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ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN SESSION IN HERMISTON DURING THIS WEEK-END

EACH DAY TO BE GIVEN OVER TO DIFFERENT PROJECT

Present Meeting Represents Second Affair of Its Kind To Be In Hermiston.

Hermiston is host this week end for the second Agricultural Economic conference which opened Wednesday, February 27 and will close Saturday. In attendance at the sessions this week are farmers from Umatilla and Morrow counties including the territory from Echo to Boardman, and a number of agricultural specialists from the Oregon state college at Corvallis who are taking an active part in the scheduled program. All meetings are being held in the Methodist church.

Wednesday, the opening day of the conference, included a short opening address by H. J. Ott, chairman, and a number of general addresses before the session was turned over to the livestock committee. A. C. Cooley spoke on the Purpose and Possibilities of the Conference. Mr. Cooley is agriculturist in charge of demonstrations on reclamation projects. W. J. Warner, president of the local chamber of commerce, addressed the meeting on the Commercial Club Viewpoint. R. G. Penney talked on the Grange Viewpoint and George H. Jenkins, assistant county agent, discussed the extension service program. The session was then given over to the livestock committee, where two reports, one on Farm Sheep Management and the other on the Place of Swine in Project Agriculture, were given by H. A. Lindgren, livestock fieldman, O. A. C. extension service. H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla branch experiment station, gave a talk on Lamb Feeding. The rest of the afternoon was taken up by a report of the livestock committee.

LOCALS TAKE PART IN DISTRICT MEET

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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY

McKenzie to Head Organization; Ursel Hiatt to Serve as Fire Chief.

Organization and the election of officers to serve for the Hermiston fire department comprised the principal business at a meeting of that organization held Tuesday evening of this week in the Herald office.

F. C. McKenzie was elected president; Dave Middlesdorf, secretary-treasurer; Ursel Hiatt, fire chief; and Joe Norton, assistant fire chief. Trustees named were Henry Hitt, O. Pierce and J. M. Biggs. Twenty firemen were enrolled.

It was decided that meetings should be held regularly every second Monday of each month. The question of pay for the firemen was discussed and a decision reached that each one should be paid one dollar for attending meetings and a similar amount for services at a fire. A sum amounting to \$125 was voted by the organization for the improvement of the library lawn. Plans were made before adjournment for the inspection of the equipment owned by the department.

HIGH SCHOOL QUINTET JOURNEY TO HEPPNER

Close of Season Finds Yellowjackets With Good Record to Their Credit.

Hermiston high school ended its basketball season last week by defeating the snappy Adams team. This week the Yellowjackets will go to Heppner to participate in the district tournament which takes place February 28, March 1-2. The Yellowjackets will have some stiff opposition in their first game when they meet the Helix Grizzlies. This game will be played Thursday afternoon, the first game of the tournament.

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Hermiston	15	Adams	28
Hermiston	20	Umatilla	18
Hermiston	24	Echo	21
Hermiston	32	Stanfield	21
Hermiston	13	Umatilla	21
Hermiston	20	Boardman	16
Hermiston	18	Umatilla	17
Hermiston	19	Stanfield	14
Hermiston	23	Adams	22

THAWING MACHINE GIVES EXCELLENT SERVICE HERE

Although the electric pipe thawing machine has been in almost continual operation since its arrival last week, there still remain a few frozen pipes within the city limits. It is expected, however, that with the speed made available by the new machine the work will all be completed within a short time. The machine, which was purchased by the city from a Walla Walla firm, has been giving excellent service, according to H. W. Kelley of the city water department who is supervising the work.

OFFICERS OF FARM BUREAU RE-ELECTED

H. J. OTT TO HEAD ORGANIZATION THIS YEAR

Reports of All Departments Given At Meeting in Methodist Church Saturday.

At a meeting of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau in the Methodist church Saturday evening election of officers was held for the ensuing year. Those named were H. J. Ott president; New Madden, vice-president, and M. W. McMullen, secretary-treasurer, all of whom were re-elected for their respective positions.

Reports of all departments of the Bureau were made at this time. Among those who spoke during the evening were Walter Holt, county agent; R. G. Penney of the Stanfield Grange; A. E. Benschel, who discussed boy scout work; and Curtis Dyer, who reported on the Project fair. Some time was given over to the discussion of the cream pool, and all reports indicated that it has been working satisfactorily for all concerned.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance at the meeting.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. Lentz and son Fred took a load of hogs to Pendleton Monday.

George Liebe has recently painted his house. The color scheme was tan and red.

Friday a short program was held at Columbia in honor of Washington and Lincoln's birthdays. After the program school was dismissed for the remainder of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Norquist and family have moved to Cold Springs where Leon will work for the railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Barnard and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Henry Ott home.

Mr. Calhoun moved to the Tabor ranch this week. Mr. Calhoun expects to turn his energies to the raising of turkeys this year and plans to put 1000 turkeys on the market this fall.

Sherlock Stockard, who has been substituting for Mr. Hauser in the milk testing, returned Monday. Mr. Hauser, the official tester, was called to Bend by the death of his sister, and Sherlock carried on the work during Hauser's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherry are now moving to the old Lopp place across the road from Udey's.

Jap Templeon motored to Milton on business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Barnard were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Conrad's car was slightly damaged Saturday night when a wheel came off while they were driving to town.

WARM DAYS BRING OUT LOCAL GOLF ENTHUSIASTS

Warm sunshine and blue skies induced local golf enthusiasts to bring their golf paraphernalia out of winter storage and go out on the local course for a few rounds last Sunday. Quite a number of players were indulging in their favorite sport last week end and continued warm weather will probably bring an increased number each Sunday.

Mrs. P. T. Shooley of Tampa, Florida arrived in Hermiston Tuesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Kingsley and was called here by the illness of her father.

BITS O' BLARNEY PRESENTED FRIDAY

HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUBS GIVE PERFORMANCE

Ruth Benschel, Jewell Smith Cast in Leading Roles; Audience Appreciative.

The two-act operetta, "Bits O' Blarney," presented by the boys' and girls' glee clubs of the high school last Friday evening proved an entertaining performance for the large audience in attendance.

The leading roles were all well cast and showed the results of careful and experienced direction. Ruth Benschel as Peggy presented a charming heroine, and Jewell Smith, taking the role of Patrick, played the hero in quite the approved fashion. Comedy relief was furnished by Dick Hitt as the old Irishman Mike O'Noole. Others having important roles were Earl Griggs as Robert, Shirley Brownson as Mary, Mera Stogdill as Agnes, leader of the chorus and Dorothy Hitt as Rosie also leader of the chorus. Coralene Duane and Mary Brownson were attractive and graceful dancers, adding a pleasing bit to the performance.

Members of the boys chorus were Russell Blessing, Wesley Blessing, Ernest Cox, Morris Pierson, Lawrence Swarner, Monroe Swarner, Dick Upham, Norman Dahlman, Donald Klages, Joe Dyer, Gerald Haddox, Eugene Hanby, Don Harrah, Bob Henderson, Elbert Hutchison, Walter Pearson and Oscar Whitsett.

The girl's chorus was composed as Mary Brownson, Margaret Bills, Mig-non Davis, Coralene Duane, Helen Griggs, Dorothy Hitt, Marian Henderson, Grace Jackson, Constance Johnson, Ruth Kaiser, Ina Lenhart, Fern Lindner, Marjorie Mullins, Edna Ott, Mabel Parsons, Elsie Reeder, Grace Rodda, Mera Stogdill and Jane Warner.

The operetta was presented under the direction of Miss Kern, music supervisor of the local school.

The program was opened with selections by the high school orchestra and a little playlet, "The Supreme Sacrifice," presented by the seventh grade.

SCHOOL TO HEAR HOOVER

Local high school and grade students from the sixth grade up will be privileged to listen in on the inauguration ceremony of Herbert Hoover next Monday, March 4, according to an announcement of plans to install a radio in the local high school auditorium for that day. This is the first time that anything of this nature has been tried out locally and the plan represents something of an innovation.

DANCE SCHEDULED SATURDAY

The dance to be given Saturday evening, March 2 will be in the nature of a benefit affair for the local high school girls basketball team. The services of an excellent orchestra from Hood River have been secured and a feature dance will be presented during the evening. The girls will serve lunch for 25 cents a plate. Tickets are now available at \$1.00.

J. E. Halleyburton, project farmer, was in Pendleton Saturday.

HERMISTON ODD FELLOWS ATTEND CONVENTION SAT.

Freewater Host to Lodges of Umatilla Morrow Counties; Dis- tinguished Guests There.

The twenty-two members of lodge No. 206, I. O. O. F. who were in attendance at the annual convention of Umatilla and Morrow counties in Freewater last Saturday report an interesting meeting. Most of the local delegates went up in one of the school buses, arriving there in time for the banquet and evening session.

Among the distinguished guests at the convention were the following grand lodge officials: Fred Mendl of Portland, Grand Master; P. E. Sharon of Portland, Grand Secretary and W. R. Longhorn, Hermiston, Grand Honor. Other prominent in lodge work were two Past Grand Masters of Washington, A. E. McCroskey and Mr. Kellogg, both of Walla Walla; and three Past Grand Masters of Oregon, R. Alexander, Henry Taylor and S. F. Bowman all of Pendleton.

The principal addresses of the day were given by Grand Master Mendl and Past Grand Master McCroskey. About 350 guests were served at the banquet in the evening which was followed by the initiation work put on by the various degree teams. Hermiston and Echo competed for highest honors in the second degree, the Echo team winning out by a small margin. The initiatory degree work was put on by teams from Pendleton and Freewater, with the Pendleton team winning first.

MRS. HALL CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY RECENTLY

A number of friends and neighbors invaded the home of Miss Clara G. Hall and her mother, Mrs. Lola S. Hall, last Friday, February 22, in honor of Mrs. Hall's ninetyeth birthday.

Guests to the number of 15 sat down to a beautiful turkey dinner served by the invaders. The dining room was appropriately decorated with patriotic colors.

The day also being the anniversary of Rev. J. T. and Mrs. Dowell's wedding they were surprised by the gift of a beautiful tea set which was presented to them by their friends.

Capt. G. L. Hall, son of Mrs. Hall, came from McMinnville to spend the birthday with his mother. Others present were N. B. Whitford, nephew of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Whitford, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. Longhorn, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hilsley, Mrs. W. E. Potter, Mrs. Irvin Potter, Mrs. S. M. Miller and Mrs. J. S. West.

One of the birthday cards which accompanied a gift to Mrs. Hall, cleverly expressed the sentiment of those present.

Getting older? Snub those fears! Forget the verdict of the years; They may be right, but bless your heart, You certainly don't look the part.

WINS ATHLETIC AWARD

Donald Shotwell of Hermiston, a sophomore at the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma has received his sweeter award for completing his first season of varsity football.

An oil mop may be cleaned by dipping in soap suds to which has been added a little household ammonia. Rinsing in warm water completes the process.

PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM

Plenty of Material Showing Up Ac- cording to Reports of the Local Fans.

Although nothing has been done in an official way, local baseball enthusiasts have been scouting around the past few days, with the results that prospects are looking pretty bright for a team this year.

Some of the veterans, who have played for the locals in the last few seasons, are still here and rarin' to go. Leo Hurlly and Herb Shesely, both at home with a catcher's mit, are getting actively interested in the game again. Ursel Hiatt, veteran first baseman, will probably be glad to don a player's suit this season and Dave Middlesdorf will no doubt be out for a place in the field.

Among the newcomers professing a hankering for the diamond are Bielman, who claims talent on the pitcher's mound, and Halleyburton, who has never admitted what position he plays but is expected to shine on the bench if nowhere else. Barker and the Woodward brothers are also mentioned as likely prospects.

Hermiston in the past has produced some winning teams, the locals in 1926 winning the Tri-County League championship. The following year they were affiliated with the Blue Mountain league and won several games despite competition with much larger towns. Last year Hermiston was without a team, but if present indications mean anything a few weeks more will find a prospective team out for practice.

HERALD NOW SEVEN COLUMN NEWSPAPER

CHANGE TO STANDARD SIZE IS MADE THIS WEEK

The Herald is appearing for the first time this week as a seven column paper, representing a change from the former six-column type. The space afforded by the additional column will be utilized to advantage for advertising purposes as well as for news. The seven columns, which is a standard size for newspapers, presents an easier problem from the standpoint of make-up. The Herald, several years ago, was changed from a seven to a six column paper.

A change in type of heading has also been made in this issue, the heading used for some years past being in Old English lettering.

Additional Space to Be Used For Advertising Purposes and News.

MOTHER'S FAITH IS THEME OF PICTURE

"Four Sons," Fox production, is the feature at the Columbia theatre. Briefly, it is the simple, intensely human story of a mother and her four sons. The theme is faith—the faith of the mother in humanity. In spite of all the troubles that beset the old lady, her confidence remains unbroken.

There are contrasting backgrounds of America and Bavaria during the war. It is not a war picture, however, there being only a flash of the battlefield depicting the meeting of the two brothers in opposing armies. This scene is one of the emotional highlights of the picture.

The role of the mother is beautifully portrayed by Margaret Mann, the sixty year old extra who achieved everlasting film fame through her remarkable performance in this production. The four sons are no less admirably played by James Hall, Charles Morton, Francis X. Bushman Jr., and George Meeker.

Others in the large company are Earle Foxe, whose character role is a distinct departure from the usual comedy parts with which this player is identified, June Collyer, Ruth Mix, daughter of the noted screen star, Tom Mix, Ferdinand Schumann-Heink, son of Mme. Schumann-Heink, the opera star, and Archduke Leopold of Austria. John Ford, the man who made "Mother Machree" and "The Iron Horse" directed the production.

HERMISTON WINS DISTRICT DEBATE

PENDLETON IS DEFEATED FOR TITLE FEBRUARY 26

Squad Composed of Benschel, Pierson, Warner and Ott; Coached By Miss Donovan.

By defeating both the affirmative and negative teams of Pendleton high school Tuesday evening, February 26, Hermiston became the winner of the district debate championship, and is now well on the way to claiming state forensic honors.

The local negative duo composed of Walther Ott and Jane Warner won a 3 to 0 decision here over Pendleton's representatives, Ellisworth Akey and Ardelya McIntyre in a discussion of the question Resolved: That Oregon should adopt an integrated system of state government along the lines of the MacPherson plan. Judges here were Supt. Howard James and the Rev. Mr. Van Winkle of Pilot Rock, and Rev. John Gibson of Stanfield.

At Pendleton the local affirmative team, Ruth Benschel and Morris Pierson, won from their opponents Grace Mason and Alden Scarbaum, by a 2 to 1 decision. Three members of the faculty of Walla Walla high school acted in the capacity of judges for this debate.

The local squad has been coached this season by Miss Rose Donovan.

With this district victory, Hermiston's prospects seem bright for winning the sectional championship cup to be awarded by Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University of Oregon, to the winning team in eastern Oregon. Should Hermiston reach this point in the contest, the local representatives will have an opportunity to compete for the state championship trophy to be given by E. E. De Cou, head of the mathematics department at the University of Oregon.

OREGON 4-H CLUB WORK SHOWS LARGE NET PROFIT

Boys' and girls' club work enrollment in Oregon for 1928 shows an increase of about 1600 over 1927 with 4266 boys and 7482 girls taking club projects. The gross value of products was \$206,098.03 with a net profit above carefully calculated cost of production of 69,405.03. The annual report of the state office in the extension service at the state college here showed this to be an increase of nearly \$20,000 in gross value over last year.

The total number of clubs for the year was 1488 with every county in the state having from 1 to 172 clubs except Harney and Lake. Multnomah, including the city of Portland, has the largest number, but Lane county with 160 led all the rest, Clackamas being third with 114. The total number of clubs has mounted steadily since 1920 when only 610 were organized in the entire state. The number of clubs for this year was 275 greater than for 1927.

Sewing and cooking clubs proved the most popular among the girls, and dairy and poultry led in interest among the boys. New projects with only one club each were farm mechanics, farm accountants, bulbs, mint and wheat.

The record for completed projects was 82.6 per cent—the highest mark in history. Earliest records which go back to 1914, show that in that year only 2 per cent completed the work undertaken.

"The number of 100 per cent clubs this year was particularly gratifying," said L. J. Allen, acting state club leader in commenting on the report, "as this is teaching the club members to complete projects when once started. To each such club we are issuing certificates of achievement signed by distinguished national and state officials." This last year 773 clubs won the distinction of having every member complete all the work assigned as compared with 655 in 1927.

Approximately half the total club membership of the state was in the seven counties having half or full time club agents, the report shows. These counties also had an average percentage of completions of 95.7.

