

## LARGE CLASS GRADUATES TUESDAY NIGHT

### TWELVE GIRLS AND SIX BOYS COMPOSE CLASS

Rev. Clark of Pendleton, Delivers An Inspiring Address to the Class of 1924

The hearts of the patrons of the local high school swelled with pride as they beheld the Hermiston high school graduating class of 1924. Tuesday night at the school auditorium. Twelve girls and six boys sat upon the platform in the Maytime of life and received the reward that signified they were progressing towards preparing themselves for the future battles of life.

The school auditorium was crowded to its capacity and a number who were unable to find seats were compelled to stand up.

Rev. Clark opened the exercises with prayer after which Margaret Waterman rendered a piano solo. Marie Palmulder gave the salutatory. She stated the class of 1924 was afflicted with a number of ailments among which was a swelling of the head caused by undue cramming of knowledge into its brain. He said that before the evening was over the class of 1924 would be no more and asked the audience to deal with it kindly during the last hours.

Anita Paulsen and Marjorie Palmulder were next on the program with a duet.

Rev. Clark of Pendleton followed with the address of the evening. He spoke of how the destinies of this nation was closely interwoven with those of Europe and advocated universal brotherhood of mankind. He admonished them not to follow in the well beaten paths that had been made before them but to have ideas of their own and put these ideas into execution. The address was well received by his listeners.

After the address Miss Compton sang a solo.

In giving the valedictory Madge Quick stated that a vocation should be decided upon early in life so that preparation might be made. She said that mistakes were costly and that care should be taken to choose the right vocation.

Mr. Bensen presented the eighth grade with their diplomas. He stated that this year's class made one of the best averages in the history of the school.

Mr. Day, principal of the high school, presented the graduating class with diplomas.

The girls' glee club closed the program with "Lovely Night," from "Tales of Hoffman."

The Baccalaureate sermon was held last Sunday morning in the Methodist church, Rev. Young delivering the sermon. Rev. Ira D. Hall, pastor of the Baptist church offered prayer. The class play was Saturday night when members of the class presented "Come Out of the Kitchen." The play was presented in a manner that reflected credit to the teachers and those who participated in the play. A large crowd was present and seemed to enjoy every moment during its presentation.

Monday was class night. This event was also well attended.

The members of the graduating class this year were: Irma Buchner, Ellen Ely, Claude Haddock, Bessie Hammer, Herbert Haneline, Inez Hunt, Vivian Nation, Horatio Ogden, Evert Parker, Marie Palmulder, Madge Quick, Georgia Reeder, Arloutine Robinson, Gladys Skinner, Claude Smith, Gladys Ware, Gladys Whitsett, and Lawrence Winslow.

## PROJECT FARMERS SHOULD CONSERVE IRRIGATION WATER

The Western States are in the grip of a severe drouth and the present season is one of the driest on record. Pastures in the lower ranges are beginning to dry up and irrigated lands dependent on the continued flow of streams are short of water.

While the water supply for the Umatilla project will be less than usual, there is nothing to be alarmed about, for with careful use of water the project farmers will be able to get their usual cutting of hay. It will be necessary, however, to see that there is no waste of water. This means that every farmer will have to make good use of every drop of water delivered to him. All farmers should cooperate along this line. Considering the fact that cheat is more or less prevalent, it may be advisable to get the first crop off as early as possible to allow for full and early growth of the next two.

## Community Club Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Community club held at the library May 20, Mrs. C. E. Baker presided in the absence of the president and vice-president. In an exceptionally interesting talk on "American Sculptors," Miss Isabelle Mayhew reminded her audience that sculpture is the oldest form of art. In America sculpture is improving constantly and rapidly, both as to quality and quantity. Mrs. Mayhew spoke at some length of the mammoth work on Stone Mountain Borglum is doing for the Daughters of the Confederacy.

An event of great interest and importance will be the visit of Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state boys and girls club work leader Wednesday May 28. On that day at 10:30 A. M. at the school she will meet and talk to the girls of Columbia school and their mothers. In the afternoon at 2:30 the girls of the Hermiston sewing classes will give a tea in her honor at the school. Everyone will have the opportunity of seeing the display of their year's sewing. Miss Cowgill will give a talk at that time also. She is a woman of charming personality and filled with enthusiasm for her work. Mrs. F. P. Phelps and her assistants, Mrs. F. E. Foreman and Mrs. O. G. Sapper, deserve great credit for the time and effort they have given to these classes. It is hoped that everyone interested will make it possible to attend Wednesday afternoon to see the results of the splendid work of these women. The girls in the club have worked diligently and will be greatly encouraged by the interest shown by the women of the project.

## Baptist Church Welcome

Sunday services, May 25.  
10 A. M., Bible school, classes for all ages.  
11 A. M., preaching by former Pastor Hall; subject, "Harvesters and Wages."  
7 P. M., Young People's meeting.  
8 P. M., Sermon, "Young People in the World's Evangelization."  
Every Thursday evening, prayer meeting and Bible study.  
Cordial welcome to all these services. Ira D. Hall.

## Call For Warrants of School District No. 14

All warrants from No. 2922 to and including warrant No. 2998 will be paid when presented to clerk.  
R. A. Brownson, Clerk.  
37-2tc School Dist. No. 14.

## FREE METHODIST CONFERENCE CLOSES

### OVER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DELEGATES ATTEND

### Camp Meeting Held in Connection With the Conference Draws Large Crowds.

The Free Methodist conference for the Columbia district that opened in this city last week was brought to a close Sunday night. Over one hundred and fifty delegates from different sections of the United States attended the conference. The reports of the different committees showed that the denomination has enjoyed a steady growth during the past year. Plans for the future were drawn up and it is proposed to make next year the banner year of the church.

Bishop Warner of Illinois presided over the conference.

The camp meeting held in connection with the conference was one of the most successful ever held in Hermiston. Last Sunday night in the neighborhood of four hundred people packed the Hermiston auditorium to listen to M. E. Lewis who had charge of the meetings. Mr. Lewis has the knack of bringing them back so interesting and forceful were his discourses. Every day while the meetings were in progress the interest seemed to grow and it is safe to say that if the camp meeting had been continued over for another week it is likely the auditorium would not have held the crowds. Mr. Lewis left Sunday night for California where he is scheduled to conduct another meeting. So great is his fame as an evangelist he is booked up until 1926.

The delegates praised the unlimited hospitality accorded them by the people of Hermiston during their stay here and a rising vote of thanks was extended to the people of this city.

Rev. J. K. Mumau, who has served during the past year as pastor, was returned to this charge for another year.

The delegates left Sunday night and Monday morning for their respective homes.

## IRRIGON COUNTRY BIG MELON PRODUCERS

### THIRTY-SIX CARLOADS PRODUCED AND SHIPPED LAST YEAR

### "Pride of Irrigon" New Variety Propagated There Has Large Sale. Crop is Handled Co-operatively by Growers.

Did you know that one of our sister towns raised and shipped out thirty-six carloads of melons last year? And that indications are the amount will be double this year? The next time you see a long string of box cars just count thirty-six of them and then imagine an equal number coupled on behind those counted and you will have an idea of the amount of melons shipped out by the Cooperative Melon Growers of Irrigon, Oregon.

Last year you probably noticed when you scanned the market page of the daily paper, that the "Pride of Irrigon," which is a product of the Irrigon association, was quoted higher than any melon on the market. The demand greatly exceeded the supply for the "Pride of Irrigon" has established a reputation that is second to none on the markets of the south and northwest. This product is putting Irrigon on the map and is responsible for the little town receiving considerable notoriety.

Some time ago the Oregon Magazine, published at Salem, Oregon, carried two lengthy articles concerning Irrigon and its melons. We had heard considerable about Mr. N. Seamon, who is manager of the growers cooperative association, and who by his efforts and labors has aided materially in making the association a success. It was our desire to interview this gentleman in regards to this wonderful strip of melon country, so last Monday we stopped off between trains at Irrigon for a visit with him.

We found him at the depot busily engaged checking cream cans, selling tickets and other jobs that station agents have to perform. Being manager of the successful growers is a side line with Mr. Seamon. He is also station agent at Irrigon and in addition to the jobs above mentioned is a farmer. We forgot to ask him what he did with his spare time but will venture a guess that it is spent profitably.

To our inquiries Mr. Seamon modestly replied:

"There is not much to this except that we have an ideal country for melons, the soil is sweet, sandy loam without any alkali or other foreign injurious substance. They require close attention at all times. Weeds must be kept hoed or pulled out of the hills especially and frequent cultivation between rows. Irrigation is also necessary about every five or eight days according to depth of the soil on any particular tract of land.

"We have experimented here on various cantaloupes, muskmelons and water melons for years and we have finally boiled all of the varieties out

crowded out our former muskmelon previously named "New Irrigon" on account of them being sweeter and more firm and better keepers. The New Irrigon muskmelon running from three to twelve pounds have been discarded and the Pride of Irrigon, a cantaloupe, given full sweep in its place."

The co-operative selling association was formed by five farmers in the Irrigon district some three or four years ago and has proven to be a great success. Five local growers took it upon themselves to organize a co-operative non-profit association at Irrigon and N. Seamon was selected as their manager and instructed to proceed with organization work and to draw up necessary articles of incorporation, by-laws and other forms necessary to put the organization on a sound business basis. The first year very little business was transacted but the second season it was decided to either make a go of it or know why not. Contracts were drawn up by the manager and signed by the growers and today this selling organization is doing a stupendous business.

There are no doubt a good many on the Umatilla project who are unaware of the Irrigon Co-operative Melon Growers' Association and its far famed product. But if you will visit the markets of the large cities of the south and northwest it will be apparent that Irrigon is well known by reason of its luscious melons which is shipped to these markets every year.

## Plans are Made to Fight the Mosquito

At the commercial club luncheon last Tuesday the question of formulating plans to fight the mosquito was taken up. A committee of three were appointed to confer with those upon whose land the stagnant pools, which is the breeding place of the mosquito, are located, and ask them to co-operate in an endeavor to exterminate the pest.

H. K. Dean was asked to procure literature regarding the kind of oil and the amount to be used in the stagnant pools in the fight that will be waged against the mosquito. Mr. Dean will report his findings at the next luncheon of the club Tuesday.

## Neighborhood Club Meeting

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Frank Beddow on May 14. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Frank Waugaman on Wednesday afternoon, May 28. Mrs. Beddow will read a paper on Travels in Japan, current events by Mrs. Howard Reid. The homemaker's exchange is in charge of Mrs. Canfield. Bring in your helpful ideas and make this department what it deserves to be.

## Card of Thanks

We take this means of thanking those who so generously extended their aid during our recent bereavement. We assure you that your kindness will never be forgotten.  
R. B. McLane and family.

Archdeacon Goldie will hold communion service at Hermiston Annex May 29, at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Kathryn Short will sing a solo. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

## HERMISTON TAKES GAME FROM UMATILLA

### A FOUR TO THREE CONTEST FURNISHES THRILLS FOR FANS

### Ten Hits is Garnered off of Blakeley Phelps Pitches a Good Game and Only Four Safe Swats Chalked Up Against Him

Well folks it happened. Hermiston took a little jaunt down to Umatilla last Sunday and after a battle on the diamond with the topnotchers of the Irrigation league, brought home the grapes.

The game was scheduled to be played on the local diamond but some one irrigating Saturday night let the water get away from them and as there was not enough water wings in town to issue each player a pair it was deemed advisable to play the contest on the Umatilla diamond.

In the second inning it began to dawn upon Umatilla that the local boys had come down with the intention of winning the game. Voyer snatched out a two bagger, Todd, the next man up, connected with the pellet and Voyer scored. There was one down before Voyer scored and the next two men were easy outs. At the beginning of the third the score stood 1 to 0 with Phelps pitching perfect ball. Not satisfied with what they had accomplished in the second inning they begin to formulate plans for another run. Phelps was on first when Jones hit to the third baseman and was safe, Phelps going to second. Shesley who was next at bat followed suit and the boys moved up a peg. Mittelsdorf hit a ball that went through short and Phelps scored.

The fourth inning was uneventful but in the fifth the local boys begin to get wise to Blakeley's offerings. They hit everything but the water bucket. Shesley was on base when Mittelsdorf hit a three bagger and Shesley bit the dust around home plate. Voyer did not believe in disappointing Dave after his three base swat so hit safe and Dave scored.

Up until the ninth inning Umatilla's run column contained nothing but a roose egg. In this inning the Umatilla fans rushed the diamond and it was only after a number of warnings from the umpire that they retired to the third base line. Owing to errors Umatilla made three runs in the last inning, and the game ended 4 to 3.

It was Phelps last game with the locals as he is leaving some time this week for Baker.

It is reported that a quartette composed of members of the Umatilla team is practicing up to serene Merle before he leaves. They expect to sing that touching little ballad entitled, "When you are gone we won't forget you."

By Hermiston winning the game from Umatilla Sunday Hermiston is one game behind Umatilla who leads the league.

## FOUR HEIFERS SWIM NINE MILES

### Sam Carson is the Owner of the Cows That Accomplish This Feat

There is more than one way for a Jersey cow to establish a record. No one has ever given a serious thought to the idea of Bossie being a swimming champion and yet there are four heifers owned by Sam Carson, who lives near the Diversion, established a record along this line that no doubt will never be beaten or equalled.

At this season of the year when the river is low Mr. Carson's herd of well bred Jerseys go across the Umatilla and range on the opposite side. A few days ago six heifers became separated from the herd and fell into the diversion canal below the dam. This canal picks up the water and feeds the west end extension around Irrigon and Boardman. The sides of the canal are very steep and the water of sufficient depth that the heifers had to swim in order to keep their heads above water. Four of them completely exhausted were taken from the canal at Irrigon, and two that have not as yet been found were in all probability drowned.

## HAY GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS

### BETWEEN 75 AND 80 PER CENT WILL BE HANDLED BY ASSN.

### At a Meeting of the Hay Growers Monday Directors and Officers are Elected. Carl McNaught Will Continue as Manager

According to figures presented on Monday at the annual meeting of the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers in this city the association will handle 40,000 tons this year. This year's crop will fall under the yield secured last season but the acreage signed by the growers is between 75 and 80 per cent of the production.

At a meeting Monday the following directors were elected by the membership: George Mitchell, Boardman; Ralph Galbraith, Umatilla; W. G. Tilden, Hermiston; George Beddow, Columbia; W. C. Conner, Stanfield; Heiland Moore, Lower Butter Creek; Allen Thompson, Upper Butter Creek; Hawley Bean, Meadows.

The officers elected by the board of directors were: Hawley Bean, president; Echo; George Beddow, vice-president; Miss Alice Wentworth, was re-employed as secretary. Carl McNaught will continue as manager.

A large per cent of the hay signed with the association is feeder hay and is grown in western Umatilla and northern Morrow counties. There is a separate pool in Deschute county that is marketed separately. Last year's volume of hay handled by the association included about 10,000 tons. In all probability the price of labor for hay harvest will be lower as a discussion by the growers showed. Harvest will start the latter part of this week. Due to the cold weather and frost and the fact that grass made a rapid growth at the expense of alfalfa, the first cutting will be light.

C. J. Hurd, marketing expert of Oregon agricultural college, addressed the meeting. He recently returned from a trip east and during the trip made a study of co-operative selling agencies. He declared the co-operative selling agencies had come to stay and that producers are on the right track in backing their associations. He said the organizations are far from being perfect but that it is generally admitted that their methods are correct. He advocated the putting of a price on their commodity that will cause it to move rather than to put the price up so that competitors will undersell the producers organization. He cited the plan followed in 1923 by the Maine organization of potato growers. They made their budget of sales before digging time, after figuring out the normal movement of the crop to market from the various competing districts, and adhered to their plan in selling their 60,000 carloads of potatoes. As a result the price did not vary more than 25 cents during the entire season, Mr. Hurd said.

## STATE UNIVERSITIES RECEIVE \$70,000,000 IN GIFTS

### Largest single Gift Reported by the University of Michigan

Eugene, Ore., May 24—State universities of America have received more than seventy million dollars in gifts from private sources, according to information compiled by the University of Oregon. Returns from 43 state institutions show gifts totaling \$70,187,654, varying in size from a single gift of \$2,000 to the new Alaska agricultural college and school of mines to gifts totaling \$25,000,000 received by the University of Michigan and \$13,000,000 by the University of California. Michigan reports the largest single gift, a bequest of \$18,000,000.

## HERMISTON GROWERS VISIT KENNEWICK

### FIND GROWERS MAKING GOOD ON ASPARAGUS SHIPMENTS

### Local Delegation are Shown Process of Cutting and Packing—Local Potato Growers May Join Kennewick Selling Agency

On Thursday, May 15, a delegation consisting of the board of directors of the Umatilla Project Growers Association, and others, eight in all, made a trip to Kennewick by auto to investigate the growing and marketing of asparagus and early potatoes. While there they were directed by Mr. Lampton, manager of the Three Rivers Growers' Association, to fields of growing crops and were shown the cutting and packing of asparagus, and later were taken through the pre-cooling plant in Kennewick from which the grass is shipped in carload lots.

The delegation found the crop somewhat curtailed by the April frost, but this shortage was more than made up for by new acreage coming into production, and the association is handling more asparagus than it ever did. At present growers receive \$1.50 per crate f. o. b. the shipping point for the asparagus sold in eastern cities; the price offered in western cities is only 75 cents to \$1.00 so all the crop now goes east. While admitting that there is much work connected with the handling of this crop all producers seem agreed that it is a good paying crop; in fact one man said: "If it was not for the asparagus we would starve to death."

The crop is cut as often as twice daily during the main season; the grading rules call for 1 to 1 1/4 inches of white at the bottom end of the stalk, with about 6 inches of green. It is put up in crates 18x14 x 2 3/8 inches holding two rows of vided by a partition. The crate holds 12 pounds net. At the cooling plant each lot of asparagus is inspected before shipping.

A crate of asparagus will be on exhibit at the Oregon Hardware Co. the last part of this week.

Mr. Lampton was optimistic over the outlook for the early potato crop provided that the growers will not themselves break the market, and as a result of the trip a drive will this week be made to have local potato growers sign the association contract in order that the crop now growing may be marketed co-operatively. It is conservatively estimated that ten carloads of early potatoes will this year be harvested here, and unless the growers organize the market will undoubtedly become demoralized. If enough growers are signed up this week to justify doing so, cross contracts will be effected between the two associations, and the Three Rivers Association will through its selling organization handle the marketing on the same basis as it does for its own members.

The delegation were guests of the Kennewick Commercial club at its luncheon while there.



Scenes at Irrigon

## STANDING OF TEAMS IN THE IRRIGATION LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Umatilla	5	1	.835
Hermiston	4	2	.668
Stanfield	2	4	.334
Echo	1	5	.167

R. A. Stewart, who lives northeast of town, held a sale last Wednesday preparatory to moving to Los Angeles where he will join his wife. Mr. Stewart has leased his ranch for the time being. It is his intention to trade the ranch here for property in Los Angeles.

Tom Marxen has moved his restaurant from the old stand to the building across the street formerly occupied by a millinery establishment. Tom has fixed up the place to a king's taste.

Jim Pearson was a Pendleton visitor Thursday.

Last Wednesday owing to a break in the water main the water was shut off for an hour or so. It is rumored that a good many who were in arrears with their water rents called at the recorder's office and paid up, not knowing why the water had been shut off. It's an ill wind that does not benefit someone.