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## SURVEY OF FARMS FINISHED BY PAIR

### RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AS TO INCREASING INCOME

Poultry Management Demands to be Developed in Some Details, Jenkins Declares.

Some changes in management are desirable in order to bring up gross farm income on irrigated farms in the area between Boardman on the west and Stanfield on the east, according to conclusions reached by R. S. Besse, farm management specialist of the state college, and George H. Jenkins, assistant county agent, following visits to farms in the area where special surveys are being conducted.

Of the 11 farms chosen for the survey this year, every one carried some cows, though on two of the ranches only two cows each were found, and on 10 of the 11 farms, a flock of chickens was found. The average size of dairy cow herds was 9.5 cows, and the average of the chicken flocks was 424. The number of cows ranged from a maximum of 20 head, found on one ranch, down to a minimum of two head, found on two ranches.

The range in size of chicken flocks ran from a maximum of 1116, found on one ranch, to a minimum of 154, found on one ranch. The total number of chickens on the 10 out of 11 farms surveyed was 4,771. The total number of cows on 11 farms was 103.

Average produce sold per hen from all of the flocks was \$3.04. This included eggs, cockerels and cull hens. It did not include poultry produce eaten by the families. The range of income per hen ran from a maximum of \$4.28 in one flock of 325 birds down to a minimum of \$2.67 from a flock that included 500 hens.

The average of sales of dairy products per cow on all the 11 farms was \$123.40. This did not include dairy products consumed on the farms. The highest average return per cow was \$202 from a herd of six animals, and the lowest return of sales per cow was on one of the farms where only two cows were kept. Mr. Jenkins pointed out that this low figure was due to the fact that the percentage of home consumption of dairy products was greater in the family where two cows were kept than where 20 were kept.

Labor income, the money remaining to the farm operator after paying operating expenses and charging interest on the investment, depreciation and similar items, averaged \$774.60. The maximum in the survey was \$1878, and the minimum was a minus \$198. In other words, one farmer lacked \$198 of having any labor income at all. On five farms the labor income of the operator ran between \$1,024 and \$1878.

Some of the conclusions that may be drawn from the survey study, according to Mr. Jenkins, are as follows:

Greater volume of production per farm is not only desirable but necessary, particularly in the poultry business.

Greater attention to details of management in poultry raising must be given. The average sales should be raised from \$3.04 to at least four dollars per bird, he said, in order for the producer to have a profit that justifies his investment and labor.

Closer culling of poultry flocks to eliminate non-producers must be followed.

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## MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE



This new photograph of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge is one of the few profile views which she has approved and permitted to be given to the press.

## 'LAME DUCK' BILL DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Washington, D. C. — The White-Norris constitutional amendment to abolish "lame duck" sessions of congress and change the presidential inaugural date was rejected by the house.

The vote was 209 to 157, with two members answering present. This was 36 votes less than the two-thirds necessary for approval of constitutional amendments.

The amendment sought to change the meeting date of congress from March 4 to January 4. This would have abolished the "lame duck" sessions of congress or those in which sit members who were defeated at earlier elections. To conform with this change the resolution proposed to have the president take office January 24, instead of March 4.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Franklin Mott Gunther of Virginia was nominated by President Coolidge to be American minister to Egypt.

Fire swept through the business district of Phoenix, Ariz., destroying three buildings and causing an estimated loss of \$250,000.

The Honduran congress ratified a treaty of friendship, commerce and consular privileges between the United States and Honduras.

The wedding of Miss Nancy Ann Miller of Seattle, Wash., and the ex-Maharajah of Indore will be held next Saturday at the latter's residence at Darya Mahal.

Trading on the New York stock exchange Friday of last week set a record for the year in volume and was exceeded only once in history. Sales totaled 3,678,100 shares, compared with the record made March 3, 1926, of 3,873,700 shares.

Exactly 14 hours out of Mitchell field, Charles A. Levine, Wilmer A. Stultz and Miss Mabel Boll landed at the Camp Columbia flying field, Havana, in the famous trans-Atlantic monoplane Columbia. It was the first non-stop flight between New York and Cuba.

C. F. Huff of Dufur was here the first of the week as a guest at the home of his uncle, W. A. Sloan. While here he spent some time looking around. He expressed a liking for the Hermiston country and climate and may locate here.

## POLITICS GET ON CENTER OF STAGE

### SEVERAL OFFICES SOUGHT BY RIVALS THIS YEAR

District Attorney Job and Office of Sheriff Attract Two Men Among Republicans

The political situation in Umatilla county has developed during the past two weeks and now discloses several candidates who are actively at work over the county, meeting voters and trying to ascertain sentiment. Some of those who have filed and the offices sought are as follows:

C. Z. Randall, Pendleton, candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney.

C. C. Proebstel, Pendleton, incumbent, candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney.

R. T. Brown, present county clerk, candidate for the republican nomination to succeed himself.

H. B. Rees, Stanfield, candidate for the republican nomination for county recorder.

C. E. Graham, Pendleton, candidate for the democratic nomination for county recorder. He is now serving in that capacity.

R. T. Cookingham, now sheriff, elected as an independent, is seeking the republican nomination for that office.

T. B. Gurdane, Pendleton, formerly chief of police there, recently telegraphed from Los Angeles that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff. He has been in California for several weeks where he and C. L. Lieualen went following their capture of William Edward Hickman.

R. E. Bean, Freewater, has announced as a candidate for county commissioner on the republican ticket to succeed himself.

J. S. Norvell, Helix, has announced as a candidate for the republican nomination as representative, an office to which he was elected two years ago.

The west end of the county to date has only one candidate in the field for any elective office, H. B. Rees of Stanfield, who is a candidate for recorder. There has been some talk of a candidate for county commissioner from the west end of the county.

## SCHOOL BOARD WANTS ASHES

The school board has been asking property owners for ashes that are unmix with cans and other trash for use on the grounds at the bungalow school houses. The ashes will be distributed over the grounds and packed to make a more satisfactory surface than the present one. The board will pay for the hauling of the ashes if property owners will notify F. B. Swayze, or other members of the board, that the ashes are available.

## Arm Is Fractured

Ann Sommerer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sommerer, suffered a fracture of her arm at Columbia school last Thursday when she fell from a platform while at play. She was taken to Pendleton after the accident, and the fracture was reduced yesterday by Dr. Sears.

A meeting of the Neighborhood club has been called to be held at the club house on the afternoon of March 23, according to a telephone message received by The Herald yesterday.

## TURKEY FLOCKS ON THIS PROJECT START ON LAY

Reports from turkey raisers are that the birds have started laying at a lively rate, and the eggs produced are being incubated as rapidly as they accumulate.

More artificial incubation will be tried this year in the turkey business than ever before, reports indicate. Some turkey raisers who last year depended on chickens and turkeys to hatch the eggs will place most of their eggs in machines this year. Another week will see some of the first eggs incubated hatched.

## METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE SCENE OF INSTITUTE

Dr. Andrews of Salem to Lead in Work for Three Days in Hermiston Church.

A Sunday school institute, with Dr. Andrews of Salem as the chief speaker will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. S. Hamrick.

Friday night's program will have a variety of subjects for consideration. Dr. Andrews will talk on the topic, "The Evangelistic Values of Our Teaching Program." Other subjects that will be treated include "Sunday School Standards," and "The Value of the Story in Teaching Religion."

The topic for discussion Saturday afternoon will be "The Aims and Objectives of Our Sunday School." The afternoon program will also include parties and hikes for primary and Junior pupils in the Sunday school.

Three services will be conducted Sunday. In the morning at 11, Dr. Andrews will speak on the theme, "The Example of Jesus as a Teacher." During the afternoon services questions will be answered, and consideration will be paid the world's convention in Los Angeles in July and the work of the Oregon Council of Religious Education.

Sunday evening Dr. Andrews will have as his subject, "The Importance of the Family in the Religious Guidance of Childhood and Youth." Rev. Hamrick said that the public will be welcomed at the sessions.

## CLUB MEMBERS TO MEET WITH LEADERS TUESDAY

A meeting of leaders of boys' and girls' club work with the members of their clubs to perfect unit organizations and start on the season's work will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the high school, according to plans perfected last night at a meeting of leaders at the home of E. L. Jackson, project club leader. W. A. Holt, county agent, G. H. Jenkins, assistant county agent, and H. K. Dean, superintendent of the experiment station farm, met with the leaders.

"On account of the years of successful experience you folks in this district have had in club work, and because of the enthusiasm the boys and girls display, the rest of the county looks forward to a year of wonderful results in the Hermiston country," County Agent Holt said.

Leaders and the clubs they will head this year are as follows: E. D. Martin, sheep; Roy Sullivan, corn; J. W. McMullen, Holstein calf; Loren Jackson, potato club; Walther Ott, Jersey calf club; New Madden, poultry; M. T. Matott, rabbit club; John Jendrzewski, pig club.

## CLEAN UP IN HERMISTON A SUCCESS LEADER SAYS

### CLAUDE R. PORTER



Claude R. Porter of Iowa, who was recently appointed a member of the interstate commerce commission.

## ARMY OF MEN AND BOYS TAKE DAY FOR WORK

Town Transformed by Efforts in Removing Weeds, Leaves, and Rubbish.

Hermiston was invaded yesterday. The host that marched in on the town was armed with rakes, hoes, shovels and pitchforks, and its objective was accumulated weeds, old leaves, trash and junk. The commander of the army was H. E. Hitt, chairman of the commercial club general committee, which also included H. T. Fraser and Dr. F. V. Prime.

Boy Scouts under the command of Walter Warner, seventh grade teacher and one of the officers of the local troop proved very effective as a "mopping up" force and were praised by Chairman Hitt for their work.

Following up the army was H. A. Pankow, local transfer man, whose truck gathered and hauled away seven loads of trash and junk during the course of the day. He estimated that at least eight more loads will be hauled away before the job is finished.

"It's the best clean-up day we have ever had in the history of the town," Chairman Hitt said. "Co-operation was not nearly 100 per cent effective on the part of local business houses, but the workers who were out with the aid of the Boy Scouts succeeded in doing a fairly good job. The city council has authorized a limited amount for follow-up work, so we expect to see the job done very satisfactorily."

A little surprise was staged for the Boy Scouts at the noon hour in the form of a lunch, furnished by the commercial club. The boys succeeded in consuming the following: Hot dogs to the number of 120, five dozen doughnuts, six dozen maple bars, two and a half dozen buns, seven loaves of bread and six gallons of lemonade.

The efforts of the army were chiefly spent on property along the highway, particularly on vacant lots that had grown up to weeds, but co-operation on the part of private property owners in the residential district in all sections of town was very gratifying, Chairman Hitt reported.

## ALIEN PROPERTY BILL BECOMES LAW

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge signed the alien property bill.

The president made no comment on signing the bill, although he was represented as being dissatisfied with certain riders attached to it which raised the salaries of legislative drafting clerks and certain treasury officials.

The bill, now law, provides for settlement of claims resulting from American seizure of alien property during the war. It provides full payment of claims of less than \$100,000, and in claims above that amount, for 80 per cent payment now and the remainder later. It authorizes payment of \$100,000,000 for seized German vessels, but only \$50,000,000 of this can be paid this year.

The bill provides for the immediate return of 80 per cent of the German property, the remaining 20 per cent to be retained until settlement of claims by American citizens resulting from the world war. Austrian and Hungarian properties under the bill would be returned when those countries make arrangements for American claims payment.

## FAVOR BASIN PROJECT

House Irrigation Committee Backs Bill for Federal Development.

Washington, D. C.—The house irrigation committee reported the Summers bill to provide for federal development of the Columbia basin project in the Pacific northwest.

Action was taken without a record vote, but Chairman Smith announced that the measure was approved practically unanimously. He said that preceding approval the committee had rejected an amendment sponsored by himself proposing further investigation of the project.

The chairman added that the committee in substance approved an amendment which has been offered to the senate bill by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, to protect the interests of his state.

F. S. Beddow, former project resident, now living in Pendleton, was a visitor in Hermiston yesterday.

## LAMB FEEDING CONCLUDED AT EXPERIMENT STATION

The period of feeding at the Hermiston experimental station on the annual experimental work with lambs will be concluded today, and the lambs will be shipped Saturday evening to Portland for sale on the market there Monday morning, according to Supt. H. K. Dean.

Data connected with the tests this year have not been fully tabulated yet, but enough facts in regard to the operations are known to indicate that the operations for the season have been a financial success, Supt. Dean said.

N. R. Mueller has returned to Hermiston after a business trip of several weeks that took him to New York, Baltimore, Washington and other eastern cities. He plans to remain here during the crop season to look after his interests.

## THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne

## Featherhead Contributes His Opinion!

