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## ANOTHER UNIT LIKELY TO BE ADDED TO PROJECT

Public spirited citizens to the number of fifty were present at the Commercial club meeting last Monday night to listen to and take part in the discussion of various important matters intended for the betterment and advancement of Hermiston and the surrounding country, and to place in nomination and elect officers of the organization for the current term.

The holding of the Dairy and Hog Show was the subject of quite a little speech making on the part of those who have each year faithfully worked to make it a success. The discussion started when someone made the remark that the war would interfere with the holding of the fair another year, but the fear of this was soon dispelled by other speakers, who contended that our obligations to government support would not or should not deter us from striving even more so now than heretofore to maintain the annual fall fair, the idea being that should we lay down now it would be almost impossible to resurrect the dairy show after the close of the war. With this view taken by a majority of those present it was decided to continue the Dairy and Hog Show, and the committee appointed at the last meeting was retained to look up suitable grounds for its holding.

Probably the most important outcome of the meeting will be noticeable soon, for the proposition of making a united effort to have another unit added to the project was taken up by the club. The land contained in this unit is situated south and east of Hermiston, and is between the A line and the feed canal. It has been contended right along that the land is too valuable to let lay idle, and it is the purpose of the club to strive to have the reclamation people see it that way and open it up to settlement.

After leaving it with the president to select his aides to further the above matter as quickly as possible, a recess was taken and all enjoyed a delicious luncheon. After the meal business was resumed and the club proceeded to the selection of the annual officers, the following being elected:

President—E. P. Dodd.  
Vice-President—F. B. Swayze.  
Secretary—Dr. F. V. Prime.

A motion prevailed that the president be given the privilege of selecting the board of directors of five members, after which the meeting adjourned.

## SWEATERS FOR THE SOLDIER AND SAILOR

One seldom hears much about our Red Cross, unless in connection with the raising of money in big drives, but an inside view into the workings of the local Red Cross organization reveals the fact that the ladies of this community are extending every effort to make the soldiers and sailors now fighting our battles on land and sea as comfortable as possible by making sweaters, mufflers and other garments for them to wear.

That they have been doing yeoman service in this direction is shown in the packages leaving here at intervals containing these supplies, the records recording that in the past two months the Hermiston Red Cross has forwarded no less than 27 sweaters and two mufflers, and that there are 15 more sweaters so near completion that they will be shipped within the next 15 days. That's the kind of work that counts.

## MANY GUESSES ON SEEDS IN SQUASH

The prizes put up during the holiday season for the persons coming closest to guessing how many seeds there were in a squash on exhibition at the City Market and Grocery was in a way valuable from an educational standpoint as well as the means of creating much amusement. Many guesses were made on the big vegetable, and they were of such wide variance that they ranged anywhere from 100 up to 800.

The three prize winners struck a happy medium half way between the above figures, with the result that Miss Mary Anderson of the Oregon hotel won the case of Crystal White soap on a guess of 442, Mrs. H. A. Frick came second and won \$2 in cash with a guess of 413, and Earl Carson took the squash on a guess of 485.

## SOON TO START WORK ON STATE HIGHWAY

Work on the Columbia highway which runs through Hermiston will soon be under way, according to Oscar Cutler, of the state highway department, who was in the city Wednesday. The gentleman is now overseeing the surveying of the road from the Morrow county line to Pendleton. He expects to reach here early next week with his crew of engineers. He is also making an estimate of the cost of hard surfacing, and in a short time he will send in his report to the state highway commission, after which a call for bids will be issued and the contract let. In the meantime the county court will grade and fill, and with the continuance of fair weather it is the belief of Mr. Cutler that state operations on the road should be under way in a month or six weeks from now.

## HE'S HAPPY OVER HAVING LOCATED HERE

J. McCoy, who operates a rented ranch of eighty acres about three miles west of town across the Umatilla river, is certainly a booster for this valley. If you can strike up a conversation with the gentleman it won't be hard to loosen him up to give you the real optimistic brand of talk about the possibilities of this country.

And while doing this he will go further and tell you that last spring he came here from near Salem and, after working out awhile, sent for his family, and after their arrival rented the ranch he is now on. Adversity in his former home left him very short of cash when he shied his castor into the farming game here, but through hard work and good management he has already paid off the little and big debts incurred in getting started, and is beginning the new year with practically a clean slate and with horses and machinery enough on hand to handle the eighty acres the coming season. And if things go right along for him as they have been, you'll see Mr. McCoy laying by a nice little nest egg next fall after the clean up.

But every man cannot accomplish what this gentleman has since coming to this valley. It requires energy, push and vim along with the ideal soil and climate to become successful in the farm business, and while there are some ranchers here somewhat lax in these requisites, it is certain that Mr. McCoy combines all of them.

## PARENT-TEACHER ELECT OFFICERS

A very interesting program was given at the regular meeting of the Hermiston Parent-Teacher Association Thursday afternoon. A piano selection by John D. Watson, Jr., a song by the primary grade, a reading by Miss Emily Shotwell and an address by A. E. Bessel on "The Conservation of the Child," were well received by a large audience. After the program officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. J. T. Hinkle.  
Vice-President—Mrs. C. S. McNaught.  
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Young.  
Secretary—Mrs. Hood.  
Program Committee—H. M. Gunn, Mrs. H. M. Sommerer and Mrs. E. P. Dodd.

## O. E. S. APPOINTIVE OFFICERS INSTALLED

At the meeting Tuesday evening of Queen Esther Chapter No. 101, Order Eastern Star, the following appointive officers were installed, the ceremony being performed under direction of Kathryn Garner, the installing officer: Ads—Ruth Skinner.  
Ruth—Euphenia Jackson.  
Esther—Mable M. Jensen.  
Martha—Hazel Agnew.  
Elects—Laura S. Crandall.  
Marshal—Essie Scroggs.  
Chaplain—Rena Waterman.  
Warder—Georgiana Hilsley.  
Sentinel—Geo. A. Cressy.

## EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA REVIEWING TROOPS



Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary is here seen reviewing some of the troops that took part in the drive into Italy and praising the officers for their work. This is the first photograph of the emperor to reach America in many months.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sommerer and Mr. and Mrs. Ott motored to Butter Creek Sunday and were callers at the Lewis home.

Paul Miller is among those leveling and getting ready for spring seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews left Thursday for Spokane, after spending the holidays on their ranch in this section.

Little Wilma Waugaman is reported on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dawson and baby Jack from Irrigon spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Sommerer.

At the Rhodes home Monday evening was the scene of a very merry old-fashioned house warming, several friends and neighbors gathering to help initiate their new home.

Miss Jones and her uncle, Mr. Cutler, spent the week end at Heppner.

Mrs. Bessie Spencer is reported as very ill and is confined to her bed.

Mrs. Mary Hoisington returned last Thursday from Pendleton where she spent the holidays with her daughter.

Miss Blanche Diether, one of the teachers in the Hermiston school, spent the week end with Mrs. F. A. Brunson.

Mrs. Franz spent several days last week with her daughter in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney and daughter from Pendleton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow. Mrs. Beddow accompanied them on their return and expects to spend a week in the Roundup city.

Prof. Vonholderbeke from Spokane, scientific advisor for the Bohn, Brunson, Beddow and Heint fruit companies, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting the orchards. Mr. Hammer, one of the professor's expert pruners, accompanied him and is now busy cutting of twigs on the Heint tract.

Frances Hinkle is a guest at the McKee home during the absence of her mother.

The executive committee of the Neighborhood club met at the Brunson home Thursday night.

Mrs. Simmons and Jennie left Thursday for a brief visit in Pendleton.

Jim Catron has finished leveling his 20-acre tract and is having twenty-two hundred head of sheep fed on his place.

Mr. Hall has completed leveling the 40-acre tract belonging to Jene Skovbo that he is located on in the canyon. Twenty-five acres is seeded to alfalfa and the remaining fifteen acres he expects to seed this spring. Mr. Hall did this in one year's time and we all admire his progressiveness.

Mr. Mathews has signed a contract with Wallace Spencer to level and seed to alfalfa his 15-acre tract near the school house.

A correction of last week's issue in regard to the exchanges and present location of the thoroughbred animals belonging to the Jersey Breeders association are as follows: The animal that was located at the Waugaman ranch is now at the Scott ranch, Scott's at Cressy's, Cressy's at Ott's, Ott's at Waugaman's.

The Neighborhood club met Saturday at the Columbia school and a good attendance reported. A short program

was rendered and light refreshments served. The next meeting will be held January 19. Every member is urged to attend.

Otto Sapper was a dinner guest at the Briggs home last Sunday.

## BOARDMAN NEWS

Mrs. C. C. Paine and children Gladys and Elden were dinner guests of Mrs. Cumins Sunday.

Walter Cohoon of Pasco, Wash., brother-in-law of Ernest Brown, filed on a homestead Wednesday.

E. Allen Bennett, of Portland, was looking over the schools Tuesday.

The Mack store is busy taking an invoice of the stock.

A party of young people gave an old-fashioned charivari on the new-lyeds, Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo, Friday.

J. R. Johnson went to Hermiston and Umatilla this week.

The school house is progressing very fast.

Sam Boardman went to Heppner Tuesday.

Mrs. Alf Hiatt and two children, of Echo, sister-in-law of Mrs. Rands, returned to her home Sunday.

## IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Ashun spent a few days at Sunnyside, visiting her daughter whose husband is enlisting in the military service.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Corey are leaving this week for Seattle to visit his parents before enlisting in the aerial corps at Vancouver.

Mrs. McCoy was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Old Sol really called during two days of the new year so far.

L. N. Davis has completed his garage and is busy leveling his land east of town.

Mr. Ashburn has been engaged to plow 20 acres of land for Mr. Warrington south of town.

The carpenters that built the new depot at this place, failed to make it satisfactory and will return at once and complete it.

Lyle Seaman, Mae Davis and Doris Lane are now wearing their state club pins which they received for completing last year's club work.

Mrs. N. Seaman is spending a few days with friends in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Samson were Hermiston visitors Monday.

Fred Caldwell drove to Hermiston last Saturday.

The road men are hauling dirt to keep the wind from blowing the sand away from in front of the school house.

Mrs. L. M. Davis and son were Hermiston visitors Saturday last, when the former went for dental work.

We understand that Ross Lauden-slager will go into the dairy business. We wish him success in the enterprise.

Among the spring crops Irrigon has peas growing that are 3 to 4 inches high; also carrots, lettuce and radishes seem to be thriving.

## "BIG TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT"

### AIR WAS FULL OF FLYING MACHINES

A letter to his parents here from Frank Stone, who was recently transferred from Camp Lewis to San Antonio, Texas, is given below. It is interesting to note that the young man says that rumors of ill treatment in the camp life of the soldier are groundless. All of us, no doubt, would give a good deal to have been with Frank when he was writing that letter and witness the exercises of the airship "squadron." After seeing them in operation it is more than likely we could tell with some degree of accuracy whether the mysterious air visitor that has been agitating us for some time past is really an airship or just plain evening star. Here's the letter:

"Kelley Field No. 1, Texas.  
"We have arrived here all safe and sound. The air is full of flying machines all of the time.

"I just received your letter last night and your package a couple of days before. I want to thank you Esther and pa for the box. You cannot imagine how good everything tasted; in fact I think it the most enjoyable Xmas package I ever received. It brightened everybody up in my tent to taste some real home cooking like mother used to cook. The box may have seemed small to you but it sure looked big to me, and the boys all said, gee! look at the big box he got through the mail. One friend got one of the sweetest belts from a lady friend. He looked at the belt and then at me and said, what a swell belt, but what good will it do me. If she had only known and sent me something I could have eaten it would have been so much better, for they will not let me wear this and I do not know what to do with it. So you can see how much better that good box of eats were instead of some article that we cannot use, and all the boys think the same. One of the boys got a couple of boxes before Christmas and I helped him eat his and he is helping eat mine, so we have had some real cake and cookies for over a week now.

"When I got your letter, mother, it was the first I had received since I came down here. I am now in a permanent squadron, so after this you can just keep mailing my mail to my last address until I change it, for mail follows a permanent squadron without any trouble.

"You may hear all kinds of stories about the way we are treated in the army, but you do not want to believe anything you hear unless some one tells it to you and they know it for a fact, because there is so much said that is nowhere near true. We have latrines in most cantonments to take a bath in but down here we have small houses with two shower baths in each. We have no hot water here, but do not need it for the water is awful warm—in fact it is so warm that it is not fit to drink until it has set around and cooled off. It is just like drinking dish water.

"I was not surprised to hear that Muryel had a bad case of la grippe for he was pretty sick when I left Camp Lewis. I am glad to hear that it is nothing worse than la grippe, for I was afraid that it would be.

"We are waiting here for our equipment, and I guess as soon as we get it we will leave, as we are a supply squadron for foreign service. They say that they send a fellow in a hurry, as it takes very little training, these squadrons being made up mostly of men who know what they are doing. Have you got my pictures yet? I must close for this time, hoping to hear from all of you soon. With love to all,  
Frank

The huge task of leveling, fluming and seeding the 160 acres of land a short distance northwest of Hermiston that Tillamook dairymen purchased from W. H. Skinner last summer has been completed. A representative of the owners was here and looked over the work, and went back to his home near Tillamook to report that under normal conditions all will have ample hay for their stock from the land for next winter's feeding. The crop, after being cut next summer, will be baled here and shipped by rail to Tillamook for distribution among the dairymen of that place that have interests in the big tract.

There will be high jinks held in the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows hall tonight, for Pendleton's fine degree team of the Odd Fellows will be here in toto to give the members of the local organization an exhibition of how it puts on the degree work. At 7:30 tonight the fun will begin for the candidates in waiting for the initiatory, first, second and third degrees.

This being quite an event in the history of the Hermiston lodge, in that it has candidates for all four degrees to be taken in one evening, it has invited Stanfield Odd Fellows to be in attendance—and with the latter, Pendleton and the Hermiston Odd Fellows affiliating on this occasion, the town should present an exceptionally lively appearance this afternoon and evening.

To make this a gala and long-to-be-remembered fraternal affair, the Rebekah ladies are going to prepare a banquet, which from all accounts will be one of the most sumptuous ever spread in this city. This will be held in the basement of the Baptist church in order that the large attendance expected can be accommodated with comfort.

Last Saturday evening the Hermiston Odd Fellows installed the following elective and appointive officers:

N. G.—Frank Varnum.  
V. G.—J. S. West.  
Secretary—W. R. Longhorn.  
Treasurer—L. W. Furnas.  
Warden—R. W. Sprague.  
Conductor—J. F. Bilderback.  
R. S. N. G.—W. A. Mikesell.  
L. S. N. G.—W. S. Casady.  
R. S. V. G.—Bert Nation.  
L. S. V. G.—Roy G. Atterbury.  
Chaplain—L. S. Chapman.  
R. S. S.—Geo. Strohm.  
L. S. S.—Geo. Myers.  
I. G.—S. D. L. Ross.  
O. G.—P. B. Knopton.

## UNVEILING OF SERVICE FLAG MONDAY

The unveiling of the service flag donated to the city by the Girls Honor Guard of Hermiston will take place next Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the post office, at which time Rev. Graham will deliver an address and "The Star Spangled Banner" will be sung by the audience. The flag is the handiwork of the young ladies of the Honor Guard, and the 25 stars which it contains represent the boys who have enlisted in the service direct from Hermiston. It was to give honor to their patriotism that the Guard ladies conceived the idea of perpetuating the names of the following by making the service flag:

George Prindle, Logan Todd, Herbert Sullivan, Bert Hiatt, Ed. Hiatt, James Todd, C. O. Waincott, J. A. Campbell, Earl Boynton, Ed. McKee, Harry Todd, Walter Beasley, Robert West, Vane Boynton, Tom Campbell, Robt. Hobbs, Floyd Ames, Arnold Shotwell, Floyd Hoisington, A. E. Winslow, Clarence Carson, Clarence Johnson, Dick Thom, Ross Shaw, Robert Bunch.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank of Hermiston was held last Tuesday morning, at which time election of officers for the present year took place as follows:

President—F. B. Swayze.  
Vice-President—R. Alexander.  
Cashier—A. L. Larson.  
Assistant Cashier—C. E. Opel.  
The above officers, together with Attorney J. R. Raley, constitute the board of directors.

The annual report of the president was read, and it showed that the bank was in a thriving condition, and also that the business of the institution had made a most satisfactory increase during the year 1917.

## WEATHER REPORT

The weather has been cloudy most of the week, and culminated in giving the valley its first skiff of snow this winter on Thursday, which remained only a short time. The maximum temperature for the week ending January 10 was 58 degrees and the minimum 15. The rainfall was .24 of an inch.