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## RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION ATTRACT MANY NEW SETTLERS

### THOUSANDS OF LETTERS RECEIVED BY STATE CHAMBER

#### Stanfield Project Work is in Doubt; Farm Activity Noted on Project; Water Supply Good.

Never before has the Oregon country appeared so desirable as today. Never before has it had the opportunity to tell its story of comfortable living advantages to such a vast interested audience. And never before could effective salesmanship bring settlers into this portion of the state and place them on unimproved lands in Umatilla county, where the soil is capable of producing anything from potatoes to peanuts, if the right methods are used. It is not a task for a weakling or an uneducated farmer, but can become a paradise for people who are willing to start with a 40-acre tract, grub the sage brush, build a shack to shelter them from the weather, and work from early morning until late at night getting the soil in shape for irrigation and production. Summer water is available since development under the McKay-creek dam.

An interesting story is told of Mrs. Mulkins who moved here from Walla Walla, in a covered wagon, built a house for the sum of \$100 and started work on a 30-acre tract in the Northern end of the West Side. We say Mrs. Mulkins because Mr. Mulkins is unable to do heavy farm work due to physical handicap which leave the burden on his wife and two children. They have a dairy herd of six cows, a number of turkey hens and a small flock of registered Plymouth Rocks, farm equipment and furniture. Mrs. Mulkins is the hardy pioneer type who is not afraid of hard work and within a few years she will have a thriving little farm.

Farm activity can be noted on the Stanfield, Hermiston and Westland projects. Plots are being cultivated for gardens, fences being repaired and some seeding has been done. Residents on the Stanfield project have been encouraged by the hope of passage of the bill authorizing a loan of \$5,000,000 to the reclamation fund which will assure work on the project. Over the phone today Mr. Baker stated that settlers were hoping for word saying their work was to be included in the second deficiency bill.

James G. Hutton has purchased 17 1/2 acres in Section 33 on the Stanfield project which includes the old government buildings formerly used as headquarters for the government ditch rider for the Hermiston project. Mr. Hutton came from Minnesota this winter and his family is now living in the buildings. He has returned to Minnesota for a truck load of furniture and belongings.

An abundance of water has been flowing steadily into the Cold Springs reservoir which should be filled by the first of April, ready for irrigation. There is plenty of snow (Continued on last page)

### Poultry Meeting Scheduled

C. S. Brewster of Hodgen-Brewster Portland, will discuss the poultry raisers and interested parties Friday evening in the library at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Brewster states that more hens have been put on the market this year and less chicks hatched which will mean a smaller amount of eggs and poultry for marketing purposes this coming season bringing better prices.

### "Susie" Gets New Home

"Susie" the bear, who has been in her domicile at the home of Russell Blessing since Thanksgiving has a new home with Traffic officer McMann of Arlington. "Susie" was formerly a mascot of Phi Cappa Alpha in Corvallis and was brought to Hermiston by Clifford Jenkins and left with Russell. Officer McMann was highly pleased with the gift.

W. D. Gordon who lives north of town and a subscriber to the Hermiston Herald for the past eight years, went to Milton Friday to remain over Sunday visiting with friends.

## LOCAL SCHOOL ENGLISH TEST RESULTS IN HIGH AVERAGE

The Junior class of the Hermiston Union High school has the best command of the use of English, according to results obtained by Miss Margaret G. Elliott, English instructor, who has just finished administering the Uniform English Placement test to the entire high school student body. This test is the one prepared by the committee on higher English of the Inland Empire Council of Teachers of English, and was the same test given to all Freshmen entering higher institutions of the state of Oregon, this year, and in which Hermiston graduates scored collectively 136.20, to place second, competing with every high school in the state. The Juniors made a score of 133.

The Senior class was second with an average score of 129; Sophomores averaged 112; and Freshmen, 90. High individual score was made by Franklin Shaw, a Sophomore, with a mark of 173. Other high individual scores were: Jim Neary, a Junior, 168; Anna Ray Martin, a Freshman, 167; Enos Martin, a Senior, 166; Dick Hitt, a Junior, 166; Edna Ott, a Junior, 163; Grace Rodda, a Senior, 161; and Dick Martin, a Sophomore, 161. The average for the entire high school was 122 points.

## OREGON BANKERS CONSIDER FARMERS PROBLEMS AT O.S.C.

Oregon bankers gained a clearer understanding of at least three phases of Oregon agriculture in their fourth annual short course held at Oregon State college under the joint sponsorship of the bankers association and the Oregon Extension service.

Representative bankers from many parts of the state spent two days on the campus considering the problems of irrigated pastures, the poultry industry, and better use of trees and forestry products on the farm. More pastures as a means of increasing feed resources was pointed out as the key to the expansion of the present livestock industry, or even maintenance of its present status. In a paper prepared by E. R. Jackson, farm crops specialist of the extension service. More watered pastures and more alfalfa were recommended as the best method of decreasing the cost of butterfat production in the Willamette valley, which is now 12 cents higher than in irrigated regions.

Cooperation of the bankers in financing baby chick purchases this spring will determine to a large extent the ability of the Oregon poultry industry to reap the benefit of the inevitable upward turn of the egg market, said E. J. Dixon, manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry producers, who discussed marketing of poultry products during one session of the short course. Mr. Dixon urged the bankers to encourage sound development in the poultry industry this year, stating that he was certain prices would be favorable late this year when a shortage of pullets is bound to occur because of the curtailment in production of baby chicks now.

The use of more trees for farm woodlots and shelter belts was also brought out as an opportunity for banker-farmer cooperation, and the plan by which trees from the state nursery at the college are distributed to farmers of the state was explained by George W. Peavy, dean of the school of forestry at the college.

## UMATILLA COUNTY TRAINING CAMP QUOTA SET

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wn., March 3, (Special) Umatilla county's quota of students for the citizen's military training camp at Vancouver Barracks this summer has been set at 2 youths between the ages of 17 and 31.

Camp Hurlburt, that forest bordered area above the historic old parade ground, will open June 18 and close July 17, after 30 days of vigorous outdoor life for the hundreds of young men who will come from all points of the state of Oregon, and from five southwestern counties of Washington.

Rev. Father Nesdale who has served in this Parish for the past six years left last week end to begin his journey to Rhodacia, in southern Africa. Upon arriving Father Nesdale will attend school for six months in order to learn how to live under conditions in that far country. This was his first Parish and he leaves many friends here.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB SELECTS DATE FOR ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

### TELEGRAM FROM SENATOR STEIWER READ

#### Cecil Warner Elected As Secretary To Fill Out Year; Time and Labor Donated.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday a program was outlined for Clean-Up Day, designed for Friday, March 13. O. O. Felthouse suggested that the city cooperate and stated that he would donate a man and truck for five hours on that day. All residents who have rubbish or cans may have them hauled free of charge if they are put in sacks or boxes and placed in the street or alley where trucks have easy access to them. Wednesday night the council members voted to donate a man and truck for the full day.

E. M. Hauser read the following telegram from Senator Steiwer regarding the experiment station appropriation: "Am glad to report that conferences on second deficiency bill have made partial report to senate and house which includes favorable action on Hermiston experiment station appropriation. This item now definitely a bill." This bill was passed by Congress Wednesday which contains an item of \$35,000 to establish such a research center. Determined effort of project residents permitted Senator Steiwer to present the appropriation.

Mr. Shaw gave a report for the publicity committee and \$12 was voted in order to have Hermiston placed in the Travelers Highway Guide folder.

C. S. Brewster of Hodgen-Brewster in Portland was a speaker and stated that the decrease of laying hens will bring the price of eggs up this coming season. Following this Mr. Holt, county agent, introduced the new assistant county agent, Garnet D. Best, who fills the vacancy left by E. M. Hauser. Mr. Shaw expressed appreciation for the work of Mr. Hauser during his short stay here.

Cecil Warner was elected to fill out the year as secretary in place of Mr. Hauser. Attendance at the meetings is increasing with 20 men present Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Meade and Harold Meade passed through Hermiston Monday afternoon on their way to Athens where they will conduct an evangelistic meeting. They held services at the Methodist church last winter.

## ROOF FIRE DAMAGES C. L. UPHAM HOME IN COLUMBIA

Another roof fire was reported this week at the L. C. Upham place in Columbia district, which makes an average of one a week for the last three weeks. The fire was discovered about noon Tuesday and had it not been that immediate help was available house and out-buildings would have been a total loss, due to the high wind. Passers-by aided in checking the blaze by carrying buckets of water. The loss was covered by insurance.

## LEGION AUXILIARY PLANS PARTY FOR PROSPECTIVES

The American Legion Auxiliary met last Thursday, Feb. 26, at the home of Mrs. James Todd with Mrs. Lyle Tilden assisting. During the business session Mrs. A. W. Christopherson was elected to fill the place of Mrs. Shesley as secretary-treasurer and Mrs. George Story as membership chairman for the remainder of the year. Officers announced that a get-acquainted party would be held Tuesday, March 10, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Shaar at 2:30 p. m. for women of the community who are eligible for Auxiliary membership.

The Auxiliary will again as last year sponsor and give prizes in a Poppy poster contest in the Hermiston schools. The meeting closed with a social hour, and refreshments were served.

## Want Ads Bring Results

Curtis Simons sold his 20-acre ranch in Columbia district this week after inserting an ad in the Herald classified column for one issue. B. P. Rand also sold a registered Short-horn bull, milking strain, which he had advertised to Bill Kik. Other similar results have been noted.

## GRAB BASKET HOLDS MANY SURPRISES FOR GUESTS

A clever grab bag stunt was carried out at a bridge party at the home of Mrs. R. A. Brownson's last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Brownson and Miss Mary Petrie acting as joint hostesses. After players at the seven tables had completed their first hand the hostesses drew a slip of paper from an envelope on which was written the decision as to whom would grab. Before the afternoon was over everyone holding two honors, four honors, no honors or those holding none of these at the end of play were elected to grab. Most of the prizes were home made and were clever and pleasing.

Mrs. F. C. McKenzie won first prize and Mrs. Shesley consolation. Dainty refreshments were served.

## NEW ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT REPLACES HAUSER

### GARNET D. BEST, GRANTS PASS, FILLS VACANCY

#### Hauser Goes to New Field in Klamath Falls; Has Filled Position Here for Eleven Months.

E. M. Hauser who has acted in the capacity of assistant county agent in this territory for the past eleven months, left Wednesday for Klamath Falls where he will continue his work in a new field. Garnet D. Best of Grants Pass is taking over his work here and will acquaint himself with residents and conditions on the project.

Mr. Best is a graduate of Oregon State college and in his work as teacher in the Grants Pass high school taught the Smith-Hughes work. He was a member of the 1925 stock judges team that went to Portland from the college and has had some experience in the cow testing association with his work in Baker county. He has a wife and family who will move here soon, as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mr. Hauser was head tester in the Cow Testing association in Umatilla county for some time before taking over his duties as Assistant County Agent under Mr. Holt, who has headquarters in Pendleton. His work has not been confined to the project alone but included Umatilla, Irrigon and sections near Pendleton whenever needed. His work has been highly commended upon and he leaves many friends here who wish him success and prosperity in his new field.

## PASSPORTS PRESENTED FOR ADMITTANCE AT PARTY

In order to gain admittance to the party at the home of Mrs. Harold Dean Wednesday afternoon, the aliens or immigrants, as the guests were called, had to present their invitations as passports and also pass inspection. All guests were dressed in appropriate costume and were presented with a tally card visa. Mrs. Carl McNaught received the prize for the best costume. Bridge was played and Mrs. F. B. Swayze won high score and Mrs. E. W. West consolation. Refreshments were served in little tin dinner baskets to guests who had formed a bread line.

Grant Buchanan, wheat grower from Butter Creek, was in town Monday.

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST POCKET GOPHER PLANNED AT MEETING

E. M. Hauser, assistant county agent, met with the waterusers of the Stanfield Irrigation District last week to assist in a campaign of eradicating pocket gophers from the district.

The meeting was held at the Irrigation District's office. Carrots to be used for poison baits were prepared by those present and distributed according to the number of acres to be covered.

In addition to the twenty-three farmers cooperating in this movement, C. M. Jump, manager of the Irrigation District, stated that a crew of men had been secured to apply poisoned baits to the land under control of the Federal Land Bank which is in the district.

By the united efforts of all those concerned it is hoped to practically eliminate the pocket gophers that cause so much trouble during the irrigating season.

These nests constitute a real menace to the canals and ditches of the irrigation system, as well as causing considerable damage to the crops in the fields they inhabit. While fairly good results can be obtained by individual efforts in cleaning up a farm, best results are obtained by a concerted effort of all the producers in a neighborhood.

Follow-up work will be carried on from time to time as occasion warrants to secure the best results.

## FOURTH SEMESTER SCHOOL HONOR ROLL IS CREDITABLE

The following is the honor roll for the Hermiston public schools for the fourth six weeks:

First grade—Paddy Robinett, Oscar Payne, Lowell Winters, Betty Rood.

Second grade—Gilbert Dyer, Tom Fraser, David Hamm, Mary Hennphill, Helen Johnson, Irene Little, Maxine Mead, Dale Pierson, Bobby Smith, Ethel Paul, Mary Harris.

Third grade—Betty Payne, Allen Clarke, Roberta Winters, Joyce McCullay, Glenn Warner, Kenneth McCullay.

Fourth grade—Geraldine Mullins, Ralph Marble, Gladys Pierson, Jesse Moore.

Fifth grade—Kenneth Christianson, Edward Hall, Nina Rae McCullay, Helen Ralph, Martha Shaw, Ruth Shaw, Mary Skovbo.

Sixth grade—Verda Conley, Irene Kennings, Helen Dunning, Bonnie Jean Follett, Eugene Winters.

Seventh grade—John Biggs, Mary Burnham, Lois Hutchinson, Jack Pace, Maxine Paul, Charlott Ralph, June Richards, Winston Roberts, Barbara Reid, Edna Little.

Eighth grade—Lois Barnard, Ruth Davis, Chester Dyer, Neva Richards, Charles Shaw, Edna Turnblad.

Ninth grade—Edith Clarke, Anna Ray Martin, Eunice Woughter.

Tenth grade—Margaret Felthouse, Phyllis Winters.

Eleventh grade—Robert Henderson, Fern Lindner, Helen Woughter.

Twelfth grade—None.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. R. L. Addleman returned Saturday from Tacoma where she was called recently by the death of her son-in-law Axel Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lynch are the proud parents of a baby daughter Annabell Marie, born Friday, February 27.

Jack Dotson visited school Monday afternoon.

Peter Nordquist attended a Veteran's meeting in Pendleton Monday night.

Mrs. R. H. Stockard returned from Bend where she has been caring for a sick daughter.

Miss Clea Sims spent the week end in Athena with her parents.

Iris Savage of Columbia is assisting with the work in the Sullivan home since the recent affliction of Mrs. Sullivan.

A little bright-eyed baby girl came to live with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Telfer last Monday. Little Miss Telfer and mother and doing very well.

Indications are that Mrs. Jackson Harr, who was recently appointed official turkey egg gatherer by the Ladies Auxiliary will be extremely busy this season. The balmy spring days cause turkey hens to steal their nest out.

## I. O. O. F. DISTRICT CONVENTION WELL REPRESENTED HERE

### 1931 DISTRICT MEET TO BE HELD IN ROUND-UP CITY

#### Echo Team Wins Cup; Local Drill Team Puts on Exhibition; E. J. King Elected President.

The seventeenth annual district convention of the Independent Order of Oddfellows held here Saturday was represented by delegates from Umatilla and Morrow counties to the number of 175 including local lodge members, who were served at a banquet in the evening.

The morning session opened at 10:00 o'clock and was called to order by the convention president Otto Pierce. The address of welcome by J. S. West was responded to by E. J. King of Pendleton. General business was then taken up and the reports given by Vice Presidents from each lodge represented consisted of finances, members, relieved and number of members. The session then adjourned for luncheon served by members of the Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge No. 180, in the basement of the Methodist church.

The afternoon session opened with an appropriate address by Rev. O. W. Payne and responses were given by Dr. L. L. Baker, grand master of Eugene, Henry Taylor and R. Alexander, past grand masters of Pendleton and members for 50 years, and E. E. Sharon, grand secretary. Pendleton was selected as the place for holding the next convention. Following officers were elected: E. J. King, president; Miller Rayborne of Weston, vice president; D. W. Davis, of Echo, re-elected secretary and Joe Bailey, also of Echo, re-elected treasurer.

Cecil Warner acted as toastmaster at the six o'clock banquet served by the Rebekahs. Among prominent Oddfellows giving talks were L. L. Baker and Otto C. Pierce. Several appropriate selections were given by the high school orchestra, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Dally, which were appreciated and highly commended upon. Members of the orchestra are: Gwenth Corey, Frank Prime, Edna Ott, Lois Barnard, Marjorie Mullins, Marian Cassidy, Melvin Follett, Clark Paul, Ed Briggs, Fern Lindner, Antone Furrer, Franklin Shaw.

Following the banquet the Grand Master conferred grand lodge degrees and past grand edegrees to a class of sixteen Oddfellows who were eligible. All Oddfellows then assembled at the Auditorium where Overland Lodge No. 23 of Echo and Vinward Lodge No. 206 of Hermiston competed for the cup. The Echo team won by a very close margin of 3 1/2 points. Individual prizes were won by Curtis Simons, noble grand, Cecil Warner, past grand, R. C. Barham, warden, Albert Kennings, right scene supporter. Echo individual winners were: E. P. Pearson, chaplain, Howard Pearson, conductor, H. Peters, vice grand, Charles Reese, inside guardian, M. Blatt, left scene supporter, Harry Kelley of Vineyard Lodge and Charles Reese of Overland Lodge tied for honors as inside guardian. Mr. Reese won the coin toss-up.

A fancy drill was presented by a team consisting of Vineyard Lodge members which was greatly appreciated by delegates. Appreciation was also expressed for the cooperation of business houses in decorating their windows and to Rebekahs for their assistance.

## POWER COMPANY MAKES EXTENSIVE REPAIR; POWER OFF

The Hermiston Light & Power Company is making extensive repairs to its transmission line. The section between Hermiston and Umatilla is completed and the crew is now working the Stanfield-Echo section.

Due to the fact that it is necessary to completely re-construct all the main corners, the manager has arranged with the people of Stanfield and Echo to have the current cut off from 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mrs. C. C. Dourfey was a business visitor in Pendleton today.

## ON THE MAP By Albert T. Reid

