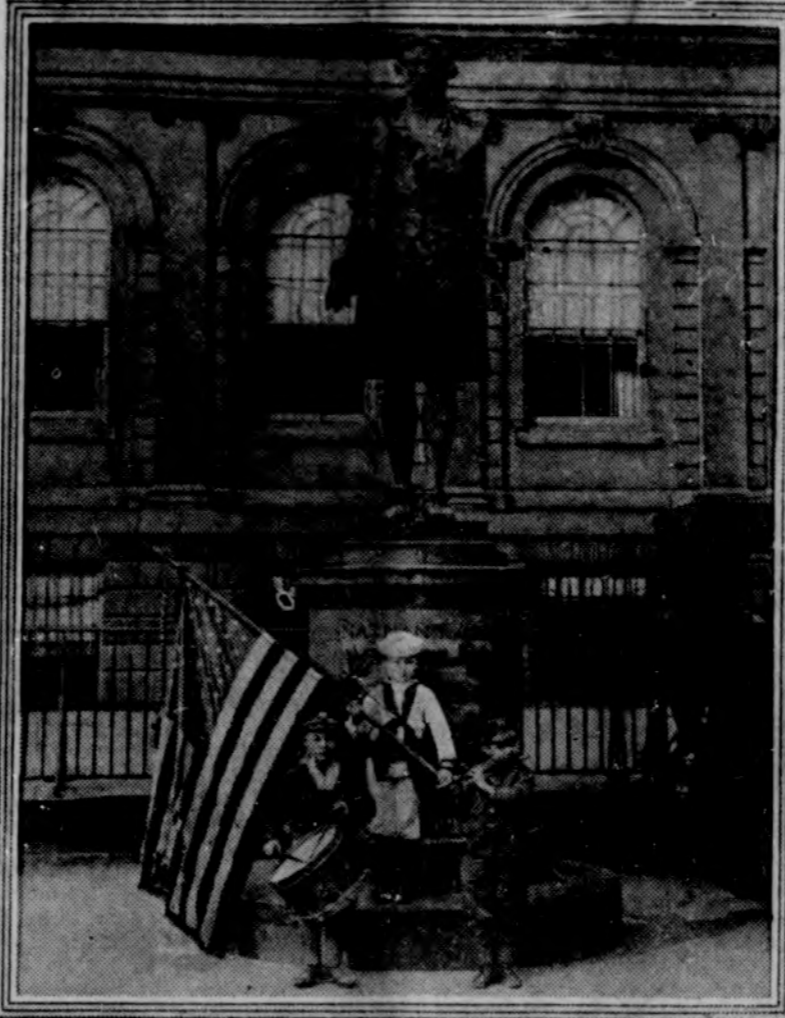


Photo by American Press Association.

With the statue of Nathan Hale for a background these three wee patriotic United States boys encourage recruiting in New York.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades left for McKay the first of the week and will be gone a week or ten days.

Miss Wilma Waugsman of Columbia school took the silver medal at the west end county declamation contest Friday of last week in Hermiston. She spoke the same recitation for the ladies of the Neighborhood club Saturday afternoon at their regular meeting.

Your correspondent and husband enjoyed a nice little spin in the new Chevrolet car Monday evening bought last week by the Lays. To see the cars there are in the Hermiston district now and then look back 8 or 10 years to nothing but sand and sage brush and roads running in all directions around through the sage brush, one can surely realize the improvements made.

Mr. Dunning, one of our new settlers in Columbia district, strode away from his home Friday a. m. and has not been heard from since, although searching parties have scoured the country for him. Anyone seeing a man of the following description please call up Mrs. McKeen. Mr. Dunning was in his shirt sleeves, started south on the section line road west of McKeen's. He is a middle aged man, medium sized, wears glasses, has sandy mustache, brown hat and vest, blue worsted shirt, suit faded blue overalls, worn work shoes. Is carrying a silver watch with gold chain. Till Taylor, county sheriff, has been notified and is helping in the search for him.

The president of the Neighborhood club urges all members to be present and to be sure to come on time. The meetings commence at 2:30 sharp. Come early and don't miss any of the work. The lessons on Roberts Rules of Order are certainly interesting and well worth while to any one engaged in club or lodge work. In addition to the study on order the executive committee has arranged for a Riley day exercise for May 5. Come prepared to answer roll call by a Riley quotation. At the second meeting in May, the 19th, Mrs. J. H. Strohm, Pres. and Mrs. O. G. Sapper, Sec. of Hermiston Red Cross chapter, will report on Red Cross work and what our club can do if we care to take up that work.

LIMEWATER GOOD EGG PRESERVATIVE

The United States department of agriculture is urging all to preserve a few eggs at this time of the year against scarcity later. March, April May and June are the months when hens produce about 50 per cent of the eggs of the entire year. Eggs for preserving must be not more than two or three days old. Infertile eggs are best if obtainable. Shells must be clean and to wash eggs is to reduce the keeping qualities. Earthenware

cracks are good containers. A crock holding six gallons will accommodate 15 dozen eggs. Too large a receptacle is not desirable.

The department gives the following lime water method of preserving eggs: A solution is made by placing 2 or 3 pounds of unslacked lime in 5 gallons of water, which has been boiled and allowed to cool, and allowing the mixture to stand until the lime settles and the liquid is clear. The eggs should be placed in a clean earthenware jar or other suitable vessel and covered to a depth of 2 inches with the liquid. Remove the eggs as desired, rinse in clean, cold water and use immediately.

The waterglass method is generally used. To 1 part of waterglass or sodium silicate add 9 parts distilled or boiled water. Keep about 2 inches of the solution above the eggs. Eggs may be added a few at a time until the container is filled. As the water evaporates add cool boiled water to keep the eggs covered.

OREGON PATRIOTIC LEAGUE IS FORMED

Designed to bring together all the hundreds of organizations in the state that they may co-operate in union and harmony to produce the greatest possible benefits and results, the Oregon Patriotic Service league has been formed. It is the first state wide organization to undertake the handling of preparedness in a big way and in a manner fair and just to all.

Every community already having an organization or intending to form one is urged to unite with the state league. There is no expense in this connection and all officers act without pay. The league has the backing of the governor. Under the objects as outlined by the league there is something which every man, woman and child in Oregon can do for the nation in the way of patriotic service.

WEST END CONTEST QUITE INTERESTING

Friday evening of last week at the high school auditorium the west end oratorical contest was held. A similar contest has been held in the other sections of the county and the winners in each district will meet for the county championship. The attendance here was good and the contestants in all classes were splendid. Those winning were:

Sixth grade and under—Frances Hills, Stanfield, first; Wilma Waugsman, Columbia, second.

Seventh and eighth grades—Jane Gunn, Hermiston, first; Ruth Gobel, Echo, second.

Oratory, high school—Genevieve Sevy, Stanfield, only contestant.

Declamatory, high school—Lorena Hall, Stanfield, first; Emily Shotwell, Hermiston, second.

RED CROSS CHAPTER IS FORMED IN HERMISTON

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Nick Faler of Portland filed on a homestead.

Frank Brown went to Hermiston Monday.

Joe Simons left for Irrigon Monday afternoon.

W. N. Hatch went to Walla Walla Thursday to visit for a week.

Mrs. Johnson was down from Hermiston Monday looking over the project.

S. C. Mack went to Irrigon Sunday and brought back his fine driving horse.

Emmett Callahan has his new home completed and is at home to all his friends.

L. E. Gottfried and H. E. Hamilton, two telephone inspectors, are here for the week.

Mr. Carson, a homesteader, is putting up teat frames to accommodate him for a little while.

Mr. Harrison is building a small dwelling in town to live in while he superintends his farm work.

Mrs. Alta Howard came down from Pendleton Monday to look after the improvement on her land.

Ballenger and Mack have just finished building a barn on the Ballenger lots to keep their driving horses in.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Paine, Gadya and Elden, Mrs. Sidney Mack, Miss Clara Voyer and Joe Simons spent Thursday evening with the Calverts and Dorings.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Wittenberg-King Co. of The Dalles will erect \$150,000 fruit and vegetable process factory here employing 200 persons.

Baker—Work started on construction of 120,000 foot capacity saw mill near Austin.

Pendleton—320 acres near Athens sells for \$51,000.

Gardiner—Reedsport fresh fish cold storage plant nearing completion.

Echo—50 cars baled hay, hogs and cattle sent out of here in one week.

Halfway—Idaho-Oregon Power Co starts construction on transmission line from Ox Bow power plant at Copperfield to this town. Means much to development of valley and mines.

Coos county spruce timber is to be manufactured into aeroplane lumber.

Forest Grove—Work on Gales Creek and Wilson river railroad to Tillamook to start soon.

Albany is slated to have cannery.

East Gardiner—S. P. Co to build two story brick veneer station here.

Independence—Farmers becoming enthusiastic about beet growing in this section.

Astoria plans much improvement work, \$250,000 will be expended in paving and improving streets and \$50,000 on sewers.

Eugen—Cheese factory to be started here May 1.

North Bend—Chemical plant to use wood waste may locate here.

Coos Bay—Work started on Standard Oil Co. \$80,000 plant here.

Astoria—Wilson shipyard enlarges and expects to build 12 ships.

Coos Bay prepares to build 24 ships a year for government.

Portland—A manufacturer of high grade irrigation pumps here seeking location for factory.

Dixie—Fox farming is a paying business here.

Bandon—Mining activities on Sixe river planned.

La Grande—Two farm sales here involve \$90,000.

Mansfield—\$20,000 appropriated by county for armory here.

Brookings mill may operate soon. Amity is to have vetch meal mill.

St. Helens—\$6,000 business block to be built here.

Prineville cattle make new high mark bringing \$990 in Portland market.

Prineville—Contract let for 33,000 railroad ties at from 30 to 40 cents.

Friday afternoon of last week a branch of the Umatilla county Red Cross society was formed in this city and the earnestness of those uniting would indicate good work ahead. Mr. and Mrs. Vert, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Johnson were here from Pendleton to effect the organization. Mrs. Vert is secretary of the county society.

The Hermiston branch starts off with a membership of 27, one of the largest in the county. A number of others have signified their intention of joining at the next meeting, which will be Thursday afternoon. The fee is \$1.

Officers elected to the local branch are: Mrs. J. H. Strohm, chairman; Mrs. Paul S. Jones, vice chairman; Mrs. O. G. Sapper, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Campbell, treasurer.

An invitation is extended all loyal American citizens to unite with the Red Cross and do the little possible by each for the aid of the nation. Men are eligible to membership and officers hope to see a number join.

BEST VEGETABLES FOR THIS SECTION

The experimental farm recommends the following vegetables for best results in this section:

Asparagus—Conovers Colossal, Palmetto.

Beans—Kentucky Wonder, Red Mexican, New Stringless, Black Wax.

Beets—Extra Early Egyptian.

Cabbage—Earley Jersey Wakefield, Flat Dutch, Danish Ballhead.

Carrots—Earliest Shorthorn, Chautauky.

Cauliflower—Early Snowball.

Celery—G. Iden Self Bleaching.

Corn—Country Gentleman, Golden Bantam, Stowells Evergreen.

Cucumbers—White Spine, Long Green.

Egg Plant—Black Beauty, New York Improved.

Lettuce—Hanson's Improved, Grand Rapids.

Cantaloupe—Emerald Gem, Hakensack, Rocky Ford, Nettle Gem.

Onions—Red Weatherford, Yellow Danvers, White Queen.

Potatoes—Irish Cobbler, Early Rose Nettle Gem, American Wonder, Burbank.

Parsnips—Hollow Crown.

Peas—Alaska, Telephone, Gradus, Improved Stratagem.

Pumpkins—Sugar.

Squash—Hubbard.

Rhubarb—French Breakfast, Crimson Giant, Scarlet Turnip, White Icicle.

Turnips—White Flat Dutch, White Egg.

Watermelons—Kleckly Sweet (Monte Cristo) Chilian, Halbert Honey.

Recommended bulletins—Farmers Bulletin 818—The Small Vegetable Garden.

Farmers Bulletin 359—Canning Vegetables in the Home.

Farmers Bulletin 255—The Home Vegetable Garden.

Oregon Bulletin 136—Vegetable Tests, Umatilla Experiment Farm.

MILK AS A FOOD VERY NOURISHING

Economy in the diet does not always depend upon limiting the use of certain foods, but sometimes it is a question of actually increasing the use of foods which furnish nutritive material at relatively low cost. Milk belongs to the latter class and the housewife would do well to study its food value and decide whether her family is using as much as it should. The average person in this country uses only a little more than half a pint of milk daily, and this quantity can very profitably be increased when safe milk is available.

Many people think of milk only as a beverage, but if they understood that it is in reality a nourishing food they would increase their daily allowance.

We eat food for two main reasons: First, to renew body waste and promote growth by forming new tissues and fluids; and, second, to supply energy for carrying on body functions. Milk contains the body building materials (protein and mineral substances, such as lime and phosphorus) and a supply of energy for carrying on the body functions.