

DAIRY CATTLE AND LAYING HENS ARE PAYROLL MAKERS FOR PROJECT FARMERS

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COBBLERS WIN IN TESTS FOR YIELD

EXPERIMENTAL WORK AT LOCAL STATION FINISHED

87 Days Pass From Planting To Digging Time; Ohios Lead For U. S. No. 1.

A selection of Irish Cobblers took first honors for yield in the experimental work carried on this spring at the Hermiston experiment station by Supt. H. K. Dean. The yield made by the Cobblers was at the rate of 15,391 pounds per acre of U. S. No. 1 grade stock.

A strain of Earliest of All with a yield of 14,011 pounds of U. S. No. 1 potatoes ranked second in yield. Shipments now being made of commercial early potatoes weigh a little more than 100 pounds to the sack, which would make the high yield per acre a little in excess of 150 sacks to the acre.

The potato tracts were planted April 4, and the tubers were dug on June 29. That gave a growing season of exactly 87 days, counting both the day of planting and the day of harvesting. Supt. Dean declared that the potatoes should have been in the ground at an earlier date to have secured best results.

In addition to information on yield of different selections of seed, the experiment had as one of its objects ascertaining what percentage of U. S. No. 1 grade the total production of each variety would return. From this angle the Early Ohio plot led with 93 per cent of the yield graded as No. 1.

The lot showing the second best percentage of No. 1 stock was a second lot of Cobblers of which 91.1 was No. 1.

The seed used in the trials was from Idaho and Weston mountain.

Following are the results of the tests:

Bliss Triumph, a variety claimed to mature 10 days earlier than nearly any other variety, yielded 11,325 pounds of U. S. No. 1, and 89.7 per cent of the crop graded No. 1.

Early Ohios yielded 13,576 pounds per acre of U. S. No. 1, and 93 per cent of the production graded No. 1.

Earliest of All yielded 14,011 pounds of No. 1, and 83.1 per cent of the crop graded No. 1.

A second lot of Earliest of All yielded 11,543 pounds of No. 1, and 79.2 per cent of the crop graded No. 1.

Cobblers yielded 13,648 pounds of No. 1, and 90.1 per cent of the crop was U. S. No. 1.

A second lot of Cobblers returned 15,391 pounds of No. 1 stock, and gave 85.5 per cent of U. S. No. 1.

73 NEW FAMILIES LOCATE IN OREGON DURING JUNE

Investments Made in Land Are \$243,000, Land Settlement

Body Reports.

Seventy-three new arrivals from the east and middle west selected farm homes in Oregon during the month of June, scattering throughout the various sections of the state, according to the records of the land settlement department of the state and Portland Chambers of Commerce.

That Oregon gained economically by this influx of farmers and their families is evidenced by the fact that they made capital investments of over \$243,000.

In addition the department has been visited by 69 families who have been in correspondence and have arrived to make a selection of a farm in Oregon.

During the month of June the land settlement department was in communication with 81 people who announced that they would come to this state to locate. These people have furnished confidential information showing that they have capital to invest amounting to more than \$100,000.

Personal letters answering specifically individual questions are sent to all inquiries by W. G. Ide, manager of the state chamber, and during June 2,286 of these letters were mailed from the office. Accompanying letters to prospective homeseekers were 4,379 pieces of illustrated literature containing facts relative to all sections of Oregon. In this way placing of settlers on arrival is expedited as they usually are able to determine beforehand the portion of the state which appeals to them most and they are immediately ready to confer with local realtors and land settlement committees concerning the choice of a farm in that locality.

If the entire world were proportionately as well served as the United States, it would have ten times as many telephones as at present.

First Plans Are Made for Dairy and Hog Show

Committee Anticipates Big List of Entries in All Classes; Show In October.

Preliminary work toward holding the annual Hermiston Dairy and Hog show has already been launched by the executive committee in charge, and the committee expects to devote much time to the show during the interval between now and October 8 and 9.

At the meeting held last Thursday night it was decided to have the farm bureau appoint the committee that will have charge of fitting stock for exhibition. Entertainment features for the two days will be provided for by the Commercial club.

The general committee consists of four farmers and one Hermiston man. H. J. Stillings is chairman, and the other four members are C. M. Jackson, Pat Sullivan, H. M. Straw and A. W. Agnew.

The committee is making plans to attract a full list of entries in all classes. It is expected that the exhibits in poultry will be more numerous than ever before, and excellent showings are anticipated also in dairy stock, hogs, vegetables and other classes.

WITH USE OF ONLY ONE LEG M. T. MATOTT PROVES CLAIM TO BEING VERSATILE ATHLETE

M. T. Matott, telegraph operator for the Union Pacific at Hinkle, near Hermiston, has a claim of distinction not held by any other man in the eastern part of Oregon, or so far as is known, in the whole northwest.

He lost his right leg at the hip many years ago, but notwithstanding the loss, he is an active athlete. And his games, the ones he particularly delights in, are not ping pong, bridge and checkers, either, though he likes any game where sportsmanship and courage are chief requisites.

The games that particularly appeal to Matott are baseball and football, sports that are ordinarily held to require a pair of stout legs. Matott for years played both games, having the use of only one leg and depending on his crutch and his wonderful agility and nerve in getting around to make him effective.

His favorite position in football was quarterback, but at times he played at tackle. For 20 years a resident of La Grande where he was in railroad work before coming here, Matott played for years, but of late he has not been participating in football.

In baseball Matott was a catcher and sometimes played second. He was most at home behind the bat, however, and used to captain his own teams a great deal of the time. During the past two years he has been the official umpire for Hermiston in baseball season.

Football and baseball do not take up all of Matott's time and energy during the whole year, so he has recently taken up golf which he plays more proficiently than most of his fellow players who do not have his handicap. During fishing season it takes a husky man to keep up with "Shorty" when he goes whipping streams after trout.

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A doe, thought to be a yearling, was found in the A line canal Monday morning by Harry Quick and George Strohm on the Strohm place east of Hermiston. The little animal was in the water and was trying frantically to regain a footing on land and freedom when discovered.

The two men finally succeeded in roping the doe and brought her to land. She was placed in the Strohm barn, and a call was sent to W. H. Albee, deputy game warden at Pendleton, to come and get the animal. Mrs. Charles Taylor took several snapshots of the deer. A number of local people saw the captive.

Just how the doe got this far from the mountains is proving a puzzle to local lovers of wild animals. Several years ago a deer wandered into the West Extension lands. The explanation that some one captured the animal and brought it down from the mountains, only to have it break loose and regain its freedom, has been made. Deer are said to take to water when pursued by dogs and it is thought that the doe may have got into the canal as a result of being chased.

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Heppner Crew Took Monday Contest 9 to 7; Mittlesdorf Bangs Home Run.

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Woodward pitched all of the first game and was credited with an even dozen strikeouts. Hermiston's gang started action right off and copped four in the initial inning and added two more in the second. They kept up the pace and never let Heppner get within striking distance of victory.

The Irrigators also made the snappy start Monday, but failed to keep it up against Keogh's pitching. They made three in the first inning. A feature of the game came in the fourth when Mittlesdorf slammed a home run over the right field fence with two men on. It looked then as if the second game had been won, but Heppner rallied and came across with enough to get the long end of the gate.

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(C. E. Spence, Market Agent, 714 Court House, Portland.)

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Iron rust stains on white enamel may be removed with a solution of oxalic acid. Keep it out of the children's reach.

Rotation Means Food
The rotation of crops is nearly as effective in increasing soil productivity as is the use of farm manures and complete fertilizers, as based on experimental yields of wheat, corn and oats, taken collectively. When rotation and the use of fertilizers are practiced together the one practice adds to the benefits of the other and increased yields are greater than from either practice alone.

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ECONOMIC CONFERENCE BULLETIN READY SOON

Copies of the bulletin covering the economic conference held in Hermiston for the Umatilla project during February will be off the press within a few days and will be ready for distribution before long, according to Fred Bennion, county agent.

The final proof of the bulletin was submitted to Mr. Bennion for reading the latter part of last week by authorities at Oregon Agricultural college where publication is being made. Much interest was displayed locally in the conference which was participated in by representative farmers and business men all over the irrigated district from Boardman to Echo.

WATER SUPPLY ADEQUATE TO MAKE THIRD HAY CROP

Reservoir Half Full at First of July; Economy in Use Should Be Practiced.

A continuance of the policy of being as economical as possible in the use of water for irrigation purposes will result in the project having enough water this season to mature three full crops of alfalfa, according to a statement made at reclamation offices yesterday.

July 1 saw the reservoir about half full of water, according to the report, and present indications are that while there will not be the amount available for use during the remainder of this season that there was in 1925, water will be running in ditches until well along in August.

Late pastures probably will not have all the water they should have to make a maximum amount of growth, it was stated. Harvesting of the second cutting of hay is now generally under way on the project, and the application of water to the third crop will start within a few days on many ranches.

"Use only the amount of water actually needed," it was stated at the reclamation office. "Save water possible. Don't let the water break away and get into the roads. All of it should be utilized on growing crops."

In view of the shortage of water that prevails in a majority of irrigated districts this year the Umatilla project is expected to finish the season with a record of supply much above the average.

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CARSONS BELIEVE IN MIXED FARMING

CHICKENS AND DAIRY HERD ARE BOTH KEPT

Onions Yield More Than 300 Bags Per Acre; Wheat Harvested For Poultry.

Out on the Sam Carson ranch northwest of town, mixed farming is practiced.

Mrs. Carson is the guiding spirit in the poultry business which has grown until the flock is one of the largest on the project.

Earl Carson, one of the sons, raised a nice patch of onions this year. Mr. Carson is in the dairy business and has a farm herd that gives a good account of itself. This requires alfalfa which is grown on a considerable acreage.

This year as a part of the plan toward making poultry one of the big issues 10 acres of land was devoted to wheat, and the grain was fed early this week. It is soft federation and looks good for a mighty good yield. Mr. Carson said that all of the grain will be kept on the place.

"It's nice to be able to buy chicken feed at a little more than cost, but I believe it will be a better plan for us on this farm to raise some of it for ourselves. The soil is adapted to grain, and then we will have a lot of straw for litter," Mr. Carson said.

The crop of onions grown this year looks like a profitable one. On about one-third of an acre of measured bottom land more than 100 sacks of onions were harvested this week. The big bulbs were shipped as part of a mixed car of potatoes and onions sent out this week through the Three Rivers Growers association. The Carsons have been growing a small patch of onions each year. Last fall they planted seed in October. Planting for this district should be done at least a month earlier, however, Mr. Carson said.

The poultry flock consists of Plymouth Rocks and is accredited by the state college. Mrs. Carson during this season incubated 6,000 baby chicks. The flock now includes about 1300 chickens, both young and old. Mrs. Carson hatched some stock from special pens at the college which she will use for breeding purposes. Some of the sires behind the chicks that will be used for breeding purposes had dams with more than 300 egg production to their credit.

This year on a patch of ground that is rather wet and heavy some mixed pasture was tried, and its carrying capacity is proving very satisfactory. Some Alsike clover was seeded near the house. A head of it picked at random the other day showed 80 ripened seeds of small size but a good dark color.

WEATHER MAN CELEBRATES BY KITING UP MERCURY ON 5TH WHEN MAXIMUM HITS 106 MARK

The observance of July 4 which fell this year on Monday, July 5, was made not only by human beings but by that mythical person known as the weather man. Evidently that humorous individual decided that "the lid might as well be off," and so for the day he extended himself a bit.

The hottest weather the project has had this season was on Monday when the official record at the local district water office showed a maximum of 106. The hottest previous day was on June 25 when the mercury kited up to 105. Tuesday afternoon brought relief when a wind from the west cooled off the atmosphere.

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FACULTY FOR HERMISTON SCHOOLS IS ANNOUNCED

Three New Teachers to be in High School and Four on Staff in Grades.

Eight members of the teaching staff of the Hermiston schools who were here last year will continue their work during the coming school year, according to an announcement made today by E. Le Grande Cherry, superintendent, following completion of securing a faculty.

In the high school five teachers who were here last year will be back. They include Supt. Cherry, W. E. Higbee, science and athletics, Miss Jessie Brerly, mathematics, Miss Pauline Thoma, language and girls' physical training, and Miss Ruth Seyler, music supervisor.

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BOY IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schable of Stanfield are the parents of a boy born Monday shortly after noon at the Hermiston hospital.

TOURIST BREAKS ARM

Floyd Covey, a youth whose home is in Oregon City, sustained a fracture of his right arm Wednesday morning. The accident occurred when he attempted to crank a car. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Sears.

District Meeting of County Agents to be Held Here

August 3 and 4 Named as Dates For Meeting of Men From Irrigated Belts.

Hermiston has been chosen as the place and August 3 and 4 as the dates for the district conference of county agents from those counties in Oregon where irrigated farming is practiced. The conference has been called by F. L. Ballard, county agent leader of the state.

The first day's sessions will be held in Hermiston and will get under way at 9 o'clock. Mr. Ballard will preside. On the second day the visitors will go to Prosser, Washington, station to study at first hand some of the results secured there in trials of sweet clover for pasture and in sweet potato experiments.

In addition to the county agents to the number of half a dozen, three extension specialists of Oregon Agricultural college will participate in the conference. The men slated to be here are E. R. Jackson, livestock specialist; R. A. Lindgren, field crop specialist; and L. R. Brethaupt, specialist in agricultural economics.

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OPERATION IS UNDERGONE

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IN PROPORTION TO POPULATION SEATTLE HAS FIVE TIMES AS MANY TELEPHONES AS EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

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NEW WORK NOW IS OUT OF QUESTION DR. MEAD DECLARES

RECLAMATION FUNDS WILL NOT PERMIT OF EXTENSIONS COMMISSIONER SAYS

Officials Spend Wednesday Afternoon and Thursday Morning Meeting Delegations and Seeing Dam.

To requests for further construction work on the part of the United States government on projects of this section, made Wednesday and Thursday to Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, during his visit on his tour of projects, his reply was that reclamation funds are shrinking and that funds are not available for works at present.

He arrived in Hermiston about noon Wednesday and was accompanied by R. F. Walter of Denver, chief engineer, and J. L. Lytle, superintendent of the Yakima project. Several conferences were held early in the afternoon, after which the visitors went to inspect the McKay dam south of Pendleton. They returned to Hermiston Wednesday night conferred with a delegation from the Stanfield district this morning and left at 10 o'clock for the Yakima project.

DISTRICT HAS RESPONSIBILITY

In answer to questions propounded to him by the official board of the Hermiston district as to what plan of procedure should be followed in regard to a settlement with owners of class six lands, the commissioner's reply in essence was that the district has taken over operation of the works and that the responsibility for a settlement is one that the district faces.

In his conference this morning with a delegation from Stanfield, he said that receipts for the reclamation fund from all royalties are showing a constant shrinkage. Receipts from the sale of public lands have almost decreased until they are almost negligible, he said. The construction program for new projects calls for an expenditure of more money than is expected to be received by the reclamation fund, and in the face of these conditions, pledges for doing additional work to that already provided for by acts of congress are out of the question for the present, the commissioner declared.

F. A. Baker of Stanfield acted as spokesman for the Stanfield district delegation. He stressed the necessity of the expenditure of about \$290,000 to put the district into condition to handle its additional water from McKay reservoir. Drainage problems have to be solved, and the canal systems need concrete lining in some places, he stated.

Members of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college and J. T. Jardine, director of experimental station work, were here this morning, but they held no formal conference with the commissioner. They attended the meeting with the Stanfield delegation and were here in the interest of a new experiment station which would come under the Stanfield extension district.

THREE ACRES OF DISHES QUARTER MILE FOR A PIE

Drying three acres of dishes a year, walking a quarter of a mile to bake a lemon pie, and pumping 15 tons of water in a year are some of the domestic feats performed by the average rural housewife who does not follow good methods of home management. Recognizing this as a condition which can be improved, workers at the annual Western States Extension conference held last winter emphasized the need of giving more attention to home management.

Without a water system in her house the rural housewife, they say, carries an average of twenty tons of water a year and travels 200,000 steps in doing it. It requires 20 days' union time to carry the water in and 10 days to carry out the waste water, or a total of 30 days a year spent in carrying water. Ten day's work could be saved, say the extension workers, by having a drain to carry the water out, even though a complete water system were not installed.

A dish drainer eliminates drying about 3 acres of dishes a year; experiments have shown that the housewife can save one and one-half hours a day in doing the dishes. A dish drainer, wheel tray, and similar conveniences will save this time and give the housewife more time for rest, reading, or other pleasures.

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