

## UMATILLA COUNTY HIGH IN DAIRYING

### LOCAL HERDS TEST FIRST IN SOME DIVISIONS

#### Sommerer Herd Produces Highest in Average of Butterfat For September.

According to the September report of the Umatilla Dairy Improvement association of which E. M. Hauser is tester, Umatilla county is still holding high place in production.

Among the 11 associations reporting in the state, the H. M. Sommerer herd of Hermiston produced the highest herd average of butterfat for the month. This herd of eight purebred Jerseys made an average of 55.7 lbs. of butterfat. This shows an increase of 1.6 lbs. over last month for this herd.

According to County Agent Holt there were 48 herds tested in the Umatilla association with an average butterfat production of 22.7 lbs. per cow. The 605 cows on test gave an average of 495 lbs. of milk each. There were 63 cows which produced over 40 pounds of fat during the month of September.

The high herd having 20 cows belonged to Alpha Christley of Hermiston. In the group of 12 to 20 cows, the herd of Bertha Cool of Boardman was high producing, this herd containing 14 cows. The high herd under 12 cows belonged to H. M. Sommerer.

The T. H. Haddox herd of Hermiston, containing 16 grade Holsteins, has in the last 10 months produced an average per cow of 10,398 lbs. of milk, containing 379.2 lbs. of butterfat. This record includes all dry cows as well as cows in milk, and shows the possibilities of high production when proper breeding and feeding are combined.

In addition to having the high producing herd of the association and of the state, H. M. Sommerer again had the high producing cow, a purebred Jersey which produced 1398 lbs. of milk containing 72.7 lbs. of butterfat. This same cow produced 1801 lbs. of milk containing 84.6 lbs. of butterfat during August.

Ace Wagner of Freewater had the second high producing cow of the association, a grade Jersey which produced 813 lbs. of milk containing 65.9 lbs. of fat.

As a result of the association testing during September eight boarders were detected and slaughtered.

The following are the records of the high producing cows for the month ending September 30. Cows producing more than 70 lbs. of fat belonged to H. M. Sommerer of Hermiston. Mature cows making over 60 lbs. of fat belonged to Ace Wagner of Freewater and T. H. Haddox of Hermiston. Four-year-olds making 45 lbs. of fat belonged to H. M. Sommerer of Hermiston and C. M. Bixby of Freewater. Three-year-olds making over 40 lbs. of fat belonged to H. M. Sommerer of Hermiston, Bertha Cool of Boardman, Ace Wagner of Freewater and Andy Anderreg of Hermiston. Cows two years old making 35 lbs. of fat belonged to A. R. Coppock of Adams, F. A. Baker of Stanfield, Ace Wagner of Freewater and Sylvan Pierson of Hermiston.

According to N. C. Jamison, extension dairyman Oregon Agricultural college, the price of feed grains is going up and prices of protein feeds are showing indications of strong raises. The dairyman who must buy feed

## MEMBERS OF FARM BUREAU ELECT THREE DIRECTORS

Sullivan, Jewett, Ott, Selected At the  
Annual Meeting in Hermiston  
November 16.

The election of three directors to serve for a term of three years comprised the most important business at the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Co-operative which was held in the Hermiston auditorium on Friday afternoon, November 16. The balloting resulted in the selection of P. P. Sullivan, F. L. Jewett and H. J. Ott for the directorships.

Mr. Ott was re-elected to serve for another term having had the same position for the past three years. The other two directors will assume the positions left vacant by the expiration of the terms of J. W. McMullen and H. M. Sommerer.

The report of the manager, S. H. Barnard, was made to the meeting, and it was voted to have the fiscal year of the co-op. end on December 31 of each year.

The auditorium was crowded by the unusually large number of people in attendance at the annual meeting.

## FORMER RESIDENTS NOW LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Waghorn, who spent some weeks visiting in California this fall, were visitors at the Santa Ana home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Winslow, former Hermiston residents, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow are located on a small farm of 8 acres near the town of Santa Ana. Mr. Winslow has all of his land under cultivation, some of it being planted to sweet corn and the rest to various kinds of berries. The corn is just now ready for market and his crop of berries are all spoken for. Wires are used to train the berries on and a total of some ten miles of wire are used to complete the job. Mr. Winslow said that he had an excellent market for his product right at the door. A small reservoir on the farm itself, provides the land with sufficient water.

Mr. and Mrs. Waghorn also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, formerly of the Hermiston Herald, at their home in Culver City, California.

### Visitors See Chicken House

The recently established chicken business conducted by W. J. Warner and Hugh Taylor is attracting many visitors. The new building which now houses some eight hundred chickens is visited every day by several interested onlookers.

### To Enforce Water Payments

On the order of the city council the regulations regarding the enforcement of water payments will be most rigidly enforced in the future, according to Harry Kelley, city water manager. Unless immediate payment is forthcoming the water will be shut off and payment of 50 cents in addition to the regular bill must be made before it will be turned on again. Those who are delinquent in payments are advised to make immediate settlement.

should be governed accordingly this fall and winter. Prices of produce may not be proportionately higher than last year as compared to difference this summer's and early fall prices over last summer and early fall. This is due to a heavier fall production which is decreasing the shortage in storage stocks. Prices will doubtless continue good but will probably not be high.



## RED CROSS DRIVE STARTED HERE

### R. A. BROWNSON, CHAIRMAN IN CHARGE OF DISTRICT

#### Minimum Goal of Fifty Dollars Is Set for Hermiston District This Year.

With a minimum goal of fifty dollars for this district, committees of solicitors were out on Wednesday afternoon, November 21, covering the town in the interests of the annual American Red Cross membership drive. According to R. A. Brownsong, general chairman in charge of this district, Hermiston's response is expected to greatly exceed the minimum goal.

Among the local women appointed as chairmen of the soliciting committees were Mrs. W. L. Hamm, covering the residence district north of Main street; Mrs. H. E. Shesely, business section; Mrs. Leo Hurlly, west Hermiston, and Mrs. C. W. Kellogg, south of Main street. Claude Haddox was appointed to take charge of the drive in the Columbia district.

## INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN LIBRARY BENEFIT NOV. 26

Much interest is being shown in the library benefit card party to be given in the library building on Monday evening, November 26. The party has been scheduled for 8:15 and all persons who are interested in spending an enjoyable evening at bridge or 500 are invited to attend. Provisions have been made for both games to be played throughout the evening. A small admission fee of fifty cents will be charged. Novel refreshments are promised by the committee in charge of the affair and will be provided with no additional charge.

## PROCLAMATION IS- SUED BY GOVERNOR

### DAY OF THANKSGIVING SET BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### Thursday, November 29, Named In Conformity with President's Proclamation.

At all times and in all places, men have gathered together at the close of harvest to give thanks to the Divine Power which has blessed their labors and made them to prosper. Deep rooted in the hearts of mankind is the instinct to make grateful acknowledgement to a guiding Providence which is above and beyond the work of human minds and human hands.

Our national observance of an annual day of thanksgiving is a heritage from the Pilgrim fathers, who assembled at the turn of the year to offer prayer and praise to Almighty God from whom came their strength to endure daily hardships and to face unknown dangers. It is fitting that we should reverently continue in this day of prosperity and security the institution they founded amidst adversity and peril.

Now, therefore, in conformity with the proclamation of the President of the United States which comes as a recurring reminder of our national unity in the perpetuation of this American custom, I, I. L. Patterson, governor of Oregon, do proclaim Thursday, November 29, 1928, as Thanksgiving Day, and do hereby set it aside as a public holiday.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 19th day of November, A. D. 1928.

I. L. PATTERSON,  
Governor.

## WARNER MEETS IN SALEM WITH IRRIGATION CONGRESS

### Two Proposals That Affect Local Dis- trict Will be Presented to Legislature.

W. J. Warner was a representative from this district at the Irrigation congress held in Salem on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. Accompanying Mr. Warner were A. C. Houghton of Irrigon and C. M. Jump of Stanfield.

Of paramount interest to the delegates from Umatilla county was the adoption by the congress of two proposals or measures to be presented to the legislature. The first measure provided for the penalty and interest on district taxes to go to the district instead of the county as is now the system. The second had as its purpose a provision for a simplified and cheaper method of foreclosure of taxes in irrigated districts. Both proposals were adopted by the congress.

## KENNEWICK GAME PROVES TO BE SCRIMMAGE GAME

The football game scheduled to be played with the Kennewick team on Saturday, November 17 on the local field proved to be nothing more than a scrimmage contest between the locals and the visiting team. The Kennewick squad was late in arriving and a decision was finally reached not to play off a regularly scheduled game. The Kennewick team is claiming the southeastern Washington championship.

Hermiston will play Pasco on the local field Friday, November 23, in the last game of the season.

## DISTRICT LEGION MEET TO BE HELD IN HERMISTON

Hermiston has been selected as one of the towns in the state to act as host for a district conference to be called by the American Legion some time between January 15 and February 12, according to J. M. Biggs who returned home Monday morning from Portland where he attended a session of the state executive committee of the Legion.

Hermiston's meeting will be one of fourteen district conferences at which the department program for 1929 will be explained in detail to representatives of the 119 posts in the state. Among other cities definitely named for such meetings were Astoria, Oregon City, Newberg, Eugene, Grants Pass, Coquille, Prineville, Wallowa, John Day and Ontario.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Preston Holloman and baby daughter left the hospital for their home in Echo Sunday, November 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lindsey of Pine City, Oregon, are the parents of a baby girl born November 12 at the local hospital.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Savelly on Tuesday morning, November 20.

George Talbot of Echo is in the hospital receiving medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hunt of Columbia district are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday afternoon, November 20.

## Misses His Corn

Some more corn was stolen about Thursday of last week. Seems like they steal just enough thinking I will not miss the corn, but I do.

W. Prizner.

## COMPLETE SURVEY ON PRODUCTION OF EGGS

### O. S. C. COMPILES DATA GATHER- ED ALL OVER STATE

#### Report Represents Second in a Series of Three Surveys Made by Competent Men.

H. D. Scudder and A. S. Burrier of the department of farm management, A. G. Lunn and F. L. Knowlton of the department of poultry husbandry at the Oregon State college have recently completed a survey on the cost of producing commercial eggs in the various agricultural sections of the state. This report, which covers the year November 1, 1926 to November 1, 1927 is the second in a series of three surveys to be made. The final year's study, covering the year's business from Nov. 1, 1927 to October 31, 1928 will provide so extensive a body of data that substantial conclusions may be drawn as to those factors in the organization and operation of the poultry farm which have most influence in reducing costs and increasing profits and permanency of this type of farming.

Many poultry farmers thruout the state have contributed to this study as well as the county agricultural agents stationed in the various counties. Records were taken from 93 farms in the Willamette valley, the major producing section of the state, 22 farms in eastern Oregon, 15 farms in the coast section and 24 farms in southern Oregon. Seven farms of Umatilla county were included in the survey.

The average size of the flocks on all the farms was 619 hens and there was very little variation from this average for any of the different sections. As a whole, slightly larger flocks were found on the smaller farms, the smaller ones being somewhat more specialized in egg production. The average flock was found to be made up of 60 per cent pullets, 30 per cent one year old hens and 10 per cent of older hens. As a whole, the practice of replacing half the flock each year with new stock seems well established.

The most common size of farm in all sections were the 10 to 20 acre and 40 to 80 acre farms. Off all the farms studied 39 per cent were less than 20 acres in total area, 23 per cent ranged from 20 to 40 acres, 20 per cent 40 to 80 acres, and 18 per cent over 80 acres. The different sizes were scattered fairly uniformly in all the different sections.

There is some variation in the different sections from the average practice of culling out about 40 per cent of the flock each year. The average death loss from the flock thru the year is about 12 per cent, being somewhat higher in the major, and older producing sections, due, no doubt, to the greater soil infection. Culling and death loss combined all for a replacement of 53 per cent of the flock to maintain its original size, but since many of the flocks under study are being increased in size, the percentage of pullets in the average flock is somewhat higher.

Most noticeable, as compared with other farm enterprises, is the small investment required for land. This is the chief reason for the lower capital requirements or poultry farming as compared with other types of farming, making it an easier type to start or expand.

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## THE FEATHERHEADS

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## Just One of Those Things