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GROWERS GET BIG PORTION OF SALES

THREE RIVERS BODY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Accountant's Report Shows Return To Growers Among Highest In Country.

The percentage of sales receipts that is returned to the growers by the Three Rivers Growers association is well above the average and is exceeded by very few such organizations, according to information reported to growers at the annual meeting of the association held Monday at Kennewick.

Hermiston men who attended the meeting included J. W. McMullen, A. W. Agnew, Roy Sullivan, J. S. Dyer, A. Buhman and Charles Kaiser. The interest of local men in the Washington organization's activities is due to the fact that the local association has a cross contract with the Three Rivers association to market asparagus and early potatoes grown here.

The meeting was well attended according to the local men.

During 1925, the Three Rivers association returned to growers 88.1 per cent of sales, the annual report of Manager Lee Lamson disclosed, and in 1926 the return to growers was 86.6 per cent.

The Hermiston men present at the meeting stated that the decrease in percentage of returns for the past season, as compared with 1925, was due to the low prices received this year for the early potato crop. Cost of marketing is usually greater when a commodity is sold on a slow market, and receipts are not so great as when the demand is keen. This condition prevailed during the past season in respect to the early potato market.

Information included in a supplementary summary of a certified public accountant's report on the business done by numerous co-operative concerns all over the United States, together with the percentage of sales returned to growers, was as follows:

California Lima Bean Growers' association did a business last year of almost four million dollars and returned 97 per cent of sales to growers; the Spokane Valley Growers' union returned 60.8 per cent of sales to growers; the Arkansas Rice Growers Co-operative association with a gross business in excess of four million returned 85 per cent of sales to growers; the Southern Michigan Fruit association, gross business \$129,000, gave growers 95 per cent of this amount; the Anaheim Citrus Fruit association, business more than a million, returned 79.4 per cent to members; Fergus Co-operative Creamery association has a record of returning to growers 88 per cent of sales.

The Yakima Valley Grape Growers union, business \$100,000, returned 90 per cent of sales to growers; the Colorado Potato Growers exchange, six million business, returned to the growers 88.68 per cent of gross sales.

The above compare with returns by the Three Rivers body of 88.1 per cent in 1925 and 86.6 in 1926.

Manager Lamson advised against any heavy acreage of early potatoes this season.

UMATILLA COMMUNITY HEARS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Committee Working for Hospital Tells of Work at Meeting Friday Night.

Last Friday night a community meeting that was a rally in behalf of securing the state tuberculosis hospital was held at Umatilla. It was well attended. The Irrigon school band played on the streets before the rally and also in the hall, and a community sing was held.

The various members of the general committee that has been hard at work in behalf of securing the hospital for Umatilla since November all made reports of the efforts made. The state board of control, the state board of health and prominent physicians of the state were interviewed as part of the campaign.

Plans have been perfected to serve a big Umatilla home products dinner when the members of the state board of control, the state board of health, Dr. Ballinger and his staff from the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem and Mrs. Sallie O. Dunbar visit Umatilla on their tour of inspection of proposed sites.

MANY SEALS SOLD

The sale of Christmas health seals in Hermiston was launched last week, and the public has been very responsive, according to a statement by Mrs. F. V. Prime, city chairman in charge. A committee of local women hold in the business district, and in the residential district the Camp Fire Girls have been making a house to house canvass. The sale will continue until the day before Christmas.

HOMER SHEFFIELD



Homer Sheffield, sixteen, of Crosby, Texas, after a national contest, has been declared the outstanding boys' agricultural club worker in the United States.

SINCLAIR AND FALL MUST STAND TRIAL

Washington, D. C.—Another conspiracy trial, growing out of the "oil scandals," was assured when the supreme court held that Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, and Harry F. Sinclair must stand trial on the indictment growing out of Fall's lease of Teapot Dome to Sinclair.

Fall now is on trial for conspiracy in connection with the lease of Elk Hills reserve to Edward L. Doheny.

The decision means Fall in all probability will be brought to trial along with Sinclair as soon as the present trial is ended.

The decision upheld the lower courts which also had sustained the validity of the indictment against the ex-cabinet officer and Sinclair.

Fall and Sinclair charged the District of Columbia federal courts early in holding the Walsh act of July 3, 1926, constitutional. This act prohibited the appeal to the Columbia court of appeals from any interlocutory order in a criminal action.

MRS. HALL ACQUITTED

All the Defendants in Celebrated Murder Case Are Released.

Somerville, N. J.—All defendants in the Hall-Mills murder case were released from custody when Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Parker, on motion of Attorney General Katzenbach, quashed the indictments which remained against them after the acquittal of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Willie and Henry Stevens, for the murder of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

The jury deliberated 5 hours and 30 minutes before bringing in separate verdicts. It is said that three ballots were taken, the first standing 10 to 2 for acquittal, the second 11 to 1 and the third unanimous.

Idaho Turkeys Valued at \$300,000. Caldwell, Idaho.—The entire output of the Southern Idaho Turkey Growers' association for the eastern holiday trade was awarded to the Caldwell Poultry corporation, involving an approximate total purchase value of \$300,000. A top price of 44¢ cents for Toms and 42¢ cents for hens was the price paid by the Caldwell firm.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.37; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, \$1.36; hard winter, \$1.35; northern spring, \$1.34; western red, \$1.32.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$17.50@18 ton; valley timothy, \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.
Butterfat—46¢ shippers' track.
Eggs—Ranch, 35¢@40¢.
Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook. Triplets, 29¢; loaf 30¢ per lb.
Cattle—Good, \$8@8.25.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10@12.25.
Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$10.00@12.00.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, northern spring, Big Bend bluestem, Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.36; western red, \$1.34; Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.37.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy P. S., \$20; do, mixed, \$25.
Butter—Creamery, 47¢.
Eggs—Ranch, 47¢@49¢.
Hogs—Prime, \$12.40@12.65.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$7.75@8.
Cheese—Oregon fancy, 30¢@31¢; standard, 29¢; Washington fancy triplets, 27¢.
Spokane.
Hogs—Good, \$12@12.25.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.00@7.50.
Tom Campbell was a Pendleton visitor Wednesday.

ALL STARS DEFEAT HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

OLD TIMERS DEFEY AGE AND DO COMEBACK STUNT

Final Score in Friday's Game 25 to 0; Pick-up Team is Too Heavy For Boys.

Age took a fling at youth and emerged victor Friday afternoon in Hermiston.

The challenge had to do with the playing of the great game of football. The contestants were the Hermiston high school team and an aggregation of All Stars, picked at random from among the lists of those who used to play.

The score was 25 to 0. James Todd was the chief casualty. He sustained a fracture of his left ankle after about five minutes of play. Other men, some young, some not so young, sustained bruises that reminded them of the passage of time and removed them from the realm of the mythical to that of the real. The heavier All Stars outbested their younger opponents. The line of the older team proved impenetrable to the charges of the high school backs.

The All Stars acquired a touchdown for each quarter of the game. The first came when Belcher, All Star center, broke through the high school line, blocked a punt, grabbed the ball and charged across the line. The other markers were punched across. Only one try at goal after touchdown was converted. Parrish's toe proving true on a drop kick after the touchdown in the fourth quarter. Both teams used freely of their reserves. The line-ups were as follows:

High school—Davis, center; Swanner and Parsons, guards; Neary and Earnheart, tackles; Smith and McKenzie, ends; Mikesell, quarter; Newell and Kennings, halves; Hamman, fullback; substitutions, Gordon for Newell, Pegue for Davis; G. Parsons for McKenzie; Robinson for Earnheart; Upham for Parsons; and Dyer for Swanner.

All Stars—Belcher, center; Carson and McMullen, guards; Hughes, Reid and Moll, tackles; White, Shipley and J. Todd, ends; Gimbell, quarter; Parrish and L. Todd, halves; Pankov, fullback; other substitutions, Haddox for Shipley and Woodward, Meyers, Mittelsdorf and Roberts.

Bill Warner officiated for the affair.

NATIONAL FORESTS IN THIS STATE POPULAR

A total of 3,634,686 people used the twenty-one national forests of Oregon and Washington for recreation during 1926, an increase of 541,976 over 1925 figures. This estimate is based on reports just received from field officers of the U. S. Forest Service, and covers only the national forests in the two states.

Forest officers say there would be no need of closing national forests if the outdoor-using public were 100 per cent careful; but over 70 per cent of the total number of forest fires are man-caused, according to official reports. By far the large majority do use care; it is the careless and the thoughtless minority who are responsible for forest closures.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crowder and little daughter were here from Arlington Monday.

UMATILLA CLUB TO GIVE OPERETTA FRIDAY NIGHT

The Umatilla Woman's club will present an operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn," Friday evening. The affair will be a benefit and is for the purpose of raising the club's share for the Doernbecher hospital. Much work has been done in preparation for the operetta, and a large crowd is expected.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS CHEER

FOR NEEDY LOCAL CHILDREN

A jolly old fellow known as Santa Claus received most of the consideration of the membership of the Hermiston Commercial club at the regular luncheon meeting Tuesday.

It was decided that the club will take the initiative in securing a community Christmas tree for the holiday season again this year. Other organizations will be given an opportunity to help in getting the tree.

A Christmas cheer committee consisting of E. L. Cherry and O. C. Pierce was named to work with other civic organizations in providing Christmas cheer for the children of needy families, if an investigation discloses that there are such children within the community. The motion adopted provided that the farm bureau and the parent-teacher association be also asked to co-operate in the Christmas season work.

IRRIGATED PRODUCTS ARE PREFERRED FOR CANNERY

Stayton Co-operative Concern Requires That Beans Used Be Irrigated.

Stayton, Oregon, boasts a farmer-owned co-operative cannery which packed a quarter of a million dollars worth of fruit and vegetables in the past season.

One of the rules of the cannery is not to accept any but irrigated beans and next year this irrigated requirement will apply also to tomatoes. R. D. Hoke, manager of the cannery, explained that the size and quality of irrigated beans was so much better than non-irrigated beans that he could not afford to bother with the non-irrigated beans. Irrigation makes the beans large and tender without developing strings. The quality of tomatoes is also much improved by irrigation.

"Irrigation," said Mr. Hoke, "is the greatest thing for this part of the country that has ever happened." "For years people have worked along under the impression that there was so much rainfall in the Willamette valley that drainage was the only problem. Now they are finding that there are several months of the year when there is a shortage of water and irrigation will often more than double the crops. Those who do not have ditch water are installing in pumping plants."

Departure Held Up

H. M. Schilling, former project superintendent, recently assigned to the Huntley project in Montana where he will serve as superintendent, has received notice from the Denver office that his presence on the Huntley project will not be required until after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Schilling had expected to leave Hermiston about December 15.

Rev. A. J. Ware was in lone Tuesday night where he preached in the Baptist church in that town.

FARMING METHODS ON PROJECT TOPIC

RESULTS OF STUDIES WILL BE DISCUSSED

County Agent Announces Meeting At Columbia Friday Night, December 17.

County Agent Holt has announced an important meeting of project farmers to be held in conjunction with the farm bureau at the Columbia school house Friday night, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock.

For some time County Agent Holt and Assistant Agent Wilbur, through the farm management extension office at Corvallis, have been making a study of the practical methods employed by successful farmers on the project and they have now reached some definite conclusions as to the important elements of success in farming on the project. The result of their investigation will be discussed at the meeting announced above.

R. S. Besse, farm management extension specialist at O. A. C., who has assisted in this study, will be present at the meeting and discuss the subject, "More Profitable Farming for the Umatilla Project." All farmers are invited to attend.

The county agent also announced that at his request L. C. Dyer and Tom Haddox, near Hermiston, have agreed to let him conduct short field meetings of their farms to discuss some important farm management questions. The meetings will be held as follows:

Dyer farm, 1:30 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, December 18.

Haddox farm, 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, December 18.

They plan to meet on the Dyer farm at 1:30 and go from there to the Haddox farm, adjourning the meeting at 4 o'clock.

All farmers are invited to attend these field meetings.

HERMISTON SELECTED BY BEE MEN FOR 1927 SESSION

Convention of State Body Held At Dallas This Year; Rodda and Champion Attend.

The annual convention of the State Bee Keepers' association, held this year at Dallas, December 2-4, was very successful, according to W. G. Rodda, retiring president. The attendance was very satisfactory, he reported, and the sessions were interesting. Hermiston was chosen as the place for holding the 1927 convention.

Three banquets were provided as a part of the entertainment accorded the bee keepers. The Dallas Commercial club gave one in which prizes were featured. The Polk County Bee Keepers' association also fed the visitors, and Independence gave a banquet in which loganberries were served as one of the chief attractions.

C. C. Champion of Hermiston attended as a representative of the Umatilla County Bee Keepers body. He and Mr. Rodda returned Tuesday morning.

H. M. Schilling has returned from Portland where he was called by reason of the serious illness of his father, C. E. Schilling. The elder Mr. Schilling is now in a hospital.

DAVID I. WALSH



David I. Walsh, Democrat, who was elected United States Senator from Massachusetts, defeating Senator W. M. Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee.

WORK OPPOSED TO PENDING LAND BILL

Washington, D. C.—Warning that federal reclamation and conservation must be abandoned if all public lands are turned over to the states in which they are situated was issued by Secretary of the Interior Work in a letter to Representative N. J. Sinnott, chairman of the house public lands committee.

Fourteen bills are now pending before congress, providing for school section, land or mineral grants to western states, Work said.

Pointing out that the income from the public domain last year was \$3,626,465, most of which was appropriated for federal reclamation, Work said:

"If, as proposed in one of the pending bills, all lands and resources are turned over to the states, it should mean the end of federal reclamation and of federal conservation." "If turned over to the extent of the proposals in school sections, as proposed in other bills, it would mean a partial termination of those policies." Work estimated the future potential value of minerals in school sections at between \$250,000,000 and \$500,000,000. Completing the reclamation projects now authorized or undertaken will cost \$90,000,000, he declared.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The Danish Socialist cabinet, headed by Premier Stauning, tendered its resignation as the result of its defeat in the elections.

The grand champion steer, "Rupert B," of the Chicago International Livestock exposition, was sold at auction for the world's record price of \$340 a pound.

There is no basis for reports that Major General Leonard Wood will resign shortly as governor general of the Philippines, the White House spokesman declared.

Representative Ogden L. Mills, republican, New York, defeated in the Empire state gubernatorial race last month, will succeed G. B. Winston as under-secretary of the treasury.

The conservative government of Ontario, Canada, running on a platform calling for the sale of liquor under a government commission, as opposed to the present prohibitory temperance act, virtually swept the province in the general elections to the Ontario legislature.

Washington Raft Workers Under Law. Olympia, Wash.—Men employed by mill or logging companies in making up rafts on navigable rivers and those breaking up the rafts after their arrival at point of destination come under state jurisdiction and within the terms of the workmen's compensation act, the state supreme court held.

Walla Walla Elects McCroskey Mayor. Walla Walla, Wash.—William E. McCroskey was elected mayor of Walla Walla, defeating Mayor Ben F. Hill by 75 votes in the closest race which has been run here since commission form of government was adopted.

Referendum on Dry Law Is Asked. Washington, D. C.—A resolution proposing a national referendum on prohibition was introduced in the house Monday by Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts.

Chehalis Re-elects Mayor West. Chehalis, Wash.—Mayor West was re-elected by a vote of 612 over his opponent, Dr. J. T. Coleman, who received 354 votes.

P. B. Swartz was in Portland this week on business.

SCHOOL OPERETTA IS WELL RECEIVED

"Windmills of Holland" Has Crowded House

Young Singers Win Praise For Work Done in Presentation Given By Glee Clubs

One of the best amateur theatrical performances presented for a Hermiston audience in many years was witnessed Friday night when the high school glee club presented the two act operetta, "Windmills of Holland" at the high school auditorium. The high school was filled to capacity to witness the operetta, and the affair proved successful from financial point of view.

The cast was well balanced, and the principals and the big chorus gave every evidence of excellent coaching at the hands of Miss Ruth Seyler, director. The costumes were attractive and added to the effectiveness of the operetta. All of the costumes were prepared under the direction of Miss Seyler.

Vernon Harrah was convincing in his role as the rich Holland farmer and provided mirth by reason of his interpretation of the part. Shirley Brownson played her part as his wife in a creditable manner. Their two daughters were Ruth Bessel and Margaret Waterman. The former and John Newell as a rich farmer's son provided comedy in a quarrel they had. Miss Waterman and George Davis won a hearty hand by their rendition of the fishing duet number. Rodney Davis, a freshman, was well received by reason of his singing. Alice Dyer had the part of Katrina, a farmer's daughter. Bobby Prime played the part of a child.

The chorus included the following: Maxine Avery, Beatrice Bessel, Isabelle Dodd, Sylvia Evans, Anna Furrer, Marian Henderson, Elba Hamrick, Grace Jackson, Ruth Kaiser, Thelma Kinley, Rennie Madden, Mabel McElroy, Elsie Rieder, Virginia Rodda, Mera Skaggsdill, Dorothy Straw, Jane Warner, Earnest Cox, Everett Hammon, Carl Hammer, Loren Jackson, George McKenzie, Joe McNaught, Leonard Naton, William Rodda, Jack Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Straw was accompanist for the affair.

POULTRY METHODS USED IN STATE ARE SURVEYED

Practices on Between 100 and 150 Chicken Farms Studied By Colleg. Men.

A survey of commercial poultry farms in Oregon is being conducted by the poultry husbandry and farm management departments at O. A. C. It is to obtain information regarding many questions pertaining to commercial poultry production in the state which have risen because of the rapid development of this specialized branch of agriculture in the last few years.

The work will be done by H. D. Seudde, professor of farm management; A. S. Burrier, assistant in farm management; A. G. Lunn, professor of poultry husbandry and F. L. Knowlton, poultry husbandman in cooperation with the county agents of the various counties. Between 100 and 150 representative poultry farms of Oregon will be included in the work. Records will be taken for three years by personal visits to the farms. Preliminary reports will be published after each year's work.

This survey will obtain from the poultrymen an account of the year's work and such information as will throw light on the question of poultry keeping as a specialized business. When all the records have been obtained and analyzed each poultryman will be given a copy of his own record with averages of all the farms. This will enable him to determine the relative costs and returns of his business as compared with others.

The data is expected to be extremely valuable to the state and prospective poultrymen by showing the amount of capital necessary to start a poultry business, the various methods of raising and marketing, the various costs of feed, fuel, etc., and the various methods of securing the best results.

It is a survey of the poultry industry in Oregon and is being conducted by the heads of the poultry husbandry and farm management departments as the most extensive and complete survey on poultry that has ever been undertaken.

Hotel in His Charge. At O. H. Henson of Eyrich, Wash., is in charge of the hotel during the absence of C. C. Dufey. He is an experienced hotel man. Mrs. Dufey has gone to California to be the guest of her son, Jarvis Dufey, who is assistant manager of Soboba Hot Springs.

The President's Message

