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2529 TURKEYS ARE SHIPPED IN POOL

GROWERS NET \$11,498.40 FOR CAR AND A HALF

Two Thirds of Birds Made No. 1 Grade on First Shipment Handled Here.

The Christmas pool of turkeys made up by local growers and sold through the Idaho Co-operative Growers' association, which was assembled in Hermiston last Friday and Saturday, included 2529 birds that netted growers the sum of \$11,498.40, according to figures given out by New Madden, chairman of the local association, following a check after the shipment had been completed.

The December pool made up one and a half carloads. The average price received from all of the birds sold, irrespective of the grade they made, was a fraction less than \$4.54 per head net to the grower.

Of the total pool for December, 842 birds, or about 33 per cent, went into No. 2 grade. During the first day of assembling, some growers thought the grading was being done on too strict lines, but as the grading work was watched practically all of the growers expressed themselves as satisfied with the showing made for the first year's work of the pool, Mr. Madden said.

Of the 842 No. 2 birds, between 200 and 250 had to be thrown out of the No. 1 grade on account of not having been bled thoroughly enough to qualify them for the eastern coast market, as the graders explained to growers. Heretofore, local growers who have done their own dressing have had to meet requirements for the Pacific coast market. The short haul to the coast makes it possible for birds to be accepted as No. 1 for that market when they could not meet the competition after the haul across the continent on the Atlantic coast.

About half of the remainder of the No. 2 birds failed to make No. 1 grade because they had been improperly fed. The balance were graded down on account of abrasions on the skin in catching or dressing, for crooked bones, or some other imperfections that will mar their value in the retail market.

The record made here by the local growers in their first experience in dressing their own birds under the Idaho association's stiff requirements was much better than the Idaho growers did in their first year, according to the statement made by Don A. Whittig, of Meridian, Idaho, the expert grader sent here by the association to represent the local growers.

The Idaho growers have learned new pointers each of the four years they have dressed and shipped co-operatively, Mr. Whittig stated. This year the Idaho pool growers were able to feed and dress expertly enough to make 90 per cent of their birds grade No. 1. Local growers by exercising care should be able to show a gradual increase in the percentage of No. 1 birds. Mr. Whittig also called attention to the fact that the exceptionally mild weather that has prevailed during the fattening period has made it very difficult to put on fat. The birds continued to make growth, rather than fattening as they would if colder weather had prevailed.

"Most of our growers have expressed satisfaction over the way the pool was handled," Mr. Madden said. "The knowledge we gained about the turkey business by watching the

E. S. BARNARD



E. S. Barnard, who was elected president of the American baseball league to succeed Ban Johnson.

OREGON FARM HAND SLAYS GIRL FRIEND

Condon, Or.—Viola Richmond, daughter of John Richmond, farmer, was shot to death and her friend, Velma Raimey, school teacher, was wounded seriously by Ray Ferguson, 20, hired man on the Hay creek ranch adjoining the Richmond holdings.

Miss Raimey had been visiting at the Richmond home and Ferguson was driving the two girls to the Raimey home, a few miles distant. He stopped the car and remarked that a tire was flat. A moment later he attacked the girls with a hammer. They fled through a fence and Ferguson drove his car through the fence after them, shooting the Richmond girl with a shotgun, virtually blowing off the top of her head.

The Raimey girl stooped over the body of her friend and Ferguson turned the gun on her, wounding her in the shoulder.

Graders convinced me that we need to learn more about feeding breeding better class of birds. I'm convinced that we can't have too much quality.

"We all of us know, too, that it is a real job to bleed and dress turkeys. Another time we will be able to cut down the percentage of No. 2 birds by using greater care in bleeding the birds properly.

"I am convinced, too, that the turkey business is like any other business in that it is wise to grow into it. In other words, I think it is a good idea to start on a comparatively small scale and expand as one learns all of the facts that will enable one to put the birds on the market in the best possible condition for the highest possible price, and so assure the broadest margin or profit."

One Pilot Rock grower joined the local pool and brought down a truckload of turkeys for which he received a check for \$1200.

Quite a number of birds still remain on the project, due to the fact that the weather has not been favorable for fattening, and present plans are to make another pool shipment from here sometime early in January.

Mrs. Bert Haneline was hostess at a luncheon at her home Saturday. After the luncheon three tables of bridge were in play with Mrs. F. C. McKenzie winning high score prize and Mrs. J. L. Waller, low.

WALENTA CALLS HIS SQUAD OF HOOPSTERS

28 MEN ANSWER FIRST CALL ON TUESDAY

Early Season Crew Largest Ever Reporting; Schedule Is Being Planned.

Basketball practice was started last Tuesday in the auditorium and much interest was shown by the fact that twenty-eight boys turned out. This is the largest turnout for basketball Hermiston has ever had and with last year's veterans and so much new material Hermiston ought to be represented by one of the strongest teams in the district.

Coach Walenta will give the first few weeks to drilling on fundamentals and conditioning, as he did in football. If his drills have the same effect in basketball as in football, the locals will be a hard bunch to check.

A schedule is being made up, but so far nothing is certain but a game with Pendleton will be asked for. Other probable games are Boardman, Umatilla, Stanfield, Pilot Rock, Weston and Athena.

New shoes have been ordered and new suits will probably be ordered in the next few days. The past football season was a success in battles won and financially. This fact will enable the locals to buy new basketball uniforms.

Veterans back from last year are: Newell and Kennings, guards, and McKenzie forward. Other men who did not earn letters last year but will likely fill a berth this year are Jack Smith, Felthouse, Blessing, Earnheart and Davis. Another man, Jewel Smith, who centered for Pilot Rock last year, but who is attending school here now, is also promising material.

PRaise GIVEN KITTY SHORT BY CRITIC IN CALIFORNIA

Featured as a soloist on the Hollywood Plaza Salon program last night, Kitty Short scored a success that was little short of sensational, according to a press notice she received in a California paper. Her voice which has been developed in the studio of F. X. Arens, is a lyric soprano, radiant of tone, and sufficiently agile for the most exacting ornamental passages. She sang the runs in Verdi's "Ernani Involami" as clearly and accurately as if she was intoning them on a woodwind instrument. Her high notes were effortless and her trill is true, rapid and brilliant.

Father Dies

Mrs. Alfred C. Swarner received a telegram stating her father, David Weary, died at his home at Carlisle, Penna. Had Mr. Weary lived until Dec. 11 he would have been 83 years old.

The Stork

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Phelps are the parents of a baby girl weighing eight and a half pounds, born this morning at the Hermiston hospital.

Mrs. J. J. Neary, Mrs. George Shelton and Mrs. A. M. Sunstrup entertained at the home of the latter Thursday afternoon at the last of two parties given by them during the week. Bridge was played at four tables, and prizes were won by Mrs. George Briggs, Mrs. J. S. Harvey, Mrs. W.W. Felthouse, Mrs. Thomas Fraser and Mrs. W. A. Leathers.

NUTRITION SCHOOL TALKS CONCLUDED HERE TUESDAY

Miss Lucy Case of the extension service of O. A. C. was here Tuesday for the fourth and last of a series of lectures on dietetics and food demonstrations. A good attendance was present at both the morning and afternoon meetings.

The morning was spent in a study of foods made with a milk basis and the value of milk in the daily diet. In the afternoon Miss Case spoke on "Training the Family in Good Food Habits." This series of talks has been sponsored by the Farm Bureau and was secured through the efforts of County Agent Holt.

MANY TURKEYS KEPT FOR NEXT YEAR'S BREEDING

About 130 head of turkey hens out of the flock grown this year by Dr. Beletski have been sold to project farmers for breeding stock for use next year. The flock of Dr. Beletski is said to have made about as good a record for size of birds and early maturity of any on the project, and the quality attained by the birds caused them to be in demand as foundation stock.

Prospects now are that next year's crop of turkeys will be much larger than this year's which is the biggest in the history of the industry here. Some new growers will make their initial venture in the business next year, but the greatest increase is expected to come in enlargement of flocks that were started this year, or in previous years.

PROMINENT BOARDMAN MAN PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Funeral services for Charles H. Atteberry, prominent resident of Boardman, were held in the Adventist church there last Thursday afternoon with Rev. Watson in charge.

Death was caused by heart disease and came suddenly Tuesday while Mr. Atteberry was helping unload baled hay at Boardman. He was past 60 years old and had spent the past nine years in the Boardman district where he had engaged in farming and poultry raising.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lottie Atteberry, three brothers, two of whom live at Boardman, and two sisters, one in California and one in Illinois. He also had a wide circle of friends.

NEW TURKEY BREEDING STOCK IS PURCHASED

Mrs. F. L. Jewett plans to expand the turkey raising business on the Jewett ranch next year, and one of the first moves in her plan was the purchase of some new breeding stock. She purchased a young tom from Mrs. Reeves of Stanfield and also bought seven turkey pullets from an Ione breeder. The pullets, Mammoth Bronze birds, all weighed between 14 and 15 pounds, and their breeding is excellent.

The Jewett birds this year were sold through the pool.

"One thing that I don't understand about the grading is that prime hens brought two cents a pound less than the toms," said Mrs. Jewett. "We sold some birds privately to friends at Thanksgiving, and almost without exception they wanted the hens in preference to toms and were glad to pay as much for the hens as toms bring. I can see the justice in cutting the price on faulty birds, but I don't see why a prime hen should not bring the same price as a prime tom."

H. MASON DAY



H. Mason Day, vice-president of the Sinclair Exploration, who was arrested in Washington charged with conspiring to influence jurors in the Fall-Sinclair case.

COURT WILL UPHOLD CITY OIL TRADE

Washington, D. C.—The supreme court indicated that it would decide in favor of Lincoln, Neb., on a suit brought by the Standard Oil and other oil companies to prevent the city from operating gasoline and oil filling stations.

The court, by refusing to hear counsel for the city, indicated that in its view municipalities could engage in selling gasoline and oil to their citizens at cost without violating the federal constitutional rights of privately owned filling stations.

Counsel for the private oil companies insisted that the competition from the city had resulted in making their business unprofitable, and denied that there was any emergency or public welfare which warranted the municipal engaging in the business.

Questions from Chief Justice Taft and other members indicated that the court was impressed with the idea that municipalities could engage in such business under former decisions of the court.

N. W. Bloom has been confined to his home for several days on account of illness.

The Farm Bureau Auxiliary met Thursday, December 2, in the Columbia school house, with a good attendance. Because of the activity of some of the members in work connected with the turkey shipment on that date the meeting was short. The Auxiliary will take over the providing of refreshments and entertainment at the social meetings of the Farm Bureau in the future. The next meeting of the organization will be held January 6, 1928, in the club house in Columbia park, at 2 P. M., instead of 2:30.

The winters back in Missouri are usually too cold for comfort so this winter W. V. Wright of near Kirksville decided he would come to Oregon. Accordingly, he came to Hermiston and is a guest at the home of his brother, F. R. Wright. "I don't feel the cold here like I do during the winter back in Missouri," said the visitor. "I like it here, and it looks to me like a mighty fine place to live and farm. The cull potatoes left in my brother's patch after he had taken off a crop of No. 1 stuff would have been considered a pretty good patch back where I came from." Mr. Wright expects to be here practically all winter.

CHEESE FACTORY IS OPERATED ON FARM

ANDY ANDEREGG HAS MODERN PLANT ON PLACE

Milk of 30 Cows to be Utilized By Spring in Making of Swiss Cheese.

(BY MRS. CHAS. TAYLOR)
A visit to the cheese factory of Andy Anderegg on the north edge of the project is decidedly worth while, partly to see and learn about this new local industry and partly to see and know Mr. Anderegg, and what he has accomplished on his 60 acre ranch in three months.

Swiss cheese from this plant is finding a ready market in Portland, Mr. Anderegg says, and he is planning to milk 30 cows in the spring, almost double the number he is milking now. Visitors are at the plant every day, a large number of them from a distance, who say that they have heard of his product and wish to buy.

Two things remain with the visitor to the cheese factory as distinct impressions; the extreme care and cleanliness in every step of the cheese production, and the courtesy and industry of the owner. One is first shown the cheese factory proper, a cement building with implements of the trade all about in neat array. In the center of the room is a large vat, where the whole milk from the fine Holstein herd is emptied. Each evening the day's milk is made up. It is heated to the right temperature and when it clabbers, the whey is siphoned off, the thick mass is thoroughly stirred with a cheese rake and scooped out into forms on a side table, weighted and left until the next day. So simple it sounds, but Mr. Anderegg has a reputation of many years, standing as an expert cheese maker, so it may not be quite so simple.

Perhaps the catch comes in the later care of the product, for after being removed from the forms, the embryo cheese are carried to the cheese cellar, a circular concrete building nearby, where they are salted. This is done by spreading a layer of fine ches salt on the bottom of a box, laying cheese upon it, another layer of salt goes on this and then more cheeses, then salt over all. This is repeated for three days, for the cheese absorbs all the salt. The next step is to move the cheese to wooden racks built about the sides of the cellar, where they are washed every other day for three weeks in a mixture of water, salt and whey. At each washing they are turned. This part of the process is known as the ripening. When this is completed each cheese is dipped twice in paraffine, wrapped in heavy waxed paper and laid aside for shipment to Portland or other markets.

"I make about 30 pounds of cheese every day," said Mr. Anderegg. "I get more for my milk than I would if I sold the cream. I do not use gasoline to take the cream to town and I do not lose the time I would spend going there, for no matter how good our intentions are, if you get to town you will talk and visit and you are accomplishing nothing for at least half a day. This way, I am using that half a day to improve my place."

A great measure of Mr. Anderegg's success must lie in the care he takes for the comfort of his producing herd. He has built a large barn and will enlarge this in the spring.

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THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



The cute socks of my boy—By Annie Doby

A NON-URGENT SAVING NOTE