

Irrigon Famous As Home of Line Of Fine Melons

Cantaloupes, Musk Melons And
Watermelons of Excellent
Quality Produced

Lands in the Irrigon and Boardman districts, several miles west of Hermiston on the Columbia river in Morrow county and on the Columbia river highway are very similar to the lands in the Hermiston district, but the Irrigon district has capitalized a specialty that has spread its fame far and wide. This specialty is the Irrigon melon.

Thousands of crates and loads of melons are produced by Irrigon farmers every year and marketed all over this part of the country. Cantaloupes, musk melons and watermelons are all grown successfully by farmers who have paid much attention to the details of the business over a period of years.

Marketing is done co-operatively through associations of growers that have been functioning successfully for several years. Shipments are made both by rail and by trucks according to market demands.

The good prices are received early in the season, and due to the fact that the Irrigon country can mature delicious melons a little sooner than any other district in the state they have the opportunity of getting on the market when it is hungry and willing to pay a premium. Yields are very good, so the later crop that has to compete with other districts that come on later in the season can go at bulk prices and still leave growers a little margin for their labor.

**HERMISTON COUNTRY WELL
KNOWN FOR ITS HONEY**
Many Commercial Apiaries Found
Here With Plants For
Handling Product

One of the important agricultural products of the Hermiston country is the crop of honey that is produced each year. Umatilla county is the biggest producer of the nectar sweet of

any county in Oregon, and a large part of the honey in this county comes from the irrigated districts.

The production of honey is a specialized business, and there are several commercial apiaries on the project to which the owners devote all of their time.

These plants are equipped to handle the crop and process it in preparation for the retail market. Extracting and bottling are done under sanitary conditions that result in an excellent product being turned out. The size of packages range from the small glass to big cans that contain 60 pounds.

Plant and shrub growth on the irrigated land is suitable to the honey industry. Alfalfa, a number of clovers, fruit blossoms, different kinds of sage and other honey bearing plants and trees provide much pasture for the bees. It is the consensus of opinion among bee men that there is at present no room for expansion of the industry. Further development of raw land is expected in the course of time to change this condition, but at present the bee population is as great as it should be.

Hermiston apiarists are active in the work of their own local association and also furnish leadership for the state association. Charles Kaiser of Hermiston is president of the state association. He is also the Oregon representative on the board of directors of the Inter Mountain States Honey Producers' association which was recently formed for the purpose of selling honey co-operatively.

TENNIS GAINS POPULARITY WITH HERMISTON PLAYERS

New Courts Constructed In 1927
Prove Magnet to Students
And Townspeople

Tennis is proving a very popular sport in Hermiston, particularly among high school students and pupils in the grades, but townspeople also are playing the game in increasing measure.

Interest in the game has been greatly stimulated by the big courts on the school grounds. These courts, 82 by 100 feet, were built in 1927 as a result of agitation that was started in the schools.

The movement formally got under

way in the office of Supt. E. L. Cherry when a student committee of three, Elizabeth Straw, Isabel Dodd and Margaret Waterman, was appointed to solicit funds for the courts' construction.

Several organizations gave money to make the work possible, and the student committee secured two of the pledges, one of \$200 from the Hermiston Womens' Community club, and the other of the high school student body for \$115.

Other contributions in cash made for the work were as follows: School district No. 14, \$200; school district No. 9, \$230; students of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, \$35; a total cash contribution of \$780.

In addition to the money that was given, a number of men and high school students contributed time and services in hauling and labor while construction was under way. The list of those who made contributions under this head is as follows:

T. H. Gaither, Julius Gimble, Gwyn Hughes, A. E. Bensei, Harry Hammon, Ray Woodward, Walter Nation, Lewis Dyer, Donald Parsons, Jens Skovbo, A. Soneson, Joe Neary, Robt. Woodward, Glenn Parsons, Donald Harrah, Herbert Swamer, E. L. Cherry, George Bancroft, George Wagner, Lawrence Starr, C. S. McNaught, Lowell Stockard, Gerald McKenzie, Ralph Schafer and Harry Dyer.

The public has the privilege of using the grounds, but the regulations provide that students in good standing have first rights.

Too Kind

Wife (with tears in her voice) "You don't seem to like my mince pies, George. I would not allow the cook to make them, but made them myself."

Hubby (with tears in his eyes) "Darling, you shouldn't. You're killing me with your little kindnesses."—Happy Magazine.

Alice: "I wish you would explain baseball to me."

George: "Well, first you take a diamond—"

Alice: "George, you are a dear."

Artist (to friend)—See that picture over there? Well, I painted it, and a million wouldn't buy it!"

Friend: "Well, I'm one of the million."

We extend to you a welcome to
visit Hermiston and to make our
store your headquarters while here

In Dry Goods

We have a complete line of Piece Goods, Notions, Munsing Underwear and Hosiery for every member of the family. Also Ipswich Hosiery.

BUTTERICK PATTERNS

Shoes and Oxfords

Ladies', Misses' and Children's, Men's and Boys'. Also work Shoes and High Top Shoes.

We carry a full line of Keds, Rubber Boots and Booties.

M. Born line of Made to Order Clothing

Two Grades: First, Coat and Pants, \$25; full suit, \$29.50. Second, Coat and Pants, \$23; full suit \$27.50. Made to your measure and guaranteed to fit.

Groceries

We aim to carry a full line at all times and priced right. Peas, Corn, Beans and Tomatoes at 15 cents for full sized tin. Clams, 7 ounce flat, at 15 cents. Raisins, either seeded or seedless. Bulk Coffee at 35, 40 and 50 cents a pound that is hard to beat. Have you tried it? Save the price of the tin. We get it fresh and grind it to suit you.

Bakery Line

We have a full assortment of Bread and Pastry. Hostess Cakes are the best ever; a nice assortment Tuesdays and Saturdays. Every Wednesday we receive that wonderful line of Swedish Breads—Rye, Raisen Rye, Orange Rye, made by the Swedish Bakery who specialize in Rye Breads.

KINGSLEY'S

"Hermiston's House of Quality and Service"

THE HOME OF THE DAIRY COW
PROSPERITY
A GREATER UMATILLA PROJECT

WITH the coming of Diversified Farming along with our Dairy and Poultry Industry we firmly believe that Success and Prosperity are in store for us this year, and the Greater Umatilla Project is coming into its own---The Garden Spot of Oregon.

Let us all join in the Boosting and make the Umatilla Project a more prosperous and a better place in which to live.

Oregon Hardware & Implement Co.

The Dairy Industry in a Sound and Healthy Condition

The dairy industry as a whole is in a healthy condition; it continues to be the largest and most profitable branch of agriculture, and the future for the man who produces milk and cream is encouraging.

At the time that this is being written prices for dairy products are at or near the high point for the past five years, while the cost of feed is relatively low. Consumption of dairy products is at a high point and undoubtedly will continue so.

Dairy Products Total Nearly Three Billion Dollars

The total value of dairy products in 1926 was estimated by the Department of Agriculture at \$2,952,000,000. Unit prices for farm butter, butterfat and for milk sold to condensories and cheese factories were higher in 1927 than in 1926. Fluid milk sold for city use showed a decline of about 1 per cent. The quantity of dairy products produced in 1927 probably was 2 to 4 per cent greater than in 1926. A slight increase in the volume of manufactured dairy products is indicated and such evidence as is available points to an increase in the quantity of whole milk used in city markets. It is probable that the total value of dairy products in 1927 will exceed \$3,000,000,000. This will break all previous records, including those established during the war period.

Umatilla Project Well Suited to Dairying

Dairying no doubt is the safest and most profitable occupation on this project. We believe this section is destined to be the banner dairy community of Oregon.

HERMISTON CREAMERY CO.