Hermiston Dairy and Hog Show, Oct. 22, 23, 24

State Dairy Convention, October 24 and 25

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NEARLY 500 PEOPLE WERE AT THE FIELD DAY MEET

Of all the annual Field Day meets at the government experimental farm north of Hermiston, that of last Saturday stands as the peer, both from an educational standpoint and in point of attendance. There were close to 500 people—old and young—assembled there that day, and they came from both the East and West Extensions of the project, from the Western Land & Irrigation Co. project, from the Furnish project, from the Meadows in Butter Creek and from other more distant points.

Although the day was somewhat blustery it did not mar the excellent program to any appreciable extent, nor did it for a moment lessen the sociability of the vast gathering. At the noon hour the picnic dinner—such a one as had never before been prepared by the ladies of the project, or one that had such a wide range of delicious edibles—was partaken of. The menu included every known variety of cake and pie, together with fried chicken, vegetables, sandwiches, coffee and cream.

After the repast Superintendent Dean mounted the rostrum and explained the work and reviewed the results of experiments on the farm, after which he made County Agent Fred Bennion master of ceremonies—and the afternoon program began. After a little talk by Mr. Bennion on the work that he would strive to accomplish in this county along agricultural lines, and asking for the cooperation of the people in the plans he had in mind for this end of the county, he introduced W. L. Powers, professor of soils at O. A. C. Mr. Powers urged increased use of water on sandy soils of this region, and gave statistics as to the value of deep rooting legunes and organic manure in rotation for lessening the percentage of deep percolation losses.

Col. Emmett Callahan of Boardman was introduced to the audience and in his usual pleasing oratorical way delivered a stirring patriotic address, leading his audience down the troubled path of ancient day history to the time of the great world war just closed. He reiterated that he was an all American man ready and willing to do all in his power for his country, and admonished his hearers to live and do likewise in this land of the free and home of the brave.

Miss Ella May Harmon, county home demonstrator, came next on the program, and while she uttered no word in a speechmaking way, she had her fireless cooker do a lot of talking for her by having it demonstrate to the ladies its ability to do wonders in the culinary line.

Farmers were then taken over the fields, where the results of experiments with fertilizers, crop rotation and irrigation practices were explained.

A pleasing fact brought out at the meet was that farmers in the Umatilla basin are prosperous generally, for during the day a pool of $5000 was arranged to obtain a carload of high grade dairy cattle for dairymen and farmers.

Clocks Back October 26

Clocks will be turned to pre-war time on the 26th of this month, and then they will stay put, for the act abolishing the daylight saving scheme that passed both houses recently puts the quietus on this early rising proposition—and nearly everyone is glad of it.

ESCAPE DEATH BY VERY SMALL MARGIN

Donald Shotwell, thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shotwell, and Joe Neary, thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neary, came within an ace of being killed last Saturday forenoon when the automobile which the Shotwell boy was driving was hit by a freight train at the railroad crossing near the depot.

The boys were coming from the West Side, and on account of a multitude of freight cars standing on the sidetrack at the time failed to see or hear a fast moving westbound freight train approach. Nearing the crossing, however, they got a view of it, and evidently Donald, the driver of the auto, seeing his perilous position, applied the brakes to the machine. Too late, though, to avoid impact with the fast moving freight, the crash coming when the auto, almost stopped, was caught by the engine step protruding, it is believed, and battered to one side a mass of wreckage.

The boys were hurled from the machine with awful force, and spectators wondered they were not instantly killed. As it was Joe Neary's life was despaired of for several days after the accident, he having sustained an awful scalp wound and a small fracture of the skull. It is believed this was received by his going over the windshield of the auto and striking the engine head first. Reports at this writing are to the effect that he is getting along nicely and will recover. Donald Shotwell escaped with several severe bruises, and is almost well again.

The crossing at the depot is conceded to be a dangerous one, efforts have been and are still being made to have proper protecting signals placed there by the railway people.

EXPLAINS MILKING CONTEST RULES 8-9

H. K. Dean, who is to conduct the milking contest at the coming Dairy and Hog Show, offers the following explanation of Rules 8 and 9 in the premium list covering the lactation and age handicaps under which the contest will be conducted. These rules are designed to give all cows an equal opportunity, no matter what their age or how long they have been milking.

The lactation handicap rule assumes that the cow is giving her maximum milk at 40 days after calving and that the butterfat content of her milk decreases at the rate of one ounce for each ten days to 160 days after calving and at the rate of one-half ounce for each twenty days thereafter up to ten months, the normal lactation period. Thus a cow which had been milking for four months would have a handicap of eight ounces and one for six months 12½ ounces to her credit. The age handicap rule assumes that a cow is mature at five years, and she is given credit for each year she is under five so that the younger cows have the same opportunity as the older cows.

Because the cows are all in one class this year instead of in two classes, as in the past, the premiums are unusually large, and they should prove especially attractive. The total money offered is $75, with the first premium $25, and in addition there are four others, $20, $15, $10 and $5. The cow must be milked out at 6 o'clock on October 22 in the presence of the conductor of the test, and the contest will cover the four milkings on October 23 and 24.

PROFESSORS MEET AT EXPERIMENT STATION

An incident happened at the Field Day Meet last Saturday that was a great pleasure to Professor A. C. Voelker of the Hermiston schools and Professor M. B. Signs of the Boardman schools. It was the meeting of these two gentlemen on the grounds that day for the first time after a lapse of 20 years. In 1889 at Mount Pleasant, back in Michigan they were in the state normal, and there they formed a friendship prior to graduation. After leaving the normal school they drifted apart, and in following the school teaching profession both eventually came to Oregon, and in the course of human events met again in the manner chronicled above.

After hearty handshakes and introduction of the respective families of the gentlemen, Mr. and Mrs. Signs and children were prevailed upon to stay over Sunday at the Voelker home in this city, which visit was thoroughly enjoyed by both families.

DON'T BE LIKE ME

NO MERRY-GO-ROUND AND NO CONCESSIONS

There will be no concessions granted for a merry-go-round at the forthcoming Dairy Show, for it was unanimously agreed at the Commercial Club luncheon at the Hotel Hermiston Tuesday that an amusement of this nature from the outside was not wanted. The Club also went on record against the granting of any concessions whatsoever, except to the Boy Scouts, which organization will serve lunch on the grounds during the three days of the fair. The noisy vendor of chewing gum and such like is barred by the order, and therefore his stentorian voice will be absent.

The building committee of the Dairy Show reported everything practically in readiness for the erection of the fair buildings on the grounds just west of the high school and the finance committee made the statement that over $800 of the city's apportionment of $1000 had been raised. The $1000 being raised by the country people is also nearly wholly subscribed.

W. A. Ford of Umatilla was present at the luncheon, and on being called on for a little talk said he would like to make an appeal to the Club to give its moral support and influence toward an attempt that is being made to have the county court appropriate an amount sufficient to replank the wagon bridge over the Umatilla river at Umatilla. The Club promised its support toward securing a sufficient amount for a four plank runway lengthwise over the structure, so that the bad condition from worn planks now prevailing would be remedied until the new state highway bridge at that point is built.

County Agent Fred Bennion was present and gave the gathering enlightenment on the purposes and aims of farm bureaus he is now promoting throughout this and other parts of the county.

This Saturday evening at "The Movie"

The Weather

The weather during the past week showed a decided cooling off, the maximum reaching only 86 and the minimum being down to 27 degrees. The rainfall was .15 of an inch.

HOTEL OREGON UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Wednesday of this week witnessed a change in the management of the Hotel Oregon, Mrs. C. B. Hay, who has operated the hostelry for the past 16 or 18 months, retiring for the purpose of moving on the ranch in this city recently purchased by herself and husband from Col. H. G. Newport.

The new landlady is Mrs. Millie Deck, who has leased the hotel from George Briggs, the owner, and will hereafter operate it in connection with the Oregon Cafe, which she has successfully conducted for some time past.

Mrs. Deck, like Mrs. Hay, is an experienced and energetic hotel woman, and it will be her aim and endeavor to give local people and the traveling public the higest standard of efficiency in both the hotel and dining room departments.

Open Season Again

Hunters report having had fairly good luck on the reopening day of the hunting season. They will probably continue with this luck throughout the hunting period providing another wrangle between the state and federal game authorities as to who's who in this checker game of game protection does not cause another closedown.

OLD PLANK SIDEWALK REPLACED BY CONCRETE

Old timers will remember when E. P. Dodd had the temerity to embark in the hardware business in Hermiston years ago. Things did not look very rosy for a business of that kind in them early days of the project, but Dodd had grit along with a firm faith in the future of Greater Umatilla project.

It was in the building on the north side of Main street that he opened his hardware store to the public. The structure was built without a walk in front, and the pioneer hardware merchant crowned himself with glory right on the start by having built the first board walk to appear in Hermiston.

But times progress, and this week sees a change in the 60 feet of walk that Dodd built years ago, for the old and rotten planks have been taken up to give place to a concrete sidewalk. August Biesse is doing the work under orders from the proprietors of the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co., which concern recently became owners of the old hardware building, which they have and will continue to use as an implement warehouse.

HERMISTON TO WITNESS FIVE DAY CHAUTAUQUA

Hermistonians are to be treated to a five-day Chautauqua festival, beginning on the evening of October 30th and closing on the evening of November 4th. The entertainments will be put on by the Ellison-White Festival Co., which has a reputation of having the very best class of chautauqua artists.

Securing such an exceptional series of entertainments for this town and project has been made possible by the pledge of a group of local men and women to stand sponsers, morally and financially, for the forthcoming attractions, and they in turn now ask the public to freely join with them in making this festival event a success by beginning now to lay their plans to be in attendance at the shows on the above dates.

In order to have everything in readiness for this big entertainment ten members of the group backing the Chautauqua met at a noonday luncheon in the Hotel Oregon dining room Wednesday and perfected organization by the selection of an executive committee. This committee were intrusted with the sale of season tickets and the looking after all detail work connected with the entertainments. Rev. M. R. Gallaher was made chairman, the other members of the committee being Mrs. C. S. McNaught, Mrs. F. P. Phipps, A. C. Voelker and M. D. O'Connell.

Within a short time programs for the five day festival will be distributed, and the committee urges that these be kept for reference. It has not as yet been definitely settled in what building the Chautauqua will be held, but it is more than likely the Hermiston Auditorium will be secured for the occasion in order that ample room and good seats may be provided for all.

New Libray Board Members

Mrs. Earl Kingsley and Claude H. Young were appointed members of the library board at a meeting of that body held Wednesday evening. They succeed Mrs. C. E. Baker and Father Butler, whose three year terms expired, and who did not desire re-election. The council confirmed the appointments made by the library board at its regular meeting, also held on Wednesday evening.

Installed Light Plant

B. A. Chisholm, who promoted and installed the present electric light system in Hermiston in 1910, was here from Twisp, Wash., several days this week looking after residence property he owned here. Before leaving he sold the property, consisting of a house, large barn and five lots just north of the Baptist church, to O. E. Blackwood, who was forced to buy in order to give possession of the E. I. Davis house, which he had rented, to the owner.

After disposing of the local light plant to Roth and Ralph Bros. in the spring of 1912, Mr. Chisholm went to Twisp, where he installed another lighting system in 1913.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

County Agricultural Agent Fred Bennion and County Home Demonstration Agent Miss Ella May Harmon met with a committee on Tuesday evening that had been appointed by the former agricultural agent, Mr. Shrock, to talk over the feasibility of forming a unit of the County Farm Bureau. On October 14 the county agent will be at the school house at 8 o'clock p. m. to form said unit. In connection with this there will be a short program and lunch. Mr. Bennion would like to see the entire community present as this is for the benefit of the people. The refreshment committee has been appointed as follows: Mesdames Waugaman, McKeen, Leathers, Phipps, Sapper.

Miss Ida Cochran of Seattle is spending her vacation here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Waller.

Rev. Thoroughman of Walla Walla was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers a few days the past week.

The Neighborhood Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Felthouse. Election of officers was held as follows: Mrs. N. W. Bloom president, Mrs. W. H. Sommerer vice president, Mrs. R. G. Banks secretary-treasurer. The Club has contracted with Mr. Belscamper to take care of the park grounds. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Keller on Oct. 15.

Mrs. E. E. Graham left Tuesday for Tacoma, Wash., and other coast points, where she will visit her daughter and son.

Attended County Convention

Mrs. Mumma, president of the local W. C. T. U. and the Child's Welfare League, attended the county convention at Pendleton last week. She gave an address on the prohibition outlook, which was received with applause. She was elected first vice president of the county W. C. T. U., and was also nominated as delegate to the state convention to be held at Ashland October 8, 9 and 10, but withdrew her name, as she had been elected delegate by the Hermiston union. Mrs. Mumma leaves Saturday evening of this week for Portland to join the delegates there, who will leave Monday morning for the state convention.

One Guilty, Other Free

E. H. DeVleming was found guilty of arson in the county court at Pendleton during its sessions last week. His brother, A. C. DeVleming, was tried on the same charge the first of this week and acquitted. There were several witness from the town and country at the trials. The brothers, it will be remembered, were jointly charged with having burned down their farm home north of town some time ago.

LUMBER READY FOR DAIRY SHOW BUILDINGS

(By Geo. A. Cressy)

Trucks are hauling lumber from the cars.

Teams are leveling the ground, getting ready for the new buildings.

By the first of next week the concrete work will be completed, and on Tuesday, October 14, all stores and other business places are to remain closed. On that day all business men and farmers will turn carpenters, and the piles of lumber will be changed from their present position into permanent Dairy and Hog Show Association buildings.

Nearly all of the people of the project and city responded willingly when opportunity was given them to assist in this matter.

Cooperation is the word and spirit that makes Hermiston what it is. The success of the Dairy and Hog Show is assured. Men who see the benefits and take an active interest in its building will when the time comes to exhibit be on hand with their stock.

Call for a premium list at the stores, Herald office, or from any of the committee and you will see that more and better premiums are offered than formerly.

We have the stock, and we want the dairymen who will be here in attendance at the State Dairymen's convention to see that we have.

Meetings Arranged

County Agent Fred Bennion and County Home Demonstration Agent Miss Ella May Harmon were here Monday and Tuesday holding meetings in Columbia District and this city with farmers and their wives for the organization of Farm Bureaus and women's auxiliary clubs. Meetings were also held at Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla.

The outcome of these preliminary meetings was the setting of dates for mass meetings in the different places named above, which are as follows: In Columbia District October 14, at Hermiston October 15, Stanfield October 16, Umatilla October 17 and Echo October 18.

In addition to the meetings definite arrangements for the forthcoming rabbit poisoning campaign will be made.

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