

FARMERS COMBINE TO SHIP LIVESTOCK

ORGANIZATION HERE HAS BEEN ALIVE FOURTEEN YEARS

Necessity Caused Start of Movement Fourteen Years Ago and Work is Continued.

Service to small and large growers of livestock in this part of the country in shipping stock to market has been furnished by an organization which has no formal name and no officers but is usually referred to as the Hermiston Community Livestock shippers. The plan of group shipping of stock to market was started 14 years ago and has been continued ever since, according to H. J. Stillings, one of the leaders in the movement.

"We had to get together under some sort of plan in order to get our hogs and other stock out back in the earlier days," Mr. Stillings said, "so we put our heads together and made up shipments in carlots. We've kept at it ever since, and during all of that time there has never been any trouble or misunderstanding about shipments. We were the first such body in the northwest that I know of, though commission men tell me now that more than half of the stock received at Portland is by community associations of one sort or another."

During two of the 14 years of the organization's life when hogs were more plentiful than they are now, the volume moved amounted to 30 cars annually. Now that there are fewer hogs, about 12 carloads are sent to market during a year. Hogs, sheep, cattle and calves are handled, and a farmer can get service on the car if he has only one hog or sheep to sell.

The cost of freight and other services runs from one-half to three-quarters of a cent a pound, Mr. Stillings said, depending on the weight of the shipment. The check of each individual shipper is sent back to him by the commission houses, and the man who accompanies the shipment receives his expenses.

Stock for shipment is listed at the Farm Bureau Co-operative. The shipments made from Hermiston are drawn from Stanfield, Butter Creek, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman.

GARDEN PROGRAM TO FEATURE COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Community club will meet Tuesday afternoon April 6, at the library. The afternoon will be given over to an interesting garden program. A large attendance is hoped for. It has been suggested that members bring paper and pencil to enable them to take notes. The following program will be given:

- Gardening is Good Citizenship... Harold Dean
- Planting for the Birds... Mrs. H. M. Straw
- Shrubbery and Ferns... Mrs. H. E. Sheesly
- A Perennial Border... Mrs. J. H. Reid

WESTON TEAM TO MEET IRRIGATORS HERE SUNDAY

The Hermiston Irrigators will tangle with the fast town team from Weston Sunday, April 4, according to announcement made today by Manager J. M. Biggs. The game will be played on the local grounds and will be called at 2:30. The usual hour for games this season will be 3 o'clock, but the Weston players will have a long drive on their return home and asked that the game be called at 2:30.

The locals have been practicing this week in an effort to iron out some of their weak spots. The Weston nine is reported to be playing fast ball this season, and the locals are expected to have a hard game.

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the office of the Hermiston Irrigation District on Main St. in the City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon within the Hermiston Irrigation District on Saturday, the 1st day of May, 1926 for the purpose of determining whether the board of directors of the Hermiston Irrigation District shall be authorized to enter into a contract with the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved December 5, 1924, known as the Fact Finders' Act, by the terms of which contract the maximum amount of money payable to the United States for construction purposes shall be \$1,750,000.00. The polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

W. J. WARNER, Secretary Hermiston Irrigation District.

Celebration Over Finishing McKay Dam May be Held

Commercial Club Authorizes Study To be Made of Matter by Committee.

The desirability of a celebration being staged to mark the completion of the construction of McKay dam is to be investigated by a special committee of the Hermiston Commercial club, according to action taken at the weekly luncheon Tuesday. The committee was authorized to study the matter and report its findings back to the club later when action may be taken on the report.

The movement to build the dam to furnish supplemental water for old projects and water for undeveloped projects was launched by the Commercial club nine years ago, according to E. P. Dodd, who introduced the subject, and he gave it as his opinion that some celebration to mark completion of the big structure should be held. Publicity for the west end of Umatilla county and for the north end of Morrow county would result which would compensate for the expense of a celebration, he declared.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF P. T. A. TO MEET IN ECHO SATURDAY

The county council of the Parent-Teacher association for Umatilla county will hold an all day session at Echo in the high school building Saturday, and an invitation has been received by Hermiston members of the Parent-Teacher association urging Hermiston to have a representative delegation in attendance.

The state president will attend the session, and one of the subjects scheduled for discussion will be the proposed free state owned text books for school children. Mrs. A. C. Voelker of Helix is county president. The members of the Hermiston high school debate team which will debate the free text book subject with Hood River in a couple of weeks will attend, the session to secure information on the subject.

Dishon Acreage Sold

A deal in real estate has just been completed whereby J. W. Clarke of Thompson Falls, Montana, has become the owner of the M. Dishon place of 10 acres on Hermiston avenue. He bought the place from the M. Dishon heirs, and Chas. Dishon of Prosser, Washington, was here this week to close the deal which was made through E. P. Dodd. Mr. Clarke is said to have paid \$3500 in cash for the acreage. He plans to move here with his family in the near future.

WINDS ALMOST UNKNOWN DURING MONTH OF MARCH

The weather man has had unusually good weather to offer residents of this section during the month of March. Some unbecomely weather has been mixed in with the good when heavy frosts occurred last week, but the weather has been mild and reasonable for the most part.

Usually March is a windy, blustery month in this part of Oregon, but during the month that has just closed, the total amount of wind has been confined to a few hours. Several showers have fallen, and usually winds follow showers that fall in March.

Asparagus cutting and shipping have been resumed. The crop was given a setback by the frosts of last week, but the tips have been going out again this week.

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON FINAL REPORT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of James Alexander Craig Thom, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of James Alexander Craig Thom, deceased, has filed his final report with the Clerk of the above entitled Court and that the Judge of said Court has designated Saturday, the 17th day of April, 1926 at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the rooms of the above entitled Court in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved, the administrator discharged, his bondsman exonerated and the estate closed.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1926.
JOHN M. THOM, Administrator.

IRRIGATORS TAKE INITIAL CONTEST

PENDLETON TIGERS TASTE OF DEFEAT IN SUNDAY GAME

Rally in Eighth on Part of Locals Means of Turning Defeat Into Victory.

The Hermiston base ball team got away with a victory in its initial game of the season here Sunday when the Pendleton Tigers, an independent aggregation, was defeated by a score of 8 to 7.

Sunday's victory was particularly welcome to local fans by reason of the fact that it came in the latter part of the game after it seemed that the Irrigators were hopelessly under the steam roller of McGarrigle's delivery and could not hope to win. It took them 10 innings to turn the trick and afforded the crowd a lot of fun.

It was in the eighth, the hectic chapter of the game, that the Irrigators cut loose and upset the dog bucket. They had been unable to solve McGarrigle's puzzlers up until that season, and the Tigers had a fat lead of six runs. One was acquired in the fourth, two more were added in the fifth and three in the seventh.

Under such a handicap the locals took a brace in the eighth and by the aid of three errors on the part of the Tigers batted around once and three men were at bat twice in the same session. They scored seven runs in the one inning. The Tigers added another in their part of the ninth and shut out the Irrigators so the game went into the extra inning.

In the tenth Shipley got on through Duncan's error and scored following safety bingles on the part of both Phelps and Voyer.

Captain Sheesly shifted his lineup repeatedly during the progress of the game to get as good an idea as possible of the ability of his material. Newell started the game in the box and later gave way to Bob Woodard. The Tigers garnered 10 hits off of the two men to seven acquired by the Irrigators. Both teams got marked for seven errors.

The Hermiston lineup was as follows: Smith, 3rd; Mathis and Phelps, 1. f.; Shook, c. f.; Mittendorf, 1. f.; Wyner and Sheesly, c.; Newell and Woodard, p.; Hyatt, c. and 1st b.; and Phelps and Shipley, 2nd.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Susan A. White, Deceased.

To Elmer White, Will White, Fred White, Gladys Ward Boss, Eva Ward Corso, Grace White, Leis White, Mary White, Clarence Getchell, Boneta Getchell, Millard F. White, L. Owen White, Lizzie Estes, Rosie Hammer and Nannie Means, and all other persons interested in said estate:

Whereas application has been made in due form to the above entitled Court by F. B. Swayze, administrator with the will annexed of said estate, for an order authorizing and empowering him to sell the real estate belonging to said decedent and described as follows, to-wit:

The East Half (E 1/2) of the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 30; the East Half (E 1/2) Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) Section 31; and a strip of land containing 7 1/2 acres off the north end of the east half of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) Section 31, described as commencing at the center stake of said Section 31, thence south 18 rods, thence west 80 rods, thence north 13 rods, thence east 80 rods to the place of beginning, all in township 4 N. R. 29 E. W. M. in Umatilla County, Oregon.

And whereas said Court fixed on the 15th day of May, 1926 at 2 o'clock P. M. at the regular May term of this Court, at the court room of this Court in the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon as the time and place for hearing any and all objections to said petition and the granting of said order and license of sale.

Therefore, in the Name of the State of Oregon, you, each of you are hereby instructed, directed and required to be and appear at said time and place and there show cause, if any you have or if any exists, why an order of sale should not be made as in said petition prayed for, and why said petition should not be granted and said order and license should not issue.

Witness the Hon. I. M. Schanep, Judge of said Court and the seal of this County affixed this 23rd day of March, 1926.

R. T. BROWN, Clerk.

THREE SPEAKERS FROM HERE IN DECLAMATORY

Hermiston's schools will have three representatives in the county declamatory contest which will be held in Pendleton on Friday and Saturday evening of this week. The contest for pupils in the grades will be held Friday evening in the Methodist Episcopal church, and the high school contest will be held Saturday evening.

In the grades Eddie Benschel will represent Hermiston in the patriotic division, and Jane Warner will compete in the dramatic division. Anita Paulsen will represent the Hermiston high school in the high school contest Saturday evening.

DR. ILLSLEY DEPARTS ON TRIP INTO CALIFORNIA

Dr. W. W. Illsley who has been a resident of Hermiston since 1914 left Sunday for California where he expects to establish himself in practice. He went from here to Bakersfield and may visit other California cities before definitely deciding where he will locate.

For Dr. and Mrs. Illsley a group of their friends gave a party Friday evening at the Illsley home. The party was a surprise and much enjoyed. Both Dr. and Mrs. Illsley have made many friends in the Hermiston district who regret their departure. They came here in 1914. Dr. Illsley returned to California for one year for practice and spent 18 months in the service during the war.

He sold his practice here to Dr. J. L. Sears who has been in Hermiston for more than a month. Mrs. Illsley will remain in Hermiston for some time until plans are completed as to their location in California.

Parent Teacher Association

The regular monthly meeting of P. T. A. will be held April 8. This is the last meeting of the year and officers for the coming year will be elected. A large attendance is desired. The following program will be given: Snow Drop and the Seven Dwarfs, First Grade; Songs, Once a Little Daisy and Bobolink, First Grade; Little Sunbeam, Bonnie Jean Pollett; vocal solo, Morning Wind, Miss Seyler; To Fool the Parents, Mr. Reid; One Hundred Per Cent, Mr. E. L. Jackson; Opportunity for Service of the P. T. A., Mrs. C. S. McNaught. After which a general discussion will follow led by Mr. Reid.

New Barn Completed

W. A. Hinneline who farms in the Minnehaha district has just recently completed a new barn which is one of the best on the project. The structure provides room for 12 head of dairy cattle, horses and calves. The mangers were constructed out of cement. The barn has capacity to handle some 50 tons of hay. It has been well painted and finished. The cost is said to have been approximately \$1,500.

Rabbit Drives Successful

The rabbit drive held Sunday in the Columbia district proved to be about three drives before the day was over, and quite a number of the long eared parasites were dispatched. Quite a number of shooters were present, and their efforts were aided by men and boys with clubs. The club brigade accounted for quite a number of the pests, and the rabbits they missed were killed by the shotgun moppers up.

COLUMBIA PIG CLUB WINS CERTIFICATE FROM STATE

Recognition Given Body of Boys That Won Northwest Honors Last Year.

The Columbia pig club as constituted in the year of 1924-25 was awarded a certificate of achievement as a result of the work done by the organization. The certificate was mailed to James Hall, club leader, by County Agent Bennion, last week. The club had the distinction of having every enrolled member complete all of the work required for the whole season.

Members included Tilford Stillings, Thomas Lenhart, Lowell Stockard, Walter Norquist, Martin Lenz, Leroy Gulsinger, Oscar Mikesell, Fred Lenz and Alonza Lenhart.

Three of the boys, Oscar Mikesell, Lowell Stockard and Leroy Gulsinger, were members of the livestock judging team that won the northwest championship at the Pacific International.

The members also won a number of prizes and considerable cash on the stock that they raised. The certificate, contained the signatures of nine men, including those of the governor, President Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college, Director Marie of the extension service of the state college, County Agent Bennion and James Hall, leader of the club.

TRI-COUNTY BALL LEAGUE IS FORMED

ARLINGTON AND IONE TO BE INCLUDED

Six Team Body Formed in Action Taken Here in Meeting on Monday Evening.

After having once organized a base ball league to serve four clubs in the west end of Umatilla and the north end of Morrow counties, a meeting was held Monday night in Hermiston and a new league to be known as the Tri-County Baseball league was formed to take the place of the old organization.

Two new towns, Arlington and Ione, were admitted, which brings the membership up to six teams. A new schedule was arranged which calls for 10 games for each team, five at home and five away from home. The season will open April 11 and close June 13.

Local fans have expressed the opinion that enlarging the league to include Arlington and Ione will have the result of increasing interest in the game and adding to the attendance. The proposition of forming a six team league met with the approval of all the towns in the old league.

Officers elected a week ago to serve the Irrigation Baseball league were retained for the new Tri-County organization. They include Harry Hull, Umatilla, president; Jack Gorham, Boardman, vice-president; George Mitchell, Echo, secretary; Henry Hitt, Hermiston, treasurer. The old by-laws were largely retained by the new body.

Hermiston's five home games will be as follows: Umatilla here April 18; Arlington here May 2; Boardman here, May 9; Ione here on Decoration Day, May 30; and Echo here June 6. Hermiston will play its opener at Echo, April 11.

IRRIGON NOTES

The school will give an entertainment on April 17, the special feature being the play "The Old Maid Convention." A small admission will be charged for the creation of a fund with which to defray the expense of the school picnic at the end of the school term.

At the Grange school last Saturday evening everyone seemed to say, "Trip it as we go, on the light fantastic toe" and "Let joy be unfettered." What grand and glorious times we do have!

Among the Pendleton visitors over the week end were: Gertrude Graybeal, the Rands, Mrs. Retta Allen and Miss Bradford.

Mrs. Thomas S. Jones and Freda Z. Seaman were Portland visitors Saturday.

A reconciliation has been made between two local Freshman girls who had been at sword points for some time. It is figured that the Senior class had quite a hand in acting as a board of arbitration.

The Co-operative Producers association met at the school house on Wednesday afternoon this week. That's nothing. The Consumers league meets three times every day in the dining room of every home in this community.

The school band has been invited to play at Hepper for the Pomona Grange parade, led by Governor Pierce and other prominent men. The band also is to play for the afternoon program. Quite a number from here will attend the meeting.

The revival meetings held this week are being quite well attended. Rev. Rice, who has charge, is an eloquent and forceful speaker.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, duly made and entered on the 6th day of March, 1926, the undersigned will on the 10th day of April, 1926, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, offer for sale all tracts of real property heretofore acquired by the County of Umatilla, Oregon, at regular sales for delinquent taxes, said tracts being located at various parts of said county, a more specific description of which may be secured at the office of the Tax Collector of said County. The said County Court has fixed the minimum price for which each of said tracts shall be sold at not less than the amount of taxes together with all penalties and interest and costs of sale for which the said property was acquired by said County, all sales to be for cash to the highest and best bidder at such sale.

Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, this 23rd day of March, 1926.
R. T. COOKINGHAM, Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon. (28-4c)

Pasco Plans Big Celebration to Be Held April 6

Opening of Air Mail Service For the Northwest is Cause of Gala Event.

Pasco is making arrangements for a big celebration to be held there Tuesday, Apr. 6, to commemorate the establishing of airplane mail service from Pasco to Elko, Nevada. The celebration will be an all day affair and communities from all over the northwest from Washington, Oregon and Idaho will participate, according to A. F. Wehe, secretary of the Pasco Chamber of Commerce, who was a visitor in Hermiston last week to interest local people in the big event.

A golf tournament and a free base ball game will be on the morning program. In the afternoon the big entertainment will be given with Seattle, Spokane, Ellensburg, Yakima, Pendleton, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and other cities represented on the program. At 5 o'clock a parade will be held, and at 6 o'clock the crowd will go to the flying field to welcome the machine and flier that will be due to return from its flight to Elko at 6:25.

The airplane carrying mail will leave Pasco each morning at 6 o'clock. Boise will be reached at 8:25 and Elko at 11:05. The plane will arrive back in Pasco at 6:25 in the afternoon. The establishing of this service will place the northwest on a parity with San Francisco on fast mail service.

Hermiston residents will be able to cut the time required for mail from here to Elko, Nevada, and points east, materially by using the service. Rates for airplane mail may be secured by applying to the local office. A number of Umatilla county people have planned to send letters to friends in the east on the first trip.

Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Whitford who live about a mile north of Hermiston were surprised by their neighbors Sunday when a big group walked into the house with baskets of food. The surprise party was given to remind Mr. and Mrs. Whitford of their golden wedding anniversary which fell on Monday, March 29. They were married 50 years ago at Jamestown, N. Y. They have two sons, Lawrence B. and George N., both of Pasadena, California. The surprise was doubly unexpected on the part of the principals because they had not mentioned to any of their friends the fact that their golden anniversary had arrived.

Scouts to Attend Rally

The Boy Scout troop of Columbia district under the direction of Scoutmaster R. B. Hough is planning on attending the Scout rally in Pendleton Saturday, April 4. This troop consists of 12 members and was organized under the sponsorship of the Farm Bureau about two months ago. The boys are very enthusiastic and have all passed the tendertoot tests and now have their badges.

Closing Dates Established

Holiday dates on which business establishments of Hermiston have agreed to close their places during 1926 are as follows: July 5, September 6, Labor day; November 11, Armistice day; November 25, Thanksgiving; December 25, Christmas; and New Year's day. A committee from the Commercial club visited business men and found business men almost without exception in favor of observing the above named holidays. The schedule for closing will not apply to cream stations if closing would work a hardship on farmers in the delivery of cream.

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the M. F. Wadsworth hall in Irrigon, Morrow County, Oregon for Irrigon Precinct and at the school house in Boardman, Morrow County, Oregon for Boardman Precinct within the West Extension Irrigation District, on Saturday, the 10th day of April, 1926 for the purpose of determining whether the board of directors of the West Extension Irrigation District shall be authorized to enter into a contract with the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved December 5, 1924, known as the Fact Finders' Act, by the terms of which contract the maximum amount of money payable to the United States for construction purposes shall be \$1,100,000.00. The polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

C. E. GLASGOW, Secretary. (27-5c)

MAY 1 DATE FOR HOLDING ELECTION

NEW CONTRACT ARRIVES FROM WASHINGTON

Changes Provided Calling For The Operation of Works by District.

The proposed new contract between the United States and the Hermiston Irrigation district, a copy of which has just been received by the district from the office of the secretary of the interior, is to be voted on by settlers on May 1. Action to this effect has been taken by the board.

The contract has been in course of negotiation for several months. It is based on the act of congress of December 5, 1924, known as the Fact Finders' act.

The contract provides for changes in the plan of payments of the construction charge from a definite yearly amount to the plan of five per cent of the gross average acre income of the land in cultivation on the project over the preceding 10 year period.

According to the provisions in the contract the district will take over operation and maintenance work on December 31, 1926, and at that time all due and unpaid construction and operation and maintenance charges will be added to the construction charge. Payments on these charges will be required semi-annually. There will also be added to the construction charge the operation and maintenance costs for 1926 and the price of all equipment and supplies which the district will take over from the government when it assumes control of the operations.

The contract provides that all penalties for charges not paid when due will be one-half of one per cent per month, instead of the one per cent per month.

Included in the construction charge will be \$780,000 for betterment and supplemental construction provided for in the 1921 contract, and the government agrees to expend the balance of that sum in completing the project.

When the district operates the project the contract provides that announcement of the operation and maintenance charges must be made before the opening of each irrigation season, and payment must be made in advance.

The district manager or superintendent must be satisfactory to the secretary of the interior. The district must keep books and records in a manner satisfactory to the secretary and must furnish him with such reports as he may require.

The secretary will also have the right, under the contract, to charge to the district the expense of inspections and general expense in connection with the project. Any land owner who does not wish his land bound by the new contract may keep his old contract if notification is given the district in the manner prescribed.

The contract also provides that water rights cancelled on any unproductive land shall belong to the rest of the project without added cost.

Men are Sentenced

Two men who gave the names of G. W. Jones and Fred Smith were arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Pankow near Sand Spur on a charge of having stolen automobile parts in their possession. Before Justice West they pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 60 days in jail. Deputy Sheriff Stokes took them to Pendleton Saturday evening.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT BONDS FOR SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Westland Irrigation District in Umatilla and Morrow counties, in the state of Oregon, will receive sealed proposals at their office in Hermiston, Oregon, until 8 o'clock P. M. April 20th, 1926, for the purchase of \$87,500.00 of the bonds of said Westland Irrigation District, subject to prior validation and confirmation of said bonds by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, as provided by Chapter 230, General Laws of Oregon for 1919, as amended, to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July each year. The bonds bear to mature ten years from date of issue.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or proposals received.

By order of the Board of Directors of Westland Irrigation District, dated March 18, 1926.
J. W. MESSNER, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Westland Irrigation District. (28-5c)