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CITY MAKE-UP CALL FOR WATER BONDS ISSUED 1911

\$2,000 PAID ON ORIGINAL \$25,000.

Complete Replacement of Wooden System With Steel Pipe Anticipated

Additional Cost.

The City of Hermiston has issued a call for the payment of water bonds for the city water system. The bonds are for \$25,000 and were issued in 1911. The call is for \$2,000 of the bonds to be paid on the original sum of \$25,000.

During the period between 1911 and 1935, the city has paid out an interest alone approximately \$30,000. During the water part of the period the city has required pipe lines with steel, at a cost of nearly \$20,000, including interest and repairs, of about \$30,000 invested in a water supply system for the City of Hermiston.

As it now stands Hermiston owes \$23,000 and has a complete water system of steel mains. All that is left of the first system are the fire plugs and the reservoir, and the reservoir house has a new roof. The present system can be operated for approximately one half the cost of operating the old, and has a capacity for more than twice the present population of Hermiston.

During the first half of this quarter of a century, water to users was supplied at a cheaper rate and a deficiency made up in direct taxation against the property owners. The later part of the period, the water system was made to stand on its own resources, and a minimum charge to water users was set at \$2 per month. During the period the number of users has been near 200, of which a considerable number used an excess of the minimum and with the careful uses of this income has been brought about the present sound condition of the water system as well as the good financial standing of the city.

Interest has always been paid promptly and the new installations and repairs bought at lowest figures that cash could command. For example the new steel mains were purchased at a very low figure because of the depression at its worst period, and considerable relief sources. During part of the time some losses in collections were sustained because of the depression conditions.

Interest rates have been six per cent and now refunding on this indebtedness is being given consideration at a lower rate, which would reduce the interest charge by one third, or \$480 on the remaining \$23,000. The tax valuation of the city is \$403,382, and the estimated real value nearly \$600,000 which furnishes a very sound basis for the very best conditions for a new loan.

When the old system was installed steel mains were high priced and the city charter and state laws were such that the city could not bond itself for the necessary sum to lay steel. The city employed very competent engineers at that time and was assured that wooden, treated mains would last 100 years, and give excellent service. A used pipe driven at Main and Third street and water was pumped directly into the mains. For this, or other reasons, the system began to leak heavily and 50 per cent more water was pumped on the joints and bursted cracks in the lines, and finally the wood began to decay—a condition not expected by the early engineers in the soil here. The heavy expense of operating such a system compelled a change and gradually the mayor and city council have financed and reinstalled the present complete and highly satisfactory system.

A new well was drilled at Hermiston Butte and water was pumped directly into the mains. Later the large mains were renewed and finally all the smaller ones used in carrying water throughout the long distances of the town were replaced. The entire cost of the system is largely due to the necessity of supplying water to a widely spread town due partly to the early promotion of Hermiston, when it was thought that Hermiston would become a city of over 5000. In most cities often the deficiency in overhead costs of operating are paid out of the general tax fund, and property owners should give strong approval to the city Dads for their public achievement.

Warners Leave for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner left early last week on a six weeks' motor trip to New York City and Philadelphia. They plan to visit relatives in eastern points and will be guests of Mr. Warner's brother, "Pop" Warner in Philadelphia, who is coach at Temple University. Mr. Warner is attorney for the City of Hermiston and active in civic affairs.

† COLUMBIA NEWS †

By MARIJANE HAMMER.
Herbert Fox of Freewater underwent a serious operation this week. He is a former resident of the Columbia district.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Linder were Sunday visitors at the Casady home. Elmer Ryland, who is employed at Tollgate, spent the week end at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hooker and daughter Nellie and Marion Sanders visited friends in Walla Walla Sunday.

Opal Stockard who has been visiting her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stockard in Corvallis this summer, returned home Monday.

Robert Idler of La Grande is spending the week at the W. L. Dickson home.

Mrs. Elbert Hutchison, who has been visiting in Pendleton, returned home Thursday.

Jack Allen was a Sunday visitor at the John Conrad home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hughes visited in Stanfield Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and sons Philip and Floyd and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Osborn of Hermiston, Paul Miller of Stanfield, Marijane Hammer and Margurite, Richard, Ernest Rainwater, Frances and Harold Rainwater of Butter Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davis, and Gloria and Viola Pelletier enjoyed a swim in the Columbia river Sunday afternoon.

Visitors at the L. Hammer home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison and daughter Lois, Mrs. Alpha Christley and Dell Christley, Jerry Skeen, Mrs. Hughes, Jim Arnerberg and Margurite, Frances, Richard, Ernest and Harold Rainwater, and Mrs. Tom Wilson and daughter Mary and Mrs. Borders.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cable and Mrs. Wm. Mikessell returned home from Salem early this week where they have been visiting relatives and attending the state fair.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenney and Mr. and Mrs. Blair visited at the J. Conrad home Sunday evening.

Jack Coons of Pasco visited at the H. Hooker home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad and family were Sunday dinner guests at the R. L. Addelman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Trumbull and son Bob of Hermiston, and Woodruff Gifford of Stanfield, visited at the Casady home Sunday.

Mrs. Alpha Christley, Jerry Skeen, Mrs. Borders and Dell Christley visited Mr. and Mrs. David Arnot Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hooker were business visitors in Walla Walla Wednesday.

LOCAL GIRLS WIN GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE

Miss Margaret Clarke and Miss Helen Jendrzewski received word today that they were awarded grand champion prize for the best demonstration given in either cooking, canning or sewing divisions at the state fair in Salem last week. They also won first place in their canning demonstration.

The girls have been coached by Mrs. W. A. Hinde, leader of the girls 4-H club cooking and canning clubs in this end of the county. Both are ardent workers in 4-H club work and have won previous prizes at the Umatilla Project Fair and state fair.

This year Helen won second in the Ball special division in canning and Margaret second in the bread baking.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The returns from the elections held by each class Thursday during Activity Period are as follows:

Seniors—President, Kenneth Kneer; Vice President, Harold Rainwater; Secretary, June Richards; and Treasurer, Charlotte Ralph. Charlotte had the distinction of being unanimously chosen.

Juniors—President, Bill Harris; Vice President, Ernest Rainwater; Secretary and Treasurer, Bonnie Lamberson.

Sophomores—President Ed Hunt; Vice President, Lawrence Hunt; Secretary, Helen Ralph; Treasurer, Stuart Rankin; Sargent-at Arms, Bob Follett.

Freshman—President Glenn Elwood; Vice President, Ralph Marble; Secretary, Geraldine Mullins; Treasurer, Virginia Wells.

Torch Honor—President, Charlotte Ralph; Vice President, Helen Dunning; Secretary and Treasurer, Dorothy Conrad.

Torch Honor committee appointed by the newly elected president, Charlotte Ralph, to decide on a means to earn money with which to buy pins was as follows: Margaret Clarke, Irene Kennings and Nina Ray McCully.

Opal Stockard, who has been visiting her brother in Corvallis, returned to school Tuesday.

An invitation committee was appointed last Thursday by the president Ed Hall. The committee included a Wynne Linder, Leah Harris, Thelma Swarner and C. O. Marble.

Supt. and Mrs. R. H. McAtee entertained members of the faculty at their home last Friday.

Grade school season tickets will sell for 35c, and adults at 75c. The student council also decided to hold a party each month in the year except September and May.

Exhibits at the Umatilla Project fair will not only be displayed by the Hermiston school but by all schools in this district.

Two new typewriters have been purchased in order to accommodate the large number enrolled.

RELIEF WORKERS OBJECT TO HOP PICKING WAGE

Hop picking in the O. T. Lockridge yard is moving slowly this week with only fifty pickers checked in the yard. Mr. Lockridge expects to harvest the crop within the next week at which time the pickers will move onto the L. W. Dixon yard in the Columbia district.

Difficulty in securing pickers has been experienced since men on relief rolls have objected to working in the hops at a cent and a quarter a pound. Tuesday of this week they reported to Willis Lickleider, assistant from the SERA offices in Pendleton, that it was impossible to make a \$1.00 a day working in the hops and that their hop tickets were not being cashed. Upon investigation it was revealed that most pickers were making a nominal wage and that all tickets were being cashed promptly. The workers were not put back on relief work since it was stopped in all sections of the state until after hop harvest is over.

Mr. Lockridge's kiln is running full blast and bales are being turned out daily.

Some of the finest hops ever grown in baby hops are said to be found in the Dixon yard in Columbia.

GALENA ORE FOUND WHILE DIGGING BASEMENT

On display in the Herald office window is a 15 pound piece of galena ore found yesterday by Virgil Smith in digging a basement under his house on east Main street.

This cropping shows a large percentage of lead and silver and probably carries gold and copper and other minerals. Except on two corners broken off by the pick the ore is smooth and water worn which shows that it was carried probably hundreds of miles from the mother lode during the glacial period. This sort of find in the mountains would start a rush of miners searching for the main structure but Mr. Smith, who is a miner, has no idea of sinking a shaft, or driving a tunnel or even starting sluicing gravel on his lots.

This specimen adds another link to the geological history of this region. When the oil well was drilled near Hermiston a few years ago, a study was made of Dr. Thomas Condon's work on geology while he was professor at the University of Oregon, and the oil well, as also this specimen, contributed to the proof of how well the great scientist knew his geology.

His books stated that the formations here were formed by consecutive eras of volcanic and alluvial action. The periods extended over many millions of years. The drill showed first the gravel and sand on the surface as water glacial formation. Then came about 80 feet of basaltic or lava flow. Beneath this was a like strata of alluvial gravel and clay from the Blue Mountains. Following this beneath, was another flow of like depth of lava and another deposit of clay and gravel, and in these were found petrified wood and smooth stones polished by erosion much the same as this piece of galena of a much later geological date. Heavy colors of oil was found beneath both alluvial clays which formed an impervious covering and collected the gasses or oils from sources below.

DeMoss Five Years As Teacher.

Harvey DeMoss, who was recently appointed acting post master for Hermiston, is well qualified for the position. He has had five years experience as a teacher after graduating from the Eastern Oregon Normal, and has taken additional work at the University of Oregon. He was principal of the grade school at Reith for two years and principal of the grades at Hardman for the past two years while his first year was spent in the home school at Cold Springs.

TOWNSEND MEETING

Thursday evening, September 17, Union Church 8 p. m. Interesting program of music and entertainment.

JUDGES SECURED FOR PROJECT FAIR SEPT. 27-28

Judges for all divisions have been secured for the Umatilla Project fair, September 27-28, according to announcement made by Assistant County Agent W. A. Sawyer, at a fair board meeting last Saturday night.

Among other things the fair board stresses the necessity of having all entries registered with the secretary not later than 5:00 P. M. Saturday, September 26. This rule will be enforced to the letter this year with no exceptions and any entries brought in for registration later than the specified date and time will be withheld from exhibition.

All registrations will be completed the day before the fair opens and the officials of the fair board will be free to look after the numerous other activities about the grounds.

Joseph Bellanger, Morrow county agent of Hesper, will judge open class livestock; E. R. Jackman, Oregon State college extension crops

FARM ORGANIZATIONS NAME COMMITTEE ON R. E. A.

C. M. Jackson, Ed Dunning and A. E. Bower were named on a committee to call together similar committees in Granges and farm organizations to work out a program on the rural electrification as applied to this section of the county. At an executive farm bureau and grange meeting Wednesday night Assistant County Agent Sawyer said that F. Price, agricultural engineer of O. S. C. had been asked to visit Hermiston, Echo and Stanfield between September 17-20, to address meetings to explain the R. E. A. but that no confirmation of these dates had been secured.

Upon receipt of word from Mr. Price letters will be sent to all interested parties giving definite dates and hours of meetings.

The group also voted to purchase a portable motion picture machine to use in the grange and farm program. Support of the Umatilla rapids dam program was also assured.

BESTS RETURN FROM FOUR WEEKS MOTOR TRIP

Returning September 3 from a four week's motor trip which took them into British Columbia and as far east as Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Best tell of some interesting sights and experiences. In the Dakotas and sections of Iowa rust infested wheat is being burned in the fields as soon as it ripens; at Spencer, Iowa, the country suffered from a penetrating frost; and at Yellowstone National Park they saw many beautiful sights as they motored through every section.

The Bests went by way of Spokane into British Columbia, to Lethbridge and Swift Current where they headed directly north to near Buffalo National Park to visit Mr. Best's sister. Leaving there they took a southerly route to Fargo North Dakota, to visit Mrs. Best's mother and sister.

The trip was not unpleasantly hot except through the Dakotas and Wyoming they said. After returning they say the state of Oregon is a wonderful state in which to live.

P. T. A. WILL HOLD RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS SEPTEMBER 18

The P. T. A. will hold its annual Teacher-Parent reception Wednesday, September 18, at the Old Fellowship hall. The committee extends a cordial invitation to all parents and teachers and urge them to be present.

Parents are asked to accompany their child if allowed to attend the reception. A unique program is being arranged and glimpses of the Family Album of Hermiston will be seen by those present. Refreshments will be served following the conclusion of the program.

BETTER HOUSING SURVEY POINTS TO IMPROVEMENTS

The Better Housing survey which is being directed by the Multnomah county committee, with the aid of SERA workers, was productive of 153 repair and modernization jobs during August, according to report made to Jamieson Parker, state director of the Federal Housing Administration. Grand total of all such projects developed since the beginning of the Multnomah county survey was estimated at \$1,523,452. The present survey is in the nature of a re-check and was carried on during August Thompson and Prescott streets.

Total volume of modernization and repair work undertaken in Portland during August, as indicated by building permits issued, was 292 projects having an aggregate value of \$192,052. Jobs averaged \$659 in amount.

In addition, permits were issued for 26 dwellings, 47 small garages and 15 out buildings. Total for the month of all building was \$299,520, a gain of \$73,490 over July.

Average amount of modernization jobs during July was \$338, average of new dwellings was \$3,760. In August and \$3,945 in July for the 17 undertakings during that month.

DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY: OREGON MOTORING SAFER

Charles H. Martin, as Governor of Oregon, and President of the Association of Oregon, commends the motorists of our state for their care and consideration during the Labor Day driving, resulting in no deaths, few injuries and of little damage to properties during this period when there was more traffic on our highways than in any other period during the entire year. The governor feels that Oregon has a record of which every citizen may well be proud. He gives much credit for this record to the efforts of the newspapers of the state which have freely and willingly given hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of space to the education of warnings to the public in safe driving and walking. The press has not only initiated safety campaigns, but has unselfishly assisted every organization and association whose purpose has been to make our streets and highways safe.

Our Chief Executive thanks the press for its cooperation with the program of the Automobile Accident Prevention Association of Oregon, of which he is president, for without the assistance of the press, the Association could not have secured wishes to thank and complement all other organizations whose efforts helped to make driving and walking safer for the citizens of Oregon and urges them to continue their good work, for he realizes that it is only by hard work and continuous effort that automobile accidents can be made the exception rather than the rule.

† STANFIELD NEWS †

By Sophronia Rhea
At the teachers' reception Friday evening at the church there were at least 100 people present. The new teachers were all introduced by E. J. Penney, a short program and musical numbers by the orchestra were enjoyed.

Miss Lois Zimmerman of Silverton, Ore., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waid.

Mrs. C. D. Connor and daughter Delores of Pendleton were in Stanfield Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

Business visitors in Pendleton this week were Lee Connor, Curtis Rhea and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoskins and daughter Bytha.

Miss Bytha Hoskins entertained Wednesday evening at a slumber party in honor of LaVada Nudo, who will leave soon for Portland to attend beauty school. Invited guests were Maria Thorsen, Doris Greene, Dorothy White, LaVerna Thorsen, Doris Hutton, Marjau Sturdivant, Mary Rhea and the honoree.

Dena Lee Gabriel had the misfortune to fracture her arm Monday while playing at school.

Miss Marian Sturdivant was a dinner guest of Bytha Hoskins Sunday. Bytha will leave soon for Corvallis where she will attend Oregon State college the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronkiet, who were recently married, arrived in Stanfield Monday to make their home. They have purchased the variety store.

Twelve new members have been added to the Stanfield band.

The Monday bridge club met at the home of Mrs. C. M. McCall.

Word has been received here of the engagement of E. W. Hoosier to Marjau Bowers Halliwell of Boston. Mr. Hoosier is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hoosier.

A large group of friends chartered Mr. and Mrs. Tom Able Jr. last Wednesday evening. They were married in Yakima a week ago.

Clyde Kennison and Byron Brown were business visitors in Pendleton Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Meyer attended the Missouri picnic in Walla Walla Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hutton were here from Ukiah Tuesday visiting their parents.

Miss Marian Sturdivant and Mary Rhea were business visitors in Hermiston Tuesday evening.

The Valtor Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting in the I. O. O. F. fraternal hall Monday evening. There were ten members present. A letter was read from Sister Cora E. Heaton, of Hillsboro, Or., president of the Oregon Chapter, stating that she will visit the Valtor lodge September 23. The Hermiston lodge has been invited to attend.

Relate Trip to San Diego.

Returning early this week from a three weeks' motor trip to San Diego, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McKenzie and son Frank, and Mrs. G. R. O'Daniel, were enthusiastic over the many scenic and interesting places visited. Enroute to San Diego they motored over the Redwood highway and returned by way of the Pacific highway.

After attending the exposition they visited the famous Caliente in Mexico, and later spent a week in the Elcahon valley noted for its citrus fruit. At Berkeley they visited the homes in the motion picture colony. Many beautiful scenic spots were visited in Yosemite National Park. At Long Beach they visited Mrs. Marian Harvey and family, who formerly lived here, and other friends and relatives. They also explored the famous old Missions in that section.

One of the most interesting and scenic trips, they believe, was over the Silver Strand road and Coronados ferry leading into Mexico. At San Diego they had a glimpse of the U. S. Navy fleet.

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NEW FRAZIER-LEMKE BILL MUCH LIKE OLD MEASURE

UNCONSTITUTIONAL FEATURES RULED OUT BY COURT

Provides for Three Year Moratorium Farmers Allowed to Retain Land as Tenant.

The new Frazier-Lemke bill has been approved by the President and is now a law. It is very much like the old measure with the features left out that were the basis of the supreme court decision that made the old law unconstitutional.

The law provides for a three year moratorium and a reappraisal of the securities. The farmer is allowed to retain possession of his farm lands but must pay a reasonable rental to the Federal court, to be used in payment of taxes and priority claims.

The law is made as an amendment to Sec. 75 which provided a five year moratorium, and which was not contested in the courts. Under this law a conciliation commissioner was appointed and this official still remains in office and acts as referee under the administration of the Farmer's relief measures. Some amendments have been made to Sec. 75 which clarifies some of the ambiguous clauses and all cases started under the old Frazier-Lemke law are reinstated to the same position in the courts as held when the law was found unconstitutional.

The measure is characterized as a "breathing spell" by Senator Frazier, for the farmer in distress, and is held to be fair to the creditors' interests in the preservation of the farmer. U. S. Senator Borah, who is renounced on constitutional law has pronounced the present measure as safe from adverse supreme court action. Farmers must file their cases before the conciliation commissioner of the county where he lives or where his land is located. When he does this all of his property wherever located is placed under control of the Federal Court but the farmer remains in possession. All suits both public and private, if already initiated, can not be maintained and no new suits of any kind can be started. This applies to foreclosures, period of redemption, both of mortgages or contracts, private debts, taxes, liens, chattel mortgages, crop agreements and any form of indebtedness.

A full text of the new law may be secured by writing to the office of a senator or congressman in Washington. In writing application should also be made for the law known as Sec. 75, Farmers Agricultural Composition and Extension Act, to which the new law is an amendment and both are necessary in a case before the court.

PETER S. NEADEAU DIES IN PENDLETON AUGUST 29.

Peter S. Neadeau, 85, passed away in a Pendleton hospital Thursday, August 29, and was buried in the Hermiston cemetery Sunday, September 1. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church with Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner conducting the service.

Mr. Neadeau was born of French-Canadian parents, in Quebec, Canada, February 27, 1850, where he lived until the age of 16 years when he came to Seattle, Wn. Here he resided for 20 years. Later the family moved to the Hermiston project to make their home for 24 years.

Five children and two brothers survive Mr. Neadeau. The children are: Mark Neadeau, San Francisco, Calif.; Theodore Neadeau, Hermiston; Mrs. Rose Samson, Reith, Ore.; Mrs. Guy Ferguson, Portland, Napoleon Neadeau, Pendleton; and the brothers are Geo. Neadeau, Portland and Mitchell Neadeau, Edmonton.

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