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CARSONS PRODUCE VARIETY OF GROPS

POULTRY ONE OF MAJOR LINES OF ACTIVITY

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Believe in Diversification as Vital To Project's Success.

Diversification of production in crops is not a theory with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Carson who own and operate one of the best farms on the project just northwest of Hermiston; its a practice and a habit.

Mr. Carson is so thoroughly convinced that a variety of crops should be grown on this project that he loses no opportunity to put in a word for the idea.

The presence of corn, wheat, broom corn, melons, onions, head lettuce and other garden crops, not to mention hay and pasture, on the farm indicates the degree of his interest in the subject.

This week the Carsons have been harvesting their onion crop. They had the main part of their crop in Walla Walla and Valencias. The latter is a new variety to this part of the country and has yielded well for the Carsons this year. The bulb is a big one, very firm, and its flavor is sweet.

Some summer Bermudas were also tried this year, but Mr. Carson's opinion of them as a crop to be grown here is not high.

The onion crop on the Carson place gives promise of yielding about 300 bags to the acre this year. Most of the crop will be held until later when the winter market is expected to make them worth three or four cents a pound. If the price comes up to expectation, the onion crop will set a high rate of production in terms of hard cash.

"We might just as well be getting thousands of dollars on this project out of the sale of onions," Mr. Carson declared. "We have hundreds of acres that will produce just as good crops of onions as we have been able to get here for several years, and if farmers want to take the extra pains necessary to produce them, we can have onions by the ton."

A broom crop experiment has been tried on the farm this year, and Jesse Gossage, proprietor of the broom factory at Stanfield, has inspected the crop and thinks it has done well. A price of about \$140 per ton is what the market will afford for locally grown broom this year, Mr. Carson said.

A patch of ground containing an acre and a half that is quite boggy was seeded to pasture for this summer. Alsike clover, timothy, sweet clover and blue grass were some of the kinds of seed mixed by the owner for the pasture. The alsike has done particularly well, and the pasture has carried four head of horses and a couple of cows all season. The grass has kept ahead of the stock right along.

"For wet ground I'm convinced that alsike is one of the best kinds of grass we have ever had," Mr. Carson said. "I've had it before on some of the low spots, and it makes a good growth and produces a lot of feed."

The Carsons are pioneers here in the poultry business, and their flock of Barred Rocks is rated as one of the finest in the eastern part of the state. Mrs. Carson has "adopted" the flock, and its care is a labor of love that never loses interest for her.

Calves kept together in a large pen are difficult to feed by hand unless tied. When they are loose the milk often is spilled, and the larger calves get part of the smaller ones' share. Very simple stanchions may be constructed to prevent losses of milk and to insure the equal distribution of the feed. To prevent the calves from sucking one another, it is best to keep them in the stanchions for some time after feeding. Calf stanchions are usually 36 to 40 inches high with spaces 4 to 5 inches wide for the calves' necks. Allow from 2 to 2 1/2 feet between the calves.

MISS NANCY ALEXANDER



Miss Nancy Alexander of Charlotte, N. C., the only woman member of the Southern Lumber Dealers' association, represents one of the largest western lumber concerns in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES CALIFORNIA TOWNS

Eureka, Cal.—Eureka and other towns in Humboldt county were rocked Saturday by the most severe earthquake felt here since 1906. The tremor, lasting 15 seconds, impaired the fire alarm system.

C. C. Fiske, linotype operator for the Humboldt Standard, was slightly injured when his machine careened forward. Several women fainting on downtown streets while buildings swayed and the noise of toppling chimneys and breaking dishes could be heard. Plaster was knocked from many rooms.

Reports from Scotia, Fortuna, Arcata and Ferndale stated merchandise had been shaken from shelves; glass dishes and chinaware broken and some plaster knocked down.

OREGON GAS TAX LARGE

Motorists Contribute \$15,000 Daily to Road Maintenance. Salem, Or.—Motorists in Oregon are contributing approximately \$15,000 daily to the construction and maintenance of the state's improved highways through the medium of the tax on gasoline, according to an estimate advanced by Secretary of State Kozler. This estimate is based on returns for July, which show that gasoline taxes for that month totaled approximately \$440,000, as compared to \$389,457 in the corresponding month last year. On the present basis Kozler estimates that gasoline taxes for the present year will amount to approximately \$4,000,000, as compared to \$3,535,000 in 1926.

U. S. Should Quit Ship Business.

Portland, Or.—The federal government must get out of the shipping business as soon as it can set up American ship-owners and operators who can and will retain the valuable trade routes already established for the benefit of the country at large, in the opinion of Jefferson Myers, member of the shipping board from the west coast, who has returned to his home in Portland for a few weeks' visit.

Goebel and Jensen Given Rewards.

Honolulu.—Art Goebel, Hollywood, and Martin Jensen, Honolulu, successful pilots in the Oakland-Hawaii aerial dash, were presented with checks of \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively, James D. Dole, sponsor of the flight, personally making the award. The presentation was made at an informal ceremony at the Royal Hawaiian hotel.

The full natural sweetness of the sweet potato develops only after a period of storage, the sweetness being due primarily to the presence of sucrose or cane sugar which is formed during the period.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crowder, former Hermiston residents, are the parents of a son, born recently in McMinnville.

PREMIUM LIST OF SHOW IS CHANGED

POULTRY TO RECEIVE MORE OF PRIZE MONEY

Board Works on Awards List and Plans to Enclose Grounds With New Fence.

The premium list for the annual Hermiston Dairy and Hog show will show more changes this year than for a number of years, according to directors of the organization who met last night in the office of G. H. Jenkins, assistant county agent, to make the final allotment of money.

The prize awards have been arranged for distribution so that more money than in former years will be available for those who are in the poultry and turkey business. Less money will be paid to exhibitors in the swine division than in former years. The change was made by the board as a recognition of the added importance that poultry growing has assumed on the project in the past few years.

Plans for the show are going forward rapidly. The premium list will soon be issued. Some good entertainment numbers have been secured. There will be a merry-go-round and other amusement features, including shows. The Triangle Amusement company will be here.

Plans for enclosing the fair grounds with a six foot fence will be pressed without delay, the board decided. A committee was appointed to make measurements and estimates of cost so the work can be completed before this year's show.

FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT

DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Wilburn Savely, Brother of Le. Savely, Loses Long Fight To Regain Health.

Wilburn B. Savely, 26, veteran of the World war, for two years a resident of this district on the ranch of his brother, Le Savely, died August 15 in the U. S. Veterans hospital in Portland after an illness that began last fall. He submitted to several surgical operations in an effort to regain his health.

Funeral services were conducted August 17 in the funeral parlors of Edward Holden & Sons with the pastor of the Hawthorne M. E. church in charge. Burial was made in Lincoln Memorial cemetery. The Woodmen of the World and the American Legion assisted in the services. Military honors were paid the veteran. Comrades who served with him in the marine corps served as pallbearers, and Legion men composed the firing squad.

Survivors include the widow and three children, Norman, Bernice and Ellen, of Portland, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savely, a sister, Mrs. W. N. Harris, all of Franklin, Kentucky; Miss Nell Savely, a sister, Athena; and two brothers, Hugh Savely, Portland, and Lee Savely, Echo.

The deceased worked for his brother on Butter creek in 1914 and 1915, later going to Pendleton and then to Portland. He was in the business of contracting the laying and finishing of hardwood floors for several years in Portland. He enlisted in the marine corps while still a minor and was on the front in active service for 11 months.

Lee Savely was with his brother at the time of his death.

Tonsils Are Removed

Ethel Kennings submitted to an operation for the removal of her tonsils in the Hermiston hospital last Friday.

One of the real pioneers of the project from the point of view of time of residence is George Patterson, now of Burley, Idaho, but for about 18 years a Hermistonian. He left about two years ago and is in the government service there. He has been here this week looking after business matters.

SIGN FOR AIRPLANES IS PAINTED BY STANRAAD OIL

Hermiston is on the map in the sense that it can be located from the air by airplanes that might be passing over the city during daylight, according to information divulged at the weekly luncheon of the commercial club Tuesday.

A letter from Governor Patterson that accompanied a letter from Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, in which the latter asked that the name of the town be painted in large letters on top of a building in the city, was read to the club.

The name Hermiston has been painted on top of the Standard Oil Co. building west of town. This action was taken by the company in all the fields it serves in the northwest.

NEW LEASE TAKEN BY LOCAL HOSPITAL

INSTITUTION TO OCCUPY E. P. ILLSLEY HOME

Need For More Room Causes Move on Part of Mrs. J. D. Harrah Hospital Owner.

The property on Ridgway avenue owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Illsley has been leased by Mrs. J. D. Harrah and will be the home of the Hermiston hospital after September 1. Arrangements for the change in location of the hospital were completed last week.

The Illsley house contains nine rooms. The upstairs will be used for hospital work and will give twice the room that is available in the present location. In addition a big sleeping porch can be used for convalescent patients at most seasons of the year, if necessary.

The growth of business for the hospital made the change in location necessary, Mrs. Harrah stated. It has been impossible to handle all of the cases seeking care. In addition to the advantage of the added room, changes will be made so that minor surgical operations can be performed.

The present residence that houses the hospital is owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs, and they will occupy it after Mr. and Mrs. Harrah move.

Mr. and Mrs. Illsley will move into their home on Gladys avenue, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Simons. The latter will occupy the Cressy house, next door to the library.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

HONORED AT PICNIC PARTY

A picnic party for members of the American Legion and the ladies auxiliary was held Sunday evening under the joint auspices of the two organizations. The party was a honor of J. M. Biggs, district committeeman, and for Mrs. H. E. Shesley, member of the executive committee from this district for the Auxiliary.

About a score were in attendance. The afternoon and early evening was spent on the beach at Umatilla where refreshments were served, and afterward the members returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shesley.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

ISSUES PROJECT PROSPECTUS

Copies of a prospectus of the Umatilla project, prepared and issued by the bureau of reclamation, have been received by the district board.

The prospectus consists of three pages of mimeographed work. It deals with soil, water supply, crops, types of farming and similar subjects.

Copies may be secured at the district office for prospective settlers. The bureau of reclamation makes a practice of issuing such material to describe federal projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sullivan and children are here from Portland to spend their vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Sullivan.

FLOWER SHOW TO BE SEPTEMBER 6

BLOSSOMS OF LOCAL GARDENS IN COMPETITION

Community Club Backing Affair and Big Number of Entries Is Expected.

Tuesday, September 6, has been designated by the Hermiston Community club as the date for the annual flower show, and a request to flower lovers who expect to compete to begin preparing for the affair has been made by the committee in charge.

The place of the show has not been determined, but the committee plans to have the displays in a downtown space if arrangements can be made. Two years ago the show was held in the basement of the library. No admission fee is charged, and the club will display the flowers in the center of town if possible so that more people can see the products of local gardens.

Prizes will be offered for the best exhibits in the following varieties: Roses, asters, snapdragons, dahlias, zinnias, Shasta daisy and gailardias, and also for the best collection or general display.

Competition will be open to flower growers of the Hermiston district only, but exhibits from other districts for display purposes will be welcomed. Two years ago a number of flower lovers from Umatilla had some very beautiful displays.

Local growers have also been invited to bring flowers not for competition with which to decorate the show room.

The judges for the show have not been chosen but will be from out of town. The service committee of the Community club is in charge of arrangements. Members include Mrs. W. L. Hamm, Mrs. F. B. Swayze, Mrs. C. C. Durfee and Mrs. C. M. Jackson.

CARSONS RECEIVE PREMIUM

FOR EGGS FOR HATCHING

A premium of 12 cents per dozen above the Portland price is being received by Mrs. S. L. Carson for eggs from her Barred Rock flock. The eggs are being used by a Corvallis hatchery for incubating.

The Carson flock has won an excellent reputation for itself among breeders, and the high standard of the flock has enabled Mrs. Carson to get a premium for hatching eggs during the greater part of the year. She expects to sell eggs for hatching to the hatchery in Corvallis during the fall and early winter.

The Carsons operate a hatchery of their own during the late winter and spring months and have built up quite a baby chick business.

HOOSIERS READY FOR BIG

PICNIC AT STANFIELD

Persons who were born or who have lived in Indiana will gather at the Stanfield park next Sunday in the annual Hoosier reunion of former residents of that state. Plans for the day's activities have been completed by the committee on program activities.

At noon a big picnic dinner will be eaten. Those who attend have been requested to bring food, cups, silverware and plates.

A number of former Hoosiers living in Pendleton will be present, according to information gathered by Mrs. W. L. Blessing while in Pendleton Tuesday.

Notwithstanding the growing importance of the specialized poultry flock and of the commercial farm flock, the general farm flock is still the backbone of the poultry industry from the standpoint of volume of production. The farm flock, though ordinarily small and only one of a number of farm activities, in the aggregate makes up more than 80 per cent of the total egg production.

Calves intended for baby beef should be started on some grain when from 4 to 6 weeks old.

JOHN F. MALLEY



John F. Malley of Boston, who was elected grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. Elks at the meeting of the grand lodge at Cincinnati.

WINTER WHEAT AREA INCREASING

Washington, D. C.—Farmers are intending to sow this fall an acreage of winter wheat 13.7 per cent greater and an acreage of rye 20 per cent greater than was sown last fall, the department of agriculture announced, after compiling farmers' intentions as expressed August 1.

Intentions as to winter wheat, if carried out, would mean a total of 48,637,000 acres, as compared with 42,251,000 acres sown last fall.

The intended acreage of winter wheat would be larger than was planted in any year with the exception of the fall of 1918, when 51,543,000 acres were sown. The intention to plant exceed the acreage actually planted last fall in all states except Oregon and possibly California.

Most of the increase in intentions as compared with intentions last year at this time is reported from Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma where present intentions are 2,000,000 acres above those reported a year ago. It is worth noting, said the crop reporting board, that in these states the cost of harvesting winter wheat is being reduced by the increased use of combines.

Other states where farmers show intentions materially above those reported last year include Montana and Washington, where there has been some shift from spring wheat, and some of the central corn belt states where there is considerable land which farmers were unable to plant to spring crops this year.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

John Oliver, 71, for nine years premier of British Columbia, died after an illness of several months.

The will of James Oliver Curwood, author and conservationist, who died recently, makes bequests totaling more than \$400,000.

E. C. Callaway, for eight years city chemist of Portland, Or., has been appointed dean of the College of Pharmacy of Des Moines, Iowa, university.

As a part of its investigation into smuggling across the international border, the Canadian customs commission is to sit in Washington, D. C., this month.

A warning to missionary organizations that it would be "highly inadvisable" for Americans to return to the interior of China at this time without consulting consular officers in the interior districts was issued by the state department.

The dry cow about to freshen should be fed a laxative ration, wheat bran and linseed oil meal being desirable in the grain ration, and corn silage and legume hay for roughages. The ration should not contain too much roughage feeds at this time.

Mrs. Logan Todd is in Portland as a guest of relatives.

OREGON POULTRY MAN IS WINNER

DISABLED VETERAN MAKES A RECORD WITH FLOCK

Gross Income of \$8,000.00 Annually Built up From Nothing is Thompson's Mark.

(Editor's Note: The following story, "From Nothing but his Nerve to \$8,000 a Year," by Andrew S. Wing is reproduced from September Farm and Fireside by special permission. It relates the success in poultry growing attained by a man under handicap of physical weakness in a country generally considered much less favored by nature to be a big poultry country than Hermiston.)

When George F. Thompson started poultry farming in 1922 on the Tumalo project near Bend, in central Oregon, he had little to go on except his nerve.

His health was poor from illness contracted in the army, an illness which had kept him in the hospital for a year and had prevented him from working for four years.

The 40 acre tract from which he paid \$2,300 was good land but it was covered with trees and sagebrush, which he had to clear off. He new little of the poultry business except what he had learned in two short courses, lasting a year and a half, at Oregon Agricultural College.

Yet all these, and other handicaps couldn't hold George Thompson back.

That very first year, 1922, he saved only 187 pullets out of 470 bred baby chicks. But in spite of that he earned \$960 that first year. His hens averaged \$4.50 on the average above feed costs. He more than doubled his profits the next year and the year after that. In 1925 those same 40 acres grossed \$6,000.

In four years he has paid for his land, buildings, a sedan and a smaller car in addition to providing a good living for himself, a wife and two children.

The poultry industry, which was very small in the Tumalo district until George Thompson came, has, following his lead, developed into a big thing. In 1922 there were only 375 baby chicks, shipped into Tumalo; in 1925 there were 51,000. It is fast becoming an important poultry center.

But to get the real story you must go behind these facts to the man himself. That is what I did during a recent trip to that part of Oregon which lies just east of the great Cascade range and near the headwaters of the Deschutes river. Not that Thompson likes to talk about himself. He will talk hens and quote figures by the yard, but more or less pools the heroic part of the story which begins at the time he was taken sick with spinal meningitis, while at Camp Lewis as a member of Battery D, 348th Field Artillery.

"There's really not much to tell," he said as we walked around the farm watching the active White Leghorns on range and inspecting the neatly kept poultry houses. "Our sandy soil is rich and we have plenty of water. We can grow alfalfa and other legumes in profusion, thus providing a cheap source of proteins. The climate is mild and we have sunshine nearly 365 days out of the year."

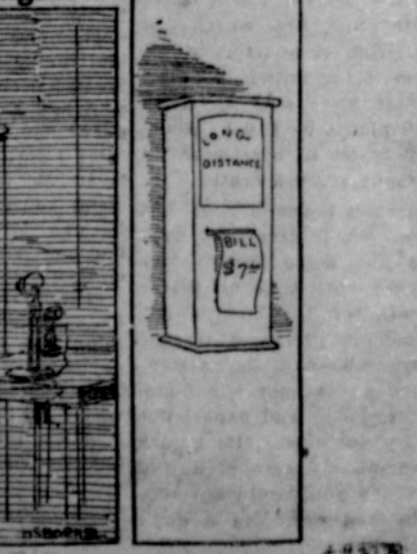
"With these factors in my favor all it took was some hard work and a little figuring. You can't accomplish anything without work—can you?—not even in the magazine business."

I can't quote Thompson on his army and hospital experience, nor on his disheartening period of recuperation following his release from the hospital, because he wouldn't talk about these things except to say that the reports had been greatly exaggerated. But here are the facts as I gained them elsewhere:

George F. Thompson was born 40 years ago on a Nebraska farm and was raised in western Kansas. At an early age he was cast upon the

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THE FEATHERHEADS



By Osborne

Felix Is Too Thoughtful

