

TURKEY GROWING ON INCREASE HERE

\$27,000 REALIZED ON BIRDS FOR YEAR OF 1927

Further Increase is in Prospect For This Year; Marketing Done Co-operatively

Turkey growing, practiced here on a small scale for a number of years, has recently shown a rapid growth and promises to become one of the important projects of farmers in this district. The past year saw the most rapid expansion of the business to date, and statements by growers indicate that this fall's crop of turkeys will be even larger.

A local association of growers was formed here last fall and contracts signed with the Idaho Turkey Growers' association for marketing purposes. The association shipped two pools out of Hermiston, one early in December and the other in January.

The birds sold in these pools, two carloads, brought growers slightly in excess of \$20,000. Membership in the association was not 100 per cent, and it is estimated that approximately \$7,000 worth of birds were sold independently for table use. In some cases local growers also sold for breeding purposes, and a big increase in the numbers of breeding stock has been shown by growers holding out their best hens for this purpose.

Local conditions are described as ideal for raising turkeys. This applies particularly to hatching and brooding the young poults and raising them until they are well grown. A warm soil, plenty of sunshine and an abundance of water and green feed are some of the factors that make the young poult happy in the Hermiston country.

Up to the present a majority of growers have bought the big part of their grain feed from the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston. Some produce a part of their grain, and others are planning to produce more of it. Wheat and corn both return very satisfactory yields in many cases.

Other growers have the idea in mind of hatching and brooding the turks until they are three or four months old and then selling them to wheat belt farmers who can run them on stubble to fatten them for market. Turkey eggs command a good price, and the demand has always proved heavier than the supply.

A number of Idaho growers who have been in the business for a number of years have recently been studying conditions here and pronounced the Hermiston country an ideal place for raising turkeys. Some Idaho men have moved their headquarters here, and others are giving the matter consideration. The belief prevails in many quarters that the turkey business is destined to expand several fold and that within a short time gross income from this source of the poultry business will run well over \$100,000.

The business can be classified under two general heads as it is practiced here. There is the turkey specialist who devotes practically his whole time and energy to the breeding and finishing of turkeys. His flock may include 500 or several thousand birds.

Much of the production to date has been a sideline business on the part of the general farmer. A start may be made with a few hens. The birds have the range of alfalfa and pasture after the poults are old enough to be allowed their freedom, and

much of their living, in the case of the small flock, they pick up until it comes time to fatten them for market. The sideline flock has proved very satisfactory in an overwhelming majority of cases.

Walter Botkin is the pioneer turkey specialist on the project. He does the business and usually sells 1,000 or more birds each year. He will not permit a chicken on his ranch, due to the fact that turkeys are likely to get blackhead if they run over the same ground with chickens. He started on a small scale and has expanded as he gained experience and knowledge of the finer points of the game.

"Turkey raising is a business with many angles, and it is much better for a man to start in a small way and get all of the experience possible while his investment is small, rather than plunge in and take unnecessary losses from mistakes that more experience might have enabled him to avoid," Mr. Botkin said.

Mrs. C. G. Brink, secretary and general manager of the Idaho Turkey Growers' association, was here in January to superintend receiving the cleanup pool of local growers. She praised the quality of the birds shipped and complimented growers on the quick grasp of essentials they have displayed in preparing birds for markets.

One of the jobs remaining to be done here is to improve the quality of breeding stock, according to Mrs. Brink's opinion. Natural conditions here are ideal for the business, and as breeding stock is improved and breeders add to their experience, the Hermiston country is destined to show a profitable expansion in its output of turkeys, she predicted.

FRATERNAL BODIES HOLD A BIG PLACE IN LIFE OF HERMISTON AS COMMUNITY

Fraternal orders play a large part in the activities of the project. Many of the residents of surrounding towns hold memberships in Hermiston lodges and attend regularly. The Masonic and Eastern Star chapters, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and the Modern Woodmen of America have large and enthusiastic memberships and count for much in the social life of the community.

Both the Masons and Odd Fellows formed bodies here soon after the starting of the project, 20 years ago. Of the Masonic lodge one charter member, F. B. Swayze, still lives in Hermiston. W. R. Longhorn is the only charter member of the Odd Fellows still in Hermiston, though Llewellyn Brownell of Umatilla is a charter member here and attends lodge.

Of the Rebekahs W. R. Longhorn is the only original member who still resides here. The Rebekah lodge was organized 19 years ago, a year after the Odd Fellows.

The Eastern Star lodge is beginning its 18th year here, and five of the original charter members still attend the meetings here: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Garner and H. E. Hitt.

The lodges maintain rooms in the center of the business section, and the Masons have purchased a large corner lot on Main street and plan, at a later date, to build on their own property.

ASPARAGUS GROWN HERE AS ONE OF CASH CROPS

Culture of Plant Started Several Years Ago, And Expansion Has Been Gradual

The growing of asparagus as a

product for the market as a fresh vegetable has forged ahead rapidly in the Hermiston country within the past few years, and production has reached a stage where the crop means a real income during spring months on many project farms.

An example of the new way the business of farming is now often conducted by wide awake farmers is demonstrated in the methods followed by Hermiston district farmers in establishing asparagus growing as one of the cash crops here. Before plants were ever put into the ground a big delegation went from here over to Kennewick, Washington, several years ago on two or three special excursions.

On these trips every available bit of experience of successful asparagus growers in those districts was learned, and practical questions on culture, harvesting and marketing were asked. Then the local association was formed, and a cross contract with the Three Rivers Growers' association secured that provided for marketing of the Hermiston crop by the Washington co-operative. All of this was done before a single plant went into the ground for the main acreage.

Expansion of asparagus growing has been gradual. Plants on the first patches set out should be on a real basis of profit this season, according to growers who have made a real study of the crop.

The spring of 1927 was the least favorable of any spring since the business started here, due to severe freezes after spring weather had stimulated plants to making shoots. Previous seasons made the crop pro-

fitable, and a majority of local growers expect the crop to justify itself as a real money maker in average years in the future, particularly in view of the fact that Hermiston beds are just attaining the age when yields of real volume are assured.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the matter of the estate of William T. Lambert, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of William T. Lambert, deceased, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me at the First National Bank of Hermiston, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1928.

F. B. Swayze, Administrator. 20-5

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON FINAL REPORT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the matter of the estate of Mary C. McLane, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Mary C. McLane, deceased, has filed his final report with the clerk of the above entitled court and that the judge of said court has designated the 25th day of February, 1928, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

as the time, and the rooms of the above entitled court in the county court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they

have, why said report should not be approved, the administrator discharged, his bondsmen exonerated and the estate closed. Dated this 26th day of January, 1928. Robert B. McLane, Administrator. 21-5tc.

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