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## UMATILLA COUNTY HERD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

### TWO HIGH COWS TEST ABOVE 70 POUNDS BUTTERFAT.

Out of Enrollment of 481, 63 Cows  
Tested an Average of 40  
Pounds Butterfat.

The monthly report compiled by John E. Mansfield, tester, of the Umatilla County Herd Improvement Association for February shows a total number of 33 herds tested, with an enrollment of 481, of which 79 are dry. Total production in milk was 248,137 pounds with 11,624.6 pounds of butterfat. Out of these there were 63 cows testing an average of 40 pounds in butterfat. Including cows in milk and cows dry total production of milk was 515.8 and 24.1 butterfat.

The two high herds, including dry cows, of over 20, one of which is a mixed herd owned by Eastern Oregon State Hospital, averaging 67.67 in milk production and 30.0 in butterfat; the other is a mixed herd of 27 cows owned by C. A. Lynch and averaged 84.8 pounds of milk and 27.9 pounds butterfat. The two high herds of 12 to 20 cows are owned by Marten Elder, Jerseys, averaging 67.8 in milk and 34.1 in butterfat and L. W. Owen, Jerseys, averaging 58.7 milk production and 27.2 in butterfat. The two high herds under 12 cows are owned by F. W. Beck, mixed, averaging 75.3 milk production and T. A. O'Grady, Jerseys, averaging 60.7 in butterfat.

The two high cows in the association are from the Eastern Oregon State Hospital herd. Number 56 is a 6 year old Holstein and averaged 1736 in milk production and 81.6 in butterfat. Glow Third is a five year old Pure Bred Jersey and averaged 1500 pounds of milk and 75.0 pounds of butterfat. These two made a record of more than 70 pounds in butterfat production during the month and are placed on the honor roll.

Others included in the honor roll are: One mature cow making over 60 pounds fat, No. 3, Gr. Jer., owned by S. R. Cooper; 65.8; four year olds making 45-pounds of fat were all from Eastern Oregon State Hospital herd, all Pure Bred Jerseys, Sunshine, 56.9, Rosalind, 52.9, Bowlind, 50.3, and Thresa, 47.9; three year olds making over 40 pounds of fat were No. 156, Pure Bred Holstein, 61.2 and No. 98, P. B. Hol., 55.9 from Eastern Oregon State Hospital herd; No. 9, Gr. Jer., 52.0, S. R. Cooper; Star, Gr. Hol., 47.4, Gilman Pierson; Blossom, Gr. Jer., 46.1, W. G. Webber; and Beauty, Gr. Jer., 42.6, Guy Cronk; cows two years old making 35 pounds fat were No. 167, Gi. Hol., 48.2, Eastern Oregon State Hospital; Corky, Gr. Jer., 47.1, John Jendrezewski; Volunteer, P. B. Jersey, 44.6, No. 18, Gr. Hol., 42.4, Octavia, P. B. Jersey, 36.4, all of Eastern Oregon State Hospital herd.

### REGULAR I.O.O.F. NEWS NOTES

By Albert Kennings

At the regular meeting of the Odd-fellow Lodge Wednesday evening Dr. A. W. Christopherson and Eugene W. Vale received first degree work. Their initiatory work was given before the district convention was held.

Antone Soneson, a bridegroom of two weeks, passed cigars and received congratulations from fellow members.

At the regular business meeting it was voted to have some remodeling or modernizing done in the kitchen of the I.O.O.F. hall. The Lodge has been saving for these improvements for some time and now that they have materialized the Rebekahs will be the ones to send in a vote of thanks.

Uriah Lenhart, a brother member who was injured some time ago, is back in town after being in the Pendleton hospital.

Claud McCall has transferred his membership from the Stanfield lodge.

Chester Johnson accompanied his father Dr. T. K. Johnson to Pendleton Saturday.

## LADIES OF FARM BUREAU AUXILIARY TO PLANT TREES

At a regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Farm Bureau last week the question of planting trees along the diagonal road was favorably discussed. It was later learned that S. P. Abplanaly, local nurseryman, would donate the trees if the ladies would see that they were watered and cared for. A report was turned in that chairs had been purchased for the club house. A vote was entertained and carried for improvements to be made on the laundry as well as to employ W. E. West as manager of the cannery this coming season. The auxiliary plans to build a screened-in addition to the cannery which will improve working conditions.

Mrs. Lindner had charge of the social, assisted by Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Mikeell and Mrs. Turnblad. The topic for discussion, "Civic Beauty," stressed the clean-up campaign. Mrs. A. W. Turnblad gave an interesting talk stating the importance of eliminating the unsightly tin cans from the highway and urged each member to clean around the home. Mrs. Mitchell read a very instructive paper.

Mrs. Dunning won first prize for solving a deep puzzle and Mrs. Harvey Payne received first prize for the best story of "Pat and Mike." Delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be March 20, under direction of Mrs. Barragar, assisted by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lenz, Mrs. Jewett and Mrs. MacPherson. The subject for discussion will be on Health.

## EIGHT NEW FAMILIES REGISTER ON MAIL ROUTE IN WEEK

A marked increase in population is noted this week by James Todd, local rural mail carrier on Route 1, with the registration of eight new families who have moved on the project in the past week. Three more families are not yet registered and more are expected. Frank Slivey has returned to his place for the summer from Condon, Oregon. Other residents are E. F. Mulkins, Roy Coxon, W. L. Lay, W. A. Kryger, A. W. Thomas, E. C. Hughes, K. D. Pierson.

## KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS

### BEST FOR IRRIGATED LANDS

For dry eastern Oregon conditions, or other sections where lack of moisture is a problem, chewing fescue is probably the best grass. But in the irrigated sections of eastern Oregon where the soils are sweet and rich, it is difficult to find a better lawn grass than Kentucky blue grass, Professor Hyslop of O. S. C. says, although Astoria bent is satisfactory where there is plenty of water.

## Farm Account Club Organized

A group of 4-H club workers met last Tuesday, March 3, and organized under the name of Farm Account club, which is the first organization of its kind ever in Hermiston. Floyd McMullen was elected president; Dorcas Throop, vice president; Catherine McMullen, secretary-treasurer; Glen Pierson, news reporter. All members signed up with the determination to complete their work and make the club 100 per cent. Garnet D. Best, new assistant county agent, was introduced to the following members, Floyd McMullen, Catherine McMullen, Jannie Shockey, Clement Stockard, Dorcas Throop and Glen Pierson.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The annual meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce will be held this year in the Multnomah hotel, Portland, March 26, starting at 10 a. m. President R. S. Hamilton, Bend, will preside. Every local Chamber of Commerce or commercial organization is invited to send delegates and take part in the deliberations.

Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Payne and a delegation of young people plan to attend the Mid-Year Epworth League Institute to be held in Heppner Friday at the Methodist church. This meeting comprises the whole of the Cascade district and Mr. Payne is to act as one of the Institute teachers. Those going are: Marjorie and Mary Burnham, Mildred Phelps, Edith Markham, Mable Sale, Harvey DeMoss, Gwyneth Corey, Emogene Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Payne.

## DAIRYMEN PLAN CO-OP CREAMERY AT MEETING HERE

### ORGANIZATION TO LINK WITH NATION WIDE CONCERN

#### Thorough Investigation Made of Creameries Now Operating, Better Prices Anticipated

Looking to the formation of a cooperative creamery the organization committee met Tuesday in the office of Assistant County Agent, Garnet D. Best, with J. H. Tull, extension economist in marketing at O.S.C. present. J. H. Reid is chairman of the committee and plans were made to link up with the Interstate Associated Creameries cooperative which work with Land-O-Lakes and Challenge marketing agency in California. It was stated at the meeting that good progress had been made and that there was agreement as to the type of organization to be formed.

The particular purpose is to form an organization to serve the dairymen in the district and the desire is to sign up at least 1000 cows when the cooperative is formed. The claim is made that dairymen in other sections where cooperative methods are now followed receive three cents a pound more for their butter fat than do growers not having such connections.

The plan is to have the cooperative work with the Interstate Association Creameries cooperative which has a working arrangement with the farm board under the federal marketing act. The cooperative move is now organized on the lower Columbia, at Eugene, at Pine-Eagle valley, Baker county, and the present move includes cooperatives at Hermiston, at Redmond and in the Grande Ronde valley.

Through united efforts of the committee together with cooperation of farmers a thorough investigation is being made of the success of other cooperatives and the local enterprise will be based upon findings. Other members of the committee are L. C. Dyer, E. L. Jackson, J. Jendrezewski, and T. H. Gregory.

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Christopherson and daughter Barbara and Mrs. F. V. Prime left Tuesday for Portland. Dr. Christopherson will attend the Oregon Medical Alumni meeting held Wednesday and Thursday and also a number of medical clinics at the Medical School and Portland Medical hospital. They plan to return tonight.

## RECLAMATION HEAD TO ASK STANFIELD PROJECT FINANCING

Reclamation Commissioner Mead said today the bureau would request \$100,000 in its estimates next December for rehabilitation of the Stanfield, Oregon, reclamation district.

Mead made the statement after a conference with Senators Steiwer and McNary.

The plan calls for purchasing the canal system of the private irrigation district, improvement of the water supply system and drainage system.

The commissioner said the reclamation bureau had not been given any money by the last congress for the project, and that a bill introduced by Senator McNary, which passed the senate, providing for \$100,000 for rehabilitation, was unacted upon in the house before it adjourned.—The Oregonian

## CHARLES E. WELLS

Funeral services were held for Charles E. Wells last Friday in Pendleton at the Bombay funeral parlors. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Milton. Mr. Wells died Tuesday, March 2, after suffering a heart attack while out riding earlier in the evening.

Mr. Wells was a pioneer resident of Milton until approximately ten years ago when he moved to a farm in the Columbia district. He was born near State Line, November 28, 1869, and resided in Milton most of his life. He was 62 years of age at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, five children, one brother, L. E. Wells of Milton; two sisters, Mrs. Minerva Bowman of Welsler, Idaho, and Mrs. Ella Will of Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

## LOCAL FARMERS GET GOOD PRICES FOR HATCHING EGGS

A number of local poultry growers have been marketing hatching eggs, and have been getting fifteen cents above commercial marketing price. Twenty-one cases were shipped from the depot last week, according to a statement from Mr. Woughter, agent. These were sent to the Russell Hatcheries at Corvallis. Among those shipping are Henry Carson, Mrs. Best and Henry Sommers. Others deliver hatching eggs to the Mutual Creamery station where 12 or 14 cases are picked up daily by trucks from "Vigorbilt" Hatchery of Free-water. Fred Barker, local agent for Zwif & Co., has been shipping 100 cases of commercial eggs a week to the Pacific Co-op in Portland.

Monte Hedwall of Heppner spent the week end visiting with friends and relatives here.

## PARENT-TEACHERS BENEFIT PROGRAM DRAWS CROWD

### LITTLE FOLKS CONTRIBUTE LARGELY TO PERFORMANCE.

#### United Effort Puts Entertainment Over Successfully With \$61 Netted Treasury.

A program for the purposes of raising funds was presented at the Oasis theatre last Wednesday evening by school children and members of the Parent-Teachers' association. Every available seat in the house was filled and not much standing room left. Receipts are reported to have been \$61, which will be used in paying for the school playground slide.

School children taking part were cleverly arrayed in appropriate costumes made by their parents and their performance merited the efforts of those who trained them so perfectly. Teachers and members of the P. T. A. are to be congratulated upon the splendid performance.

The program was as follows:

Selections by the orchestra; Music selections by 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders; Solo, Mrs. G. Little; Reading, Mrs. Markham; Playlet, "Baby Has the Flu," Helen Ralph, Virginia Todd Ethel Paul, Zella French; Pianologue by Eleanor Daily; Dutch Windmill song, grades 4 and 5; Duet, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Burnham; Comedy, "Not a Man in the House"; Song, "An Old Fashioned Garden, grades 7 and 8; Farce, "Mrs. Busby's Pink Tea." Members of the P. T. A. appearing in the two playlets were, first, Mrs. Bertha Nation; Mrs. Emma Hammond, Mrs. Christine Little, Mrs. Anna Michaelis, Mrs. Alma Dyer, second performance, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Mrs. Rae French, Mrs. Marguerite Hemphill, Mrs. Ivy Potter, Mrs. Joan Sage, Mrs. Georgia Earnheart, Mrs. Jessie Schaffer, Mrs. Anna Michaelis, Mrs. Christine Little, Mrs. Olive Roberts, and Mrs. Luella Meade.

## SONESON-BARNARD

Mrs. E. Barnard and Antone Soneson were united in marriage Monday, March 2, at Olympia, Wn. Word was not passed around of their marriage until the last of the week when the two were congratulated. Mrs. Barnard has for many years been a resident of Hermiston and Mr. Soneson is well known here, having been employed at the Hermiston hotel for several years. They are living in Mrs. Soneson's home.

## WINS UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Morris Pierson received a letter recently from Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific Railway company, stating that he had been informed by Mr. Seymore, state club leader, that Morris had been awarded the Union Pacific Agricultural scholarship from Umatilla county for the year 1930. The scholarship award was based on contents of a story of club activities. At the recent achievement day program Morris was presented with a show halter offered by Hoolstein-Freisian association for individuals placing first in their class at the state fair. He was also awarded a scholarship to club summer school held each year at O.S.C. The first scholarship includes \$100 and Stanley Green of Stanfield was alternate at that time in case Morris does not use it.

Morris is working this year on the home ranch, with intentions of availing himself of the opportunity to enroll in the college at Corvallis this fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Pierson.

## DECLAMATORY CONTEST TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

The Declamatory Contest tryouts will be held Friday evening, March 13, in the high school auditorium. Those taking part are: Dramatic, Betty Ralph, Jannie Shockey, Fern Lindner, Humorous: Edna Ott, Jim Neary, Helen Jendrezewski, Oratorical: Donald DeMoss, Ed. Bensal, Ex-temporaneous (non-competing) Floyd McMullen, Chester Johnson.

Those taking part in the lower division are: Humorous: Glen Warner, Martha Shaw, Zelle French, Non-Humorous: Helen Ralph, Jessie Moore, Suzanna Nye.

Those participating in the upper division are: Humorous: Edna Little, Herbert Scovbo, Bruce Follet, Non-Humorous: Charlotte Ralph, Neva Richards, Edna Turnblad.

## Auxiliary Party Features St. Patrick

The home of Mrs. Wm. Sharr was the scene of a party last Tuesday afternoon when the American Legion Auxiliary members entertained for prospective members. Mrs. Walter Hamm, president, Mrs. Geo. Story, Mrs. A. W. Christopherson and Mrs. Lyle Tildon served on the committee and planned a very enjoyable afternoon. Prizes given for intellectual guessing games were won by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Joe Norton and Mrs. Dorothy Todd. Each guest was given a small square of green crepe paper and a strip of white and were requested to become milliners and design a hat. Some clever designs were presented at the style show later and Mrs. Hilsley, Mrs. Dorothy Todd and Miss Pauline Stoop won Prizes. Mrs. Walter Hamm gave an instructive talk on the work of the auxiliary.

Refreshments were served on small card tables centered with tall green tapers, to the following guests and members: Mrs. Kick, Mrs. Wm. Bensel, Mrs. Frank Stone, Mrs. Helen Biggs, Mrs. Joe Norton, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. J. S. West, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Marie Todd, Mrs. Dorothy Todd, Mrs. W. B. Bensley, Mrs. Hilsley, Mrs. Stone, Miss Ann Weary, Miss Laura Morris, Stanfield, Miss Stanfield and Echo Wednesday in the Pauline Stoop and members of the committee.

## CLUB LEADERS VISIT IN INTEREST OF ORGANIZATIONS

L. J. Allen, state assistant club leader and Garnet D. Best, assistant county agent, visited Hermiston, field and Echo Wednesday in the interest of 4-H club work. This trip was mainly to arouse the interest of boys and girls and will probably result in the forming of 4-H clubs later. The farm Account club organized recently by local boys and girls will prove to be an asset to the community if handled correctly.

## Elected Fraternity President

Donald Shotwell, formerly of Hermiston, a student at the College of Puget Sound, was recently elected president of Alpha Chi Nu fraternity, replacing Chester Rhodes, also of Hermiston. Rhodes, a member of Central Board, was elected on the nominating committee for the annual election of the associated students. Both boys are members of the senior class and have been prominent in college affairs and athletics during their college years.

## POULTRY OUTLOOK PAINTED BRIGHT FOR COMING SEASON

### GROWERS URGED TO REINSTATE EGG PRODUCING FLOCKS

#### J. H. Reid Puts In 3500 Baby Chicks; New Brooder House System Proves Satisfactory.

A group of poultry and turkey growers gathered at the Library hall last Friday evening to hear a discussion on the poultry outlook for the coming season, which was conducted by C. S. Brewster of Portland. Mr. Brewster urged all producers to enlarge their flocks and stated that the coming year showed every promise of being the best ever experienced, if financially able to house them adequately without going into debt. There has been a 30 per cent decrease in egg sales on the eastern market this season which accounts for growers cutting down on their flocks and marketing dressed hens. This coming season there will be smaller flocks to produce less eggs, with the result that prices will be higher, due to the fact that few are able to reinstate their flocks.

Mr. Brewster stated that the expense of feeding was small, especially with the efficient feed distributing concern whose services are available through the Farm Bureau Co-op. The importance of culling flocks was stressed. Also the fact that chickens require warm water for their early morning drinking. Mr. Brewster stated that it was possible to prevent winter molting by proper feeding, keeping the birds in good flesh, keeping a record of feed consumption is important.

According to Mr. Brewster there is less danger of overfeeding baby chicks if mash is kept before them at all times along with scratch and green feed. Also that there is less difficulty in teaching them to roost if they are given an opportunity to form the habit early.

J. H. Reid, well known poultry raiser in the Columbia district, expressed his desire that farmers put their whole effort in obtaining chicks to enlarge their flocks, in the belief that the coming year will be a prosperous one for the industry. Mr. Reid has grown into the chicken business along with his dairy herd and other farm work until now he has a flock of 1450 laying hens, producing 900 eggs a day, making an average of 60 per cent production. Mr. Reid has 3500 White Leghorn chicks which were placed in the brooder house February 27. After culling he plans to average 1500 out of this lot.

The brooder system installed by Mr. Reid two years ago has proven very satisfactory and the initial cost is small. One section of the floor is of concrete covered with sand and scratch. This is heated by a furnace built under the center of the build- (Continued on last page)

## TAX DECREASE ENJOYED BY RESIDENTS WHO PAY THIS YEAR

A decrease in taxes totaling \$95,491.09 will be enjoyed by Umatilla county property owners who have to pay them during this year, according to an abstract just completed by Robert O. Hawks, county assessor.

Total taxes levied in this county for all purposes, payable in 1931 on the assessment rolls of 1930, have been set at \$1,474,959.98, in comparison with the 1929 figure of \$1,570,451.07. The decrease, according to the report of Mr. Hawks, is due to lesser expenditures in the irrigation districts, a drop in the fire patrol tax, and a smaller state tax. The levies in primary school districts were for the most part lower and a considerable drop was noted in the total special taxes for road districts.

General taxes for state and county purposes, set at \$679,123.77 for 1931, will be considerably less than half the grand total, the report shows. Special levies in cities and special irrigation, school, union high school and road districts comprise the greater share of the tax burden. The total value of taxable property in the county was this year \$53,179,639.16, or approximately three million and a quarter dollars less than the previous year's assessment value of \$56,386,510.

He's Getting the Runaway under Control

By Albert T. Reid

