

The Hermiston Herald

COUNTY AGENT BENNION MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Following is a financial statement regarding the receipts and expenditures of the Umatilla County Agents office, made up by Bennion:

Budget For 1921

Expenditures:—

Salaries county agent and clerk	\$4690.00
Stationery, small printing	100.00
Postage, telephone, telegraph, freight and express	150.00
Travel	\$1200.00
Total	\$6375.00

Receipts:—

Federal allotment	\$ 600.00
Bal. 1919 appropriation	900.00
County appropriation	2875.00
State duplication	2000.00
Total	\$ 6375.00

Balance due to fact that while the appropriation had been made a county agent could not be secured in the early part of 1919.

In addition to the above receipts and expenditures, the Farm Bureau levied a tax of from 1-2 to 1 cent a gallon on most of the distillate distributed through the Farm Bureau, to cover the expense of distribution including the employment of an assistant to the county agent.

The fund derived from Farm Bureau membership dues is spent by the Treasurer by authorization of the Executive committee for the publication of the Farm Bureau News, the expense of delegates to state and district meetings and such other expenses as cannot properly be met by public funds.

Budget For 1921

Salaries agent and clerk	\$5050.00
Stationery and printing	150.00
Telephone, telegraph, freight expense, etc.	200.00
Travel	1200.00
General	200.00
Total	\$6800.00

Receipts:—

Balance 1920 appropriation	\$ 200.00
Federal allotment	600.00
State duplication	2000.00
County appropriation	4000.00
Total	\$6800.00

The increase in the county appropriation is largely due to the fact that county agent work was not maintained during the full year of 1919, and as a result a \$900 balance was left. Disregarding the balances the actual increase is \$450. The federal government furnishes the office for the county agent in the Post Office building free of charge. This is worth about \$500 per year. The county agent is also permitted free use of the mails for official business.

The county appropriation which has just been made for 1921 represents about 8 cents on each \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Library Ball New Year's Eve

Plans for the Library Ball which is to be given at the Bungalow Auditorium on New Year's Eve have taken shape under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. J. T. Hinkle, chairman of the library board and her able co-workers that the plans are forming in a manner indicating an unusual and thoroughly enjoyable evening of merrymaking. The program includes music and dancing with a good orchestra in the lead. At the approach of midnight the party will assemble for a community sing conducted by Mr. A. C. Voelker ushering the glad New Year in with hearty acclaim. Luncheon, an after-the-dancing affair, for which dainty preparations are being made, inasmuch as every person will have an appetite at the end of the beautiful year's harvest, will be next. Invitations have gone forth to neighboring towns and the affair promises to be altogether enjoyable after the enforced two-year's postponement of the big annual event.

E. M. Brantett of Portland came in on No. 34 last Saturday to look after his property interests here. He returned to Portland Saturday night, and told friends before leaving that he would return in the spring to reside permanently here.

Xmas Fittingly Observed

The Hermiston churches fittingly observed the old-time Christmas customs by appropriate exercises in the various churches. On Christmas eve the members of the Baptist Sunday School gave a pleasing program of songs and recitations after which an offering amounting to \$23.88 was given for the Near-East Relief Work for which Hermiston's quota will be given due credit. At 12 o'clock the members of the Catholic church observed the beautiful and impressive Christ-mass service with old time Christmas anthems followed by the solemn High mass. On Sunday morning after Christmas the Methodist Sunday School gave a pleasant and interesting Christmas program at the hour of the regular church service, the advent of the King was announced in song and story and a special offering for the Near-East Relief Fund was taken crediting the local church with \$41.67. A treat for the kiddies completed the program.

Many Hermiston homes were merry with happy holiday reunions and Christmas day festivities during the past week. At Mayor McKenzie's home Grandpa and Grandma O'Danels from Pendleton helped celebrate the Year's End holidays. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers enjoyed the company of Mrs. Leathier's parents Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter from Pendleton over the Christmas weekend. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Dodd, a happy family reunion consisted of Mrs. Dodd's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Alexander who came up from Portland where they are spending the winter, also Mrs. Dodd's sister and brother Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Collins and Roy Alexander, wife and daughter from Pendleton. Dr. and Mrs. Prime had as their holiday guests, Dr. Glen Prime, Mrs. Prime and little son from Salem. Many lit-

tle informal gatherings were given in their honor during the week making their stay pleasant even though the weather was more fitting for duck shooting than visiting.

Mrs. Geo. Briggs and Mrs. A. C. Voelker entertained a large company of ladies at the home of the latter on Tuesday afternoon. The rooms were brightly decorated with holly and Christmas bells and the guests enjoyed a lively game of auction, high score going to Mrs. F. V. Prime. At five o'clock the tables were quickly converted into prettily appointed tea-tables, covers being laid for 22 guests who enjoyed the delicious Christmas luncheon served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons entertained a large company of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders from Estacada who are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Saunders' parents at their Columbia ranch home. The evening was merrily spent with games, music and visiting after which a hearty luncheon was served by Mrs. Simmons, assisted by her neighbors and friends.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Voelker was brightly illuminated and decorated on Wednesday evening when they in company with Mr. and Mrs. Otto G. Sapper entertained a number of guests at a Christmas party. Seven tables were cozily arranged about the dining and living rooms and much punctilious book-keeping over the auction-bridge count revealed that honors fell to Mrs. J. D. Watson while Mrs. G. E. Briggs received the consolation prize. A two course midnight lunch was served by the hostesses followed by the jolly banter hour under the light of the Christmas tree.

High School Play Is Well Rendered

The High School Play given Friday December 17th was an excellent entertainment furnished by the high school pupils. The Herald was so full of Christmas and its special edition that mention of the play skipped by our notice, for which we are very sorry, but mistakes often happen, especially when one is thinking about Christmas.

The characters of the play were all well chosen and exceptionally well played by the boys and girls. Every character was well portrayed, and we could not pick out any single individual who was better than the rest they all excelled in their roles.

Considerable credit is due the youngsters, for they worked hard and even painted special scenery for the play, which was given a very creditable setting.

The school auditorium was packed to its capacity, and we hope it will always be crowded when entertainments are given by the school.

A. W. Adamson, proprietor of the Play House, coached the children in their parts, and must be complimented on his success, for the play was a success from every standpoint, and it is justly due Mr. Adamson for his tireless efforts in helping the production.

Come again Children. Your efforts are appreciated and greatly enjoyed.

School Notes Of Interest

Miss Clara Hall who has been instructor in the local high school for the past three years has handed in her resignation to take effect at the close of the first semester Jan. 24th. She expects to devote her attention to her ranch west of town and to the poultry industry. Miss Hall is a capable teacher and has made many friends among the teachers and students who are sorry to have her leave.

Miss Olive Petrashek from Wiesen, Idaho who on two previous visits at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Voelker made many friends in Hermiston has accepted the position of English and Dramatics in our local High School and will begin her duties at the beginning of the new semester Jan. 24th.

The Umatilla high school is making for the organization of a school band as there are about fifteen enthusiastic boys anxious to get on the band wagon. The band will be organized and directed by Frank Doble of Irrigon, a musician of considerable experience. The Woman's Home Bureau is behind the enterprise and is giving a box supper and program Friday evening in Pound's Hall to raise funds to pay for the music and part of the instruments. This will be the fourth boys' band organized in the county since the Hermiston School band was started two years ago.

Women's Clubs Aids Children

The national federation of women's clubs have joined hands with the U. S. and state college extension in work to correct the evils brought about by improper feeding of children. The club women will help in announcing, advertising and planning the campaigns to find which children are underfed in any community, and back up the home demonstration agents in planning better nutrition and getting plans accepted by the mothers. The serious need for this work in Oregon is seen in the large ratio of underweight children found in the few communities so far surveyed by extension service.

An all day "Kingdom Conference" will be held next Lord's Day at the Baptist Church, beginning at 11 a.m. Drs. Petty, Reid and Austin from Portland will be present under the direction of the Oregon Baptist State Convention. Fellowship lunch will be served at noon.

UMATILLA PROJECT GETS \$467,000 APPROPRIATION

Thursday's Oregonian prints an article from Washington, D. C. which is of great interest to the people of the Umatilla Project. Part of the article which refers to the Umatilla project follows:

"The Umatilla project also received \$467,000.00, a larger amount than last year."

The article is too long for us to print in its entirety, but concerns appropriations for irrigation districts. It states that the House Committee on appropriations made no cuts in the Oregon budget.

The amount allotted to the Umatilla project contains approximately \$230,000.00 for the McKay Creek dam.

Mrs. Pat Siseel, Miss Judith Kelly and Miss Myrtle Silvey entertained about a hundred of the young people of the community and surrounding district at an enjoyable dancing party given at the Bungalow Auditorium Wednesday evening. A delightful dance program had been arranged for which music was furnished by a three piece orchestra of Stanfield. The hall was prettily decorated in red and green, punch and wafers were served from a daintily appointed booth during the evening and all present report a most enjoyable time.

Griffith Shows Real West

In no picture on the screen that we can remember has California of the golden, rough days of '49 been set forth with such fascination and glamour or so faithfully as in David Wark Griffith's new Paramount-Artcraft production, "Scarlet Days," which is coming to the Play House Saturday, January 1st. The old-time California has frequently been represented as a place where the chief industry was about equally divided between cow punchers in hair pants and dance hall young ladies dressed like the Zigfield Polles. Mr. Griffith shows the old frontier as it really was—in its roaring brutality and its strange tender chivalry. Richard Barthelmess and a fine cast help to make this picture more than worth while.

THE OREGON LIVESTOCK SITUATION SUMMARIZED

Perry Jensen Gets Scout Essay Prize

Essay of Fire Prevention, by Scout Perry Jensen, who received second prize in the state in a contest last May conducted by The Boy Scouts of America. A bronze medal is being sent to be presented to Perry.

Fire is one of the most destructive elements, and through it many lives have been lost and much property has been destroyed. Annually many forest fires occur which gradually diminish our lumber and wood supply. Thus measures must be taken to prevent such destruction.

Forest fires are caused by carelessness of some person who probably has tossed a match or cigarette away or left a smouldering camp fire which seemed harmless, but which would be fanned into a blaze by a slight wind and would do much harm and take weeks before it could be put under control. Matches, cigarettes or camp fires should be put out completely before going off and leaving them. Thus fire would be less frequent and less damage done.

In some homes kerosene lamps are still used and some times they explode causing fires. Some times after lighting a lamp the match will be carelessly thrown away and comes in contact with some flammable object and causes serious damage or serious or fatal burns. A little precaution would save all such trouble or accidents.

Fires are often caused by kerosene or gasoline stoves which are placed in a draft from some open window that may fan the flame and set fire to object about the house. People that use this kind of stove should be careful that the stove is where no wind or draft can get to it. If oil stoves are used it is best to put asbestos around them as this is inflammable.

People should employ electricity wherever possible and they should be shown the danger of carelessness and have them show their neighbors the danger of fire. Fire is a demon which bursts forth without warning upon its prey, and in a moment everything is light with a crackling of flames, and hundreds of dollars worth of damage is done.

Every town should have a fire department with hydrants all over the town. A fire alarm of some kind is necessary and a fire engine to reach those places out of reach of the hydrants. In many school houses, factories, mills, apartment houses and other public buildings there are fire escapes to be used in case of fire, but these would not be necessary if the owner would see to it that the premises were properly equipped with fire extinguishers.

It is easier to be certain than to pay for damages. If the people can be made to see the danger of fire they would be less careless. If every home as a matter of precaution would keep a fire extinguisher at hand, they could properly keep a fire under control until help arrived from the fire department. I believe it is the duty of all societies and organizations to urge public safety and to practise it themselves. If they would practise safety others would follow.

The Parent Teachers' Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at 2:30 on Jan. 14 in the school assembly room. This meeting should be largely attended for the committee has secured Prof. E. J. Klemme of the Bellingham State Normal to deliver one of his lectures at this time. He will also give one of his popular lectures in the evening. Prof. Klemme was one of the principal speakers at the Teachers' Institute at Pendleton last fall and our teachers are enthusiastic in their praises, for he has a vital message to every person and there is not a dry minute in his addresses. Plan to be present.

The members of the Methodist church are invited to a Watch-Night Party at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jackson on Friday evening. The evening plans include various talks on current church questions, music and a social hour which will be concluded with a sacred service over the closing hours of the old year.

The livestock industry is passing through the long looked for readjustment period that everyone at all familiar with the industry knew must take place before the business would get back on a firm foundation. The surprising thing has been that things are as good as they are. No great amount of forced liquidation has taken place. The Presidential election, which always brings about business stagnation, has passed and soon a new Congress and a new President will be asked to pass what appears to be much needed legislation for the industry. Already it is reported that there is a letting up in the buying of certain foreign wools for import, the would be purchaser, fearing that he may get caught with his import products in the protection bars of the new tariff fence that this special session of Congress may establish. Feed is plentiful and must remain cheap. In order to market the enormous hay crop of nearly every section of Oregon, much winter feeding must be resorted to and a brisk home market for much of our feeding stuff ought to be in evidence.

The desert section of Oregon, which has formerly been used as a winter range for many of our interior shepherds, but which owing to the high price of sheep during the war period, was not used because of certain winter hazards, is now being thrown into use for the cheap carrying over of many of our range flocks. The early fall rains have insured a rank growth of all desert grasses and a spring lamb crop far above the average ought to result from this year's carry over of all range breeding ewes. The spring market, which has been exceedingly poor for the past year should be materially helped by purchases from Montana, Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain States that have experienced heavy winter losses during last year and a lamb crop of but fifty per cent of the normal.

Cattle seem to have reached the bottom and a slight climb in price might well be looked for. Were it not for our abundant hay crop the feeder and yearling end would be a source of some little concern but as the feed situation is entirely satisfactory and much outside range is everywhere reported these unold animals may well be put to the profitable task of garnering a feed crop that might otherwise go ungathered. Statistics show that Oregon cattle profits are made from the range running of cattle rather than from the feed lot. This year might show a better spring balance than is now looked for. The Oregon cattle producer has materially improved the quality of his range and with good feed, a high and desirable type of animal will be offered the range states feeders and shippers.

Horses are steadily becoming more in demand. Decreased feed costs and stationary or increased gasoline costs, is swinging the pendulum back in favor of the horse. At present figuring, barley at 90c, oats at 60c, hay at \$25.00 per ton and pasture at \$15 per acre for the year's pasture run of 170 days, we find that 25.3 bushels of rolled barley, 37.8 bushels of oats, 1.7 tons of hay will keep an average Oregon horse working under average Oregon farm conditions for a year; the aggregate cost of this feed is \$117.35 per year; from this should be subtracted \$39.00 value of the manure, leaving an expense of but \$78.35 for the year's feeding. These figures show really how cheaply a draft horse may be maintained under farm conditions; fancy attempting to compete with auto motive or tractor power with this bill of expense. Good draft mares should all be bred in the spring and range mares of fair type and reasonable bone and size will be in increasing demand. Livestock growers have a right to be optimistic about the future of the industry. 1921 ought to be an average year. It will call for the practise of thrift and good feeding and better farm and range care of our animals.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crocker, at St Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, Wednesday, December 29, a nine pound baby girl.

I. E. Putman and family spent Christmas in Stanfield with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale.

COLUMBIA NEWS

F. B. Knapton is spending a few weeks in Portland on business.

A. M. Mathews of Spokane, was down this week looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rogers of Pendleton, spent Christmas with the R. C. Rogers family in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hunter, of Pendleton, were Christmas guests at the Leathier's home. Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker returned home Wednesday of this week.

A dancing party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rogers, Monday evening and a most enjoyable time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Phipps and daughter Laura were guests at the Frank Wauga's home Christmas Day.

W. A. Leathers has a force of men and teams at work leveling and expects to have 40 acres ready for spring seeding.

R. C. Canfield has been looking into the possibilities of Grimm alfalfa seed, raising and accordingly is preparing quite an acreage for this as well as other varieties. He is getting the land in shape this winter. His plan is to seed in rows 4 feet apart with an irrigation furrow running between each row.

F. J. Thomas and A. F. Smith are engaged in farming and expect in a short time to have quite an acreage ready for alfalfa in the spring.

W. J. Downer has resumed work on his 40 acres in Columbia, 10 acres of which he had leveled this spring, and expects to make good headway on the remaining 30 acres. The ground is in fine condition for working now.