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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING DAMAGED BY FIRE AND WATER

FIREMEN BATTLE FLAMES AND SMOKE FOR TWO HOURS.

Property of Dr. Christopherson Total Loss; Total Damage Mounts to Thousands of Dollars.

Hermiston volunteer firemen battled for two hours against smoke and flames Wednesday morning when they were called out at 3:30 to extinguish a fire that originated in the southwest room in the office of Dr. A. W. Christopherson in the First National Bank building, located on the southwest corner of Main and Front streets. The alarm was phoned in by employees of the Union Pacific depot about the same time the blaze was seen by Bert Nation. From evidence of the charred timbers, the fire must have been smoldering for hours.

It is thought that the fire was caused by defective wiring in the floor of the upper room in the southwest corner. Furniture and supplies in Dr. Christopherson's office were a total loss and the damage done in Dr. Prime's office from smoke and water was estimated at \$700. Two typewriters, and an adding and posting machine were total losses to the bank, besides considerable water damage.

When discovered the fire had burned the cabinet filled with supplies, in the back room, and spread across the hall into the dark room used by the doctor. The rooms were thoroughly charred and the floor was burned through into the bank below. The floor in the back room was also burned through into the posting room below where the adding and posting machines were damaged.

When the flames were extinguished, three feet of water stood on the floor of the bank rooms. Over one hundred men worked frantically for two hours getting the flames under control and clearing out the water and charred timbers. Had the building not been fire-proof it would have been a total loss.

A number of instruments that were in a small cabinet in Dr. Christopherson's consultation room, escaped serious damage and can be salvaged and used. A small can of gasoline that was apparently in the flames, survived the fire, while other less flammable articles burned. The X-Ray machine and a large Infra-Red lamp were in an adjoining room and escaped serious damage, other than from steam and smoke. Dr. Christopherson carried \$1000 insurance on furniture and fixtures. Other losses in the building were totally covered by insurance.

Total damages will amount to several thousand dollars. Repair work on the building started immediately. The rooms will be fixed temporarily and Dr. Christopherson will see patients there and at the hospital.

IRIGON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Alloway from Sandoz, Calif., visited a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Tom Caldwell, while enroute to Lewiston, Idaho. Orville Benefiel and Alma and Donald McCarthy of Walla Walla are visiting the Chas. Bentley family. Bert Benefiel entered the hospital at Walla Walla for treatment Tuesday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chaney, who has been ill for some time, was taken to the Pendleton hospital Thursday. Little Joe Wilson was ill and absent from school all last week.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Gregory, S. D., and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Hathaway of Edmond, S. D., are here for an extended visit with Mrs. Smith's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom.

Mrs. Granger, who is quite seriously ill, was taken to the Pendleton hospital Sunday. Mrs. Birdie McCoy and Mrs. Chas. McFall of Imbler, Oregon, were visiting the J. A. Grabels and Emmett McCoy families over the week end.

Marwell and Vorina Jones entertained a crowd of young folks at their home Saturday evening. Dancing and games were in order until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowlin and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warner attended services at the Methodist church in Hermiston Sunday.

Brother Carl Alquist preached his farewell sermon at the Community church Sunday night. He will leave for some point in Idaho this week to hold services.

Prayer meeting is being held every Wednesday night. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Clara Smith and Mrs. Frank Fredrickson visited Mrs. W. C. Isom Saturday afternoon.

Chas. Smith of Heppner, was a business visitor in this vicinity Thursday.

Mrs. Goodwin has been quite ill the past week.

LOCAL PEOPLE AWARDED PRIZES AT LIVESTOCK SHOW

Several Hermiston and Stanfield residents who made entries at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland were awarded premiums. The Skovbo apries won first in alfalfa honey and W. G. Rodda second on alfalfa honey.

Stanley Green won 5th place on Hampshire ewe fleece. His father, F. S. Green, won 2nd on alfalfa seed, one-half bushel.

Umatilla stock judging team placed 20th out of 55 entries.

According to the Oregonian the University of Idaho livestock judging team won the Pacific coast championship in inter-collegiate judging at the Pacific International Livestock exposition over teams representing Oregon State college, U. of California, Montana State college and Washington State college.

University of Idaho scored 4268 points; University of California, 4264; Montana State college, 4092; Washington State college, 4078; Oregon State college, 4022.

MINNEHAHA NEWS NOTES

J. M. Thom made a business trip to Pendleton and Walla Walla Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McGreal, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hamman family for the past ten days returned to Portland Tuesday. While here Mr. McGreal spent some time hunting.

Dick, Bob and Johnnie Thom returned home Thursday afternoon after spending several days in the mountains hunting deer around Desolation country and Olive Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buhman and children and Clarence Buhman came from Montana last week. After visiting for several days Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buhman returned to Glasgow where they have their bees. Lawrence will remain in Hermiston for the winter.

Mrs. W. A. Hinceline and William Rodda motored to Milton Friday. They visited with Mrs. B. F. Williams and at the D. J. Kirk ranch over the week end. While there they also attended the apple show.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson and Jane and Jimmie were in Pendleton Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Deeter spent Sunday in Dayton, Wn. They visited Mrs. Deeter's mother, Mrs. Windust. The Parson family, who have been living on the Stone place, have moved to the North Hill district.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean had a dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jackson and sons, Billie and Bobbie.

The I. J. Couch family have recently moved from the Hesser ranch to the Hayden ranch in the Minnehaha district which was formerly occupied by the Wiley Pearson family. After a two weeks visit with friends in Milton, Mrs. W. G. Rodda returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Clarke were in Pendleton the last of the week. J. A. Yeager, county school superintendent of Pendleton, visited the Minnehaha school Tuesday. He distributed the 4-H club money to Gladys McKenzie and Jane Jackson that they won on exhibits at the Umatilla Project fair.

Mrs. B. P. Doherty and Mrs. P. J. Curran and daughter, Betty, and Wm. J. Doherty of Alpine visited at the Ed McDavid home Sunday.

FAIR BOARD MEETS TO SUM UP RECEIPTS

The Umatilla Project fair board met in the office of Assistant County Agent Best last Friday night to hear the treasurers report and finish the final details of this year's fair. The report stated that there would be enough money to pay all premiums, and labor bills, with the possible exception of the labor in repairing the barns on the grounds damaged by the big wind storm last spring.

All premium money is in the mail with the exception of a small amount of 4-H club money that will be sent out as soon as all reports are in. Board members were pleased with the result of this year's fair.

P.T.A. Rummage Sale.

In order to raise funds for the hot lunches to be served to school children this winter in the Hermiston schools, the Parent-Teachers association is holding a rummage sale Saturday, November 7, in the old Mutual Cream station building. The sale will continue all day and sponsors are especially anxious to obtain old coats, odd dishes, canned fruits and vegetables and any article that is saleable. If the canned food stuffs are not used it will be given for community welfare work this winter.

Weather Report.

Date	Max	Min
October 22	64	46
October 23	64	46
October 24	65	39
October 25	67	37
October 26	58	43
October 27	55	37
October 28	55	36
October 29	70	50

There were .31 of an inch precipitation since last Thursday, with nights fairly clear and cold.

REACH GOODYEAR TIRE SALES QUOTA FOR JULY-AUGUST

AWARDED PHOTOGRAPH OF AIR SHIP "ACRON" AS TROPHY.

Seventy-one Per Cent Increase Over Sales for 1930; Goodyear to Feature Radio Program.

The Rohrman Motor company, owned and operated by A. F. Rohrman, received recognition from the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company Sunday, when Mr. Rohrman was presented a photograph of the U. S. S. Akron, world's largest airship, framed in duralumin, for making his sales quota in the July-August sales contest for Goodyear dealers, known as the Dealers Annual Zeppelin sales race.

Mr. Isbell, representative of the company made the award. The photograph is on display in the window at the Rohrman Motor company. It is in a frame made of Duralumin used in girder construction of the U. S. airship, "Akron" built by Goodyear Zeppelin corporation, and has the Rohrman Motor company inscription under the photograph.

Mr. Rohrman reports a 71 per cent increase in Goodyear tire sales for July and August over 1930, and says there are prospects for the percentage to go higher in the future. Mr. Rohrman also says, "The sales contest was of great value in helping us get the maximum amount of business this summer, and it put Goodyear tires on the cars of many people who did not know before what our service could do for them."

Mr. Rohrman can justly be proud of the trophy because it will become increasingly valuable from a historical standpoint as time goes on. Goodyear Tire & Rubber company was on the air for the first time Tuesday, October 27, from 5:30 to 6:00 p. m., with a program that will be featured regularly, Tuesdays and Saturdays, of each week. The broadcast will come over the national hook-up and Saturday's program will be heard from 6:00 to 6:30 p. m. featuring nationally known stars.

STATE POTATO GROWERS TO HOLD 4TH ANNUAL MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of the State Potato Growers' association will be held Friday, October 30, starting at 10:00 o'clock, in the small room above the restaurant in the agricultural exhibit room at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland.

This year the discussion will center around marketing the crop in California and how to develop that market. There will be other interesting features, such as a report on the value of potatoes as feed for all classes of livestock. There will be no admission charge or other cost.

Local Gridders Lose to Ione.

Ione upset the dope for Hermiston high Saturday, defeating the local gridders 13-0 at Ione. Ione presented a line-up less formidable than Condon, of the previous week, but loose playing on the part of Hermiston lost them the game.

COUNTY VALUES SHOW DECLINE OVER RECENT YEARS.

County Assessor R. O. Hawks has just published a summary of the assessment roll for 1931, as finally equalized by the board of equalization. The report shows a considerable decline over recent years in the assessed value of Umatilla county property, the total value of which is given as \$40,238,699, exclusive of railroads and other public service corporation property which is assessed by the state tax commission.

Mr. Hawk's summary is as follows:

Acres of all land (1,490,784)	\$28,106,476
Improvements on deeded or patented lands	2,232,540
Town or City lots (12,751)	1,982,796
Improvements on town and City lots	4,167,530
Improvements on land not deeded or patented	204,025
Engines and manufacturing machinery	190,155
Merchandise and stock in trade	1,011,225
Farming implements wagons, autos, etc.	880,097
Accounts, etc.	97,185
Hotel and office furniture, etc.	131,845
Horses and mules (8,357)	222,160
Cattle (18,700)	460,595
Sheep (119,383)	442,655
Swine (2,354)	20,975
Pigs (651)	5,590
Bees (2,679)	23,115
Poultry (75,480)	2,475
Foxes (100)	40,189,429
Net Taxable Property	49,276
Gross valuation	40,238,699

FARM BUREAU AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At the last meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Farm Bureau, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. Howard Reid, president; Mrs. Lois Blum, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Keller, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jackson Haar, press agent; Mrs. Henry Ott and Mrs. A. E. Marble were elected as chairmen of committees.

During the business meeting Mrs. N. W. Bloom reported on the work of assembling canned goods and requested that members of the Auxiliary bring small containers in which honey could be sealed. These donations are to be used for the needy this winter. A vote of thanks was made to Mrs. Lyle Tilden and R. C. Todd for their efficient work at the fair, and also to the Hermiston Herald for printing cards for the organization.

A financial statement for the cooperative cannery was read by Mr. Jackson which showed a total indebtedness of \$476.65. A financial report for the cooperative cannery and laundry was accepted and a motion passed that the two concerns be turned over to the recently organized Cooperative Cannery & Laundry. A motion was made and carried that the by-laws be accepted.

The social hour was ably taken care of by Mrs. Dunning, Mrs. Jewett, and Mrs. Guilwitz. The committee for the November 6th meeting is composed of Mrs. Henry Hooker, Mrs. Mary Hooker, and Mrs. John Paxton. Subject for discussion will be on cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stockard went to Portland last Saturday. Mr. Stockard returned Monday night but Mrs. Stockard remained to visit with friends for a few days.

BLASTING OF DRAINAGE DITCH DEMONSTRATED HERE FRIDAY A. M.

ART KING, SOILS SPECIALIST DIRECTS BLASTING.

Method Furnishes Economical Means of Installing Drainage System on Lowland in Irrigated Districts.

Art King, soils extension specialist from Oregon State college, put on a demonstration here Friday morning using powder for blasting drainage ditches. Much interest was shown by the presence of 20 men from Echo, Stanfield, The Meadows, who have experienced the difficulty of putting in drainage ditches only at great expense.

The demonstration was made in a field on the E. P. Dodd place west of town. Two-hundred, one-half pound sticks of blasting powder were placed one foot and a half apart, which covered a distance of 250 feet. These sticks were dropped into holes 1 1/2 feet deep and a connection made that set the blasting powder off simultaneously. It created a disturbance that was most interesting to watch.

When the shower of sandy soil had settled, a ditch 3 or 4 feet deep was revealed, with no high bank on one side, made by throwing dirt when the shovel digging method is used. The only thing necessary to make an ideal drainage ditch was for a small stream of water to run through to cut the rough edges.

This method furnishes a much more economical means of putting in drainage and does away with the extra soil that rims the ditch only to aid in holding moisture.

Hawley Bean of Echo expects to use this method of putting in a drainage system some time soon. The blasting powder sticks cost 6 1/2 or 7 cents a piece and it taken about 200, one-half pound blasting powder sticks to make a ditch 250 feet long, making a total cost of \$7. Many ditches could be saved from alkali formation if proper drainage were put in.

The demonstration was obtained through the county agent's office.

EVENING MEETINGS OF P. T. A. PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

The first evening meeting of the Parent-Teachers association was held last Wednesday night when 130 parents and teachers were present to hear the interesting program presented.

The highlights of the evening program were talks by Miss Hinegardner, county nurse, outlining the work in the county for the coming year, and a talk by Rev. Oscar Payne on the cooperation between teachers and parents. The high school orchestra gave three numbers during the evening; Edna Ott, two violin selections; and Miss Eleanor Dally pleased with piano monologues.

Following the program a short business session was held after which a social hour was enjoyed, and later refreshments of older and doughnuts were served by the committee, Mrs. A. E. Bense, Mrs. Fred Barker, Mrs. Otto Pierce and Mrs. J. M. Pace.

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TURKEY GRADING SCHOOL AT ROSEBURG NOVEMBER 5-6.

According to information in a letter received by Assistant County Agent Best this week there will be a turkey grading school in Roseburg, November 5th and 6th. Robert R. Skokum, senior marketing specialist, bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA, will have charge of the school and explain the requirements of the government grades of turkeys.

At least four classes, consisting of twenty turkeys each, will be graded, and those passing satisfactory examinations will qualify as graders. From this group individuals will be selected to do the grading for the agencies making application for the use of government grades.

It is highly desirable that as many growers attend the school as possible, even though they do not expect to qualify as graders.

The school will be held on the ground floor of the Hoebradel building, opposite the office of the News-Review, on Jackson street in Roseburg, and will open at 10:00 on the morning of November 5th. No admission is charged.

Local growers and interested parties planning on going from here are John Jendrzejewski, Lyle Tilden, Logan Todd, and Garnet D. Best.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

A Halloween program will be given by the pupils of the Columbia school. Mrs. DeMoss and her pupils from Cold Springs will also help with the program.

Mrs. J. S. Sley returned Monday from The Dalles where she has been visiting for the past three weeks. E. R. Fletcher of The Dalles, was one of the many hunters in Columbia over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms and family have moved into the Simmons house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford.

Don Young of Portland was a visitor at the Tom Stewart home Thursday. Jimmie Stewart was a week end visitor at the Charles Lynch home.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson were dinner guests at the Tom Wilson home Wednesday.

Mrs. Marvin Watson visited at the Joe Udey home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett had the misfortune of losing their home by fire last week. Neighbors and friends are helping them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brooks and daughter Philip, and Mr. Jones were visitors at the Gus Linder home from Friday to Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hammer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conrad and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kik and family had Sunday dinner at the John Conrad home.

Miss Lottie Knauf was absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Miss Bessie Hammer, who is a nurse in Portland, spent a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hammer.

Mrs. J. H. Reid has been spending a few days visiting in Spokane.

Mrs. B. Hutchison's brother, Oris Bennett, is spending a few days visiting here. He is on his way home in Colorado, from California.

The local orchestra will practice at the Joe Udey home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dotson, and son Jack, are visiting in Pendleton for a few weeks.

CARPENTER WORK STARTED ON NEW EXPERIMENT FARM

CONSTRUCTION OF DAIRY BARN TO BE IN NEW DESIGN.

Local Concern Has Contract For Installing Heating System; Total Contract Price \$13,778.00

Actual carpenter work started on the new Umatilla Experiment Station Monday and the concrete for foundations was poured Wednesday. The new experiment station is the result of a \$25,000 government appropriation obtained last spring. When completed the new experimental station will take the place of the one north of town that has been in service for the past 20 years.

The new site includes 130-acres of land about one mile south of the city, situated just above the A line canal. Water will be pumped from the A line canal for irrigation.

The buildings under contract for construction include two residences, an office, horse barn, dairy barn, and sheds. The farm buildings are designed for utility and will be of the best type for practical construction. According to H. K. Dean, superintendent of the local station, the dairy barn will be a distinct departure from the ordinary accepted design. Connected with a milk barn of shed-like construction, by a covered runway eight feet long, is a modern type milk room which contains the separators, cooling tank, sterilizer, water tank and washing equipment. The contract price for total construction is \$13,778.

A 100-day time limit has been placed on construction which carries it over until January 23, 1932.

Acceptance of the bond of Schreiner & Zier, of Walla Walla, Wn., successful bidders, was wired from Washington, D. C. October 14, to H. K. Dean, and work for laying out the buildings was started immediately.

The Oregon Hardware & Implement company was a successful bidder for installing the heating system, and the Valley Plumbing & Heating company, Colfax, Place, Wn., have the plumbing contract. A domestic well under contract to A. E. Durand of Walla Walla is down more than 260 feet.

The entire progress of construction will be in charge of Victor E. Sieber, architect of Walla Walla.

The Hermiston Light & Power company is constructing new power lines to the farm which will make power available on the experiment farm.

Farm buildings will occupy ground nearly in the center of the 130-acre farm, which will save much unnecessary labor for employees after they have started to carry out work on the new experimental farm. During the past summer considerable work has been done on the land in the way of preparation for next spring. Ninety-one acres have been roughed down and seeded to rye. Fifteen acres additional have been leveled down ditched and bordered which will be ready for spring seeding. Land development is expected to progress through the fall and winter months.

Henry Swartout Dies.

Henry Swartout, resident of Portland, died at his home in Estacada, Monday, October 5. He had been in poor health for more than a year. Mr. Swartout was owner of the Hermiston Creamery for a number of years before moving to Portland. He is survived by his wife.

Benefit Football Game.

The Hermiston Union high school football team will turn the proceeds from the game with Weston high school, November 20, over to charity work in this vicinity. It was impossible to schedule a special game for this purpose so the boys, in cooperation with the local organizations and Superintendent McAtee, have consented to reserve this date for that purpose. There will be more details published later.

Whitsett Residence Burns.

A fire last Thursday completely destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitsett on their ranch in the east end of the project. A mattress and a small amount of bedding was all that was saved of the furnishings. A few articles of clothing were saved, due to the fact that Mrs. Whitsett had brought them to town in the laundry. The house was said to be covered by insurance and a small amount on the household furnishings.

Eastern Star Initiates.

About forty members were present at Eastern Star Tuesday night for initiation when Mrs. A. W. Christopherson and Mrs. O. A. Hills were taken into the order. Refreshments were served at the close of the business session.

LOCALS

Mrs. Raymond Walker was a charming hostess at a one o'clock luncheon Tuesday. The rooms were attractive with large bowls of flowers, and following the luncheon five tables of bridge were in play. Mrs. Neill Robertson received high score and Mrs. E. Haneline cut high.

Mrs. F. L. Kelley returned from LaGrande Saturday after spending a week visiting her son, Cecil Kelley. She said there was snow on the ground when she left.

The Morning After

