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SOME IRRIGATING ALREADY IS DONE

APRIL 4 DATE OF FIRST USE THIS SEASON

Settlers Prompt in Paying Costs, Check Made at Water Office Discloses.

Water was used for irrigating the first time during 1927 season in the Hermiston district April 4, according to a statement made at the district water offices by Enos D. Martin, project manager. Several farmers are now using water, but the season will not get under way in real earnest until about the middle of the month, he predicted.

No water will be turned past any headgate serving land on which operation and maintenance charges have not been paid in full. Mr. Martin stated. Already a large number of land owners have called at the district offices, displayed their tax receipts showing payment made and so have qualified to receive water under the new arrangement that is in force under the 1926 contract with the government.

The Cold Springs reservoir will be filled with another 10 days flow, and prospects are that a supply of water more than adequate to take care of the project may be taken for granted. The watershed of the Umatilla still carries much snow which is not expected to melt and find its way down the mountains for a number of weeks, thus insuring a good flow in the Umatilla until at least early summer.

The operation and maintenance charges, paid as a part of taxes in the sheriff, are being met with gratifying promptness, according to reports at the district office. Payments are being made at such a rapid rate that it will not be possible for another week or 10 days to have a definite check on the percentage of those who have paid all over the district. Charles Taylor, fiscal agent said.

"The payment of operation and maintenance charges is a fountain affair and should be taken as a matter of course," Mr. Martin said, "but due to the fact that this is the first year that payments have been made under this plan, just how it would work out was left somewhat open to conjecture. The manner in which land owners are making their payments is a source of gratification. If there are any cases in which owners fail or refuse to meet the charges, the land will be held for payment. Holders of first mortgages have indicated definitely that they will protect themselves."

Farmers over the project are in the full flush of spring work. Alfalfa is being cultivated on many farms, some plowing is being done, ditches are being cleaned, weeds burned and other reasonable work is claiming attention. "It would be a good idea for farmers to get their receipts into the district office as quickly as possible," Mr. Martin said. If everyone waits until the last minute, some delay in handling their cases will be unavoidable, and delivery of water may not be so prompt as all would like."

MORSE RESIGNS AS COUNTY AGENT OF MORROW COUNTY
Roger W. Morse, for about four years county agent of Morrow county, has tendered his resignation to accept the position of county agent of Baker county, according to a news story in the Heppner Gazette Times. He will be succeeded by Charles W. Smith, Smith-Hughes teacher in the Dufur high school.

The county agent of Morrow and the county agent of Umatilla county always work in co-operation on the common problems affecting the Irrigon, Boardman and Hermiston districts, and for that reason Mr. Morse is well and favorably known here to many farmers and business men. His departure is regretted.

Paul Mumma was a business visitor in Pendleton Wednesday.

THOMAS A. STONE



Thomas A. Stone, secretary of the newly established Canadian legation in Washington.

22,000,000 CARS REGISTERED IN U. S.

Washington, D. C.—More than 22,000,000 motor vehicles were registered in the United States during 1926, according to reports received from state registration agencies by the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture. The year's registration represents an increase of 10.3 per cent, or slightly more than 2,000,000 more than that of 1925.

Florida, with an increase of 40.2 per cent, not including non-resident registrations, shows a greater gain than any other state.

Of the total number of vehicles registered, 19,237,171 were passenger automobiles, taxis and busses, and 2,764,222 were motor trucks and road tractors. Receipts from registration fees, licenses, etc., amounted to \$288,282,352 as compared with \$260,619,621 in 1925. Of the gross receipts \$190,406,960 was available for highway construction under the supervision of the state highway departments, \$51,702,184 was allocated to counties for expenditures on local roads and \$25,274,153 was used to finance highway bond issues.

STERILIZATION UPHELD

Idaho Attorney-General Rules Appropriation Regular.

Boise, Idaho.—Idaho's sterilization law will be made effective this year, Frank L. Stephan, attorney-general, has rendered an opinion declaring the \$4500 appropriated by the last legislature to defray expenses of carrying the law into effect, regular in every way. Governor H. C. Baldrige questioned whether the law made adequate provision for disbursement. All persons, male or female, in any state institution who are likely to become a menace to society come under the provisions of the law.

Forest Road Funds Are Apportioned.

Washington, D. C.—Apportionments for the \$4,500,000 fund to be expended during the fiscal year 1926 on highways in or near national forests were announced by the department of agriculture Saturday. The following were included: California, \$575,000; Washington, \$415,000; Oregon, \$533,000; Colorado, \$12,000; and Utah, \$164,000. The amount in some cases included funds unexpended during the current year.

GRANDE RONDE VALLEY MEN ENTER TURKEY BUSINESS

Mr. Ida Simmons has leased her 15 acres near the Cold Springs reservoir to M. I. McRae and his brother-in-law, Mr. Hobson, and they plan to get into the turkey business. They formerly lived in the Grande Ronde valley and came here recently. The place was rented for cash.

Reports from Colonel McNaught who was taken to Portland last Friday are that he is getting along very well.

HERMISTON TAKES IONE IN BALL TILT

TOUGH CONTEST ACQUIRED BY 3-2 SCORE

Irrigators to Open League Play Sunday at Pendleton With Indians as Opponents.

Hermiston's Irrigators prepared for their opening game of the league season last Sunday in their practice game with Ione when the snappy wheat district boys yielded a victory to the locals by the close score of 3 to 2.

The league schedule calls for the Irrigators to open the season at Pendleton against the Mission Indians next Sunday.

The Ione game started with the wheat belt boys all to the good. They put across a couple of scores in their half of the first inning on bobbles made by Hermiston, and their lanky pitcher defied the batting eyes of the Irrigators until the fourth when the locals tied into him and scored all of their runs.

From the fourth on the game was a scoreless affair with both teams putting up a stiff game.

Shipley and Woodard were in the box for the Irrigators, the former working during the first four innings, and Woodward finishing the contest. Both boys looked good.

The infield consisted of Fetzer at first, Jones at second, Hanson at third and Blakely at short. Capt. Shesely did the receiving. Newell played right field, Woodward and Shipley rotated in the left garden, and Mittleford cavorted in the center of the tall grass.

Ione played their usual hard game and volunteered to return to Hermiston for the McKay dam celebration for a game.

Local fans who saw the game expressed the belief that this year's team will play a snappier brand of ball than was turned out last year when the gang went through its league schedule without a defeat. The infield looks strong with enough practice to get the players going right.

In the outfield there is still more work to be done. Ward who played for Stanfield last year in the garden without a single fielding error against him has joined the Hermiston fold and will be in action next Sunday. He is expected to add strength to the team.

Practice has been held every evening this week, and a big crowd is expected to go to Pendleton to boost the Irrigators in the opening game next Sunday.

FINAL P. T. A. MEETING OF YEAR TO BE HELD APR. 15

Session Will be of Interest to Fathers; Faculty to Serve Refreshments.

The April meeting of the Hermiston Parent Teacher association will be held Friday evening, April 15. It will be the final meeting of the year. The program will be especially interesting to fathers, and it is hoped that a large number will attend. Refreshments, served by the faculty, should be an additional inducement.

The following committees have been appointed. Membership: Miss Mayhew, Mrs. Hammon, Mrs. Avery, and Mrs. Warner.

Nomination: Mr. Cherry, Mrs. Prime, Mrs. McNaught.

Program: Miss Seyler, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Bneel.

Refreshments: The school faculty. The Umatilla county Parent-Teacher council is to have its spring meeting in Pendleton on Saturday, April 9. All members of the local association are urged to attend this meeting. Election of officers will be held in the forenoon. In the afternoon the round-up of children, beginning school next fall is to be stressed.

Ross Newport, former Hermiston resident, was here on business during the early part of the week.

McFALLS GET FRIERS ON MARKET AT EARLY DATE

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McFall hit an early market on spring chicken friers this year by bringing in nine birds Wednesday morning of this week. The nine averaged a pound and a half in weight and were from a brood of Jersey Giants that were hatched the latter part of January when sub zero temperatures prevailed, and 11 chicks were hatched out of the 15 eggs.

"The Jersey Giants mature quickly, and I'm planning to raise quite a lot of them," Mrs. McFall said. "My hens, hatched last June, weigh between nine and ten pounds."

CLEAN UP WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED IN HERMISTON

Third Week in April Designated as Time for Brightening up All Premises.

National clean up and paint up week, the third week in April, will be observed in Hermiston, and action has already been taken by the city council and the commercial club with the idea in mind of making the town shine.

The matter was broached Tuesday at the commercial club meeting, and a committee representing the club was named by President McKenzie to cooperate with a committee from the city council. The commercial club group includes Otto C. Pierce, Jack Waller and Earl Mitchell. The council group includes Carl McNaught, Ralph Brownson and Henry Hitt. Dr. Prime as mayor, and F. C. McKenzie as president of the club, will also work with this joint committee which will have Otto Pierce as general chairman.

A house to house canvass will be made of the town, and residents will be requested to sack, or box, tin cans and other rubbish and leave the containers near an alley where trucks hired by the city will pick up the rubbish and haul it away to the dump without cost. All rubbish must be either sacked or put in boxes before it is handled, according to the committee's announcement.

The final checking up and cleaning up of the special week will be done on Friday, April 22, when a big turnout is expected to go after old accumulations of trash on vacant properties.

Asparagus Is Cut

Mrs. Ida Simmons brought eight and a half pounds of asparagus to town Monday of this week. She cut some from her patch last week. The crop has been slower in developing this year than last year, due to light frosts at night, but growers are expecting a heavy cutting after the nights moderate.

BIG ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT NUTRITION SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN HERMISTON NEXT SATURDAY

Plans have been completed for the first school in nutrition work in Hermiston which will be held here all day Saturday, April 9. Miss Lucy Case, nutrition specialist of Oregon Agricultural college, will have charge of the school. The hours will be from 10:30 until 3:30, and the meeting will be in the Baptist church.

Cafeteria lunch will be served at noon by the members of the sewing club at a cost of 15 cents, according to Mrs. Charles Keller, project leader in home economics for the Farm Bureau, who heads the committee on arrangements.

Special entertainment numbers have been arranged for by the Hermiston commercial club after luncheon. The numbers will be under the direction of Miss Ruth Seyler, director of music in the schools.

Miss Case has been doing nutrition work and conducting schools for a number of years, and interest has been keen in her work in those localities that have had the privilege of securing her services, according to County Agent Holt.

Women from country and town alike have been invited to attend the school.

GLEE CLUBS SCORE WITH GYPSY ROVER

OPERETTA DRAWS CROWD AND A WARM RECEPTION

Work of High School in Operetta Wins Hearty Praise From Packed House.

Hermiston high school nailed another flag to the mast for musical and dramatic work well done by the manner in which the operetta, "The Gypsy Rover" was presented in the high school last Thursday night. From opening chorus to finale the offerings of the glee clubs proved entirely satisfactory to the audience that packed the room. Miss Seyler directed the production.

George Davis as the rover gave an excellent account of himself, both as regards acting and by his singing. Playing opposite him in the feminine lead, Margaret Waterman proved entirely satisfactory as Lady Constance. Her voice was very pleasing in the rendition of the singing part, and her acting was at all times adequate.

Outstanding work was done by Jack Smith who scored heavily by his interpretation of the part of Lord Craven, the ultra cautious, Rodney Davis as Sinto, a gypsy, and John Newell, were both clever in their parts, and the burglary act was one of most ably presented during the evening. Shirlee Brownson was convincing in her role as the gypsy mother, and Ruth Benseel got over as belle of the gypsy camp.

Vernon Harrah played the part of the father of Lady Constance in excellent fashion. Dorothy Hitt was very acceptable in her part as were Elba Hamrick, Don Parsons, Loren Jackson and Virginia Rodda.

One of the outstanding features of the production was the chorus singing by the cast. The work of Elizabeth Straw as accompanist was excellent throughout.

Those taking parts as gypsy children were Bonnie Jean Pollett, Barbara Campbell, Edna Little, Bruce Pollett, Eddie Parsons, Dorothy Richards and Charlotte Ralph.

Members of the chorus were Beatrice Benseel, Grace Jackson, Mera Skadsdill, Isabelle Dodd, George McKenzie, Ruth Kaiser, Dorothy Straw, Leonard Nation, Sylvia Evans, Elsie Reeder, Jane Warner, Harold Page, John Pace, Anna Galthier, Kathryn Rogers, Ernest Cox, Everett Hammon and Marian Henderson.

Special acts included an acceptable whistling solo by Mrs. Joe Udey and a skit "Of in the Stilly Night," in which Miss Seyler and Miss Crockett dispensed laughs by portraying the actions of a married couple in the dead of night when their house was being visited by burglars.

LEGION AUXILIARY RENTS OLDAKER PLACE FOR HOME

A lease has been signed by the Hermiston American Legion auxiliary on the Sam Oldaker building next to the Hermiston auditorium on Hermiston avenue.

Plans as to the occupancy of the building are still in the formative stage, but it is expected that the building will be the quarters for both the Legion post and the auxiliary. The building has two rooms 20 by 30 and a smaller room.

Sims In Hospital

M. W. Sims, local business man, is a patient in St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton where he was taken Thursday morning, March 31, for an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Sims has driven to Pendleton daily to be with her husband and said that his condition is excellent. It is probable that he will return home Sunday.

The Stork

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henriksen of Hermiston are the parents of an eight pound boy born March 31 at the Hermiston hospital.

Mrs. H. E. Hitt was a Pendleton visitor Saturday.

JAMES G. CARTER



James G. Carter, recently appointed United States minister to Liberia.

AMERICAN GUARD FIRES ON SAMPAN

Washington, D. C.—An armed guard from the American gunboat Monacacy turned riot guns on Chinese sampans on the Yangtze river Saturday. Admiral Williams, commanding American forces in China, reported to the navy department.

The American bluejackets were aboard the American steamer Chinan having been transferred to that vessel from the gunboat Monacacy to act as a guard. They were forced to fire at the Chinese, "who were determined upon revenge because of unauthorized cargo being removed due to the fact that it was endangering the ship."

Three Chinese were wounded, one probably fatally. Admiral Williams' dispatches gave Washington officials a picture of widespread agitation in China.

At Chungking, where the American consulate has been closed and at which point the Monacacy has been stationed, Chinese agitators planned a demonstration, he said, to protest against force having been used by Chinese authorities on March 31.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The typhoid epidemic which has been raging in Montreal since March 4 has reached a total of 1540 cases.

The Maryland legislature has adopted a joint resolution asking Governor Ritchie to announce his candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination.

The engagement of Miss Martha Harris of Memphis, Tenn., to Gilbert M. Hitchcock, ex-United States senator from Nebraska, has been announced.

Indiana's impeachment trial of a circuit court judge ended when the state senate acquitted Clarence W. Dearth of Muncie of charges of corruption and other high crime.

Perry S. Heath, known as the "father of the rural free delivery" and for years prominent as an editor and publisher, died at his home in Washington, D. C. after an illness of more than six weeks.

Ford Recovering From Auto Accident.

Detroit.—Henry Ford is making normal progress toward recovery from the injuries he received a week ago Sunday when the small coupe in which he was driving alone was forced from the road and crashed into a tree. The suspicion that there was anything preconcerted about the accident that forced Mr. Ford's machine off the road virtually has been abandoned.

Lairds Move On Places

The Lairds of Enterprise moved on the places west of town this week which they purchased while here a fortnight ago.

TURKEYS SHOW BIG INCREASE FOR '27

PILOT ROCK AND HERMISTON DOUBLE NUMBERS

Lower Prices Predicted by Swift Representative in Meeting at Pilot Rock

Production of turkeys in Umatilla county during 1927 will be about double what it was last year, according to information secured by local growers who attended a county wide meeting of those interested in the birds which was held at Pilot Rock last Saturday. Local growers who attended were Gilbert Smith, Gaylord Madison and J. B. Taylor.

Production over the entire northwest will be 50 per cent greater this year than it was last year, according to the statement of E. L. Martindale, in the purchasing department of Swift & Company.

Pilot Rock this year has about 2000 hens as foundation stock, and the district adjacent to Hermiston has about 1400, Gilbert Smith said. The number of birds in breeding flocks is practically double the number on ranches at this time last year.

Growers should not expect prices this year as high as those that have prevailed for the past two years, Mr. Martindale told those present Saturday. He said that he does not anticipate any drastic cut, but the fact that the supply of turkeys in cold storage amounts to 12 million birds now as against eight million this time last year, and that the surplus of other poultry in storage is, according to him, a trifle alarming, indicates that prices will be on a lower basis.

The surplus of turkeys alone is not alarming, the speaker said, and the efforts of selling agencies now being made to move these birds is expected to clear up the excess in storage as far as turkeys alone are concerned.

Saturday's meeting of turkey growers was held in connection with a session of the Grange Luncheon was served at noon, and a big crowd was present.

Talks given had to do with hatching, feeding, brooding and marketing of turkeys. A. R. Shumway of Milton had as his subject, "Potatoes and Politics." Gene Simpson, superintendent of state game farms, had a wild turkey gobbler on display. Joe Hendricks, foreman of the Pendleton farm, told of the experience gained there last season in raising wild turkeys. The subject of sanitation was discussed by a state college man, and a representative of a commercial feed company talked on balanced rations and prepared feeds.

The Pilot Rock district as a district has gone ahead of the Hermiston district as a whole in the matter of securing foundation breeding stock according to the opinion expressed by Mr. Smith on his return from the meeting.

"They had on display there some yearling toms of foreign breeding weighing 42 pounds that have been brought in to head flocks," said he. "They also have yearling hens that tip the scales at 18 pounds. While there are birds here that will compare favorably with those matings at Pilot Rock, as a district the Hermiston country is facing the necessity of paying more attention to the quality of its breeding stock if the industry is to forge ahead."

LAMBING PRETTY WELL DONE IN BUTTER CREEK DISTRICT

This year's lambing operations have been pretty well completed, according to Lee Savely, Butter creek farmer and sheep man, and the crop of lambs has proved very good.

Contracts for lambs at a price of about 10 1/2 cents per pound have been made by some sheep men. The wool market is not giving the growers any thrills, due to the low price being offered by buyers. The price most often mentioned as likely to be paid for clips is 25 cents a pound, the lowest that has prevailed for several years, Mr. Savely said.

THE FEATHERHEADS



The Annual Hysteria

