

The Hermiston Herald

FIELD DAY WILL EXHIBIT STANDARD ALFALFA VARIETIES

PLOTS TO TEST BEST VARIETIES FOR IRRIGATED DISTRICTS.

Alfalfa and Sweet Clover Said to be Adapted to the Sandy Soil; August 31st Field Day.

Fifteen half acre tests of alfalfa will be exhibited on Field day August 31 at the Experiment Farm. These will be standard varieties and the tests are designed to show hardiness and tenderness under sandy soils and climatic changes that exist in the irrigated districts here and along the Columbia and lower Yakima and Walla Walla rivers. Some of these tests are being made not only to show the best varieties, but also to show how bad some of them are.

In addition to the above will also be shown 33 varieties of alfalfa in rows which tests are being made mainly to show length of life of the variety of alfalfa plants.

In 21 tracts commercial fertilizer is being used. The results on the better grades of sandy soils are very marked, but not so noticeable on coarser sands. The color of the alfalfa plants is shown greatly improved, and tests will be made of the quality of the hay by the nutrition chemist at Corvallis. Barn yard and green manure tests are also being made. Green manures are proven the cheapest. One heavy crop of peas and rye was turned under with a very noticeable change in appearance and reaction in the soil.

Winter killing tests are also being carried out on 20 tracts. These are standard varieties and the plots are given different treatments as to fertilization and irrigation. Strengthening of the soil, application of late moisture and allowing the plant a heavier top growth before winter season is recommended. Late pasturing is considered damaging to alfalfa meadows.

H. K. Dean, station superintendent, states that no crop is so adapted to the sandy soils of this region as alfalfa and sweet clover under proper methods of tillage.

Tests will also be shown in fruit varieties. Since this locality tried out fruit 20 years ago, many new varieties of all kinds of fruits have been developed, as to quality and hardiness. Varieties are being planted from New York, New Jersey, Minnesota and North Dakota, which have been proven at the experiment farms of those and other states. The farm is especially trying out varieties suitable for home orchards but is studying those that show qualities adapted to commercial growing and handling. Likewise a study is being made of local slopes or sections that are better adapted for fruits. Many varieties of apples, peaches, plums, pears, apricots, grapes, raspberries, blackberries and strawberries are being grown.

Many other experiments are being carried on that have been installed during the last three years since the new farm was established, and which will be demonstrated at the field day celebration.

OSCAR DRUMHELLER DIES.

Oscar Drumheller, 68, who died suddenly Tuesday of a heart attack while at Wallowa lake, was a widely known business man and banker of Walla Walla. He was president of the Whitehouse Drumheller company and vice president of the First National bank of Walla Walla.

"LES MISERABLES" AT OASIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Victor Hugo's immortal classic, "Les Miserables," will be at the Oasis theatre Friday and Saturday.

The role of Jean Valjean, celebrated convict hero who spends five brutalizing years in the galleys of a French prison ship for the theft of a loaf of bread and finds his whole future life darkened by the petty crime, is the greatest undertaking of March's brilliant screen career. Javert, who has dedicated his life to the literal interpretation of the law, offers a characterization which affords a psychological glimpse into the strange workings of the mind of a man-hunter.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, distinguished stage and screen star, is seen as the beneficent Bishop Bienvenu, whose faith raises the hunted Jean Valjean from an unfeeling beast to a noble and prosperous man.

"IMITATION OF LIFE" PROVES MOVING STORY.

"Imitation of Life," which will be on the screen at the Oasis theatre Sunday and Monday, is an unusual picture, decidedly off the beaten track.

One of the unusual qualities of the story is its structural pattern, which could be diagrammed as two parallel lines. One represents the life of Bea Pullman, portrayed by Miss Colbert, as a courageous young widow possessed of much charm and high intelligence.

IRRIGATION NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Privall are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oliver for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver motored to Goldendale, Wn., Saturday to visit Mrs. Oliver's mother, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. Don Kenny accompanied her father who has been visiting her, to Portland Sunday.

Mr. Griffith and two sons from The Dalles, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Miller from Boardman, visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bessel and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cassidy from Hermiston visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ison Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Graybeal accompanied her grandson Ira Graybeal from Stevenson, Wn., to Imbler Wednesday for a week's visit with her daughters, Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Browning and family are visiting Mrs. Browning's parents at Centralia, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kender of Umatilla visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ison Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry and family of Umatilla were Sunday guests of the McCoy family.

Mrs. B. P. Rand and Mrs. Geo. Rand were business visitors in Walla Walla Tuesday.

Miss Julia Miller is visiting her sister Grace at the F. C. Aldrich home.

Chas. Steward returned from the Veterans' hospital at Walla Walla Saturday.

Mrs. Rebecca Knight was a house guest of Mrs. Steward over the week end.

Miss Margaret Gilles from The Dalles was a business visitor in town last week end.

Rev. Miller of Umatilla called on friends in Irrigon Wednesday.

Mrs. Lisle Seaman and three children of Madras, Ore., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Steward.

Clair Caldwell and Fred Markham have been employed to drive the school buses the coming year, with Russell McCoy as substitute.

Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Cole are here for a visit with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Ellis.

Several families from Irrigon motored to Ione Monday to attend the fellowship meeting of the Pentecostal church.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Warner and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. Fagerstrom and family picnicked at Columbia park at Hermiston Sunday.

MANY PEOPLE ENJOY SUMMER VACATION TRIPS

Miss Marjorie Putman of Multnomah is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hamm this week. She arrived last Friday to visit for a week with acquaintances, having attended school here. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Putman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norton of Mt. Vernon, Ore., visited here the first of the week with friends while enroute to The Dalles to attend the state Legion convention which opened there Thursday evening, August 15.

Little Miss Patsy Lamberson celebrated her fourth birthday Wednesday afternoon by having a few of her friends in for a party. The following afternoon Little Miss Ruth Chellis celebrated her birthday with a party.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy and daughter Bobbie Lou and Mrs. Kennedy's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Green, of Hastings, Nebraska, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamm Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are old time acquaintances of Mr. Hamm.

Dr. A. W. Christopherson returned Wednesday from an extended vacation at eastern points and at Seaside. Mrs. Christopherson stopped in The Dalles for the state American Legion convention and expects to return to Hermiston Saturday evening. Their daughter Barbara who has been with her grandmother in Portland is expected home Sunday.

Miss Helen Fredrickson of Stanfield was in town on business Tuesday and says that she expects to leave Thursday (today) for Portland and then Seattle to await the sailing of the boat to Nome, Alaska, where she will teach under Wm. Bloom, formerly superintendent of the Umatilla schools.

Miss Clara Bryant and her sister Mrs. E. G. Frazer who have been vacationing at Seaside arrived in Hermiston Tuesday morning to visit at the home of their sister Mrs. H. T. Fraser. Miss Bryant recently returned from a trip to Alaska and they will remain here until the last of the month. Mrs. Frazer's home is in Rock Island, Illinois.

Local members of the American Legion and Auxiliary who are attending the state convention at The Dalles this week are Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. James Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Amsberry, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cable, Mrs. Peter Castric, Mrs. Lyle Tilden and Mrs. J. G. Sage. Mrs. Castric and Mrs. L. C. Todd are delegates for the local unit and Guy Amsberry and James Todd are delegates for the post.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Simons and daughter Shirley who have spent several days visiting friends at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Grand Coulee and in Walla Walla, returned to Hermiston Tuesday. Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Simons left for Portland and Oreno, Ore., to visit Mrs. Simons' grandparents. Shirley remained in Walla Walla with her grandmother. The Simons expect to return August 19.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION MADE POSSIBLE.

Actual steps are being taken by the rural electrification administration to assist the farming communities in securing light and power service throughout the whole country. The service is especially possible in thickly settled communities similar to projects around Hermiston.

Frank McCulloch, public utilities commissioner, who has been doing some investigating into the problem of rural electrification, is of the opinion that extension of power lines into farming areas should be placed upon a social rather than a strictly business basis. McCulloch points out that if this development is to be made only in those sections which promise an immediate financial return on the investment there will be few if any new extensions. Private utilities, he points out, have already pushed their lines into every nook and corner of the state that give any prospect of profit. The federal government, which is spending millions in order to wipe out slums in the cities, should, in McCulloch's opinion, be willing to spend a few millions in improving living conditions in remote rural areas as well.

HOTEL AND BUSINESS BUILDINGS PLANNED FOR UMATILLA.

Glen Brown, of McMinnville, was in Hermiston Wednesday of last week and stated that he intended to construct a hotel at Umatilla, and begin work in a very short time. The building will have 40 rooms, a full basement of concrete, steam heat, baths and showers, with parking places for tourist cars.

He will also, he states, build a series of store buildings for general merchandise, drugs, groceries, etc., whenever he secures a tenant for a building.

The location of these buildings will be on the Columbia highway between the east end of the bridge and the old cemetery. Mr. Brown states that he expects to invest \$40,000 in these buildings. He bases his judgment in this venture on the construction of the channel from Celilo to Umatilla, and the development of a port at Umatilla that will supply eastern Oregon with river facilities.

Examiner Coming.

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Hermiston Saturday, August 24th, 1935, at the city library between the hours of 9:00 to 5:00 P. M., respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley during these hours.

Injures Hands in Wringer.

Bobby Thomas, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, injured his hands seriously early Friday morning when he caught them in the wringer. The skin was torn from both hands and the flesh from the right hand. His mother had stepped out of the room when the child decided to investigate the wringer. He is improving slowly.

Johnson Visits Here.

Chester Johnson, who is on furlough from West Point, was in town Wednesday calling on old friends before he leaves soon for New York to resume his studies for another two years. Chester graduated from the Hermiston high school in the class of '32 and entered West Point a year later. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Johnson are now living at North Powder. He was accompanied by Jim Neary, night clerk at the Dorlian hotel in Pendleton.

SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPT. 2; TEACHING STAFF SELECTED

M. L. Watson has been working steadily all summer and is rapidly getting the building in shape for the opening of school Monday, September 2. Mothers will be glad to know that the oil has been removed from much of the floor space and a hardening varnish put on instead. The appearance is improved and is far more sanitary.

All high school students, who expect to attend school this year will report at the superintendent's office on the days named below to complete registration and have seats assigned in the study hall. Freshmen will report on Tuesday, August 27; Sophomores, August 28; Juniors, August 29; and Seniors on August 30.

So far as possible books should be arranged for on the above registration days. The rent on English books will remain the same as last year. Some used books are on hand. Students having books to sell should get them in at once.

Inasmuch as the district is going to great expense to build a new high school and gymnasium it seems best not to undertake to play basketball this year. Instead a regular schedule of high school parties and other forms of amusement will be arranged. The high school teaching staff is as follows: Jessie B. Brierley, Latin, Occupations and Mathematics; Margaret Elliott, English; Esther Sibert, Com-

CLARENCE HENNING PROMOTED TO ALASKAN POSITION

The news that Clarence Henning, who has taught in departmental work in the upper grades of our school for the past three years, had been elected to a responsible position in Ketchikan, Alaska, came as a surprise to his many friends here.

Mr. Henning came to Hermiston direct from Cheney Teacher's college. He has developed rapidly in his teaching ability and will no doubt give a good account of himself in the new field.

Mr. Henning will act as coach and physical education instructor in the Ketchikan Junior high school. He starts on a salary of \$1400 and will increase in three years to \$1800. He will sail from Seattle August 26.

The best wishes of the community go with him to his new field of work.

TOWNSEND CLUBS WILL PICNIC FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Umatilla County Townsend clubs of Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla and Hermiston, with all surrounding clubs that will participate, will hold a joint picnic in Columbia park north of Hermiston on the Cold Springs road, Friday, August 23.

A parade will start from the Townsend club headquarters, next to the creamery, at 9:30 a. m., and proceed to the park. Join this parade with your banners and decorations.

Sports for all will be enjoyed in the forenoon, after which a basket lunch will be spread. Members are urged to bring their baskets well filled to provide for the visitors who may not have a basket.

An address will be given by a speaker sent here from Townsend state headquarters in Portland, Ore.

VACANCIES IN U. S. ARMY TO BE FILLED.

The United States army recruiting officer stationed at Pendleton, Oregon, announced the following vacancies for foreign and home service.

Enlistments can now be made for Infantry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, Engineers and Chemical Warfare Service in the Hawaiian Islands. Five vacancies for Coast Artillery in the Philippine Islands are booked. Previous service men can enlist for the 15th Infantry in China. Vancouver Barracks, Washington, has vacancies in the Infantry and Medical Department. Fort Stevens, Ore., has vacancies in the Coast Artillery, Medical department and the Quartermaster Corps. Enlistments can also be made for the 7th Infantry in Alaska.

For additional information write or call at the United States Army recruiting station, Post Office Building, Pendleton, Oregon.

Oregon State Banquet.

A banquet given by Oregon State college students and honoring students who will attend the college this fall will be held at the Pendleton Hotel Saturday night, August 24, at 7:00 o'clock, according to Russell Tegnell who was in town last week contacting students. The price of tickets is 75 cents.

Tegnell has been organizing Oregon State clubs throughout the state during the summer and is eager to develop a group in this section of the country. The primary purpose of the clubs is to contact high school students who plan to enter college.

If the students interested in attending the banquet will get in touch with Margaret Felthouse of Hermiston, arrangements will be made for them to go.

Commercial: Ladrew Moshberger, Social Science, Spanish and Debate; Harold Hatton, Science and Athletics and Golda Mumma, orchestra and Glee Club.

High School English Texts.

District nine will rent English texts to the students this year. The freshmen and sophomore texts rent for 30 cents and junior and senior texts for 45 cents.

Class Advisers.

Class advisers are: Freshmen, R. H. McAttee; Sophomores, Ladrew Moshberger; Juniors, Harold Hatton; Seniors, Margaret Elliott.

Miss Elliott will have charge of girl's athletics; Miss Sibert, Girl's League and Miss Brierley, Torch Honor Society.

Girl's League Institute.

The Girl's League organization of this district has chosen Hermiston as the place for its annual gathering this fall. The support of the entire community will be needed to put this over.

Colonial Art Exhibit.

Many citizens of this community will remember with pleasure the large exhibit of fine pictures held here two years ago. A similar exhibit has been secured to be shown here this year on October 26. (Continued on Page 2)

PINE CITY NEWS

E. B. Wattenburger motored to the John Day country Monday to look after his bees. Mrs. Wattenburger and children accompanied him to Long Creek where they will visit Mr. Wattenburger's sister, Mrs. Reid Buseick, for some time.

John Healy and son Jack, who have been in St. Helens for the past week, are expected to return home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger, who motored to Lake Port, Calif., last week with Mr. and Mrs. Reid Buseick and family to visit Mr. Wattenburger's brother, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill and Guy Moore are spending this week in the mountains huckleberrying.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Omohundro and family moved to their new home near Nolin Sunday.

Miss Iris Omohundro is spending the week in Hermiston visiting at the C. E. Baker home.

Miss Marie Healy spent Friday afternoon visiting with Miss Alma Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Corrigal visited at the T. J. O'Brien home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young and family left Saturday morning for the mountains where they will spend a few days huckleberrying.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wattenburger, Miss Ina Wattenburger, Mrs. L. D. Neill, Miss Alma Neill, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family, and Mrs. Ollie Neill and family spent Sunday afternoon at the A. E. Wattenburger home celebrating Mrs. Wattenburger's birthday.

C. H. Bartholomew was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday.

Mrs. Roy Omohundro and daughter Iris visited at the Antone Cunha home Saturday.

Miss Ida Ullman and J. C. Wattenburger from Talent, Ore., spent Friday and Saturday visiting at the Mrs. Ollie Neill and A. E. Wattenburger homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cox and family were business visitors in Hermiston Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers and son Jerry and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and daughters spent Sunday afternoon at the C. H. Bartholomew home.

Ellis Coxen is staying at the Roy Neill ranch and doing chores while Neills are in the mountains.

Mrs. W. D. Neill, Miss Bernice Neill and Floyd Mathers are camping in the mountains this week picking huckleberries.

The Misses Ruth, Susan and Mary Carroll Thomson are now visiting at the C. H. Bartholomew home.

Emery Cox and Lowell Young were business visitors in Hermiston Sunday morning.

TWENTY YEARS OF PROGRESS CITED FOR SAFEWAY STORES.

The first of the group of stores later to be known as Saway Stores was purchased by M. B. Skaggs from his father twenty years ago this month, August 15, 1915. As stores are judged now this original store would not rate very high. Barely 18x22 feet in area, the entire stock, fixtures and good will were purchased for \$1088. But the idea behind the venture was sound and the vision of the founder broad, as is evidenced by the phenomenal progress made during the years which followed.

The second store was opened in the fall of 1917 at Burley, Idaho, and following the World War stores were opened, as funds were available, successively at Pocatello, Boise, Walla Walla, Portland, Yakima, Butte, Tacoma and numerous other points.

In 1925 the chain, then called Skaggs United Stores, consisting of more than 200 units, purchased Skaggs Cash Stores, operating approximately 125 stores in California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado, and in 1928 the company merged with Saway Stores of Southern California. More recent history is the acquisition of Arizona Grocery Company, Sanitary Stores, MacMarr Stores, numerous Piggy Wiggly stores and various other groups, the total on July 15 being 3,431 stores and 2,319 meat markets. There are also, as is well known, numerous wholesale outlets, bakeries, creameries and other manufacturing plants—gathered into this complex organization, employing nearly 20,000 persons on full time besides many others on part time. A large part of the population of nearly half the states in the Union are served daily by our stores.

Thus the vision of M. B. Skaggs of 20 years ago finds expression in an institution of great scope and tremendous service to millions of people. It represents a symbol of this country's traditional equality of opportunity—the spirit which has made America a land of freedom.

Former Residents Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Phipps of Sdem visited early this week with friends here. Mr. Phipps was one of the members of the original board of directors for the Farm Bureau Cooperative here and Mrs. Phipps was very active in community circles when they lived in Columbia district a number of years ago. They were enroute to Yellowstone National Park on a vacation trip.

Legion Auxiliary Meets.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, August 29, at the home of Mrs. O. K. Mudge, instead of August 22 as previously planned.

TURKEY CROWERS TO INSPECT BROODER SYSTEMS & FLOCKS

NEW FEATURES ADDED TO PICNIC AND PROGRAM.

All Interested Parties Are Invited to Attend Tour and Picnic Saturday, August 17.

The Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers association will hold its annual tour and picnic Saturday, August 17. All who are interested in turkey growing, or in the work of the association are cordially invited to attend.

Those who attend the picnic are asked to bring something to contribute toward the pot luck dinner. In deciding what to bring in the way of food, it should be kept in mind that the association is furnishing roast turkey, coffee, and ice cream; also to bring plates, cups and silverware.

The tour will start at 9:30 A. M., at the Umatilla Experiment station where H. K. Dean, superintendent of the station, will discuss results of last years experimental work with turkeys. The next stop is to be at the farm of I. C. Cox, where observations will be made of the hot water brooding system in use there. From there the group will go to Chas. Keller's farm where there will be a brief discussion of factors relative to selecting time to market as shown by last year's operations. Growers will view Mr. Keller's brooder system and flock.

The next and last stop before dinner will be at the farm of J. H. DeMoss, where a combination brooder house with wire floor and portable range houses will be inspected.

Dinner and an interesting program will be held at 1:00 o'clock at the Columbia park. Speakers on the program are as follows: A. Willardson, Los Angeles sales agent for the turkey growers; J. C. Leedy, field man for the Oregon Turkey Growers, and H. E. Cosby, Extension Poultry Specialist from O. S. C. The entertainment features of the program will be a tap dance by Miss Bonnie Lamberson, and music and singing by the Cub Rangers.

A turkey picking contest is to be staged immediately after dinner. The winners will receive prizes given by the Oregon Hardware and Implement Co., The Hermiston Drug Co., Burnham's, and Saway Stores.

In order that the fat men, who are inclined to eat too much turkey, may work off some of the excess weight, the turkey grower heavy weights, including Mr. Leedy, are challenging the fat men of the Hermiston Commercial club to a foot race. The prize for the winner will be useful in regaining a slender figure, the committee announces.

UMATILLA NEWS

Mrs. Lloyd Ostrom was honored at a miscellaneous shower last Thursday at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. M. McCulloch. Mrs. Ostrom received many lovely gifts. The afternoon was enjoyed by playing a "Bride and Groom" game. Lunch was served to a few of her young friends. They were Lola and Barbara Berry, Louise Grace Bessel, Margaret Brown, Erma Byrnes, Veta Moran, Cathleen Kennedy, Betty McKenzie, Dorothy Tonies, Mrs. Dave Lane, Mrs. Lloyd Ostrom, Mrs. M. M. McCulloch.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walsh and children, Dale and Merly, and Louise Byrnes spent Saturday in Walla Walla and Touchet where they visited Miss Byrnes and Mrs. Walsh's grandmother, Mrs. A. W. Byrnes.

Gus Tonies and daughter Dorothy motored to Walla Walla Sunday to spend the day. Mrs. Tonies, who has been visiting at the Art Trout home in Walla Walla, returned with them.

Miss Ethel Walsh of Medford, Ore. is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. M. Walsh.

Lloyd Harryman accompanied by his father Frank Harryman, left Saturday for Haines, Ore., to visit Donald Harryman. Frank Harryman will remain in Haines to work in the grain fields, but Lloyd returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Duff Knight is having her Beauty Shop all remodelled.

Erma Byrnes, Josephine Connell, Lyle Brown, John Bray and Glenn Ostrom spent Sunday at Bingham Springs.

Joe Norton seen dodging cars on our Main street. We would advise that Joe come back to a good country before he becomes too accustomed to the wilds of the John Day region.

We can't imagine a good democrat objecting to any form of taxation.

Tom Jensen displaying another ship which is in the making. Once the sea air gets into the blood it is there to stay.

Dave Mittledorf is the champion fisherman of a threesome which went to Sheep Creek Sunday. Walt Jendzejewski and Fred Ober claimed all but the 12 inch mountain trout.

ALONG THE CONCRETE