

DISCUSS COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL PLAN

B. B. RICHARDS AND J. T. LIEU-
ELLAN SPEAK BEFORE CLUB

Both Gentlemen Denounce the Plan
as One That Will Take the Power
Out of the Hands of the
People

Last Tuesday noon B. B. Richards of Athena, and J. T. Lieuellen, of Adams, were guests of the Hermiston Commercial club.

Both gentlemen spoke at some length on the county unit plan that will soon be submitted to the voters of the county. They denounced the plan and stated in their opinion it was merely a scheme to provide a nice fat salary for the supervisor who would serve under the proposed system.

Mr. Richards, who was the first speaker, stated that under the rule of the county unit plan the county would be divided into five districts known as zones. Each zone would have a supervisor who would be under the county superintendent. He declared that in order to fool the people and cover up the real purpose of those who are sponsoring the measure provided that each district should have a local school committee but they had absolutely no authority whatsoever. They were merely figureheads signing their names to such documents as the county supervisor saw fit to dictate. Continuing he said, "It takes the power out of the hands of the people to govern our schools and invest it in one man who does not know the local needs and who may favor one district to the disadvantage of another. It centralizes power and this is a dangerous thing. The school property of the county is controlled by one man. He has the power to buy or lease this property and you are compelled to pay the bill without a chance to question any of his actions."

"This man has a right to contract and buy the entire school supplies for the county. do not say that Mr. Green or any of his successors would be grafters but it is paying the way and letting down the bars for a chance to graft. For instance a man who sells school supplies might promise a commission to the man who had this buying power, and the supervisor would have the right to declare the present school equipment obsolete and buy new."

"They tell us that if the plan carries our taxes will be cut but I am unable to see how this can be done. They propose to raise the salaries of the teachers. There will be a supervisor for each zone, five in all. It would be a natural supposition that these men would have a car in order to visit the schools. I have been told that Mr. Green believes \$5,000 should be the salary paid the county supervisor. This is an increase over the salary paid the county superintendent at present. Now with the expenses that would be necessary in order to do these things how are they going to cut taxes?"

"When people have nothing to say about the school or how their money is spent they lose interest in the things for which it is spent, and that a lack of cooperation between parent and the school will prevail."

And most of all it is unfair, and undemocratic for districts of the first class to have a vote where they are not affected by the law that does effect second and third class districts. For instance Milford-Freewater and Pendleton have a right to vote on the county unit plan and yet it does not effect their schools. For this reason I believe it unconstitutional and believe a verdict as such would be given if it was carried to the courts."

"I am against the county unit plan because I do not believe in taking the public schools out of the hands of the people and giving one man the power to do as he will with them."

J. T. Lieuellen, of Adams, was the next speaker.

Mr. Lieuellen stated under the county unit system all men and women were allowed to vote on school questions regardless of whether they had children or not or owned any property. This he believed unfair.

Both gentlemen proved by their discourse they had made an extensive study of the question.

The two men left for Umatilla where they were scheduled to address a meeting Tuesday evening.

Try Burk's for bargains.

Don't forget to attend the opera-
etta, "The Wishing Well," to be
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BESSIE DOES HER STUFF

While in conversation with a farmer a few days ago he made this statement: "Farming has been my occupation for a good many years. During the last few I have worked harder than ever before and yet there is less to show for my labors. Good crops has availed me but little for in a number of instances that which I produced had to be disposed of at a figure lower than it cost me to raise it."

His case is but one of many. Today if a farmer can herd enough shekels together to pay his taxes, keep a fatted calf in the event the prodigal son returns, and pays the interest on the mortgage, he ceases to be a farmer and becomes a financier.

On the Umatilla project there seems to be one solution to the farmer's problem. The remedy is not a new one for in times past it has proven a life-saver to the farmer when agricultural products have taken a slump. It has been the silver lining to many a dark cloud. The remedy we speak of is the dairy cow.

She has kept the wolf from the door.

The future for dairying in this locality is very bright. We believe some day this fact will be recognized and the project become a dairying center.

In a number of communities farming as a lucrative occupation proved to be a failure. Tillers of the soil were about to give up in disgust. Things were going from bad to worse. The sheriff was as busy as a one armed paper hanger with the hives closing out the ranchers. Then dairying was tried and it saved the day.

Listen to this story. There is a man who lives on the project near Boardman. He keeps a dairy herd of thirteen cows. Last month he received a check for \$228, the proceeds from the sale of the cream. A tidy little sum wasn't it. Now listen to what this farmer has to say: "Most of my neighbors are howling about hard times. They are in debt and it keeps them busy dodging their creditors. A good many of them are anxious to sell out and leave. I am making a good living from the sale of my cream and am in debt to no man. I am not anxious to leave for I realize that I am doing as well here under existing conditions as I could hope to do in most localities."

"My cows are bringing me in money every month and you can bet your life that I am going to stay with dairying. It has been the means of keeping me out of debt and furnished my bread and butter."

An investigation of the man's financial condition bore out his statements. He is out of debt and has a number of luxuries that his neighbors cannot afford and gives Bossie the credit for it all. Yes, verily, it seems the dairy cow is the salvation of the Umatilla project.

Baseball Diamond to be Put in Shape

Steps are being taken toward getting the local baseball lot in shape for the coming season. There is a number of needed improvements and work on the diamond will commence soon.

The line-up of the team for the season has not as yet been determined but the talent Hermiston can boast of assures the town they will be well represented in the newly formed league of the west end.

Jersey Breeders Assn. Buy Stock

The Hermiston Jersey Breeders last week purchased from P. P. Sullivan the registered Jersey bull **Rua's Lad**. This bull was first shipped to the project as a calf by J. H. Reid. His dam has a record of 850 pounds butterfat. The association is now negotiating with western Oregon breeders for the purchase of a bull calf to replace one of their older animals. It has always been the policy of the association to buy stock from high producing cows and much of the improvement in our dairy cattle so noticeable in the last five years is attributable to the Jersey Breeders association. They are now organized on a little different plan than formerly and with the purchase of new blood are assured a successful future.

HIGH SCHOOL MIRROR

The declamatory contest for the west end of Umatilla county was held at Stanfield Friday evening. Joe McNaught received first in the Oratorical division. In the seventh and eighth grades Ruth Bensei received first and in the third and fourth grades, Jane Warner. Hermiston has proved that she has some good speakers and she should make a good showing at the county contest to be held at Pendleton in the near future.

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CONFERENCE AT COLUMBIA WELL ATTENDED

SPEAKERS FOR THE OCCASION GIVE INTERESTING TALKS

F. B. SWAYZE OFFERS SOME CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW CONDITIONS MAY BE IMPROVED ON PROJECT

One of the largest crowds that ever attended a meeting at the Columbia school house was on hand last Friday evening at the Economic Conference held under the auspices of the Columbia Farm Bureau. It was a real get-together meeting and the discussions were heart to heart talks straight from the shoulder.

The topic for the occasion was "What is the Matter With the Umatilla Project."

There were some no doubt who went prepared to listen to a stereotype discussion the brand that is peculiar to a meeting of this sort but if such there were they were doomed to know the sting of disappointment. The talks of all the speakers on the program were more like a man to man conversation.

H. M. Schilling was the first speaker. He spoke from the standpoint of the reclamation. Mr. Schilling held the attention of his audience during his talk.

Frank Waugaman followed Mr. Schilling. His talk was very optimistic. F. B. Swayze was next and talked from the banker's standpoint.

There are times when a man is ask to discuss a subject that is close to his heart. At these times it seems he has but to open his mouth and that which is within will assert itself in a language that is convincing and comprehensible. It seemed that such was the case when Mr. Swayze arose to speak.

"I do not know there is anything the matter with our project," Mr. Swayze said. "Of course we know agriculture is sick. This of course hurts us but when we compare our project with other localities I find we are in fairly good shape."

He stated that greater economy must be practiced with money earned. "Some farmers on the project have made money every year. The ways they have accomplished this result are: Less is spent then made. They keep a budget and expense account and are economical." Mr. Swayze gave his ideas in detail concerning the working of the budget system. "Greater economy of time and effort must be practiced by the farmer."

"I marvel sometimes when I see a farmer come to town perhaps several miles bringing in a can of cream or a few dozen of eggs. At the distance that a good

many are from town mileage and gasoline will cost about sixty cents. This in a good many cases represents the profits you receive from a can of cream. Why can't you work out a scheme whereby a group of neighbors can take turns in bringing in such products?"

He suggested the joint ownership of machinery by a number of farmers.

"If a business is worth having it is worth developing with your own money. Bankers permit their own surplus earnings to remain in the business and farmers should do the same." He scored the get-rich-quick schemes that are offered today.

In his opinion life insurance was not an investment and only a limited amount should be carried by the farmer.

"There is nobody on the project so deeply in debt that he can't get out," he declared.

Otto Sapper spoke from the standpoint of the commercial club. Mr. Sapper's talk was interesting and instructive.

Meetings of this nature are timely and helpful and much good can be accomplished by them.

The next session of the conference will be held at Columbia school on the evening of April 3.

MAYOR BAKER WILL VISIT HERMISTON

Mayor George Baker of Portland will visit Hermiston next Wednesday April 2. Arrangements are being made to have the mayor speak at the Playhouse during the afternoon.

FEED MORE HAY

The law of compensation never had a better application than with regard to realizing on hay on this project. The man who raises hay for sale is getting out about what he puts into it while the man who feeds his cows is putting in more and receiving more in proportion. That difference is just the difference between receiving \$7.00 for his hay and around \$20.00 which good cows pay for it under present conditions.

Community Club Luncheon

The Community club luncheon will be held at the Hotel Oregon on Monday, March 31, at 1:30 o'clock. There will be an interesting and varied program. Mrs. J. K. Shotwell, Mrs. John Alexander and Mrs. A. L. Gralapp will give a vocal trio. There will be a paper on Music by Mrs. F. A. Chezik, who has charge of the music department of the program committee. Mrs. H. M. Schilling will give a short explanation of the county unit plan of school administration which is to be voted on in May. Mr. Fred Bennion, county agricultural agent, will give a talk on trees, the second in the nature study series. Mr. Bennion is well informed on this subject and landscape gardening in general. It is the plan of the program committee that each member buy one ornamental tree, plant it either at home or on some selected plot and care for it. Those planning to attend should phone by Friday.

The tryouts for the senior play "Come Out of the Kitchen" will be held Wednesday.

EXPECT TO MAKE HERMISTON T. B. FREE AREA

Annual T. B. Test Will be Made March 31 to April 5 on the Umatilla Project

Arrangements have been made by the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau Frank Waugaman leader, through the county agent's office, for the annual T. B. test to be made March 31st to April 5th. Dr. G. W. Overhulse of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry will make the tests. Committeemen will be selected to arrange with the dairy men to have their cows up so that as many herds as possible can be tested. No charge will be made for this service, but a very limited time can be given to the work, which makes it necessary that no time be lost at any place in attempts to corral the cows.

Although the state law demands that all owners of dairy cows sell milk, cream or butter must have their cows tested, it has never been necessary to resort to the law to induce Hermiston project dairymen to test. Each year the percentage of reactors has been getting lower. It is hoped eventually to make this a T. B. free area. Many of the herds are already accredited having passed three tests without a reactor.

This work is carried on largely in the interest of public health. The actual financial losses to dairymen through the presence of a small percentage of T. B. infected cattle is so small as to be almost negligible.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB NOTES

The Neighborhood club held a Sis Hopkins party at the home of Mrs. R. C. Canfield Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance and all had a splendid time. The costumes were original as well as unique. The program consisted of recitations, songs and games. The hostess served little biscuit sandwiches, jelly tart, cookies made to represent various animals and cocoa.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Parker on Wednesday, April 9, when the study of Japan will be continued.

The auction bazaar will be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Reid Wednesday afternoon, April 23. The members are urged to remember this and if not able to be present to be sure and send some article that some other member or visitor might like to buy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Mantell of Portland visited at the home of Mrs. Mantell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bloom, over the week end.

Friends of Miss Kathryn Short will be interested to learn of her marriage in Los Angeles to Eugene C. Curzon on March 12. As Kitty Short she made many friends when she lived here and gave generously of her voice at many public affairs. She has studied singing for a number of years under Franz Arens in Portland and Los Angeles and will continue her studies. Mr. Curzon is a graduate of the Colorado school of Mines and Mrs. Curzon is a niece of Mrs. Durfee of the Hermiston hotel.

Mrs. Durfee returned Saturday morning from Portland.

Mrs. Morris and daughter Pauline, of Helix, spent the week-end in Hermiston.

HERMISTON LOCALS

Tin, Sheet metal work and Plumbing. Call 763. I. E. Putman. 11-1fc.

Some good buys in Ford cars. Kellogg & Schimke. 11-1fc.

Miss Wanda Alspach, of Helix, was a guest of Gertrude Belsse over the week-end.

Mrs. O. G. Sapper spent Tuesday in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walpole were business visitors in the city.

Herbert Sullivan and wife have returned to their home in Umatilla.

W. W. Green, county superintendent of schools, was a Hermiston visitor Tuesday.

Miss Laura Phipps returned home from Salem last week where she has been attending Willamette University.

Mrs. L. A. Phelps returned from Pendleton where she spent the week end.

Hugh Fraser left Tuesday for the University of Oregon.

Neil Morrison and wife have gone to Ashland, Oregon. They expect to return with Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. C. H. Crandall.

Thomas Campbell has returned to the Hermiston Produce and Supply after several weeks spent at his home in Chicago.

The F. B. Knapton ranch east of town has been sold to E. O. Comegys and Harry McMillan.

Mrs. J. M. Biggs and children have returned from a visit in the Valley.

Mrs. Roy Alexander, of Pendleton, was a guest at the E. P. Dodd home last week.

Otto Heim of the Columbia district had an altercation with the crank of a sprayer this week and the crank got the decision. Otto states that he approached the sprayer in an entirely friendly spirit but the crank sprung at him in a vicious and unwarranted manner and dealt him a terrific short jab to the left eye. The part of Mr. Heim's face surrounding the optic bears a strong resemblance to the rich coloring of a rare Persian rug.

Carroll Akers, a former Hermiston resident, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. George Patterson was a Pendleton visitor Saturday.

R. A. Brownson has been confined to his home with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. I. E. Putman returned Wednesday from the east.

Mrs. Roberta Gunn, of Umatilla, spent Sunday with friends here.

C. P. Adams a resident of Hermiston for a number of years, will leave about April 1 for Longview, Wash., where he will take an active part in the work of the Longview band. He will be followed later by Mrs. Adams who will also take up work in the musical life of the new city. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are finished musicians and have played at many entertainments on the project. They have been particularly generous in training many of the young boys and girls in band work and individual instruction with musical instruments, and their help will be missed by their young proteges. Mr. Adams was also well known throughout the state as a breeder of fine hogs and has won many blue ribbons wherever he has shown his stock. A host of friends wish them all success in their new surroundings.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crocker will be sorry to learn of Mr. Crocker's transfer to the Denver office of the Bureau of Reclamation, to become effective within two or three weeks. Mr. Crocker has made many friends during his five years of work as government engineer on the project, and Mrs. Crocker has played an active part in church and social circles in Hermiston. For the past year Mr. Crocker has been in charge of the Umatilla Rapids investigation and it is the completion of these duties which calls him in to the Denver office.

Burk is headquarters for army shoes.

Dr. H. C. Curry, Eye Sight Specialist, of Seattle, who has made regular professional visits to Hermiston for the past fifteen years, and is known for good optical work at reasonable prices, will be at the Hotel Oregon Tuesday, April 5. Eyes examined, glasses fitted when needed. 29-2tc

BABY CLINIC HELD IN HERMISTON

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Held in connection With the Welfare Week-End at Pendleton. Dr. Estella Ford Warner is in Charge of Clinic

Under the auspices of the Hermiston Parent-Teacher Association an infant and pre-school clinic was held at the Methodist church Monday, March 24. This clinic was held in connection with the Welfare Week End in Pendleton March 21 and 22. Dr. Estella Ford Warner, well known baby specialist, was the examining physician. Dr. Warner is medical director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the Oregon State Board of Health. She is a graduate of the University of California and the University of Oregon medical school and took the post graduate work at King's college, London. In addition to being an authority on infant welfare, she is a woman of charming personality.

Sixty-three children in all were weighed, measured and examined. Dr. Warner found that a large percentage of the children examined are not getting sufficient vegetables. Mothers should pay more attention to this important part of the diet, she said. Children should have at least three vegetables a day. She found also a tendency toward flat feet. For this trouble she recommended foot exercises, walking on the toes in the bare feet, and picking up marbles or spoons with the toes. The last can be made quite an interesting game and will help greatly in strengthening the muscles of the feet. Another novel idea was the "sun treatment" which she prescribed for under-nourished children or those which are not as hardy as they should be. This treatment consists of playing in the summer sunshine with a pair of bloomers the only article of clothing. Play on trapeze, turning bars and rings was advised for developing the chest and strengthening the muscles between the shoulders.

Dr. Warner was assisted by Miss Marjory Mulleron, the county nurse, and Miss Gladys Bowen of Portland. The Parent-Teacher Association committee working for the clinic were: General committee in charge Mrs. A. W. Purdy, Mrs. Paul Jones; listing babies committee, Mrs. A. W. Purdy, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. J. T. Hinkle, Mrs. Henry Sommerer; registration committee, Mrs. Jay Pelmulder, Mrs. H. M. Straw; taking histories committee, Mrs. F. P. Adams, Mrs. F. A. Phelps, Mrs. R. G. Gale, Mrs. H. M. Schilling, Mrs. J. W. Campbell; undressing babies committee, Mrs. J. S. West; weighing and measuring committee, Mrs. Thomas Campbell; transportation committee, Mrs. C. S. McNaught.

The Parent-Teacher Association is putting on a membership contest in the schools. The room having the greatest number of paid up members be the next P. T. A. meeting, April 10, will receive either a blooming plant or a hanging basket. The room having the most paid up members by the following meeting May 8, will be given a large framed picture. The first, second, third and fourth year high school will be considered as one room. Parents may be counted in each room where they have a child. Friends without children in school when joining may sign for any room. Daddies are just as eligible as mothers. Dues are 25 cents a year including the subscription entitling members to Oregon Parent-Teacher, an exceptionally interesting and helpful little magazine which comes once a month. The spring meeting of the Umatilla County Council will be held at Pendleton April 5. As the local association is allowed one delegate for every ten members, and should be well represented there, as many of those intending to join should do so before that date. Since there will not be a P. T. A. meeting before then the secretary, Mrs. H. M. Straw will receive dues at the Oregon Hotel March 31 before the community club luncheon or anyone may hand them to any member of the membership drive. Mrs. F. P. Adams, chairman, Mrs. A. W. Agnew, Mrs. Walter Blessing and Mrs. August Belsse, giving also the rooms for which she is voting. In the future a nursery and kindergarten period will be held in connection with each afternoon session of the P. T. A. for the benefit of those mothers with babies and small children. Competent high school girls will care for and entertain the children while the meeting is in session.

Mrs. Hinkle left Sunday afternoon for Portland where she will spend a week of ten days.



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