

The Herald Keeps Close to the Heart and Mind of the Umatilla Project.

# The Hermiston Herald

THE DAIRY COW CAN FIND NO BETTER HOME THAN ON AN IRRIGATED FARM ON THIS PROJECT.

HERMISTON, ONE OF THE BEST POULTRY DISTRICTS ANYWHERE IN THE NORTHWEST

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## LOCAL SPEAKERS GET SIX FIRST PLACES

### DECLAMATORY AROUSES KEEN INTEREST

Pupils From Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo, Minnehaha, Columbia and Here Compete.

Hermiston will be well represented by entrants for declamatory honors in the county contests to be held in Pendleton as a result of the district contests held here last Thursday and Friday nights. The grades contests were held on Thursday evening and the high school contests Friday evening.

The high school auditorium was crowded for both contests. Pupils from Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla and Hermiston competed in the preliminaries here.

Following are the winners of first and second places in the grades:

- Third, Fourth, Fifth
- Dramatic: Billy Jackson, Minnehaha, first; Neva Richards, Hermiston, second.
- Patriotic: Jessie Correa, Stanfield, first; Lewis Deter, Umatilla, second.
- Humorous: Rosella Matott, Minnehaha, first; Leigh Dyer, Hermiston, second.
- Sixth, Seventh, Eighth
- Dramatic: John Lucas, Columbia, first; Mary Ward, Stanfield, second.
- Patriotic: Donald DeMoss, Hermiston, first; Dayton Harris, Minnehaha, second.
- Humorous: Billy Hurly, Stanfield, first; Jimmy Neary, Hermiston, second.

High School Results

Extemporaneous: Harvey DeMoss, Hermiston, first; Donald Thompson, Echo, second.

Oratorical: Vernon Harrah, Hermiston, first; Frank Correa, Echo, second.

Dramatic: Lucille George, Echo, first; Eugenia Burns, Umatilla, second.

Humorous: Everett Gossett, Umatilla, first; Viola Hlatt, Echo, second.

## RABBIT SHOOT WILL BE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Pumpkin Center and Columbia To Be Gathering Places for Men With Guns.

Sportsmen who like to shoot will be afforded an opportunity of getting shotguns red hot Sunday afternoon at a big rabbit shoot that is to be held on the east end of the project. The shoot will be under the auspices of the Farm Bureau.

The drive will be made south from Columbia school, starting at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, according to John Andrejewski. Those who come from the west have been invited to gather at Pumpkin Center for the turning off of the drive, and those who come from the east should stop at the school house.

The territory that is to be covered in the shoot was overlooked while drives were being conducted last winter and is said to be breeding grounds for the pests. Those in charge of the drive hope to reduce the rabbit population materially and to have some sport while doing the work.

## ENTERPRISE MEN PURCHASE TWO TRACTS NEAR CITY

John F. Laird and his son, Floyd Laird, farmers in the Enterprise district, closed deals for the purchase of two tracts of land just west of town this week. They spent several days here looking over available land before deciding on locations.

They have already ordered 1,000 baby chicks for later delivery and plan to move here with their families shortly after April 1.

Mrs. C. C. Durfee was a Pendleton visitor Tuesday.

## JOHN E. CURTISS



John E. Curtiss, vice commander of the American Legion, is also departmental secretary of the Lincoln, Neb., chamber of commerce.

## D'AUTREMONT WILL NOT DISCUSS CASE

San Francisco, Cal.—Hugh DeAutremont, who is held in the Alcatraz military prison in San Francisco bay, although rigidly questioned, refused to throw any significant light on the crime of which he is accused.

To date DeAutremont has indicated he knows nothing, that he has been wrongly accused and he will insist on being confronted with witnesses who are able to support the charges made in an indictment returned by the Josephine, Ore., county grand jury.

## PATRICK HENRY HONORED

Paganry Revives Story of Birth of American Liberty.

Richmond, Va.—Time was turned back 152 years here on Tuesday for a paganry retelling the story of the birth of American liberty.

The occasion was the anniversary of Patrick Henry's famous "liberty or death" speech in St. John's church, in the celebration of which the most minute details of the convention of 1775 were reproduced.

Costumes of the 18th century were worn. Ox carts and elaborate equipages of colonial Virginia once again entered the old church yard. Aristocrats from plantations and plain people of the shops and fields filed into the church.

Idaho Legion Changes Dates.

La Grande, Or.—Weiser, Idaho, 1927 convention city of the American Legion, department of Idaho, has changed the date of the gathering from July 21-23 to July 28-30, because of the Oregon convention here was scheduled for July 21-23. This is the first opportunity Oregon and Idaho legionnaires have had to exchange greetings and western Idaho towns have signified their intention of attending the Oregon convention here.

Fossil Banker Drowns.

Fossil, Or.—Leland L. Steiwer, 49, son of the late W. W. Steiwer, was drowned in the John Day river near Spray, Sunday night, when the automobile which he was driving plunged from the narrow grade. Mr. Steiwer's companion, Hubert Barnard, escaped by swimming to shore.

New Machine Purchased.

Dr. Davis S. Rowe recently purchased a new diathermy electric machine which he will install as a part of his equipment in his office. The machine was purchased from a Portland firm and will be installed within a couple of weeks.

Follett's Brother Ill.

Dan D. Follett was in Walla Walla one day this week to see his brother, R. M. Follett, who recently submitted to an operation for appendicitis.

## HERMISTON PLANS M'KAY CELEBRATION

### COMMERCIAL CLUB DECIDES ON ACTION TUESDAY

Last Needle Valve Recently Put in Place; Gathering Here This Spring.

Hermiston will hold a big celebration some time this spring to mark the completion of McKay dam.

A decision to this effect was made Tuesday at the meeting of the commercial club when a motion presented by Dr. Prime was carried by unanimous vote.

The last needle valve has been installed at McKay, and the cement used in installing it has begun to harden. E. P. Dodd reported. Prospects are that the big reservoir will be filled this spring, probably quite a while before flood water is exhausted.

No date was set for the celebration, nor were other details discussed to any extent, but the publicity committee was authorized to proceed with plans for a gathering that will mark the event as a milestone in the development of the Greater Umatilla Project.

## TESTS FOR ABORTION IN DAIRY HERDS ON PROJECT TO BE MADE NEXT WEEK BY DR. B. T. SIMMS

Dr. B. T. Simms, professor of veterinary medicine at Oregon Agricultural college, will be on the project the first of next week to test dairy herds for contagious abortion, according to a notice received by Pat Sullivan.

Dr. Simms will be here Monday morning and is expected to remain about three days doing the testing work. Farmers who desire the testing work done were requested by Mr. Sullivan to notify him so an itinerary for Dr. Simms can be worked out in advance.

The requests will not be necessary in the case of farmers whose herds have been tested regularly for abortion.

## GLEE CLUB HARD AT WORK ON OPERETTA "GYPSY ROVER"

Special Costuming Prepared For Presentation to be Made March 31

Members of the high school glee club have been hard at work for some time in preparation for the presentation of the "Gypsy Rover," an operetta, which will be presented in the high school auditorium next Thursday night, March 31.

Miss Seyler is directing the production. The costuming of characters for the operetta has been given special study and attention, efforts will be made to eclipse the success of last year's operetta.

- Member of the cast include the following:
- Rob ..... George Davis
  - Lady Constance ..... Margaret Waterman
  - Sir George Martendale ..... Sir George Martendale
  - Lord Craven ..... Vernon Harrah
  - Senfro ..... Jack Smith
  - Mario ..... Rodney Davis
  - Captain Jerome ..... John Newell
  - Nina ..... Elba Hamrick
  - Meg ..... Dorothy Hitt
  - Zora ..... Shirlee Brownson
  - Sir Toby Lyon ..... Ruth Bessel
  - Sir Francis McCorkle ..... Donald Parsons
  - Maid ..... Loren Jackson
  - Accompanist, Elizabeth Straw.

The Stork

Mr. and Mrs. James Todd are the parents of a daughter born Tuesday afternoon at St. Anthony's hospital. The baby has been named Margaret Eleanor.

William Switzer was here from Umatilla Tuesday. He operates the ferry across the Columbia between Umatilla and Plymouth and recently has been doing some work on the ferry.

## CONDITION OF COLONEL M'NAUGHT IS IMPROVED

Col. J. F. McNaught, project pioneer and one of the most prominent men of the community, critically ill for several days, has shown a marked improvement during the past two days. Members of the family and his many friends have expressed the belief that the crisis of his illness has been passed.

The colonel was a sufferer from asthma which confined him to his home for more than a week, and last Friday he suffered a stroke of paralysis. His condition was critical for several days.

Mrs. E. H. Geary, daughter of Col. and Mrs. McNaught, has been here from Portland since Saturday to be at her father's bedside.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES TUESDAY IN PORTLAND

Information was received here today of the death in Portland Tuesday of Mrs. Henry Billings, remembered here as Miss Bertha Dishon. Her parents were pioneers on the project and she lived here until about eight years ago.

Relatives surviving include two brothers, Charles Dishon of Prosser, Washington, and Harold Dishon of San Francisco. Funeral services will be held in Portland Friday.

Mrs. Billings was prominent in club and social activities and is remembered by many residents of the community.

## JACK SMITH BILLED ON MAIN EVENT AT SPOKANE

Local Boy to Fight Light Heavy in 10 Round Event on Big Boxing Card.

Jack Smith, local high school student, who started boxing as a professional a few months ago, will appear in a main event on a big fight card in Spokane April 8. His opponent will be Battling Borydon of Santa Barbara who will weigh in at 180 pounds. Young Smith fights at 175. It will be a no decision bout.

Smith has fought several bouts in Spokane, and local friends are looking forward with interest to the showing he makes in fast company.

## ASSESSOR NAMES DODD AND TEMPLETON AS FIELD MEN

E. P. Dodd and Jasper Templeton have been appointed field deputy assessors by R. O. Hawks, county assessor, and will have charge of the making of assessments in the west end of the county this year.

Mr. Hawks was here Saturday for a short time and brought the necessary records for the use of the field men. Mr. Dodd will make assessments in Hermiston and Umatilla and in the country west of range 29. Mr. Templeton will have the Columbia district and the Stanfield district as far south as Umatilla meadows.

"We are operating under a new law this year which makes the county assessors subject to the state tax commission," Mr. Hawks said. "Our assessments will be made on the same general basis as heretofore, but the law requires the filling out of special blanks. I think the reason for having the blanks filled out is to give the state tax commission data that will be useful in the event we have a state income tax."

## REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE PURCHASED FOR CLUB BOYS

A dozen registered Hampshire ewes with lambs at side were recently purchased from Leon Janssard for members of the registered lamb club of Hermiston.

Seven of the ewes and lambs will become the property of the club members, and the remaining five were purchased by Thomas Campbell to add to his flock of registered stock.

E. L. Jackson, in charge of club work for the farm bureau, Enos Martin and J. W. McMullen, accompanied by County Agent Holt and R. F. Wilbur, assistant county agent, inspected the flock last Sunday.

## SPEEDING CAUSES DEATH OF THREE

### HIGHWAY WEST OF RIETH SCENE OF TRAGEDY

Car Driven at 60 Miles Plunges Over Rock Parapet and Down 175 Feet.

Three were killed and one injured as the result of an accident west of Rieth last Sunday morning at 1:25 when a Cadillac touring car driven by William L. Holt of Baker at a high rate of speed caromed over the rock parapet and crashed on the rocks below, a fall of about 175 feet.

Those killed included Ben Griggs, 21, son of Frank Griggs of Portland, formerly proprietor of Grigg's cigar store in Pendleton, Barbara Watkins, 18, daughter of Mrs. Frank Perry, Pendleton; and William L. Holt, son of M. S. Holt, of Baker. The young woman injured was Helen Whitely, 22, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Whitely of Portland.

Death is thought to have come instantaneously to all three young people whose lives were snuffed out as a result of the accident. In each case the skull was fractured, and other injuries were sustained.

Young Griggs is reported to have been eating in a cafe with the two young women about midnight when Holt saw them and invited them to take a ride down the highway. According to the Whitely girl the car was driven west of where the accident occurred, turned around, and it was on the return trip to Pendleton when the car was going between 60 and 70 miles that the fatal crash happened.

The car hit the heavy retaining fence, plundered some of the timbers and later crashed over the rock wall. Funeral services for the victims of the affair were held early this week.

Young Griggs was well liked in Pendleton where he made many friends while working in the store owned by his father.

## ACREAGE DEVOTED TO WHEAT MORE THAN DOUBLED FOR THIS YEAR, FARM BUREAU DISCOVERS

Between 800 and 1,000 acres of irrigated land between Boardman and Stanfield will be devoted to the growing of wheat this year to furnish grain feed for flocks of chickens and turkeys, according to figures secured by Sidney Barnard, manager of the Farm Bureau Co-operative.

"We have sold 25 tons of Soft Federation seed wheat to date and have another five tons that will be taken from the warehouse in the next few days," Mr. Barnard said. "Last year farmers in our area bought from the co-operative 12 tons. Four years ago, I doubt whether the seed wheat planted amounted to more than five bushels."

"It is interesting to note too, that there are several farmers on irrigated land who saved wheat from their own crops last year and so will not have to buy seed. It strikes me that the plan of producing more and more of the feed used is an excellent one because it places the farmer on a better economic footing."

Seeding on irrigated farm land is usually done at the rate of five pecks, or 75 pounds, per acre, Mr. Barnard said. In some cases the grain is machine threshed, and in other cases the wheat is fed to poultry in the straw as scratch feed.

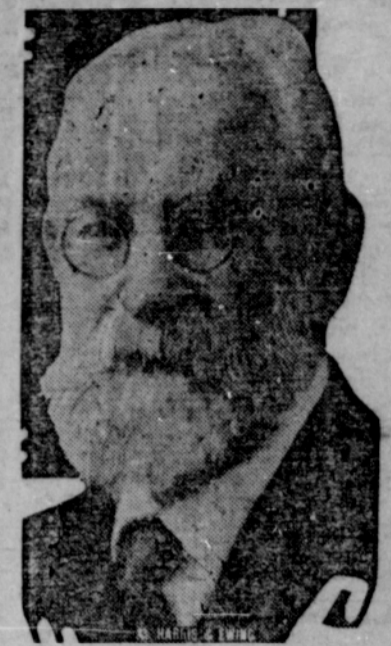
## Poison Is Available

For those who desire to poison gophers a supply of poison is available at the Farm Bureau Co-operative, according to the project leaders in charge of rodent control. The poison can be purchased at cost.

## Orchardists Spray

Orchard owners on the project have been busy during the past few days making application of the dormant spray. It is applied to combat scale.

## GEN. A. W. GREELY



Gen. A. W. Greely, veteran Arctic explorer, who recently celebrated his eighty-third birthday at his home in Washington.

## TREASURY SURPLUS TO BE INCREASED

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Mellon believes the treasury surplus will pass the \$500,000,000 mark this fiscal year. The March collection of income taxes is expected to reach \$25,000,000.

While the secretary still holds the surplus does not necessarily mean the revenue act of 1926 will produce sufficient revenue in the next year to warrant tax reduction, he said it would indicate successful operation of the act.

The surplus, accumulating this fiscal year, which will be increased by the failure of congress to pass the second deficiency bill, will be applied to the public debt.

The offer of the treasury to convert the second Liberty loan 4 1/2 per cent bonds into five-year 3 1/2 per cent treasury certificates is expected by Secretary Mellon to bring in at least one half of the outstanding bonds of that issue or a sum in excess of \$1,500,000,000.

## SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Twenty-one persons were killed and more than 100 injured by the tornado, which struck Green Forest, Ark.

The agricultural department will place sheep under quarantine in certain sections of California, effective May 1, because of the presence of scab.

Harry F. Sinclair, oil operator, was found guilty of having been in contempt of the senate when he refused to answer questions of the oil committee during the investigation of the Teapot Dome naval oil lease.

A total of 2,314,905 visitors were registered at the 19 national parks and 32 national monuments of the United States during 1926, a gain of 260,343 over the previous year, said a statement issued by Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior.

Divorce will be easier in Nevada, already widely known for its liberality in freeing visitors from matrimonial bondage. The legislature passed a law making three, not six months sojourn within the state's borders as the requirement to residence preliminary to divorce.

Oregon Tax Questionnaire Irks.

Salem, Or.—A number of Oregon manufacturers have not taken kindly to the questionnaire adopted by the state tax commission in connection with the administration of a new assessment law enacted at the recent session of the legislature. This law gives the state tax commission general supervision over all property assessors and authorizes county assessors to demand the books and records of all taxpayers for tax levying purposes.

Community Club Busy

The trees in the city park west of the bank and hotel which was improved last spring have been pruned this week. The work was done under the direction of the Community club. A little later it is planned to put the park benches in place.

## IRRIGATORS READY FOR BASEBALL GONG

### LOCALS LINED UP TO PLAY IN BLUE MT. LEAGUE

Biggs Elected Manager and Herbert Shesely Will Captain Team; Practice Called.

Whether Hermiston shall be a member of the Blue Mountain Baseball league will be decided in a meeting at Pendleton tonight when representatives from towns proposed to be included in a four club circuit will meet to conclude negotiations for perfecting the organization.

A meeting of Hermiston fans was held Wednesday night, and an organization was perfected to handle the team during the season. The team will play under the banner of the local post of the American Legion and will be managed by J. M. Biggs who has held the managerial reins for several years. Herb Shesely, catcher, will serve as field captain again this year.

H. E. Hitt was delegated to represent Hermiston at the Pendleton session tonight. The locals are strong for a four club league to include the Walla Walla Bears, the Pendleton Buckaroos and the Reservation Indians. If the Blue Mountain league can be formed on such a basis, Hermiston is already headed into a strenuous baseball season that should prove one of the best the locals have had in years.

The only possible hitch anticipated by fans in putting over the organization is the fact that La Grande and Baker who were holdouts earlier in the season now want to get into the league, either with Walla Walla and Pendleton to make up a four club league, or with Hermiston and the Indians added to make a six club league.

At Wednesday night's meeting the locals went on record as being opposed to entering a six club league to include Baker and La Grande, due to the fact that the two towns east of the mountains hire players and would make competition too fast for a town of Hermiston's size. It was the consensus of opinion at the meeting that the four club plan will materialize at Pendleton tonight.

The irrigators expect to have a last aggregation of ball players this year. Practically all of last year's roster of performers will be back to favor over the diamond, and some new blood is in prospect for material.

Shesely, whose aggressive captaining of the team last year was a big factor in the excellent showings made by the champions, will be back in the harness again this year. Phelps and Woodward are local twirlers who have the virus again. Other men who can be counted on include Les Blakely of Umatilla, Vovon, Hant, Smith, Middle, Belcher, Jones, Fetzer, Kennerly and others.

Practice will start Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the first team work will be attempted Sunday afternoon. Manager Biggs announced that practice work must be rushed as rapidly as possible in order to get the team going before the opening date which will be April 10. Tone is willing to come to Hermiston for a practice game April 3. It is probable that the game will be played.

## FOSSIL BANKER DROWNS AS CAR PLUNGES INTO STREAM

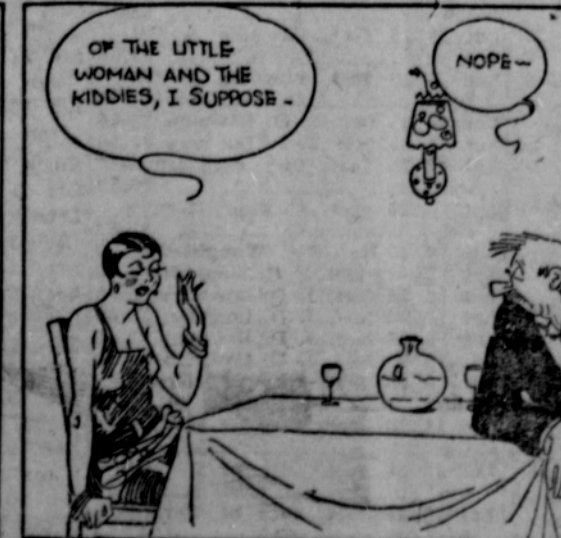
Leland Steiwer, president of the Carpenter & Steiwer bank of Fossil, was drowned in the John Day river near Spray Sunday night when a light car in which he was riding with Herbert Barnard left the highway and plunged into the swollen stream.

Mr. Steiwer was a cousin of Senator Fred Steiwer. He was interested in the sheep business and had many friends in Umatilla county.

Mrs. McNaught Is Better

Mrs. Carl McNaught is rapidly recovering from the effects of pneumonia.

## THE FEATHERHEADS



By Osborne

Bye-bye, Gold-digger

Featherhead Fables