

SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE HELD

HOW MONEY CAN BE MADE ON FARMS OF PROJECT DISCUSSED

Farm Life Must be Made Attractive. Educational Facilities Provided. Social Side Must Not be Forgotten—It is Declared

Another large audience was in attendance at the Columbia school last Friday night when the second session of the economic conference was held.

The conference is proving a success exceeding the expectations of the Columbia Farm Bureau who is sponsoring the affair.

The farmers are beginning to realize the importance of these meetings and that much good can be accomplished by attending and listening to the subjects which are of vital interest to them.

Last Friday night H. K. Dean spoke on the subject, "If a man has an alfalfa ranch that does not pay, how can he make it more profitable?"

He believed the project farmer should feed all his raise and raise all the feed. Mr. Dean stated that between \$17 and \$18 was realized per ton for alfalfa fed this year to lambs. "The ordinary dairy cow will make hay worth \$14 to \$15 the ton and some farmers on the project are realizing as much as \$25 to \$30 for hay fed to high producing cows."

Fred Bennion discussed, "What type of farm is most profitable?" In his opinion about two-thirds of the ranch should be in alfalfa. About one-third of the balance in grain and succulent crops and remainder in cash crops. Where soil conditions permit some of the alfalfa acreage may be profitably replaced by permanent pasture. All feed that is raised on the place should be fed no matter what the market price may be, he said.

A. W. Agnew led in the discussion of "How can dairying be made to pay larger returns?" A test made recently on the Newlands, Nevada project, proved that the cost of producing but fat ranged from eight to forty cents per pound. With cows producing at the rate of 400 pounds of fat annually the cost was at that low figure and those individuals producing at the rate of 200 pounds or less make the butterfat cost 40 cents a pound. The average production in Oregon is 168 pounds he said, and on the Hermiston project the average is slightly less than 200 pounds. Mr. Agnew advocated the forming of a cow testing association.

The discussion brought forth the fact that the average size of the herds on the project at the present time is about five and one-half cows. It was suggested that seven cows should be kept on twenty acres and fifteen on forty acre units.

H. J. Stillings discussed the topic, "On what basis will hog production pay on the project?" Mr. Stillings started out by saying, "I have been 13 years preparing this speech." It was his belief that every farmer should produce his own pork. They should also carry enough hogs to consume the waste on the place. According to Mr. Stillings it is impossible to make money if the feed has to be purchased. In those years when hogs are high and grain is low one may speculate and make money but the safest way is to produce as much of the feed as possible. In his years of experience in raising hogs alfalfa has proven the best single hog feed he has found he said. His hogs run to alfalfa stacks in the winter and he keeps them on alfalfa pasture during the summer. In order to keep the hay from becoming starchy he cuts it while it is fine. The hogs like it best this way. Corn, squash and artichokes were also a good and profitable hog feed. He stated that advertising was of as much importance as production.

W. L. Rhodes spoke from the standpoint of the poultryman. He stated that although egg prices went to the lowest figure during February and March for many years the net profit from his flock of 400 hens for the period of the two months will be about \$160. If one is raising chickens as a side line the flock should consist of 500 hens to make it profitable.

In discussing the question "Should the apple grower pull up his trees or continue to produce at a loss," Otto Hehl pointed out that 75 per cent of the apples produced on the project came from 30 per cent of the apple acreage. A large part of this 70 per cent of the acreage can never be made to produce on a paying basis and should be pulled, he suggested. If trees are planted under good soil conditions with marketable varieties and correct care given the orchards of the project are as high in production as any in the state.

F. P. Phipps and N. W. Bloom

concluded the discussion. They declared that the dollar cannot be used as the sole gauge to determine the success of the farmer. Farm life must be made attractive to the children. Educational facilities must be provided and the social side not forgotten. If farmers expect to have only sufficient clothes and food for their families, their lot is not much better than the livestock they keep on their farms, it was stated.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES

(By H. K. Dean)

FEED MORE HAY—3

If every farm on the project had a sign painted on the front gate, "No Hay For Sale," the results would come nearer solving our problems than any other one factor could possibly exert.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB HAS LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING

Club Will Hold Bazaar This Month at Home of Mrs. Howard Reid

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Dan Parker Wednesday afternoon with a large attendance. Mrs. Carman read an interesting paper on foreign relations with Japan. Mrs. Beddow gave current events. Mrs. Carfield who had charge of the home maker's exchange read a number of helpful items that had been handed in by the members. This department could be made very beneficial if each member would take enough interest to remember to do their part. The next meeting will be the auction bazaar. Members don't forget to bring your donations of something that will sell. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Reid.

W. C. T. U. Hold Meeting

The W. C. T. U. met in the parlors of the M. E. church last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Miller presiding. The boys and girls of Mrs. Miller's room gave an interesting program. Rev. Young gave a talk on law enforcement. The ladies discussed measures and candidates that are to be voted on at the coming election. These topics will be continued at the next meeting. Letters are being sent representatives in Congress in regards to certain bills that are before them at this time. Mrs. Skovbo and Campbell were hostesses. Refreshments were served.

Swayze Chosen Officer of Umatilla County Bankers

F. B. Swayze was chosen vice-president of the Umatilla county bankers' association at a meeting and banquet held last Friday night in Pendleton.

CHURCHILL AND GREEN EX-PLAIN COUNTY UNIT SYSTEM

A number of people interested in the county unit school system that is to come up before the voters of the county next month gathered at the school house Wednesday evening to hear Mr. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, and Mr. Green, county superintendent, give explanatory talks on the subject. Mr. Churchill went into detail on the different phases of the working of the system as it is in use elsewhere, and Mr. Green spoke of its relation to Umatilla county affairs in particular.

Concert Saturday Evening

The Elliott family, billed as Canada's Premier Musical Artists, are coming to the M. E. church in this city next Saturday night, April 12. They will give an entertainment of high class music. This is a return engagement as the same orchestra played here last winter and the program that was rendered at that time was well received.

Episcopal Services Held

The Episcopal service held in the old Hermiston hotel on Tuesday evening, April 8, at 7:30 P. M., will long be remembered by those present. Archdeacon Goldie officiated and after evening prayer delivered an able sermon on the text "That Christ May Dwell in Our Hearts by Faith." Miss Catherine Short gave three solos during the evening, "Just for Today," "The Lord is My Shepherd," "The Slumber Song," which were beautifully rendered. Miss Short has a marvelous gift in her voice and is an artist of great promise. There were thirty-four present at the service. Archdeacon Goldie announced that regular services will be held twice a month in the future.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamar, formerly of Minnehaha, will be sorry to hear of Mr. Hamar's illness a Roseburg, Oregon, where they are now living.

GOVERNMENT DAM IS MECCA OF AUTOISTS

McKay Creek Dam Work is Progressing

Many Hermiston People Visit Big Government Job

McKay creek dam is becoming a Mecca for the Hermiston automobile owners on Sundays, and the few who have been out there have been passing the word along. Many people do not know that the site of the dam is only five or six miles above Pendleton, and reached by a fine highway, the Pilot Rock road.

To those who have never seen any of the big government engineering projects, work on the McKay creek dam is an interesting sight. A score or more of buildings all painted government gray, go to make up this little town over which R. M. Connor, chief engineer, rules as "mayor." Here and there clumps of brilliant green in the dust show where a prosperous wheat farm has been ousted to make room for the storing of waters that will feed hundreds of other farms. Store and postoffice, administration office, mess hall and dwelling houses, electric light and power building and work shops, electrically lighted and in some cases steam heated, barnyard golf courses and plans for a base ball diamond, make visitors realize the immensity of this undertaking so close to our doors.

Puffing engines pull loaded gravel trains around the flat, teams constantly ford the creek delivering materials at different points, steam shovels and drills, cement mixers, gravel screeners and blasting all work together to produce an activity not seen in these parts since the Cold Springs reservoir was constructed. Great electric lights placed at frequent intervals around the basin allow for the working of two shifts.

The dam which will impound the waters of McKay creek will be 160 feet high, as compared with the 90 feet of the Cold Springs reservoir. A tunnel has been put through solid rock which is 700 feet long, ten feet high and wide with an arched roof. This tunnel is lined with cement a foot thick. A great cleft in the hillside is being blasted out and made into a spillway that will take care of 10,000 second feet of water in an emergency.

Altogether a visit to the McKay creek dam site is one that should not be passed up by any Hermistonian who has a car, for the combination of the first warm days, fine highways and a view of one of the great government engineering works, plus the assurance of a hundred shady beauty spot up and down McKay and Birch creeks where a picnic basket may be unpacked is one that will appeal to everyone on the project.

Dokkies to Give Dance at Hermiston

On Saturday night April 12 the Dokkie patrol team of Khaled Temple 170 of Pendleton will give one of their famous dances which they are giving in the various towns of the county, at the Auditorium. During the dance the team will give a free exhibition drill which is worth going miles to see. The team will wear their famous "Brigand" uniforms which are truly handsome.

DEATH CLAIMS JOE RALPH

WAS PROMINENT IN BUSINESS CIRCLES IN THIS CITY

Funeral Is Held Thursday At The Catholic Church And Interment Was Made In Hermiston Cemetery

Joe Ralph, one of Hermiston's prominent business men, died at the hospital in Pendleton early Tuesday morning. He had been in the hospital but a short time.

He came to Hermiston twelve years ago purchasing an interest in the Hermiston Light & Power Co., and was serving in the capacity of manager at the time of his death.

Joe Ralph was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada 42 years ago.

Funeral services was held Thursday morning from the Catholic church and interment was made in the local cemetery.

Business houses closed during the services in token of respect. The church was crowded, people coming from every part of the project to pay a last tribute to one of Hermiston's prominent citizens.

A mother and sister living in Spokane and a brother here are the only family members living. He is also survived by a wife and three children.

FRIDAY IS TREE PLANTING DAY

The question of tree planting along the Columbia highway was taken up at the Commercial club Tuesday. Friday was set as the day for planting. The school children will be asked to turn out and aid in the work.

Candidates Visit Hermiston

A. G. Hall and James T. Brown of Pendleton were callers at the Herald office this week. Both gentlemen are candidates for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primaries May 16. Mr. Hall at present is superintendent of the county poor farm and Mr. Brown has served the county as coroner for a number of years.

Trades Ranch For The Dalles Property

H. E. Clock has traded his ranch in the Columbia district to a Mr. Royce of The Dalles. He received in exchange a six acre tract near The Dalles. Mr. Royce arrived Monday and took possession and the Klock family left on the same day for their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cotant, of Stanfield, were in Hermiston Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Parker.

PARENT-TEACHER TO HOLD SPRING FESTIVAL

DATE IS SET FOR EVENING OF APRIL 26

Something Unique in Way of Entertainment Will be Offered By Home Talent

The Parent-Teacher association has set the evening of Saturday, April 26, as the date for their spring festival to be held in the high school auditorium. This entertainment will be entirely a home talent affair, such celebrities and interesting people taking part as Mr. W. L. Roberts, Mr. Ed. Bensen, Dr. F. V. Prime, and well the entire list will be printed in next week's Herald. Each number on the program is quite different from anything that has ever before been put on in Hermiston. The announcement made this far in advance so that no lodge, organization or individual that is loyal to the Hermiston schools will make any plans that will interfere with this date—April 26.

Eastern Star Chapter Has Enjoyable Evening

On Tuesday evening, April 8, Queen Esther chapter No. 101 Order of Eastern Star held their regular monthly communication. A very enjoyable evening was passed. The new officers put on their first work together which was done in a very pleasing and able manner. After the conferring of degrees a banquet was held. A large delegation from the Umatilla chapter was present and were very profuse in their praise of the work put on by this chapter.

Unusual Silver Tea

The M. E. Ladies Aid will hold a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Harvey Schilling on Wednesday afternoon, April 16. All members of the Aid are expected to come and each member invite one or two friends who are not members that all may get acquainted. An enjoyable program is being arranged. Each member of the Aid is requested to bring the dollar she pledged and tell how she earned it. The public is cordially invited.

Community Club Program

The program for the Community club meeting Tuesday, April 15, is absolutely unique. Four ladies will debate on the subject, "Resolved, That we have a Federal Bureau of Education." The affirmative will be taken by Mrs. I. E. Putman and Mrs. F. P. Phipps, while Mrs. Mrs. H. M. Schilling and Mrs. F. C. McKenzie will speak on the negative side of the question. The meeting will no doubt be quite lively and interesting, as well as instructive. There will be further discussion of the building of a community club house and the matter may be voted upon at this time.

Card of Thanks

We wish to sincerely thank all those who extended their sympathy and so kindly aided us during our hour of bereavement when the Supreme Ruler saw fit to take from us our loved one. We assure you that the courtesies shown us will never be forgotten and stand ready to repay any time we may be called upon to do so.

Richard Beasley and Family.

STATE MARKET AGENT DEPARTMENT

C. E. Spence, Market Agent, Portland, Before the potato grading and inspection law was put into enforcement by the state market agent, Oregon's potatoes were considered the poorest stock on the Pacific coast markets. Today they are heading the markets. This shows what grading and an honest pack will do.

Before grading, labeling and inspection were enforced, the department of agriculture made the published statement that Oregon potatoes were the riskiest stock on the San Francisco markets, and the only way the dealers would touch them was on consignment. The marketing assistant stated that Washington and Idaho potatoes had always found a good demand there.

Recent federal market quotations from San Francisco are as follows: Oregon U. S. No. 1, \$2.35-\$2.40; Yakima \$1.90-\$2; Idaho, \$2.25-\$2.30. Los Angeles quotations, Oregon Burbanks, U. S. No. 1, \$2.60-\$3; Idaho, \$2.40. Portland quotations, U. S. No. 1, \$2.25-\$3; No. 2, \$1.50-\$1.75.

Enforcement of this law has brought the Oregon potato up from a "take-your-chance" consignment risk to topping the California market price. The state market agent thinks it has well been worth the while. While the law has the loopholes of most new laws, and it would have been difficult to have enforced it without a club, yet the market agent department has had the cooperation of nearly all dealers, retail merchants and big growers and it has worked out most satisfactorily. Keeping the cull stock on the farms for feed; the demand has been greatly increased by the consumer having confidence in the established grades and there is confidence on the part of both growers and dealers that Oregon will have a future big place in the best markets.

State Market Agent Spence states

that Portland grain dealers have been buying carloads of screenings from Canada, which are ground into mash for chicken feed or given a bath in molasses and sold for dairy feeds. Mr. Spence had a sample of one of these cars analyzed and the result showed 79 per cent of weed seed, chaff, dust and other dockage and 21 per cent of cracked wheat. The daily market reports quote chicken mashes and dairy feeds \$50 per ton and up. The farmers of Oregon get from \$26.66 to \$30 per ton for their first class wheat and then they pay \$50 and up per ton for Canadian screenings that have but 21 per cent of wheat and a smearer of molasses. If the wheat growers were organized half as strongly as the grain dealers are they would not have to sell good wheat at less than production cost nor buy back foreign screenings at nearly double the price of their wheat.

At a recent farmers' meeting states C. E. Spence, a Polk county farmer related that he sold a beef hide and that the price he received for it was but 60 cents. A Wasco county man jumped up and declared his neighbor from Polk had no grievance, but rather that he should be congratulated on the deal. He said he shipped a cow hide to market and he received a bill for 12 cents to be remitted, that the freight and expense was this sum above the selling price. It will be interesting to both farmers to read that in 1923 this country imported \$118,000,000 worth of hides and skins.

Farmers will some time learn the lesson that business interests are constantly teaching them—that controlling markets is the only way they can be sure of profitable selling prices. They must organize as manufacturing industries do; they must control their production; they must be their own middlemen—control their products from the farm to the retailer—they must be able to fix their own prices on their own goods and get the prices.

MRS. SARAH E. BEASLEY

Mrs. Sarah E. Beasley who died Wednesday morning at her home in this city, was born on a farm near Monroe, Oregon, April 23, 1856. She was united in marriage to Richard Beasley August 5, 1872, at Pilot Rock. To this union there were born 11 children, seven of which are living. They are Mrs. Ira Harris, of Moscow, Idaho; Miles Beasley of this city; Robert R. Beasley, Lewiston; Mrs. Lizzie J. Harris, Lewiston; Alice Beasley, Hermiston; Sarah May Wilson, Portland; Elizabeth Gale, Hermiston. At an early age she affiliated with the Baptists and remained a faithful worker in this denomination until her death.

She lived a noble life and her deeds and actions will bear fruit long after she is gone.

BASE BALL SEASON WILL OPEN SUNDAY

UMATILLA WILL COME PREPARED TO TAKE SCALP

Fans are Eagerly Awaiting the Empire's Cry of "Play Ball." Team is in Good Condition for Fry

"Soak her on the nose." "He's got an arm like a glass tube." "Don't let him kid you." "Slide, slide, atta boy." "What, he's out? Rotten! Rotten! Get the umpire a pair of glasses."

You leather lung fans who have been ardent members of the Stove League during the winter months prepare yourself for the opening of the base ball season in Hermiston Sunday. Umatilla with her gang of diamond warriors will invade this city and from reports that have reached here every member of the visiting team knows his "stuff," and when diamond lore is considered they are as tough as boarding house steak. It is the opening game of the Irrigation league and Umatilla expects to get a good start by annexing it. But Manager Hitt has made other arrangements and according to local dope Umatilla will go back home with news that will make the inhabitants of that city feel the same as the home guards of Mudville did when the mighty Casey struck out.

The locals have been going through strenuous work-outs every night and are strengthening the weak points that were apparent in the game with Pendleton.

Come out and root Sunday. Let's give the boys our support by being present. Help them win the first game.

HOME GROWN ASPARAGUS MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

Home grown asparagus made its appearance on the local market this week. The supply was not sufficient to supply the demand but should be in larger quantities by the first of next week.

Attend the cooked food and rummage sale given by the Community club at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday April 12.

TESTING OF DAIRY HERDS NOT YET FINISHED

The testing of dairy cattle on the project was only partly completed last week. Out of 800 cows tested seven reactors were found. The inspectors are to be back in this territory next week when the herd of the fourth unit, north ridge and Umatilla will be visited. Over 1000 cows will be tested the largest number ever tested here.

Meet Your friends at the cooked food and rummage sale, Saturday, April 12, in the I. O. O. F. hall. The women of the Community club are sponsoring the affair and it is a worthy cause.

REGISTER

If you have to register before the primaries the registration books are at Dodd's office.

UNCLE SAM ADVISED TO CHARGE OFF RECLAMATION LOSS

The committee of experts who were appointed some time ago to make a study of reclamation have submitted their report to Secretary Work.

Declaring conditions are serious on many of the 28 projects located in 15 western states, with three already having failed, the committee stated that of the \$143,000,000 already spent in building irrigation works, \$18,561,146 will never be recovered, with the probable loss of an additional \$8,830,000, the whole representing losses in construction to supply water for lands found to be of little or no return value.

The committee has advised the government to charge it off.

Going Out Like a Lamb

