

\$64,900 CONTRACT LET FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

JAMES L. QUINN OF PORTLAND LOWEST BIDDER.

School Building Estimated to Cost \$75,000 When Completed; Construction Will Start Soon.

The school board of the Union High School District No. 9 has accepted the bid of James L. Quinn of Portland, for the construction of the new high school building in Hermiston at a cost of \$64,900. Only one other bid was received and the amount was only \$90 higher. After considering the bids all day and into the late evening yesterday the contract was awarded to Mr. Quinn.

The total amount available was \$72,727 made up by a bond issue voted by the district of \$40,000, and a free grant by the PWA of \$32,727. The balance of the funds above the contractor's price for the building will be utilized in other features connected with the completion of school fixtures and grounds. It is estimated that when fully completed the new high school will cost nearly \$75,000.

Work will be commenced just as soon as all contracts, which will be sent to Washington, are signed by the government. Dirt is expected to be flying by the first of the new year.

The building will be as originally planned by the architect except for a few slight changes. The walls will be of reinforced concrete, and the finish will be a smooth surface in stone gray, much the same color as First National Bank of Hermiston. There will be seven large class rooms and an assembly room with 200 seats with large capacity available for occasions. The gymnasium will have a space for seating capacity of 1000, and will have a stage and shower baths for both boys and girls. Sidewalks across the main front of the building will be eight feet wide with sidewalks leading to the building of five foot width. A library cover, only for books for daily uses will be set off the assembly room since the public library is within half a block of the new building. An up-to-date heating system, plumbing and septic tank, and wiring for lights, signal bells and radio uses will be installed.

The architect stated that the location of the building is one without a comparison in the state of Oregon.

With some street vacations the main entrance will open into the head of Second street facing town. The gymnasium opens from the lower story out on the level with the athletic fields where are located the tennis courts and practice grounds for baseball and football and field sports, adjoining all the school grounds. The big games will be played on the athletic field provided with grandstands in the new community park now under construction three blocks south of the school building. The building is on high ground and under modern architectural plans and designs of parking, streets and sidewalks, its beauty will be unexcelled in the state.

When completed the people of Union high school district will be proud of the effort and ability of the school board and architect. The school board is A. D. Smith, E. L. Jackson, Jess Goff, Thomas Campbell and Henry Sommerer. Mr. Tourtelotte is the architect and Mr. Quinn is a highly recommended builder from Portland, and a man of (Continued on page 2)

GENERALITIES.

This is our own red ink print and we did it ourselves. We are glad to show what we can do at home, just the same as all our neighbors show in this issue what has been done among us in 1935. This special Christmas edition of the Herald shows how we are getting ahead. New high school building, new park, new water system at Umatilla, CCC barracks of 200 boys at Stanfield and plenty of work in sight. Farm conditions have improved during 1935, and all is well.

All we need now to make our cup full is the Umatilla dam. A few dimes from every person who would be benefitted would keep the home fires burning in that campaign and win over the U. S. Army board. Mr. Ickes, Mr. Hopkins and the President.

J. S. BURNHAM SELLS GROCERY AND MEAT DEPARTMENT

J. S. Burnham, who has operated a general mercantile store here for the past six years, has completed a deal with Walter M. Smith of Pilot Rock for the sale of the grocery and meat department. Mr. Burnham will retain the dry goods department and will move the stock into what is known as the old Kingsley building on Main street, after the first of the year, when Mr. Smith will take over the other department.

NEW STAIRWAY AND OTHER HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The new outside stairway to the hospital is now completed except for a few finishing touches, and is in use. This permits the admittance of patients in a much more convenient way, to the receiving room and surgery, and hospital rooms. Other improvements are going on and the hospital facilities are in excellent condition for the services required in this locality.

The Redmen and the Pochontas lodges of Umatilla are contributing a new stretcher to the Hermiston General Hospital at a cost of \$8.00. Umatilla is showing a most commendable cooperative spirit in helping build up and patronize the new hospital which will be of service to communities for many miles around.

The sewing group of the Hermiston under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Clarke, has made four hospital shirts and several curtains. Increased interest and enthusiasm in the new hospital and its capable management is very marked.

NINE OUT OF 96 DOZEN EGGS BROKEN IN UPSET

Mrs. F. Reiks of Irrigon, yet lives unhurt to tell the story. She started to Pendleton last Friday with 96 dozen eggs and near Nollin the car struck icy pavement and skidded off the grade and the car upset. With her was Rev. W. O. Miller of Irrigon, and all these eggs. She was driving the car and was pinned down by the steering wheel and Mr. Miller was unable to release himself and open the door on his side of the car. Relief came in a few minutes and some CCC boys lifted the car back to its position on the highway. Mrs. Reiks was unhurt and only nine dozen eggs were broken, and Mr. Miller was unharmed. Slight damages occurred to the car. Mrs. Reiks is 73 years old and makes a trip to Pendleton every week.

The A. C. Swarner car of Hermiston came along about the time of the upset and the occupants also assisted in righting the car.

Umatilla Accepts Bid.

The town of Umatilla will have a very complete domestic water system under the bid for water works construction which has just been accepted. Eugene Ruby of Portland will be the contractor. His bid was \$18,270. The funds available under the 55 per cent bond issue and 45 per cent grant was \$10,000. A new reservoir with 100,000 gallon capacity will be built on the hill south of town with a pressure of 75 feet in town. Water from the well now owned by the city will be pumped direct into the reservoir with a new pump, and mains laid to the city. Work will be commenced soon.

Columbia School Operetta.

"Santa Claus Court" will be the operetta given by the entire school of the Columbia district. It will be held the evening of December 19, at Columbia school house. Much attention has been given to the training of the students and a fine program is assured.

Regular F. B. Auxiliary Meeting.

The next regular Farm Bureau Auxiliary meeting will be held in the Union church in Hermiston, Friday, December 20, with a Christmas program and tree at which small gifts will be exchanged. Mrs. W. Dyer, Mrs. E. E. Rainwater, Mrs. Orville Dawson and Mrs. Lena Lage will act as hostesses.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
December 5	32	30
December 6	37	30
December 7	46	27
December 8	54	24
December 9	42	27
December 10	50	28
December 11	41	29

Precipitation was .24.

OAKLAND TURKEY SHOW IMPROVES

John Jendrzewski, president of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association, and member of the board of directors for the Oregon Turkey Growers' Co-operative association, returned Thursday after attending the annual turkey show held at Oakland, Oregon, December 9 to 14, greatly pleased with the improvement of the show in general. He believes "that local growers will find their time well spent in attending the show."

There were 500 live birds displayed and 540 dressed birds, all of high quality, from Canada, Washington, California, Idaho, Minnesota, and Rhode Island. With this keen competition an Old Tom entered by L. C. Todd placed tenth in a class of 34 birds.

John Cornutt of Roseburg, who acts as official grader for the E. O. T. G. A. here during pool shipments, won the sweepstake prize for the best display in all breeds which included competition in Bronze, Burbon Reds, Nariganettes, White Holland, Slates and Blacks. He was given eleven placements between first and fourteenth place. This was his first time to exhibit at the show.

Winners in the Bronze division, in which local growers are most interested, are as follows:

Old Hens—First, Joe Kupetz; Second, Hamilton, Sunnyside, Wa.; Third, M. Huntington, Roseburg. Old Toms—First, M. Huntington; Second, B. B. Ranch, Vancouver, Wa.; Third, Huntington. Young Toms—First, Mitchell, Sunnyside, Wa.; Second, Joe Kupetz. Young Hens—First, Geo. Cocram, Oakland, Ore.; Second, J. Cornutt, Roseburg; Third, Hamilton.

Mitchell of Sunnyside won first on the best dressed bird in the Bronze division and was awarded the Grand Champion prize.

CHARGED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONE

Cecil Brooks of Portland, now of Stanfield, was arrested and pleaded guilty before Justice P. P. Sullivan's court Tuesday, to a charge of reckless driving through the school zone. He was fined \$25 and court costs.

The minimum sentence for such a charge is one year and \$400 fine.

Huff Place Leased.

Mrs. Maude A. Huff leased her 20-acre ranch west of the Hermiston Butte this week to H. A. Wilson of Colorado. Mrs. Huff has sold her cows and other personal property and will go to California where some of her children live. Mr. Wilson has a wife and two children and is from the drought stricken area of eastern Colorado where he was formerly a large operator of stock and wheat land. Mr. Wilson and his family will move onto the Huff place immediately.

HERMISTON TERRITORY FAVORED BY IMPROVED BUSINESS AND FARMS

This is a review of the year's general activities in the territory covered by the subscription lists of the Hermiston Herald, including Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon, Boardman, Butter Creek, Alpine, Pine City, Lexington, Ione, Holdman and on the nearby Northside of the Columbia. Most of the figures given are accurate, some few are estimated, and some general conclusions made. Progress for 1935 has been marked in all localities. There have been increases in production in all lines of industries here and a growth leading to permanent and substantial set-up of farmers is especially marked. Better farming, along with what pays here is an increased order of things and this, with better buying and selling has increased profits and purchasing power, which is shown in contentment, comfort and solidity.

Better Farming Shown. The most marked feature of affairs here is the adoption of a system of agriculture best adapted to the localities, and also better methods of farming. The days of development dates back to the wasted efforts at fruit growing; of strenuous efforts to make alfalfa plants last a generation; of almost futile efforts at commercializing soil crops, and stealing everything from the soil without putting anything back. These days are gone and a new class

H. S. ANTICIPATES ATHLETIC CONTEST

The boys of the class of '36 of the high school removed the number '35 from the southern point of the Butte Tuesday evening, and replaced it with their own number. The annual battle between the juniors and seniors will be held as usual in the spring to see whether or not the number remains. If the juniors win their number will be painted instead.

One of the most successful parties of the year was held at the auditorium last Friday evening, December 6th, with Mel's Merry Markers furnishing the music for dancing. Games were played from the hours of 8:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. and students enjoyed cards all evening. The next all-student-body party will be held Friday, December 27.

The T. P. A. will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening, December 18, at the high school. Refreshments will be served as usual.

English II members of the sophomore class wrote stories for this month's issue of the high school paper, "The Bulldog," which will be issued Monday. The freshman English students will write the stories for the January issue.

"Klondike," an interesting and educational motion picture, will be presented in the high school assembly Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock, sponsored by H.U.S. and the Victor Animograph Corporation. Tickets were on sale this week for both grade and high school students and the committees in charge of ticket selling were as follows: Grade school—Mary Burnham, chairman, Lois White and Claudine Hale; High school—Kenneth Knerr, chairman, Charlotte Ralph and Virginia Wells.

A "Letterman's Club" for boys is being organized under the direction of Coach Hal Hatton, for boys who have earned letters in the past or will be able to do so this year. Officers acting pro-tem are as follows: Jack Reeves, president; Devered Elwood, treasurer; and Alton Sisson, treasurer.

Dr. T. C. Belt Arrives.

Dr. T. C. Belt arrived from Portland today (Thursday) to take over the practice of the late Dr. A. W. Christopherson, who passed away in Portland recently following a mastoid operation. Dr. Belt has had ten years experience.

Attend Condon Conference.

James Todd, Commander of District No. 6, attended an American Legion conference in Condon Saturday, December 7, similar to the one held here last week, at which Commander Geo. Koehn, Department of Oregon was present. Mrs. Todd accompanied Mrs. L. A. McOlinstock, district president from Pendleton, to Condon Saturday morning, where a meeting of the Auxiliary was held in the afternoon.

HERALD HAS HOLIDAY COLOR DRESS THIS WEEK.

The holiday color dress which appears on the Herald this week is home print and similar print will appear each week during the remainder of December. The work was done with the press which was installed last May to replace a press long out-dated and one which would not carry such press work.

Color used during the Yuletide season adds much to the Christmas holiday spirit and festivities, and it is believed increases reader interest to the Christmas shopper's edition which appears in this week's issue.

With this and next week's edition the Herald wishes all its patrons and subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WEST END WOOL GROWERS' AUX. WILL VISIT PENDLETON

The West End Wool Growers' Auxiliary will be entertained in Pendleton, Saturday, December 14, by the Umatilla County Auxiliary at a 1:00 o'clock luncheon at Kent's Cafe. Later cards will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Fred Brown, at 215 North Madison.

At last week's meeting in Echo the Auxiliary elected Mrs. D. N. Bard and Miss Clara Cunha delegate and alternate to the state convention at Baker, January 10-11. Mrs. E. P. Dodd, Mrs. Hawley Bean and Miss Clara Cunha were appointed on a committee to prepare an exhibit of five articles made of wool which is to be entered in a statewide competition at the state convention.

The next regular meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at a wool display the third Friday in January.

FAIR PRIZE MONEY USED TO BUY SHOW CASES

The \$30 in prize money won by the Minnehaha district in 1932 at the Umatilla Project fair has been listed as follows by the committee in charge, which is composed of A. W. Turblad, F. B. Penneck, and Mrs. Sam Carson. Two show cases, repairs and varnish in 1933, \$15.25; one show case in 1934, \$9.00; payment on show case in 1935, \$4.75, and refund on show case to the fair board of \$1.00.

On the purchase of the last show case purchased from B. S. Kingsley, the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau paid \$9.75, with \$5.75 paid from the prize money.

Park Work Progressing.

Ten men are now working on the new Hermiston Community Park and as soon as the seed picking crews are released from that duty they will be transferred to the park. At such a time, approximately 40 men will be set to work.

Bids have been received for materials and active operations are expected to be continued from now on until completion during the succeeding eight months, as reported by Mayor F. C. McKenzie. The PWA and the local organization will have managers in charge and good returns for the money invested is assured.

HUNTERS TRAP 292 COYOTES AND 24 BOBCATS IN NOVEMBER

During November 35 hunters, working all or part time, took 292 coyotes and 24 bobcats.

Harold W. Dohyns, who is on leave-without-pay while attending Oregon State Agricultural college, spent November 14 and 15 in Portland at a joint meeting of the predatory-animal and rodent and game management forces of the states of Oregon and Washington.

OREGON WOMEN HEAVY INSURANCE INVESTORS

Women are rapidly gaining control of the nation's wealth, and the trend is more pronounced on the Pacific Coast than anywhere else.

This was revealed by a recent study conducted by the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Co., reports G. C. Beddow, Jr., Hermiston representative.

"Sixty-five per cent of all estates go entirely to women," he points out.

RECONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATING SYSTEMS OBTAINED THRU CCC

EXTENSIVE RE-VAMPING OF CANALS SEEN.

Improvements Will Enable Districts to Give Better Individual Service to Water Users.

Reconstruction of the irrigating systems of the Stanfield, Hermiston and Westland districts is going forward through the uses of the CCC camp at Stanfield where 200 young men are stationed by the government, and where barracks have been erected for living quarters.

The 26 mile feed canal of the Hermiston project and the main canal of the Stanfield project will be re-vamped from end to end. The Stanfield canal will be enlarged from 120 second feet carrying capacity to 175 second feet, so as to provide abundant water for all lands within the Stanfield district. Laterals will also be enlarged and extended to tracts of land not heretofore supplied with suitable water connections which will bring in new lands for cultivation and settlement. In addition to renovating the feed canal of the Hermiston project, which means being thoroughly cleaned of debris, trees and all other obstructions until the canal has its original capacity of three hundred second feet, the laterals of the entire Hermiston project will be repaired. Pipe lines will be improved and turnouts repaired, and all good lands will have suitable deliveries. Some drainage on both projects will be taken care of where most needed. Also some new by-passes will be built from the "A" line to the Maxwell canal.

All of this work will better enable the districts to give better service to the individual user and will aid in the conservation of water. All lands fit for irrigation will be served.

This work and benefits will be free service to the district as provided under the laws providing for the establishment of the CCC camps. The Hermiston district entered into the preliminary arrangements for this work last April. Machinery and equipment owned by this district and taken over from the government when the district board took charge is being loaned to the other districts and a general cooperative spirit prevails among the district toward the improvement of the welfare of the entire area.

The district has arranged with Mr. Ashline, engineer in charge of the field work of the CCC in this territory, under the direction of R. J. Newell, regional director of the Pacific Northwest to carry on this work throughout the coming year. Truck loads of the boys are transported from the barracks camp daily and work under the direction of a competent foreman. These crews are now working on laterals and other parts of the irrigating system. When the Cold Springs reservoir is filled in May, the crews will be transferred to the feed canal. Enough men will be provided under the arrangement to do all the work as outlined.

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ALONG THE CONCRETE

In this auto-age, can you imagine a horse drawn vehicle pulling up to a garage air pump and filling the rubber tires on the vehicle? It was a remarkable sight and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Osborn were in the vehicle.