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**EARLY POTATO SEED CONTRACT SECURED**

**WESTON MOUNTAIN FARMERS TO GROW SOME THIS YEAR**

Seed Will be Available for Use By Project Farmers for Next Season.

An agreement between the Farm Bureau Cooperative association and Weston mountain farmers has been drawn whereby project farmers will be assured a supply of standard early seed potatoes for use next year, according to a statement by Fred Benson, county agent. The contracts have been signed and call for a price of \$30 per ton for Irish Cobblers f. o. b. cars at Weston this fall.

W. L. Rayborn and Will Hall are the growers who will have acreages of early seed potatoes this season. Minnesota certified seed was furnished by the Farm Bureau Cooperative association in the amount of three and one-fourth tons. It is expected that two or three carloads of seed will be available for planting here next spring, with the minimum fixed at 36 tons.

The contract calls for the grower to receive the seed on the cars at Weston, care for it until planting time, between May 25 and June 25 and to plant it on ground that has not grown potatoes during the past three years. The seed must be treated with corrosive sublimate and the field must be rogued according to the practices followed by growers in producing standard seed under the requirements laid down by the state college.

The contract is expected to prove beneficial to seed producers in that they will have a guaranteed market at a specified price and to growers of commercial stock on the project because the cost of seed will be fixed at a valuation that will not make its use prohibitive and will still give the producer of the seed a profit.

**FOSTER-RICHEY INC. IS NEW PENDLETON AUTO FIRM**

The automobile firm of Foster-Richey is comparatively new to Pendleton and has been under its present management as a result of the purchase by A. S. Foster and C. D. Richey of the business of Wallace Bros. Mr. Foster was formerly Ford dealer in the Walla Walla district and Mr. Richey for a number of years handled Studebakers at Walla Walla and before that was with Wallace Bros. in Pendleton.

In addition to handling sales and service for the Pendleton district, the firm distributes Studebakers in five Oregon counties and two Washington counties.

**Library Ranks High**

University of Oregon, Eugene—University of Oregon library has been chosen by the Carnegie corporation as one of the 22 most representative university libraries in the country to be studied for the purpose of ascertaining what can be done to make colleges more efficient in this department. Dr. George A. Works, chairman of the university division of education at Cornell university, an expert in educational surveys, is now in Eugene doing this work.

The per capita use of books among Oregon students is the largest of any state in the country, according to figures available to M. H. Douglass, librarian. Of all colleges in the United States, Oregon ranks next to Amherst which is first in the list. Dr. Works will spend several days here gathering data.

**Ford Shipment Received**

The Kellogg Motor company received and unloaded a carload shipment of new Fords the first of this week.

**Hermiston Golfers Lose**

Five Hermiston golfers went to Menlo Park Sunday where they enjoyed 18 holes of golf with players from Menlo and Boardman. The local five of the Scotch game, were clever enough to make the play interesting for their opponents, but they were defeated. The Boardman course is laid out on soil of a different type from what the local men have been accustomed to playing on and they found the greens faster. Lunch was served at the conclusion of play. The local players praised the hospitality of the Boardman people and declared the course an excellent one. Arrangements for a tournament to include Arlington, Boardman and Hermiston are in course of being made.

**Many Seek Land For Rent During Past Few Weeks**

Scores of Prospective Settlers Had to be Turned Away, Local Dealers Report.

The demand for land to rent has so far exceeded the number of farms available for tenants that literally scores of farmers have had to be turned away in Hermiston this spring, according to local real estate dealers. The farming season is already under way, and practically every foot of available ground has been taken for some time.

Most of the applicants for land to rent were farmers, dealers declared. Some of them had left other sections and wanted to locate here. Others had lived on farms until a few years ago, then moved to cities to work for wages, and after giving that life a trial and paying high living expenses under urban conditions had decided that they would return to the farm where costs of living are lower.

The keen demand for land has been interpreted by real estate dealers showing that confidence in the future of this agricultural district is firmly fixed in the minds of people who live in other sections of the country.

**WHEAT ACREAGE ON WEST END FARMS TO BE HEAVY**

About 400 Acres Will be Given Over To Feed Crop by 60-70 Farmers.

More wheat either has or will be needed on this project this spring than in any other year in the history of the project, according to the records of the Farm Bureau Cooperative. The acreage will be close to 400 acres on between 60 and 70 farms. The seed was secured by the co-operative association through County Agent Benson from Elmer McCormack at Pendleton. The lot included 10 tons, all of which is Federation.

Several factors are said to have entered into the heavy acreage year. For one thing chicken feeds have been on a comparatively high basis with eggs relatively cheap, and many poultry growers have planned to cut production costs by growing their own wheat. Chickens will do practically all of the threshing as the wheat is needed for feed, and the straw will provide the litter required when scratch feed is fed. Some fields of alfalfa that were damaged by winter killing more than a year ago have had to be broken-up, and some wheat has been planned to go into this ground. Prospects are also good for a material increase in the corn acreage, according to reports.

**COMMUNITY CLUB READY TO PUT BENCHES IN PARK**

The Community club luncheon held at Hotel Corlis, March 16, was well attended. The decorations, menu and program were in keeping with St. Patrick's day and all had their part in making the afternoon an enjoyable one.

The park committee reported 20 trees had been planted, and the benches are ready to be placed in the park.

The following splendid program was given:

- Selection—Come back to Erin—Ladies Quartette.
- Whistling Solo—Wearing of the green—Mrs. Joe Udey.
- Talk—Ireland, Land of Scenery and Story—Mrs. B. L. Cherry.
- Group of Songs—When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, A Little Bit of Heaven, Kathleen Mavourneen—Miss Seyler.
- Folk dance—Bridge of Athlone—Mrs. Callahan's pupils.

**Miss Woughter in Dance**

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.—Ruth Woughter, of Hermiston, a freshman at the University of Oregon, participated in the demonstration of the school of physical education last Friday in the Woman's building. She was in one of the original dances which were given by the members of the dancing classes. Four girls worked together and originated their dance. Miss Woughter intends to go out for class tennis in the spring. She is to be home during spring vacation which begins March 19.

Stated communication of Queen Esther chapter, C. E. S., next Tuesday night. Social. By order of W. M.

**HERMISTON'S TAX RATE STANDS 3RD**

PENDLETON AND ADAMS ONLY HAVE LESS LEVY

Livestock Population Shows Some Increase, According To Assessor's Report.

Of the cities in Umatilla county Hermiston ranks third from the point of view of low rate of taxation for city purposes, according to the annual report of R. O. Hawks, county assessor. Hermiston's tax rate on the 1925 assessment roll for taxes payable in 1926 is 13.7 mills. This compares with a rate of 14.2 mills last year.

Adams has the lowest rate of any city in the county with 10 mills. Pendleton's rate is 10.6 mills. Athena with a rate of 34.5 mills has the highest levy of any city in the county.

In the matter of valuation of property, Hermiston stands fourth with an assessed valuation of \$463,697.05. Pendleton has the highest valuation \$7,152,500. Milton is second with \$909,900, and Athena is third with a valuation of \$482,000. Adams has the lowest valuation, \$92,580.

The total value of property in the county on which taxes will be paid this year is \$64,776,754.58. That compares with a valuation last year of \$55,160,000. Last year the total millage for state and county purposes was 14.4 as compared with a total for the same purpose of 14.1 mills this year. Land is by far the greatest source of taxation in the county, about \$30,000,000 being its assessed value. Improvements on town lots come second with a valuation of \$3,801,000, and town and city lots are third with a valuation of \$2,000,000.

According to the assessor's rolls, all kinds of livestock in the county increased during the year with the exception of swine and horses and mules. The 1925 assessment rolls on which taxes will be paid this year, show the following livestock population: Horses and mules, 15,836; cattle, 22,391; sheep, 105,894; swine, 3,358; dogs, 189; bees, 4,590 colonies; and poultry 54,485.

**11 DAIRY HERDS START ON SIX MONTHS TESTS**

Herd testing of 11 dairy herds between Hermiston and Irrigon has been started this week, according to R. F. Wilbur, assistant county agent who with County Agent Bennion of this county and E. W. Morse, spent time early this week in getting the testing work organized.

The herds that will be in the test for a 6 months period are owned by Andrew Koski, William King, J. R. Johnson, Paul Smith, W. T. Wright, A. E. McParland, John Jendraszewski, T. H. Gwigg, Curtis Dyer, Tom Haddox, William Hinesline and A. Buhman.

Tests for butterfat content will be made once a month, and records of milk weights will be kept. A record of feeds used and costs of production will be kept to demonstrate the feasibility of a cow testing association on the project.

The farm bureau will finance supplies for the work. Mr. Wilbur said and the Hermiston Creamery company has donated the use of its equipment to aid in the work.

**10,000 BROOD FRAMES TO BE USED THIS YEAR**

Just twice as many brood frames will be needed by the beekeepers of this part of county for 1926 as were used in 1925, according to estimates made last Friday night by the Umatilla Beekeepers association. About 10,000 frames will be required this year as compared with 5,000 that were used last year.

Ten bee keepers offered to donate 25 pounds of honey each for exhibition purposes at the Pacific International exposition in Portland this fall, and efforts to increase the amount will be made. The honey donated is used to help in defraying expenses. The local association will furnish glass containers for the honey. A meeting will be held later to make up an order for brooder frames.

**J. O. Hales is Candidate**

J. O. Hales of Pendleton has filed a petition with County Clerk Brown as a candidate for the republican nomination as county commissioner to succeed himself. He served four years and succeeded G. L. Dunning of Stanfield.

**PROCLAMATION**

The Forget-Me-Not sale, March 22-29, is conducted by a citizens' committee in cities and towns in all parts of the United States on designated dates. The present one, conducted locally by the Auxiliary, is the fifth annual national event of this character. This activity, in behalf of the maimed war veterans, is conducted for the actual relief, welfare, legislative, hospitalization, employment and rehabilitation assistance of those who bear the scars and serious ills of war; and I most earnestly urge upon each and every citizen, to take advantage of this opportunity to aid in this most worthy cause and I trust that the response will be generous and widespread.

Signed, F. V. PRIME, Mayor.

**WATER TURNED INTO CANAL ON MONDAY**

A LINE AND MAXWELL CARRYING GOOD HEADS

Reservoir Contains 38,000 Acre Feet With Good Prospects Of Supply.

Water for use in irrigating land has been turned into the canals to serve project farmers and is now flowing in both the A line and in the Maxwell ditch. The flow was started Monday of this week and is expected to continue for several weeks irrespective of what settlement may be made of the issues existing between the district and the government.

Use of the water is not yet general over the project. Many farmers are irrigating gardens, and work is being done to get ditches cleaned so that irrigation will be done with the minimum amount of trouble.

The reservoir now contains about 38,000 acre feet, and the flow into the reservoir is exceeding materially the volume that is being taken out. Prospects are said to be excellent that the big pond will be full within a short time.

**IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS**

The woman's club extends thanks and appreciation for the assistance given by the community in making possible the improvement of the cemetery.

J. A. Graybeal and Verdie Leach spent the week end visiting relatives at Imbler.

Attorney Kipp of the department of co-operative marketing of the Portland chamber of commerce was in town Wednesday on business.

The Grange met in regular session Wednesday evening. The attendance was quite good.

The girls' and boys' base ball teams will play Umatilla on the local grounds Friday of this week.

While George Hendricks spent the night in a Portland hotel last Wednesday some long fingered individual entered his room and got away with George's watch, about \$25 in money, and—his pants. Fortunately George had his overalls with him.

Mr. Bishop is visiting with the Widsons.

C. Clyde Grim was a business visitor in Hermiston Tuesday.

Mrs. Norcross of Portland is with her parents, C. B. Smith, for the present.

The high school and advanced grade girls have begun rehearsal on a play to be staged early next month.

The school boasts two clubs—one in sewing for the girls with Mrs. Jas. Knight as leader, and one in sweet potatoes for the boys with Chauncey Grim as leader. Each club has about ten members.

The school band played several selections for the grange social on Saturday evening.

**Trees are in Blossom**

Peach and apricot trees are in bloom on farms up and down the valley of the Umatilla from Echo to below Irrigon. The earliest trees to bloom were alive with color several days ago. There are comparatively few peach and apricot trees on the project and in Hermiston, though one is to be seen occasionally, but quite a few are visible from the highway in the Irrigon district and east of Hermiston up the valley of the Umatilla.

Physicians have found it advisable for adults to drink at least seven glasses of water a day—at breakfast, between meals, lunch, between meals, dinner, before retiring.

**BASEBALL ASSURED AGAIN THIS YEAR**

12 GAMES SCHEDULE WILL BE ON BOARDS

Boardman Echo, Hermiston and Umatilla to Make Up 1926 Irrigation League

A 12 game schedule Sunday baseball was assured towns in the Irrigation district as a result of a meeting held here Monday night when officers for 1926 for the Irrigation baseball league were elected and a constitution was adopted.

The league will have four teams and Boardman, Echo, Hermiston and Umatilla will be represented. The season will open April 11 and close June 27.

President Hull of Umatilla who served during 1925 was re-elected Monday to succeed himself as head of the league. Other officers named included Jack Gorham of Boardman, vice-president; George Mitchell, Echo secretary; and H. E. Hitt, Hermiston, treasurer.

A coin was flipped to determine what towns shall have the opening games, and Umatilla and Echo won. Hermiston will go to Echo on April 11, and Boardman will tangle with Umatilla at the latter place. Hermiston and Boardman will have home games on Decoration day.

A change was decided on as to the time for starting games. Heretofore the umpire has started business at 2:30, but this season all contests will start at 3 o'clock. The change was specially requested by Umatilla, due to the fact that shifts change in the shops there at 3 o'clock, and by giving the extra half hour, the railroaders will have a chance at bigger games.

Some preliminary workouts have already been held, and prospects are that with a schedule of playing assured, many arms will be sore in the territory of the league within the next few days. Hermiston has some good material to draw on this year, and a winning team is confidently expected by the locals if the moral backing of the fans is forthcoming.

A meeting to form a schedule will be held at Umatilla Monday night.

**OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN SATURDAY BY GLEE CLUB**

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium, the girls glee club of the local high school will present the Japanese operetta, "The Feast of Little Lanterns."

The leads taken by Dorothy Hitt as Princess Chan, Anita Paulsen as Princess Mai Ku, Edna Bokish as the governess Ow Long and Margaret Waterman as Wee Ling, are ably supported by the chorus of "Little Lanterns."

The chorus is composed of Dorothy Ison, Virginia Rodda, Alice Dyer, Georgianna Briggs, Grace Jackson, Jean Laundagin, Nell Reeves, Dorothy Shotwell and Sylvia Evans. Elizabeth Straw is the accompanist and Sonny Briggs will be at the tom-toms.

The glee club has been working faithfully for the past two months and a solid evening of real entertainment is assured. The high orchestra will render several selections between acts. Both the glee club and the orchestra are under the direction of Miss Ruth Seyler.

The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and will be completed in time for those who wish to attend both the operetta and the married folk club dance. The admission be 35 cents.

**DAIRY HERD RECORD CLUB STARTS WORK THIS WEEK**

A boys' and girls' dairy herd record keeping club, classified as a standard club and the most highly organized of any form of clubs for boys' and girls' work, has been organized on the project and the members are already at work. An even dozen of boys and girls are enrolled and R. F. Wilbur will be leader.

The members will each be required to keep records of 2 cows for a period of six months. Milk weight, butterfat test and amount and value of feed will be part of the record. Members will also be required to judge dairy cattle and dairy barns.

Walther Ott is president of the club, Owen Carmen is vice-president and Loren Jackson is secretary. Other members include Marylyn Evans, Carl Had'oz, Eugene Hansen, Donald DeMoss, Robert Bennett, Victor Addleman, Alfred Hoffman, Dayton Harris and Grace Rodda.

**"Get Acquainted" Edition of Herald Published Today**

Special Number of Paper Issued to Mark Change in Its Ownership

This issue of the Herald is a "Get Acquainted" special edition and marks the second number that has been published under the management of Joseph S. Harvey who recently acquired the paper from Raymond C. Crowder.

It was planned for the purpose of furnishing visible proof to the Herald's family of subscribers that a change in management has been made, and that the Herald will endeavor to enlarge as rapidly as possible its field of service and usefulness. The increase from four to eight pages is not permanent and was made this week for the special occasion.

The edition was made possible by the liberal purchase of advertising space on the part of merchants, both in Hermiston and Pendleton. It has doubled the amount of work in the Herald shop for the week and everyone connected with the paper had to go ahead at full steam. An extra man had to be employed to take care of the added work in the composing room.

An effort has been made to chronicle as far as possible some of the activities of the community, chiefly along agricultural lines and to give an idea of the work that is being done here. Only the high spots of the endeavors of this part of the country have been touched on in the edition. The west end of Umatilla county is too busy and is working so industriously that it would be an impossibility to treat adequately all of its endeavors in one edition.

To unfold as truthfully and fairly its complete story is a day by day task that the Herald will endeavor to keep up with each week.

**HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT**

Hermiston and McLoughlin Teams Will Compete for District Championship.

On Monday evening at 7:30 at the high school auditorium, the Hermiston high school affirmative debating team will match forensic abilities with the negative team from McLoughlin high school of Milton-Freewater. The local team will be composed of Dorothy Shotwell and Isabelle Dadd. This contest will determine the championship of this district which includes Union, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The winner of the debate Monday evening earns the right to compete with the winner of the Gilliam county district for the championship of eastern Oregon. The question for consideration will be, Resolved: That the United States government should own and operate all water power sites. On the same evening Hermiston's negative team composed of Earl Bessel and Howard Reid will be competing with the McLoughlin affirmative team at Milton.

Arrangements have been made so that the result of the contest at Milton will be announced at the close of the debate here. The debate has been postponed twice because of sickness of the debaters. The Hermiston debaters have been hard at work for the past few weeks and hope to turn in a win over their old forensic rivals. Several musical numbers will also be given during the evening. The speeches will begin promptly at 7:30 and a small admission will be charged to cover the necessary expenses.

**Cleanup Day Considered**

The necessity of observing cleanup day in Hermiston was considered informally at the luncheon Tuesday of the Commercial club. No definite action was taken, but it was stated that ordinarily cleanup day is observed in April. The club authorized a cleanup of weeds on the grounds of the Dairy Dairy and Hog show grounds (and a complaint was made that trash has been dumped along the diagonal road. J. H. Reid stated that some road improvement work is needed out in his neighborhood, and an effort to get the court to authorize the work will be made.

**Students Have Vacation**

University of Oregon, Eugene—Regular winter term examinations which will last four days this year, began Tuesday, March 16, and by the end of the week nearly 3000 students of the university will disperse to their homes in all parts of the state. Spring vacation will last until March 29, which is registration day for the last term of the regular university year.

**ASPARAGUS CROP TO BE CUT SOON**

SHIPMENTS EXPECTED TO BE MADE NEXT WEEK

Crates Ordered for Early Part of Season but More Will Be Needed Later.

The cutting of asparagus on the project is expected to be under way in fairly heavy volume, within the next few days if the seasonable weather that has prevailed for the past week continues, according to statements by growers. Some small cuttings have been made this week, and plans are being made to make shipments the coming week.

Orders have already been given for about 1200 crates, but this supply is not expected to be adequate to meet the demand. Growers should get their orders in for crates early, according to Tom Fraser, so that additional orders for the containers may be placed in plenty of time.

The project has about 35 acres in the truck crop now, divided between one and two year old plants. An additional acreage of between 10 and 12 acres have been planned for transplanting this spring, and need to produce plants has also been planted. Prospects at present indicate that approximately 25 acres additional will be set out in the spring of 1927. The goal of asparagus growers is an acreage of at least 100 acres so that volume will be sufficient to permit of carload shipments.

Asparagus grown in this section of the northwest follows the California supply on the market, according to local growers, and Illinois asparagus is next on the market. The cold weather now prevailing in the middle west indicates that the northwest growers will have a longer period of time in which to sell their crop than they expect under the weather conditions that prevail in an ordinary spring.

**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. F. F. WISENOR**

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Echo for Mrs. Eustena Wisenor of Hermiston, wife of F. F. Wisenor, whose death occurred Sunday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Her death followed an illness of about one week and came as a shock to her many friends in Hermiston.

Mrs. Wisenor's maiden name was Nivel, and she was born May 4, 1885, at Pomeroy, Washington. She was past 40 years old at the time of her death. In 1905 she and Mr. Wisenor were married and in 1921 they moved to Hermiston. Besides her husband, two daughters, Edna May and Allene, both of whom live at home, and the following brothers and sisters survive:

Ernest R. Nivel, who lives in Colorado, Oscar F. Nivel of Pomeroy; and Mrs. Mamie Slaybaugh and Mrs. Iva Mitchell, both of Yakima. Rev. Henry Young conducted the funeral services, and interment was made in the cemetery at Echo.

**MALYS DELIGHTED OVER THEIR TRIP TO THE WEST**

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maly of St. Paul, Minn., who have been visiting his sister Mrs. J. A. Campbell for the past three weeks, have returned to St. Paul after stopping at Spokane and Great Falls, Mont., with his brother for a short time.

They were delighted with their trip through the west, and stopped at points in Utah, also California where they enjoyed the climate at Oakland and Los Angeles for several weeks. Later they went to Portland then over the wonderful Columbia highway. They also enjoyed Hermiston's sunny weather. They expect to reach St. Paul with their spring weather gear at about 15 and winter's last home baker.

They were very much enthralled over their trip through California and Oregon and enjoyed the wonderful scenery of mountains, rock formations and water.

Mr. Maly thinks anyone in the east who goes through the west without having seen this western country is losing a great deal in life.

**Asparagus Plentiful**

Supplies of asparagus are liberal and the price has declined to 22 and 25c per pound. Stocks are all from California, but are expected from up-river points in a few days.—Tuesday's Oregonian.

The Neighborhood club will meet with Mrs. S. D. Thomas Wednesday, March 24.