

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

# The Hermiston Herald

U. of O. Library

VOL. XXII

HERMISTON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

NO. 15

## EGG COST STUDIES ARE REPORTED ON

VARIATION ON COMMERCIAL EGG FARMS SHOWN

Range in Cost Runs From 14 to 56 Cents per Dozen, Station Report Discloses.

The cost of producing a dozen eggs in Oregon ranges from 14 to 56 cents per dozen, according to the first year's study of the subject made by the Oregon Experiment station. The findings of the stations for the year ending November 1, 1926, have just been received here. The study will be made over a three year period.

The survey was made by field men after visits to 134 commercial egg producing plants where cost records and receipts were secured. The total number of hens kept on these commercial poultry farms was 80,288, and during the year they laid 1,544,645 eggs, an average production of 173 per year. The average cost of production was 27.9 cents per dozen. Of this total cost, 65 per cent represents cash out of pocket cost, and 35 per cent was furnished by the farm.

The flocks on which records were kept were in the coast region, the Willamette valley, southern Oregon, the central part of the state and in eastern Oregon. Six Umatilla county flocks were included in the survey.

The size of flocks ranged from 119, the smallest, to 2,640, with the average 599.

The average investment per farm in stock, buildings, land, etc., was found to be \$2869, or \$4.79 per hen. Of this investment 31 per cent was in hens, 30.4 per cent in laying houses, 13 per cent in poultry land and 11.9 per cent in other poultry buildings, with the remainder spread over auto and truck, other machinery and equipment and poultry feed.

Slightly less than 21 per cent of the cost of producing a dozen eggs was for labor, all except one per cent of which was furnished by the operator or his family. Feed costs ran to 53.4 per cent, miscellaneous 17 per cent and depreciation and interest on investment 8.8 per cent.

Yield was found to be a big factor in cost of production. The report had the following to say in this respect: "The importance per hen cost per hen increases with increasing egg production, the cost per dozen steadily declines. Higher egg production also requires better feeding. Yet it pays."

On three farms having a total of 1361 hens on which production was at the rate of 203 eggs average, the cost per dozen for eggs produced was between 14 and 16 cents per dozen. For 70 of the farms in the survey on which 56 per cent of the hens included in the whole survey were found the cost per dozen eggs ranged from 14 to 28 cents. On four farms having a total of 2370 hens with an average production of 125 eggs annually, the cost per dozen ranged from 44 to 56 cents per dozen.

Hermiston post of the American Legion has booked a traveling attraction from the east for the regular dance next Saturday night, December 17. According to the advance agent for the stunt, real horses are used in a thrilling race on the dance floor ridden by jockeys chosen from among the dancers.

COL. N. B. JUDAH



Col. N. B. Judah, prominent Chicago lawyer, who has been appointed ambassador to Cuba by President Coolidge.

## DRAIN OPPOSES POLL ON PROHIBITION

Spokane, Wash.—Demand that Edward E. Spafford, national commander of the American Legion, withdraw his statement asking for a national poll of legion posts on the prohibition question, was issued here by General Jas. A. Drain, past national commander of the legion.

General Drain's demand was incorporated in a telegram addressed to National Commander Spafford, copies of which he announced he was sending to all national officers of the legion and all state commanders. Contending that the national commander does not "have a right to direct or even to suggest a poll upon a highly controversial national political question," General Drain insists that "it is your duty to aid and therefore you will issue a public statement of correction."

New York.—A poll to ascertain the attitude of the membership of the American legion and its women's auxiliary toward prohibition is to be made, Edward E. Spafford, national commander of the American legion, announced here.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The 1928 republican national convention will be held in Kansas City, beginning Tuesday, June 12.

More power to control and direct railroad consolidation policies was sought from congress by the interstate commerce commission.

The interstate bridge connecting Portland, Or., and Vancouver, Wash., will be toll free after December 31, 1928, save for a small franchise toll placed on common carriers.

Amendment of the 1924 immigration act to apply its quota provisions to Mexico, Cuba, Canada and other countries of continental America is provided in a bill introduced in congress by Representative Box, democrat, Texas.

Two million married women in the United States are working daily for gain outside their homes, according to the annual report of Secretary of Labor Davis.

## The Stork

An 8 pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chaney of Irrigon at the Hermiston hospital Saturday, Dec. 10.

## MONTANA MAN BUYS HIATT PLACE HERE FOR HOME

New residents of Hermiston are W. A. Sloan, formerly of Montana, and his mother, Mrs. W. H. Southard, formerly of Kansas. They purchased the Ursei Hiatt place of five acres west of town last week, and are making their home on the property.

Mr. Sloan lived for many years at Lyons, Montana. He made a trip of inspection over the project about two years ago and decided that he would like to live here. His desire was strengthened on his second trip, and the purchase of the place was the result. The deal was for cash and was handled by J. M. Biggs.

## CHAIRMAN MADDEN EXPLAINS TURKEY PRICE DIFFERENTIAL

Lower Price for Hens Result of Eastern Market Demands, He Declares

The question asked by Mrs. F. L. Jewett as published in last week's Herald on why there was a differential of two cents per pound in the prices paid for toms and turkey hens in the Christmas pool, was referred to New Madden, chairman of the local association.

"Some of the rest of us wondered about that differential, just as Mrs. Jewett did," said Mr. Madden, "so we inquired of Mrs. Brink, manager of the association. She informed us that in the eastern markets there is quite often a discrimination against hens in price.

"The buyer of this year's Christmas pool bought for the eastern market, and his bid was on the basis of a higher price for toms than for hens. Before the sale was closed by the association, bids of other buyers that made no discrimination against hens in price were figured, and the bid of the Caldwell concern was found to be higher on the average for both toms and hens than any other bid.

"So we received more money for our turkeys under the bid accepted than if other bids made on the basis of the same price for toms and hens had been accepted.

Mr. Madden said that the western markets as a general thing do not pay less for hens than toms, and in some cases the hens are preferred.

## HERMISTON TO SEE NEW FORD HERE WEDNESDAY

Model of Machine Will Be Shown At Kellogg Motor Company Rooms From 9 to 2.

Residents of Hermiston and surrounding territory will have an opportunity to see the new Ford car next Wednesday, December 21, when one of the machines will be on display in the show rooms of the Kellogg Motor Co.

The hours of display will be from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M., and arrangements are being made to care for a big crowd.

The machine will be taken away a few minutes after 2 o'clock, and those desiring to see it should be at the show rooms between the hours designated, Mr. Kellogg stated.

## New Residents Arrive

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Christley, formerly of Baker, arrived Monday to make their home on the Leathers ranch for which they traded a short time ago. They brought their household goods by truck. Mr. Christley plans to run quite a lot of livestock on his place and will have a big dairy herd.

## SOUTH SEA FAILS TO HOLD CHAMPION

LOCAL MAN RETURNS AFTER A 17000 MILE TRIP

New Zealand Beautiful But Work There not Agreeable, C. C. Champion Finds.

The island countries in the South Seas are interesting to see and visit but not particularly desirable as places for Americans to live, according to C. C. Champion, Hermiston resident who spent four months in traveling 17,000 miles on a trip that took him as far as Australia. He returned this week and is a guest at the home of M. and Mrs. Reeder.

He made the trip to work for a New Zealand beekeeper as a specialist in the breeding of queens, but he remained at the big apiary little more than a month.

"New Zealand is a beautiful country," said Mr. Champion, "but I do not like to work there, due to the fact that the residents are about 95 per cent English. They resent seeing Americans there to work. Dairies, apiaries and sheep ranches are the chief businesses, and the farmers make money. I never saw such pastures. The dairies range in size from 100 to 500 cows. Honey production is in the hands of about a dozen big producers. Co-operative marketing prevails among the farmers."

Mr. Champion plans to leave soon for Chicago to visit relatives. From there he will go to Tennessee to visit his parents. He expects to return to Hermiston in the spring.

"I'd rather live in Hermiston than any place I've ever been or seen, so I'm coming back," he said.

At Vancouver, B. C. where the boat docked the snow was seven inches deep, quite a contrast to the summer weather that prevails in the southern hemisphere, Mr. Champion said.

## FARM ACCOUNTS SCHOOLS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

R. S. Besse From O. A. C. To Be Here Early Next Month To Aid in Work.

An opportunity will be afforded for farmers in the area bounded on the east by Stanfield and on the west by Boardman to take a day off and use lead pencils and paper in figuring their farm finances early in January when three schools in farm accounting will be held under the direction of R. S. Besse, specialist from O. A. C.

The dates set for the school are January 3-6, and they probably will be held in Boardman, Hermiston and Stanfield, but the specific date of each school has not been determined.

The schools should prove beneficial in that it may be possible for individual operators to make some practical adjustments in their organization to increase income, according to Mr. Besse.

The school will be different from most meetings in that it will not be a "talking" gathering, but a "working" meeting with farmers doing their own work.

## Seals Being Sold

The sale of Christmas seals in Hermiston is in the hands of the American Legion auxiliary with Mrs. Rena Waterman as chairman in charge. Canvassing of the town has been underway this week.

JUSTICE F. L. SIDDONS



Justice F. L. Siddons, who presided at the trial of Albert B. Fall and Harry Sinclair on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the Teapot Dome oil reserve.

## I. C. C. RAILROAD VALUATIONS UPHELD

St. Louis, Mo.—The railroad's contention for valuation on basis of cost of reproduction new was given a blow when a special court of three federal judges upheld the valuation of the St. Louis & O'Fallon railroad as fixed by the interstate commerce commission largely on the basis of original cost.

This was a test case, involving a difference of more than \$10,000,000,000 in the value of the nation's railroads. The opinion was written by Kimbrough Stone, circuit judge, and concurred in by Arba S. Van Valkenburg, circuit judge, and C. B. Farris, district judge.

The case has been called "the biggest lawsuit in history," because of its acceptance by both the interstate commerce commission and the railroads as a test of the principles and methods to be employed in valuation of all the railroads of the country, both for the purpose of rate making and for the recapture by the federal government of one-half of excess earnings above 6 per cent.

## BILLIONS SPENT ON ROADS

Federal Aid Less Than Eight Percent of Total.

Washington, D. C.—The nation's yearly highway bill exceeds \$1,000,000,000, including all expenditures of the federal, state, county and other local governments, for construction, maintenance and administration.

In making this announcement, T. H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, said the federal government expenditure was less than 8 per cent, and the states spent, of their own funds, more than six times the amount they received as federal aid.

Federal payments last year totaled \$81,371,013, or about \$6,000,000 less than the previous year, which in turn was \$8,000,000 lower than the year before.

## American Mobbed in Bucharest.

Bucharest.—The United States minister has handed the foreign office a note protesting against the wounding of Captain Gutfried Keller of Pennsylvania, whom a mob of rioting students insulted and stabbed at Gross Wardein. The note demanded immediate satisfaction for Keller's maltreatment. An official statement admitted that many persons had been seriously injured in the Gross Wardein riots.

## COW TESTING WORK BEING DONE HERE

FIRST MONTH'S TESTS UNDER WAY ON PROJECT

Three More Days Available for Testing, Jenkins is Told By Holt.

Dairy herds in the Hermiston district are being tested this week on the first monthly round of Ernest Houser, official tester for the association formed last month by dairy men of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

His work started in the east end of the county, and on December 9 he tested at Stanfield. On the 10th he started on the Hermiston herds, and will finish tomorrow, Friday. From here he will go to Umatilla, Irrigon, Boardman and Ione.

Mr. Houser has reported that interest in the testing work on the part of dairy men is pronounced, and excellent co-operation is being extended him by the producers. He has found a number of dairy men, not now members of the association, who have expressed a desire to join.

County Agent Holt just notified me that three days in each month are still available for dairy men not now enrolled in the association," G. H. Jenkins, assistant county agent, said Wednesday, "and the time of the tester may be used in the Hermiston district if there are still herds in groups close enough together. The first district in the two counties making application for testing will secure the services of the tester for the three days not now taken, so applications should be made without delay."

Dairy men in the west end of the county whose herds have either been tested, or are to be tested during the remainder of the month, are as follows:

Stanfield—S. R. Cooper, F. A. Baker.

Hermiston—T. H. Haddox, R. H. Stockard, Lee Moore, Andy Anderson, Henry Sommerer, J. C. Todd, Sylvan Pearson, W. G. Webber, H. G. McCulley, W. A. Hincine, Cleve Clark, P. P. Sullivan, L. C. Dyer, Joe Dyer, Umatilla—L. C. Burchett.

Irrigon—R. Vernon Jones, F. H. Reiks, John Paxton, Roy Barker, Charles Benefiel.

Boardman—Paul Smith, I. Skovbo.

Ione—C. C. Cool, G. Ellis Minor.

## PILOT ROCK SINGER WINS

SECOND PRIZE IN CONTEST

Ted Roy of Pilot Rock, a student at Oregon Agricultural college, won second prize in the Atwater Kent broadcasting contest in New York December 11. The prize amounted to \$2,000 in cash and tuition for one year in a conservatory of music.

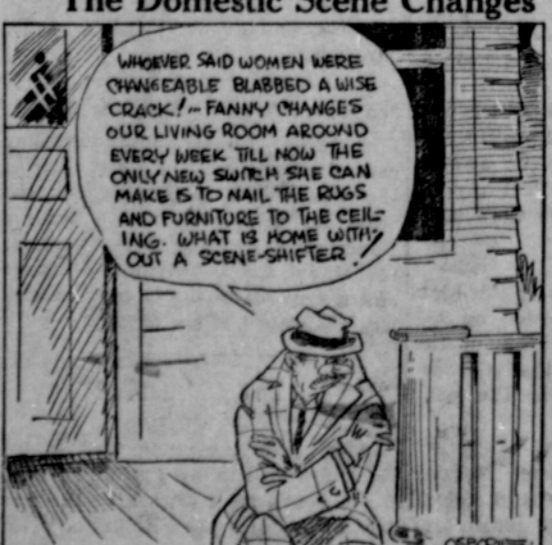
It is estimated that 30 million people heard the contest in which the Pilot Rock tenor emerged with second honors. Young Roy has been studying music for a number of years.

## Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 A. M. Morning worship at 11 A. M. Subject, "The Star." Special music, Epworth League for all young people at 6:30 P. M. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "God's Unspeakable Gift." We are moving up our special meetings one week on account of our singer. We will begin Christmas day, December 25. S. Hamrick, pastor.

## THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



## The Domestic Scene Changes