

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

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INSPECTION MADE OF POULTRY FARMS

HOLT AND JENKINS STUDY A NUMBER OF FLOCKS
Management Problems Need To Be Watched Closely, County Agent Advises.

"Poultry producers will succeed according to their foresight and ability to rear healthy, mature pullets." This statement appears on page 33, paragraph eleven of the report of the Umatilla Project Agricultural Economic Conference held in Hermiston in February 1926.

County Agent Walter Holt and Assistant George Jenkins a few days ago made several calls at local poultry farms to investigate rumors that, for some indeterminate reason, local flocks were not laying as they should. The investigation did show low production in some cases and very good yields in others, giving the whole situation the appearance of being a matter of management within the different flocks. Every low producing flock examined showed one or more causes for the birds failing to lay and recommended changes were suggested.

"This opportunity is taken to repeat some of the points which vitally influence the profit from poultry farming," County Agent Holt said. In the first place no self-respecting hen is going to lay when lice or other insects are using her body for a winter playground. Sulfur flurid or blue ointment, the latter diluted one half with vaseline or similar material, are keeping many birds happy on the Umatilla project. Look out for the patented kind intended to save work.

"Hens cannot be healthy in a house kept shut too close. There are open-houses on the project in which good production is being made, houses that are free from odor and in which there are no frosted combs yet. On the other hand are houses with the curtains shut tight, the circulation around the roosts entirely cut off by an overdose straw loft, and birds showing frosted combs. The air in these houses smells foul and foul.

"Lack of space here prevents a full discussion of all the points of good poultry management, but the following suggestions are among those made to poultrymen visited where production was low.

1. Cull out scrub birds and the flock production average will rise.
2. Watch house ventilation, avoid drafts on birds but have plenty of fresh air.
3. Feed wet mash for a few minutes at noon.
4. Provide cod liver oil and bone meal.

5. Have good supply of clean charcoal, grit and oyster shell. Plugged hoppers are common.
6. Provide all green feed the birds will eat, using roots, cabbage, alfalfa, etc.

"To help avoid similar conditions of poor production next year it is suggested that the birds be as nearly of one age as possible, that they be housed early in the fall and not after heavy laying has commenced, that housing room be ample and that George Jenkins, assistant county agent is located in Hermiston to provide help as far as possible to any farmer who will go to the trouble to ask for it. It might be well to add that there are available at the assistant county agent's office free

HAROLD A. LA FOUNT



Harold A. La Fount of Utah, who has been appointed by President Coolidge a member of the federal radio commission.

BIGGER NAVY NOT PLANNED BY ENGLAND

London.—Great Britain has no intention of increasing her naval building program despite "temporary failure" of the Coolidge cruiser limitation conference, King George declared in a speech, proroguing parliament.

The king's speech corresponded to the recent message to congress in which President Coolidge revealed the government's plan for a bigger navy. King George said that British delegates at the Coolidge conference had submitted limitation proposals which, "if they had been accepted, would have led to substantial reductions in naval strength and costs."

"I regret," he added, "that though much of a community of views was revealed, it was not possible to reach a general agreement."

Britain's naval building program, the king said, was "based on a considered view of the defensive needs of my widespread empire."

Reviewing foreign relations, the king said: "I have watched with profound satisfaction the steady growth in influence of the League of Nations and the increasing part it plays in composing international difficulties and preserving peace. My government will continue to base its policy on loyal cooperation with the league."

copies of the report of the Umatilla Project Agricultural Economic Conference which should be on every farm of the project."

The Stork

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKeen, formerly of Hermiston, have sent to friends here announcements of the birth of an 8 1-2 pound girl at St. Anthony's in Pendleton, December 27.

Miss Agnes Little, a teacher in the Washougal, Washington, schools, and Miss Iris Little, senior in Whitman, are here spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little.

BASKETBALL OPENER WON BY HERMISTON

FAST STANFIELD TEAM LOSES OUT 24-15
Walenta's Green Team Gets Away To Victory on First Game On Schedule.

The Hermiston basketball team won the first game of the season last Thursday by defeating the speedy Stanfield five on the local floor 24 to 15.

The Hermiston team is made up of practically green men. Felthouse, forward, played but one quarter last year. Kennings, guard last year, is playing forward this season. Jack Smith usually centers but is playing guard this year. John Newell is playing guard again this year and Jewell Smith, who recently came from Pilot Rock, is playing center.

The game was fast and clean throughout. The locals offense was particularly good while the defense was a little ragged at times.

The crowd was one of the largest in the past three seasons, due to the assurance of a warm hall and new lights.

The lineup was:
 Hermiston: Felthouse 4 LF, Kennings 6 RF, Smith 11 C, Jack Smith LG, Newell 2 RG, McKenzie 1. Stanfield: Kopacz 8, Rees, 5, W. Gifford 2, J. Gibson, Beebe.

CHARTER MEMBERS O. E. S. HONORED AT BIG BANQUET

Mrs. Garner, Secretary for 15 Years Receives Pendleton Robe As Gift.

The banquet held by the Eastern Star in its lodge rooms last Tuesday night was attended by about 65 members of the chapter and guests. Among this number were five of the 54 original charter members of the organization, whose meeting Tuesday evening marked the seventeenth anniversary of the lodge in this district, which draws its members from Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston.

At the supper M. C. Barrager acted as toastmaster and made a short talk. H. E. Hitt, one of the charter members also spoke. After supper, members of the lodge held their regular meeting, and initiated five new members. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Kellogg, Worthy Matron, in behalf of members of the chapter, presented a Pendleton Indian robe to Mrs. Kathryn Garner, secretary of the lodge. In her talk at the presentation, Mrs. Kellogg spoke of the faithful and untiring efforts of Mrs. Garner, who is one of the charter members of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Garner, besides being one of the charter members of the chapter, has served one year as worthy matron and fifteen as secretary and is now entering her sixteenth year in that capacity. The five charter members present, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Mrs. A. P. Garner and H. E. Hitt were also presented with bouquets.

Davie Middlesdorf Hurt

Young Davie Middlesdorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Middlesdorf, sustained a cut on his lower lip that required two stitches to dress Tuesday. He stumbled and fell against a show case in the drug store.

BISHOP REMINGTON WILL BE HERE SUNDAY EVENING

Bishop W. P. Remington will be here from Pendleton and preach Sunday evening, January 1, according to an announcement received by local members of the Episcopal church. The services will be conducted in the Christian Science hall at 7:30. An invitation to the general public to attend the services has been extended.

HERMISTON TO HAVE NEW RETAIL READY TO WEAR

Family Wardrobe to Be Opened Next Week in Room Next To Blessing's.

A new store that will handle ready to wear garments for women, misses, children and later, men's goods will be open for business in Hermiston within the next few days, according to a statement today by J. A. Birchfield, proprietor.

The store will be known as the Family Wardrobe, and as its stock grows it will be conducted with the idea of furnishing wearing apparel for every member of the family. The opening of the store will probably be observed during next week, shortly after the first of the year, depending on when additional shipments of goods arrive, Mr. Birchfield said.

The store will be in the room formerly occupied by the Hermiston market, next door to Blessing's hardware store. The owner stated that sales will be made for cash only. "We will sell for cash on a narrow margin at prices that will meet mail order competition," Mr. Birchfield said.

FARM ACCOUNT SCHOOL TO BE HELD HERE TUESDAY

The farm account demonstration school recently mentioned in this paper will be held at Hermiston on January 3 in the Library building, beginning at 10:30 A. M. and closing at 3:30 P. M., with an hour out for lunch at noon. This will be a working meeting and each farmer will work with pencil and paper.

Every farmer who is willing to sit down and figure for two hours in an earnest attempt to increase his income is invited to be present. Each man attending should bring pencil and paper sufficient to make out his own farm inventory, according to G. H. Jenkins, assistant county agent.

DAIRY MEN TO TALK OVER PROBLEMS AT MEETING

A meeting for all dairy men of the project will be held next Wednesday evening at Columbia school house at 8 o'clock. N. C. Jamison, dairy extension specialist, will be the chief speaker of the evening. His subject will include disease problems the dairy men faces and the feeding of dairy cattle.

Ernest Houser, official tester for the Umatilla Dairy Improvement association, has reported that many herds are down in production. It is likely that production will also come in for discussion at the Wednesday night meeting.

Grahams May Return

That Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Graham, now residents of Puyallup, Washington, may return to Hermiston to farm during 1928 is the information contained in a letter from Mr. Graham received by Leonard Pearson. The Grahams formerly lived here and have many friends on the project.

LIEUT. A. C. DAVIS



Lieut. A. C. Davis, U. S. N., who has been appointed naval aid to President Coolidge.

ROADS DENY RIGHT TO INCREASE WAGES

Chicago.—Western railroads challenged the authority of four members of a board of arbitration to award wage increases to 56,000 firemen and engineers by petitioning the United States district court to set aside a recent decision.

Counsel for the 55 lines, comprising virtually all the leading trunk systems west of Chicago, contended the board was dissolved on December 5 when it reported to the court here it could not reach an agreement.

When Hazlett P. Burke, chief justice of the Colorado supreme court, summoned the board again to meet in Denver the two railroad members refused to attend, rightfully contending, the petition claimed, that the board had automatically ceased to exist on December 5.

On December 17 the two employees' representatives and the two designated as neutral members agreed on an award of 30 cents a day more for passenger firemen and 35 cents more for all other members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

LINDY'S MOTHER WELCOMED

First Woman to Fly From United States to Mexican Capital. Mexico City.—The Lone Eagle's mother made aviation history herself when, following the overhead trail of her illustrious son, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh landed at Valbuena flying field. She was the first woman ever to fly from the United States to Mexico City.

Mrs. Lindbergh arrived at Valbuena field from Tampico in a giant trimotored Ford air-liner. She was immediately officially welcomed by General Jose Alvarez, chief of staff to President Calles, and then taken in the ambassadorial automobile to the American embassy. While Mrs. Lindbergh was landing, her son, in another plane, hovered over the field unable to descend, due to the tremendous crowd which gathered about his mother's plane.

W. K. Bloom was here from Seattle to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bloom over Christmas.

HORSESHOES FAIL PANKOW IN HUNT

HICKMAN MISSED BY LOCAL MAN BY SECONDS
Apprehension of Duplicate of Car Wanted on Umatilla Bridge Throws Officer Off.

Of all the hosts of individuals who now figure how closely they were to an opportunity to make \$100,000 by capturing William Edward Hickman, wanted for the alleged kidnaping and murder of Marion Parker when he invaded eastern Oregon a week ago today in his effort to win liberty, H. A. Pankow, city marshal and deputy sheriff, figures he came closest without succeeding.

Early in the morning he heard the report that Hickman was headed east over the Columbia river highway in the green Hudson that he had driven from California. Mr. Pankow went down the highway and surveyed traffic from a vantage point on the bridge across the Umatilla river. A part of the time the sheriff and Charles Hoskins, deputy sheriff, were also on the bridge.

About 11:30 just such a Hudson as reports had been received about came into view. It was driven by a man about 35 years old.

A thorough search of the car failed to disclose any arms of any kind, and the driver had very little money. The man had come from Portland and had purchased gasoline at a station just outside of Portland early that morning. He told the officers that he was headed into eastern Washington.

The man was released. He crossed the river on the ferry at Umatilla. Mr. Pankow, convinced that the hue and cry over the green Hudson car had been raised about the machine that he had stopped on the bridge, returned to Hermiston and reported that the green Hudson did not contain Hickman.

The local man did not abandon checking up afterward, he knew traffic, however, and kept his eyes open for the car described. He had about lost all faith in the report as 1 o'clock came and no Hickman had come into view, so he went home to use the telephone.

his scrutiny of passing eastbound that the brief interval he spent at home on the telephone was the time during which Hickman drove through Hermiston. The fugitive's car was seen by several local people, among them Eldora Kingsley and Harry McMillan.

PLANE SMASH NARROWLY AVERTED NEAR HERMISTON

People living in the Minnehaha district heard Tex Rankin's plane last Thursday night when it was having trouble finding its way in the dark, en route to Pendleton from Portland, for newspaper pictures in the Hickman case. The plane circled over the territory by the bend of the river for several minutes, over the Carson ranch, the Rodda ranch and Chris Sletz saw the plane saved from a bad smash only by quick work on the part of the pilot when a quick rise took the machine just clear of the O. W. R. & N. bridge over the river, unseen until the last moment in the darkness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yeager and family were here from Pendleton over Christmas as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gaither. Mr. Yeager is county school superintendent.

THE FEATHERHEADS



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