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FLOOD WATER TAKES BRIDGE APPROACHES IN ITS BROAD PATH

LOWLAND FARMERS FLEE FOR SAFETY FROM RISING WATER.

West Side Steel Bridge Withstands Torrent; Cattle Marooned and Houses Washed Away.

The worst flood ever known to residents of this district swept the lowlands of the Umatilla river and Butter Creek early this week, causing farmers to evacuate their homes, which were surrounded by water and move personal belongings, sheep and cattle to higher ground. Precipitation for the week beginning March 26 and ending April 2, averaged .93 of an inch. During the month of March, 1931, 1.63 inches of rainfall was recorded which is the highest since 1916 when 1.75 inches of rainfall fell.

The bridge over the Umatilla river located on the Butter Creek highway was standing bravely against the impounding weight of water late yesterday, but during the night the water ate its way through the approach leading from Hermiston and cut away approximately 100 feet. The inky water settled in a narrower channel and went rushing on. Late Thursday the east end of the bridge had swung from its cement foundation and rested on the opposite bank with only the west anchor holding it in place. Flood water had receded approximately 10 feet since early morning.

The steel bridge west of town withstood the onrush of water.

The peak of the flood is believed to have passed but lowland farms are still in danger. The west side approach to the bridge at Stanfield last night but the Echo bridge held. "Pop" Dawson, farmer at Stanfield, was moving personal belongings and livestock to safety yesterday as his house and barns filled with water. Claud McCall assisted him. Ed Legee who lives above Echo, lost 50 head of sheep and a farmer above Pendleton saw 49 head of hogs drown in the onrush of water. He valued them at \$1000.

The territory between here and Pendleton, on the lowlands, saw houses rocking on their foundations, chickens perched on house tops, stock standing in water belly deep or marooned on islands. A sight not seen in this country for years.

First rains coming into Hermiston was this morning which was relayed by truck from Umatilla, coming by train on the Washington side from Portland. Passengers were carried from there by special busses to Pendleton where further stage connections for Eastern points can be made. A slide between The Dalles and Portland has halted stage and rail travel for two days.

Weston was in a state of excitement Wednesday when the news was spread that the dam to the city water reservoir could not stand the strain put on by rising water. Personal belongings were packed and moved to higher ground by residents in the natural path of the water. Men worked diligently to keep drift wood from forming on bridges in the town. Only an eight foot section of the dam gave way but this was sufficient to fill basements and do considerable property damage.

An accurate check of the damage done to the Maxwell ditch cannot be made until the water recedes. An estimate of damage in Walla Walla has been placed at \$1,000,000 where thousands of dollars damage was done within the city.

Track Representatives Chosen

Renewed interest in track is being shown since the county track meet this year will be held Saturday morning at Pendleton and competition limited to high schools other than Pendleton and McLaughlin Union. One of the largest track squads in years is now practicing each night. It includes Victor Addleman, Robert Cox, Dayton Harris, Charles Hunt, Dick Martin, Jim Neary, Frank Prime, Allen Settle, Ed Throop, Oscar Whitsett, Eugene Hanby, Harold Marble, Frank Shaw, Clement Stockard, Lawrence Swanner, Monroe Swanner, Charles Wells, and Dale Wells. The sectional meet will be held at Pendleton, April 25.

FAMOUS NOTRE DAME COACH KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

According to press reports, the famous Knute Rockne, coach of the Notre Dame football team, who has made football history, was killed when a passenger plane crashed at Strong City, Kas., Tuesday. Funeral services for Rockne were to be held in South Bend, Indiana. Dr. D. M. Nigo of Kansas City, Notre Dame graduate and intimate friend of the great coach, and Rockne's two sons, William and Knute, Jr., were passengers.

FARM BUREAU AUXILIARY PASS CANNERY RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions of special interest were passed by the Farm Bureau Auxiliary concerning summer canning in the cannery, at their last meeting held in the club house. In brief, they are as follows: In order to handle cannery more efficiently in saving of labor, expense, steam and water, and keep price of canning cheap, the cooperation of patrons is asked.

1. Be on time with produce.
 2. Estimate as nearly as possible the number of cans.
 3. Pay for cans at time of canning.
 4. Do all possible preparation at home.
 5. Make appointments for canning. (Have first consideration.)
- Reasons for regulations:

The shortest day, 20 cans, in 2 hours, could have handled 136 cans more efficiently in the same time. Labor for these 20 cans was \$1, besides steam and water, when 136 cans could have been done for \$1. A schedule of 136 cans of corn for 10 o'clock did not arrive until 1 o'clock, consuming 8 hours for only 85 cans. Four hours, or less time could have been saved had patrons been on time. These 85 cans cost \$5. If the manager receives 1c a can for his labor, he receives 85c for 8 hours. Who wants to be manager? It is impossible to can more than 272 cans of salmon in an 8 hour day, due to long cooking time. Everything must be prompt.

The biggest day's canning was 769 cans, short cooking time, which consumed only 8 hours; 816 cans should have been done in this same time. The labor was \$5.

Comparison—The way it was done last year: 20 cans of asparagus cost \$1; 85 cans of corn cost \$5; 769 cans short cooked produce cost \$5. In an efficient day of 8 hours, 816 cans of asparagus, peas, beans, carrots, beets, greens and tomatoes, can be canned at a cost of \$5. Another comparison, 408 cans of corn at cost of \$5; 272 cans of salmon at cost of \$5; 544 cans chicken and meats at cost of \$5.

After these resolutions were read and discussed the social hour, with Mrs. Barragar as hostess, was entered into. Mrs. Barragar gave an instructive and practical health talk, comparing past and present conditions in the home. A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Upham, Mrs. Paxton and others in appreciation of work they did in washing windows and hanging curtains in the club house.

Next regular meeting will be held April 3 with Mrs. Ott, acting chairman, assisted by Mesdames Jones, Addleman, and French. Subject, "Spring Planting of Flowers and Bulbs." An exchange of plants or what-have-you was suggested as part of the program for the next meeting.

HOME HONEY SALES MORE BUT EXPORTS DECLINE

An apparent increase in the domestic consumption of honey is reported in a statement just issued by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college. This increase, he believes, is due to the fact that many beekeepers packed their 1930 crop honey in small tin and glass containers and marketed it to nearby dealers and consumers.

Further development of such methods seems advisable, according to the report because exports of home have declined sharply. Formerly around one-sixth of the honey produced in this country was marketed in foreign countries, but only 3.7 million pounds were shipped out last year compared to 10.8 million pounds in 1928. The exports were mostly from Pacific coast ports. Germany, the principal importing nation has increased the import duties for honey and other restrictions have been imposed.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PUTS OUT PAMPHLET ADVERTISING PROJECT

FOLDER PICTURES ADVANTAGES TO FARM AND HOME OWNER.

Will Be Distributed Free to Stores to Stores and Service Stations; Describes Territorial Possibilities.

Pamphlets being put out by the Hermiston Commercial Club are now available at any of the leading stores or public places in town. The pamphlet brings a challenge to farm owners and home makers to accept the opportunities offered on irrigated lands in the Hermiston country and adjacent territory. It tells of the land to be bought, the living conditions, the water supply, diversified farming, such as the advantages of dairying, of turkey raising, and of poultry farming.

A picture is painted of the natural locale for poultry farming, stating that the mild climate, the big proportion of sunny days, the sandy loam soil with proper drainage, and the readily accessible egg markets have aided in doubling the poultry industry within the past five or six years. Figures are also shown for last year's marketing of turkeys from this part of the county.

Advantages of dairying, due to the fact that alfalfa and hay are grown with little effort, is brought out, together with favorable climatic conditions, breeds of herds and cream shipping possibilities.

The pamphlet also states that "there has never been a time since the completion of the Cold Springs reservoir when the Hermiston district has suffered from a water shortage."

Recommendations are offered for the average farmer, in that he should not try to operate to exceed 80 acres, and 40 is considered a better maximum. Tenement farming is discouraged, inasmuch as it is not profitable either to landlord or tenant. Straight crop farming without livestock is not permanently profitable and is not recommended.

Such items as location, altitude, frost free period, rainfall, and distance and direction of large cities, such as Portland and Spokane, are listed under miscellaneous. Mention is also made of irrigation by promoted methods, and the agricultural experiment station on the project.

Clara Hedwall, who teaches school at Monument, spent the week end here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hedwall.

GOLF CLUB DOUBLES ITS MEMBERSHIP OVER LAST YEAR

Friday night at the annual meeting of the Hermiston Golf club Geo. Wagner was elected president and D. M. Deeter secretary treasurer, for the ensuing year. A report showed that the membership had doubled in number over that of last year.

Much interest was shown in the coming tournament at Pendleton Sunday, April 5, when 18 members will represent the local club in the county tournament. Another tournament will be held on the local course about May 1, in which county golfers will participate. Those representing Hermiston Sunday are: Julius Gimbel, W. W. Felthouse, Eric Eyrorkren, George Wagner, Dr. F. V. Prime, A. H. Norton, D. M. Deeter, H. W. Kelley, James Todd, Sam Nye, M. T. Matott, C. A. Paul, Frank Clark, Ursef Hlatt, J. G. Pearson, Ralph Richards, Thos. G. Tucker.

STATE TRACK MEET DATE IS SET FOR MAY 9

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 31—May 9 has been the date set for the fifth annual Oregon State interscholastic track and field meet at Corvallis this year. Coach Paul J. Scissler, who is in charge of the meet again this year, is expecting a big turnout.

More than 500 athletes representing 52 high schools took part in the meet last year. Grant high of Portland won first place last year; Pendleton second; Franklin of Portland and Baker tied for fifth place.

SUSAN VIRGINIA MOORE

Mrs. Susan Virginia Moore, 22, passed away at her home near Eagle, Idaho, early Monday morning, March 23, after a brief illness. Mrs. Moore was born August 3, 1908, on Butter Creek. She is survived by her husband, W. C. Moore, and two children, Susan Virginia and Billie Dick; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spencer of Echo, Oregon; one sister, Mrs. G. G. Smith of Hermiston; and two brothers, Ben Spencer of Umatilla and Sloan Spencer of Echo.

Funeral services were held from the Adventist church at Boise Wednesday, March 25. Interment was in Morris Hill cemetery.

A Fish Story!

Beginners luck smiled on Logan Todd Sunday when he and Henry Hitt went bass fishing. A four and a half pound bass hooked by Mr. Todd was the big event of the catch. In addition to this he also landed three smaller ones. Sunday is only the second time he has been fishing.

John Dunning of the East Oregonian was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED FOR CO-OP CREAMERY

BY-LAWS OF ASSOCIATION ARE WORKED OUT.

Five Board Members Chosen with 2 More to be Added; Dairymen Well Represented.

The incorporating directors of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery met in the office of Assistant County Agent, Garnet D. Best, Monday, March 30, at 2:00 p. m. and elected M. V. Jones of Irrigon, chairman, and Garnet Best secretary-treasurer.

By-laws for the association were worked out and will soon be ready for printing. A contract has been compiled and signed by a group of members. Several dairymen represented the various dairying communities, were present in the capacity of observers and advisors.

Five members were elected on the board of directors but two more will be added later in the growth of the organization. They were elected as follows: M. V. Jones, Irrigon; Paul Smith, Boardman; J. Jendrzewski, Hermiston; T. G. Gregory, Hermiston; and A. S. Archer, Stanfield.

Who Owns These Turkeys?

There are always stray dogs and stray cats looking for a home in Hermiston, but the very latest one is a pair of bronze turkeys. First this pair of turkeys stopped in back of the Swift Creamery building, but too many birds of various sorts were being shipped away for their peace of mind. Then they moved over to Mrs. F. L. Kelley's house. But Mrs. Kelley being away, that looked like a poor place for hand outs so they moved over to the hospital. Dr. Christopherson attempted to catch them and did not succeed even in frightening them, for they are still there.

Cannery Begins Operation

The local cooperative cannery began its 1931 season's run Wednesday, April 1, and the management states that convenient dates can be arranged to accommodate all persons needing services. The former price of 6 1/2 cents per can will be maintained for all products using regular number 2 1/2 cans. J. S. West, manager, will take care of any particulars if interested parties will call him at 21 Hermiston.

Jim Pierson was a business visitor in Pendleton Tuesday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES PLAN EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

In keeping with the spirit of Easter the young people of the Epworth League and the Christian Endeavor societies are meeting Sunday morning at 5:30 for a sunrise prayer service, and if the weather permits are going to the butte for their programs.

The C. E. society will have parts of their regular endeavor lesson, with singing, together with special talks and prayer. A cross will be kept burning on the butte Friday and Saturday night as a reminder of this special occasion.

Although previous arrangements have not been made for a union meeting, it is thought that the two groups will join in their programs upon arriving at the Butte. Young and old are invited to attend these impressive services. The groups will return to town for breakfast.

Wonder at the evident cynicism of certain young ladies with the approach of spring.

Youth blooming meets with moustached age, as the musical choir director skips duty at church. Oh, the vagaries of youth.

And then the journalistic tendency to be up and away, bus or no bus with the coming vacation.

MEDITATIONS!

(As We Go to Press)

It comes once in a life-time to recall. When seventy-year-old grandma marries our youngest uncle. It holds out hope for us all, even the most cat-loving, fond of tea, onion eating spinster of us all. And then perplexity seizes us that some fair young member of the ruling sex does not take advantage of the splendid opportunity offered by the recent flood to allow some young aspirant hero to save her. Possibly this inspired paragraph may start such a wave, by the great kick of its stimulus.

Easter bunnies, bunnets, eggs, chickens, vacations, bus rates, and what not? The spirit of the moment! Why does no one invent an Easter gift mood? How I love my Christmas presents. At least, by the many signs of spring, the success of April Fool attire this year, and sundry, one might presume that the new styles for spring would appear well in church. Pajamas!

A car flashes by. A crowd gathers and is seen peering at some small object in the street; our Umatilla neighbor has brought his Baby Austin out for an airing. Someone wonders how the attorney would look in one.

—Contributed.

Awarded Football Sweaters

Chester Rhodes of Hermiston, was awarded his fourth year football sweater by Coach O. F. Hite at chapel services of the College of Puget Sound Monday. Rhodes will graduate in June and is affiliated with Alpha Chi Nu fraternity.

John Newell, son of Mrs. F. W. Newell of Hermiston, was also awarded his second year football sweater by Coach O. F. Hite at the same time Monday. Newell, a sophomore at the college, is in line for the varsity baseball team, being one of the outstanding aspirants for second base. He is also a member of Alpha Chi Nu fraternity.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. F. V. Prime and Mrs. F. B. Swayze entertained Saturday with an Easter luncheon. Spring flowers were used to decorate the rooms and tables and the luncheon carried out the Easter ocolor scheme of yellow and white. After luncheon the guests enjoyed several tables of bridge. Mrs. Richards winning high score, Mrs. Haneline second and Mrs. E. W. West consolation.

Mrs. J. M. Norton and Mrs. E. E. McPherson entertained with an April Fool bridge party at the home of Mrs. Norton Wednesday evening. When refreshments were served the sugar was in the cream pitchers and the cream in the sugar bowls. Ico cream and coffee were served without spoons. Mrs. J. M. Biggs carried high honors and Mrs. Geo. Harkenrider consolation.

Mrs. Hollis Percey stopped in Hermiston for a few hours while on her way to Reith to visit her parents this week. Mr. and Mrs. Percey are now living in Portland.

CELEBRATION OF EXPERIMENT STATION TO BE BIG EVENT

COMMERCIAL CLUB LAYS PLANS TO CELEBRATE OCCASION.

Commercial Club Luncheon Speaker Outlines Smith-Hughes Course for High School; \$1000 Available

At the regular meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday a committee to three was appointed to make tentative arrangements for a public celebration in appreciation of the new experiment station to be located east of town. They are F. B. Swayze, Thomas Fraser and J. W. Campbell. The nature of the affair will probably be a banquet with state and railroad officials present, to whom invitations will be sent by the local Commercial club, according to President Hitt.

Oscar Paulson, assistant supervisor of agriculture for the Union Pacific System, was an interesting speaker at the luncheon. Mr. Paulson spoke of the possibilities for poultry raising in the Hermiston country and is working in the interest of promoting the industry to the extent that an egg distributing plant may be put in here in order to prevent shipment to Portland and back through again enroute to eastern points. He also informed members present that there was an appropriation of \$1000 available in the Union Pacific Smith-Hughes fund of which Hermiston schools should avail themselves before another term of school is entered into. This money is now available and will be used in some one school this year. He stated that Hermiston and adjacent projects are strictly agricultural and the largest percent of students taking high school courses will follow this industry intelligently if given the right foundation. It not only includes students but will cover classes for those out of school, who are considered in the younger class, and also farmers as old as 80 years. They work out their problems together.

Mr. Paulson is anxious that the school board and citizens consider and avail themselves of this opportunity while it is here. This fund will not be distributed again for about four years.

Charles McClean of Sunnyside, Wn., was also a guest at the luncheon. He represents the Russell Hatcheseries of Corvallis and in California.

UNION PACIFIC NAMES SPECIAL "CUT-FARE-WEEK"

The first week of April may be called "cut-fare-week" as far as the Union Pacific is concerned, according to W. K. Cundiff, general passenger agent of the line, who announces that the road will sell round trips on April 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the rate of one cent per mile or 100 miles per dollar.

"With this 'more miles per dollar' fare in effect we expect the first few days in April to show a marked increase in travel," Mr. Cundiff said. "The special low fare will apply between all points on Union Pacific lines west of Granger, Wyoming in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and California with the exception of points north of Portland. They should prove very popular for they are real money savers, tickets being good in coaches and, upon payment of the usual Pullman charges, in parlor cars and sleeping cars. Mid-night April 9 is the final limit for completion of the return trip. No stop-overs are included. Children's tickets will be one-half of the reduced fare."

Between points east of Portland and points north very low rates will apply but these low fares will not be in effect locally between Portland and territory to the north.

Install New Frigidaire

A P. S. 4-17 General Electric refrigerator was installed in the Hermiston hotel this week by the Hermiston Light & Power company, and is functioning at the present time. This means that patrons of the hotel dining room will have better service in the coming summer months.

Eliza Crossing the Ice—Modern Version By Albert T. Reid

