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DAIRY CATTLE AND LAYING HENS ARE PAYROLL MAKERS FOR PROJECT FARMERS

## BALLARD TELLS OF FARMING TRENDS

### STATE COUNTY AGENT LEADER TELLS OF CHANGE

#### Favorable Markets For Specialty Crops Sought by Districts of Northwest.

(By F. L. Ballard, County Agent Leader, for Oregon.)

Important economic trends are apparent in Oregon's agricultural industry. No longer is the fact that a given district will produce a crop satisfactorily sufficient reason for headlong plunges with the crop. The question, what can be sold to best advantage is assuming greater importance each year. Time was not so long ago that millions were wasted in apple plantings in Oregon. Little thought was given to the acute question of marketing this product with which forty-six states compete. Still more recently alfalfa was overdone on costly irrigation projects.

The trend lately is toward those products for which there are particularly favorable market outlets. Often these crops are ones that return a high gross per acre. Specialty crops, they are termed, often. In other instances it is the staple—dairy products and eggs particularly. Oregon and Washington, because of wide variations of particularly favorable climatic and soil conditions can produce many specialties for limited markets, that meet a minimum of competition, or which because of these favorable conditions, resistance competition. An example in the broccoli industry of Douglas county. There a thousand car business has developed in furnishing a product that fits a gap in the market. Coming just after the winter cauliflower of California and just before the spring crop, there is a national demand for this specialty. And sweet potatoes. A few districts in the Northwest are tuning up on this crop to supply the 300 or so carloads annually shipped into this region.

In southern Oregon in the winter of 1924-25, more than 1000 acres of apple orchards were removed. Half this acreage is going into winter pears because of the more favorable market demands.

The irrigated sections of Malheur county cut the alfalfa acreage in half to increase returns per acre. Into this land went red clover for seed, early potatoes, lettuce, onions, and to a degree poultry and dairy cows were increased.

The Puyallup valley in Washington changed from hops and truck crops to raspberries and blackberries and the lands went to still higher values. Every night in season carloads of fresh berries go east to the Intermountain territory—to Butte, Missouli, Salt Lake City and Wyoming and Dakota points. Surpluses are canned or barreled. No other region can compete successfully in these products, because of the favorable conditions that bring high yields.

The extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college is aiding in the development of what appears to be the soundest enterprises for the various parts of the state. The recent economic conference at Hermiston is an illustration of the first step in the method followed. Twenty such meetings have been held. Of greatest importance in these events is the thorough inventory of local experiences taken to a great degree by the local residents themselves.

After the surveys have been crystallized in the community mind, the entire resources of the extension service are turned toward fulfillment of the plans that may be thought most vital. The hub of the wheel in this procedure is the local representative of the extension service, the county agent.

Extension work planned on the Umatilla project for the next four or five years, at least, will be based on the report of the recent conference.

Dairy cows on the project are below the state average in production as a group, the committee on dairying brought out. Yet dairying is one of the state's soundest enterprises. It maintains soil fertility and dairy products find a ready market in California. Montana, for instance led outside states in supplying San Francisco with butter last year. A first step in improving local production is elimination of low producing cows by means of the cow testing association. Plans call, therefore, for such an organization. As a first step 11 herds have started to test as a demonstration of what may be accomplished with the larger association.

In the field of dairying again large profits are made from pastures.

## Prospects Good For Flood Water Up Until June

### More Than Half An Inch of Rain Falls Here in Few Days; Snow in Foothills.

Quite an amount of moisture has fallen over this part of the state during the past few weeks, and precipitation at Hermiston since March 31 has amounted to .56 of an inch according to the records kept at the reclamation office.

J. W. Messner stated recently that some of the precipitation has been in the form of snow in the Blue mountains and prospects are good now that flood waters may be available in the Umatilla up until June. Lands west of the river will be benefited by flood waters.

The government records show that rains in the past few days have fallen in the following amounts:

March 31, .24 of an inch; April 1, .14; April 3, .08; April 4, .10. At Pendleton precipitation has been heavier, and the foothills received an appreciable amount of snow.

## HERMISTON RESIDENTS ATTEND COUNTY COUNCIL

Quite a number of Hermiston persons went to Echo Saturday to attend the quarterly meeting of the county council of the Parent-Teacher association. The program was held there in the high school building and representatives from practically all of the local circles in the county were in attendance.

Among those from Hermiston who were present were Supt. Cherry, Mrs. H. M. Straw, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. J. M. Biggs, Mrs. J. L. Wallan, Mrs. Parish, Mrs. F. V. Prime, Mrs. C. S. McNaught, Mrs. A. W. Purdy, Mrs. R. O. Horning, Mrs. E. P. Dodd, Isabelle Dodd, Dorothy Shotwell and Elizabeth Straw.

## Stork Is Busy

Saturday and Sunday proved to be busy days for the stork in this community. Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Kelley of Irigton are the parents of a boy born Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Hiatt had a boy born Sunday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kner are the parents of a boy born Sunday.

Additional attention is this year concentrated on pastures. Not less than ten demonstrations of sweet clover, which is proving very valuable in the Yakima district, are in the year's program of County Agent Bennion.

Either feed the alfalfa to good dairy cows and in limited degree to lambs, or diversify and utilize part of the acreage for other crops, or preferably both, seemed to be the sense of the conference. Shipping demands for hay are decreasing because of the greatly increased production of leguminous hay west of the Cascades.

In furthering the delivery program at least two carloads of Irish Cobbler potato seed is to be distributed on the project.

Sweet potatoes are to have attention. Care is to be exercised to prevent too rapid expansion of this new line of production. But 20 to 30 demonstration fields will be carefully checked to determine best local methods and variety, and to enable growers to learn the feel of the crop, as it may be stated.

Asparagus was lately added to the cash crops of the project. This crop shows promise and its increase to 100 acres in the near future is planned. Hermiston shipments follow the peak production of California and meet a relatively favorable market.

An increase in number of hogs to a point of complete utilization of waste products, but no further, is one objective.

A check of results from feeding silage and probably an effort to increase the number of concrete silos where dairy cows are maintained are other points.

Perhaps as important a project as any in the immediate plans is the continuation of the project economic committee that worked during the conference. This committee will make further study of the relative profitability of the various farm enterprises and of the combination of enterprises most suitable to project conditions. It was announced that result of such a survey that greatly accelerated the changes in enterprises above noted in Malheur county. L. R. Brethaupt of the extension service, who directed the study in Malheur county has been assigned to assist County Agents Bennion and Morse in this work.

Poultry demonstration work aimed toward increase in the volume of eggs produced through the establishment of most economical production units is on the program.

## IRRIGATORS TAKE ONE FROM WESTON

### SUNDAY CONTEST FILLED WITH THRILLS FOR FANS

#### Tight Ball Played All Way With Phelps' Hit Deciding Game in Final Frame.

In a base ball game in which the batting of opposing pitchers was a feature, the Hermiston Irrigators won from a team from Weston here last Sunday by a score of 2 to 0.

The story of the game might have been cut from the pages of fiction dealing with the great national pastime. It had thrills in plenty and there were times when it seemed that each side would score, only to have a rally nipped in the nick of time.

Something happened in the game that is ordinarily not recorded in a ball game in that the heavy hitters for each team were the opposing pitchers. Only two men connected safely twice with the stick, and the pair were Phelps of Hermiston and McGarrigle who twirled for the opposition. Woodard who replaced Phelps after five innings got one hit to his credit.

The game was without scoring until the last half of the ninth when the Irrigators rallied and put over their two. Coyner, first man up, got a single. Woodard got to first on Bannister's error and on a passed ball, both men advanced one base. Then Phelps came to bat and slapped out a satisfactory single and ended the contest.

The score:	Weston	AB	R	H	P	A	E
O'Hara, cf	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Blumgrin, lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bannister, 3d	5	0	0	0	0	2	0
McPherrin, c	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
Graham, ss	3	0	1	2	0	1	0
Harden, 1st	4	0	1	6	0	1	0
Kirkpatrick, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
Snider, 2d	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
McGarrigle, p	4	0	2	2	3	0	0
Totals	37	0	6	24	4	4	

Hermiston	AB	R	H	P	A	E
Smith, 2d	4	0	0	1	3	3
Shesely, c	4	0	1	7	1	0
Voyen, ss	4	0	1	3	1	1
Shook, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Mittendorf, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hiatt, 1st	4	0	1	1	1	0
Coyner, 3d	3	1	1	3	1	1
Lonhorn, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Phelps, p, rf	4	0	2	0	3	0
Woodard, p	2	1	1	0	2	0
Totals	34	2	8	27	15	5

Strikeouts: McGarrigle, 11; Phelps 3; Woodard, 5. Bases on balls, off McGarrigle 2; off Woodard, 1. Two base hits, McGarrigle and Shesely.

## Rabbit Shoot Planned

A rabbit shoot has been planned to be held Sunday in the Columbia district. It will be held near the Jake Hoffman ranch, which is about five miles east of town. The shoot will start at 10 o'clock, and after the conclusion of the affair, lunch will be served at the George Lambirth ranch. No drivers will be wanted for this drive, only shooters, according to the announcement. Rabbits are said to be thick enough to afford good shooting.

## Watsons Have Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Watson of Juniper are the parents of a daughter born at their home Tuesday afternoon.

## BOARDMAN MAN IS BUYER OF FIVE ACRE TRACT HERE

A deal was completed early this week whereby ownership of a five acre tract of land, commonly known as the Chester White place, was acquired by H. W. Klages from William P. Stokes.

Mr. Klages now lives at Boardman, but he plans to move to his acreage here as soon as his children have finished the school year. He will start making some changes and improvements on the place immediately.

The new owner is a poultry man and plans to devote his time and place to poultry and egg production. He expects to run 1,000 hens on the place. The deal was made by E. P. Dodd.

## NEW INTEREST IS SHOWN IN POLITICS

### NUMBER OF OFFICE SEEKERS ARE BUSY

#### Fred Kiddle of Island City To Seek Joint Senatorship In District.

The political situation which was dormant for several weeks during the latter part of winter, and early spring has taken on new life in Umatilla county with prospects that competition may be lively for a number of offices.

Fred Kiddle of Island City announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for joint senator from the district comprising Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Mr. Kiddle has been actively engaged in the flour milling and grain business for the past ten years and is the son of a former state senator and member of the state highway commission, the late E. E. Kiddle, one of the pioneers of this section. He was born and raised in Eastern Oregon, was graduated from the University of Oregon and attended the University of Cambridge, England, following the war. He was a World War veteran and served 14 months in France. Mr. Kiddle has been extremely active and prominent in American Legion work in the state and nation, was state commander of the Legion in 1923-24, and is one of the most popular and best known ex-service men in Oregon.

Charles K. Cranston of Pendleton is actively at work for the republican nomination as county treasurer. He was a Hermiston visitor last week and said that he expected to make formal announcement within a short time. He formerly was county treasurer and also was at one time for a number of years in the First National bank of Pendleton. He elected Mrs. Anne Cornwall of Pendleton will serve as his deputy, a position which she held while he was treasurer.

Mrs. Mae Friedly of Pendleton is also a candidate for the republican nomination as treasurer.

Glenn Dudley of Athena has announced as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative from this county, and S. A. Miller of Milton will run to succeed himself.

The democratic party has been working in an effort to have a full ticket in the field to insure competition for all offices in the fall election.

## TWO FIRTS WON IN DECLAMATION

### JANE WARNER AND EDDIE BENSEL GET MEDALS

#### Hermiston Schools Add to Their Fame in Public Speaking By Victories.

With three representatives competing for honors in the county school declamatory contests which were held at Pendleton Friday and Saturday nights, Hermiston schools emerged with two first prizes and added further to their fame as winners in public speaking work.

Jane Warner and Eddie Bense, representing grades division won first prizes in their divisions and the gold medals that the victories entitled them to. Anita Paulsen, high school representative, did not place in her division. Her voice broke before she completed her reading and with a difficult character portrayal to interpret she was under a severe handicap.

The grade divisions competed Friday evening, and the high school competition was held Saturday evening.

Winners in the grades were as follows:

- Patriotic division, grades 3, 4, 5—Eddie Bense, Hermiston, first; David Hamley, Pendleton, second.
- Dramatic, grades 3, 4, 5—Barbara Lee, Athena, first; Roberta Nourse, Milton-Freewater, second.
- Humorous, grades 3, 4, 5—Zane Kemler, Adams, first; Marian Johnson, Pendleton, second.
- Patriotic, grades 6, 7, 8—Alice Inlow, Pendleton, first; John Kirk, Athena, second.
- Dramatic, grades 6, 7, 8—Jane Warner, Hermiston, first; Ruse Nelson, Pendleton, second.
- Humorous, grades 6, 7, 8—Kathryn Mitchell, Echo, first; Valda Hulick, Umatine, second.

In the extemporaneous division, Duncan Holiday of Pendleton was first and Ray Dudley of Athena second. Robert Bunnier of Pendleton, won first in the oratorical division and Francis Nash of Pilot Rock, was second. First place in the dramatic division was won by Miss Harriet Ahern, of Milton-Freewater, Miss Ahern being the only one of the girls entered in various divisions who won a prize. Bobby Miller of Pendleton, was second. Ralph McEwen of Athena, took first place in the humorous division and George Curran, of Pilot Rock, was second.

Mrs. Linder and Mrs. Royce will entertain the Neighborhood club on Wednesday, March 14, at the home of Mrs. Linder.

Some other candidates are as follows:

Mrs. Bettie DeHart, for the republican nomination as county treasurer. She is now deputy treasurer and is thoroughly conversant with the work required in the office. Mrs. Mae Friedly of Pendleton has also filed for the republican nomination for county treasurer.

I. M. Schanep is a candidate to succeed himself as county judge, and J. O. Hales will run to succeed himself as commissioner. Both are republicans. H. J. Taylor of Pendleton has announced himself as a candidate for the joint senatorship from Umatilla and Union counties to succeed himself. He is a democrat.

## Growers Urged To Watch Pack On Asparagus

### Checks Show Some Cut Tips Too Long and Few Crates Are Under Weight.

Due to inexperience and lack of care some growers of asparagus have not been keeping up to the required standard pack in some of the crates that have been shipped out of Hermiston, it was pointed out by J. W. McMullen of the growers' body.

Asparagus when cut should not exceed seven inches in length. If it is longer than the specified length the tips come in contact with the top of the crate and are damaged.

The crates are sold to contain 12 pounds net of asparagus, and crates where checks have been made, the weight is not being made, Mr. McMullen said.

"We are new on the asparagus market, and growers should take every care and precaution to see that every crate is packed correctly and has the required weight. It is safe to pack a half pound extra to allow for shrinkage."

## NOTICE GIVEN USERS OF WATER ON ELIGIBILITY

### About Two-thirds Either Eligible to Get Water or in Position To Pay Estimate.

Notice to the water users on the project as to who is eligible and who is not eligible to receive water during this season has been given through the local reclamation office. Notification was made by ditch riders in person.

Figures at the reclamation office show that at present in the Hermiston district there are 159 settlers eligible to receive water and 179 who are not eligible. Of the 179 not eligible, however, it has been estimated that 69 could make the payments that would entitle them to receive water. If such payment is made, those eligible on the Hermiston district will be 228, as against 110 not eligible, and estimated unable to pay.

In the West Extension district, 107 are eligible, and 78 are ineligible. Of those ineligible the reclamation officials have estimated that 33 could make payments by a sacrifice. That would bring the list of those eligible up to 140 and leave 45 ineligible and classified as unable to pay.

These figures were taken for the farms on which water is being used and do not include any abandoned acreages.

No headgates have been locked, and ditches are now carrying water. The length of time during which water delivery will continue is problematical and uncertain, according to all the information available.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 15, IS SET FOR CLEAN UP DAY

### Twenty-one Captains Appointed To Aid in Work; City Is To Haul Trash.

Next Thursday, April 15, has been designated as Clean Up day for Hermiston, and on or before that day the premises of all property in the city are expected to be cleaned up and cleared of all weeds, trash and rubbish of all kinds. The date was set by the Commercial club at its meeting Tuesday.

At the session of the city council Wednesday night a decision was made for the city to hire trucks to haul away trash on Clean Up day. It was provided, however, that property owners should burn everything combustible, and trash to be hauled away must be in sacks, boxes or barrels in the alleys so it can be loaded onto trucks without delay.

President McKenzie of the Commercial club has appointed captains to serve in a supervisory capacity for the cleaning of the city. Each captain will serve for the block on the street on which he resides. He will have both sides of the street back to the alleys. The block captains are as follows:

- W. L. Hamm, F. B. Swayze, J. Skovbo, John Waller, Carl Voyer, Bert Haneline, Thos. Wurster, H. E. Hill, T. P. Campbell, C. A. Paul, E. L. Cherry, R. O. Brownson, Otto Pierce, Charles Taylor, George Wagner, F. D. Callahan, F. V. Prime, William Shaar, R. O. Horning, W. W. Felthouse, and Sid Warren.

## Umatilla Plans Smoker

The Umatilla Boxing commission has arranged for a smoker to be held Tuesday night, April 3, in Pounds hall. There will be 28 rounds of fast milling for fans. Kid Peck of Portland and Ray Wise of Toppensish will be the headliners in an eight round event. They will weigh in at 132 pounds. Dove Knight of Irigton and Darrell Allen of La Grande will do the semi-final six rounds. Three other fights have been billed.

## BURNS PROVE FATAL TO MRS. J. H. REID

### DEATH CLAIMS PROMINENT LOCAL WOMAN

#### Fire From Spilled Kerosene Source Of Burns That Ended Life.

Mrs. J. H. Reid, one of the most prominent women on the project, died at the family home, four miles northeast of Hermiston, Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home.

Death resulted from burns sustained Sunday evening about 7:30 in an accident at the home when kerosene spilled on the kitchen table while she was filling a lamp caught fire and ignited her clothing.

Following the accident, Mrs. Reid went out on the back porch to get a blanket with which she expected to smother the flames. When she failed to find the blanket, she screamed, attracting the attention of Mr. Reid who was in the barn milking, and then started to roll on the ground in an effort to extinguish the blaze. She did not succeed, and some fire remained by the time Mr. Reid could run to her. He dashed water on her and put out the blaze.

A little later the fire that started in the spilled kerosene caused the lamp to explode and started a blaze in the kitchen which Mr. Reid extinguished.

Medical aid was secured as quickly as possible, both Dr. Sears from Hermiston and Dr. Parker from Pendleton being in consultation on the case, and every possible care was taken of Mrs. Reid, but the burns, which affected the skin on more than half of her body, proved too serious an injury to be overcome.

Mrs. Reid was conscious a great deal of the time after the accident and was calm and courageous. The news of the accident and of her death brought sorrow to the many friends.

Mrs. Reid was 49 years old, and her maiden name was Genevieve Tarbox. Her marriage to Mr. Reid was solemnized August 9, 1905. To them were born three children, Wallace of Seattle; Howard, a senior in the Hermiston high school; and Barbara 7. Wallace Reid arrived home Tuesday morning after news of the accident reached him.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid came to the project 19 years ago this summer from Sprague, Washington. During their long period of residence here they have made many friends. Mrs. Reid was prominent in civic affairs and gave freely of her time to work on public matters. Her kindly disposition, industry and courage were qualities of character that endeared her to many and caused her death to be very keenly regretted.

Her sister, Mrs. A. W. Lemon of Garfield, Washington, was here at the time of Mrs. Reid's death. Three brothers reside in California. Mrs. Reid was a member of the Congregationalist church.

## SECTIONAL TRACK, FIELD MEET TO BE HELD APRIL 17

The sectional track and field meet in which representatives from Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla and Hermiston will compete for the right to enter the county meet in Pendleton will be held in Hermiston Saturday, April 17.

Coach Higbee has been working with a number of aspirants for track honors during the past few days, but no very serious practice work has been done by the locals. Prospects are not very bright for the Hermiston team, unless greater interest is shown by the athletes, Coach Higbee said.

Jack Smith looks good for some points in the weights events. In the sprints John Pace and Gerald McKenzie have been showing up well, and Ernest Bartlett has been doing some good work in the mile. The team is not a balanced aggregation, the coach said.

## Gilliland Opposes Ritter

T. P. Gilliland of Pilot Rock has announced as a candidate for the republican nomination on joint representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties. He will oppose Roy Ritter of Pendleton. Mr. Gilliland was formerly county judge. He expressed himself in favor of a state income tax, enforcement of the prohibition laws and economy in the handling of public funds.

## High School Team Wins

The Hermiston high school baseball team went to Boardman last Friday where Boardman was met and conquered by a score of 17 to 0. Woodard and Christian constituted the Hermiston battery.

## Welcome Home

