

MORE THAN 2500 RABBIT KILLED IN HUGE DRIVE SUNDAY

SECOND DRIVE SET FEBRUARY 9TH NEAR SLOAN THOMSONS

Dead Rabbits Taken for Fox and Hog Feed; First Drive Well Organized.

More than 2500 rabbits were herded into a corral last Sunday afternoon at Sarvis Springs by 500 people who gathered from this district and Pendleton to carry on the first rabbit drive conducted in this end of Umatilla county for a number of years.

The slain rabbits were trucked away by parties who wished to use them for fox and hog feed.

The second rabbit drive will be conducted near the Sloan Thomson ranch on Butter Creek beginning at 1:30 p. m., Sunday, February 9th. This drive will be handled in about the same way as the one last Sunday, and those who participate are asked to bring a club (no guns allowed) and a cup for coffee which will be served following the completion of the drive.

Those who do not know how to reach the point of the drive may visit the Sloan Thomson ranch by driving up the Butter Creek highway to a point about one half mile above the road leading to Sarvis Springs. Arrows will again be used to indicate the way.

If the snow continues to lay on the ground, conditions for the drive will again be ideal and should result in a high percentage of rabbits being killed.

Shot Gun Drive Planned.

A shot gun drive is being planned for Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Roy Hale of Hermiston will have charge of the drive and those wishing to take part are requested to get in touch with Mr. Hale before Saturday evening. Ammunition may be purchased through Mr. Hale's store at wholesale prices. Only older men are allowed to take part in this drive. W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent, has announced, and all persons are required to get in touch with Mr. Hale before Sunday morning at register.

The shot gun drive will be conducted above the Hawley Bean place, bordering on the Umatilla Meadows west of Echo.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. L. C. Dyer left Wednesday afternoon for Pilot Rock where she will visit her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Isaacs, until Sunday when they will return to Hermiston with her for a short visit.

Gordon and Roy Beasley, who were called to Hermiston last week by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. W. B. Beasley, left for their homes in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday night. Mrs. Lou Barnard of Walla Walla, who was also called, is still with her mother. Mrs. Beasley's condition is reported as now greatly improved.

Dr. H. C. Curry, the Seattle optometrist who has made professional visits to Hermiston for twenty years and is known for good optical work at reasonable prices, will again be at Hermiston Hotel, Thursday, Feb. 13, for one day. Eyes examined. Glasses ground and fitted to each individual eye. No guesswork. adv.

Miss Mary Petr entertained at two tables of bridge last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Burnham. Mrs. B. S. Kingsley won high honors.

J. P. O'Donnell of Portland stopped in Hermiston a short while Thursday of last week to visit his brother N. W. O'Donnell. He was enroute to Long Creek, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norton and son Malcolm of Mt. Vernon were business visitors in Hermiston over the week end. Mr. Norton operates a general mercantile store there and was formerly proprietor of the Red & White store here.

Miss Cecelia Brennan, who teaches at Pine City, stopped in Hermiston a short while Saturday while enroute to Portland to spend a short vacation while the schools are closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fraser and small daughter, who have been visiting relatives here for the past several days, left Wednesday morning for their home in Butte, Montana. Mr. Fraser has been serving as auditor for the Anaconda Copper Mining company, with offices in Orange, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California, for the past several months, and is just returning to the home office in Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Waterman of Thorpe, Wn., announce the arrival of a baby daughter Thursday, January 30, at Ellensburg, Wn. She has been named Mary Jean and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rena Waterman of Hermiston, who plans to leave for Thorpe Thursday of this week.

CLOSE CHECKING PREVENTS SERIOUS FIRE

Close checking of business houses by night marshal, B. J. Nation, prevented what might have been a serious fire early Sunday morning. Mr. Nation gave an urgent call to J. A. Clarke, manager of the Hermiston Light & Power company, about 1:50 Sunday morning, asking him to come to the office as quickly as possible since the office was filled with smoke.

HONOR ROLL LIST FOR GRADE SCHOOL ISSUED

First Grade — Kenneth Dean, Louise Pelletier, John Belt, Nancy Jo Wines, Leo Keller, Barbara Todd, Mary M. Gundelfinger, Lowell Vankiske, Emily Finkbeiner, Frank Challis, Vera Knapp, George Neary.

Second Grade — Billy Barlow, Francis Clarke, Ada Carol Corliss, Frances Gardiner, Lois Lamberson, Ruth McCulley, Audrey Phelps and David Pierson.

Third Grade — Robby Connor, Frank Harkenrider, Velma Knapp, Bob Martin, Marvin McKenzie, Carl Moser, Donna Jean Myers, Donna Lou Rawson and Edwin Troyer.

Fourth Grade — Byrnee Barlow, Ethel Clarke, Logena Harvey, Magdalene Jackman, Eddie Jackman, Johnny Lewis, John McMullen, Erwin Null and Alan Pankow.

Fifth Grade — Barbara Connor, Marjorie Knapp, Lois Laughlin and Mary Linda Neary.

Sixth Grade — Kenneth Bierley, Barbara Follett, Audrey McCray, Betty Road, Donna Saylor and Lester Wilcox.

Seventh Grade — Maxine Mead and Gilbert Dyer.

Eighth Grade — Joyce McCulley, Allan Clarke and Bob Jackson.

Perfect Attendance.

First Grade—Neva Edwards, Vera Knapp, George Neary, Kenneth Dean, Eugene Mead, Zolpha Smith, Pete Parker and Louise Pelletier.

Second Grade—Billy Barlow, Lillian Canfield, Francis Clarke, Ruth McCulley, Audrey Phelps, David Pierson, Gilman Pierson, and Ralph Richards.

Third Grade—Robby Connor, Geo. Corliss, Velma Knapp, Billy Knerr, Cecelia Loetsch, Rosalie Pelletier, Donna Lou Rawson and Glen Wilcox.

Fourth Grade — Viola Pelletier, Nellie Moore, Frances Rainwater, Bobby Attebury, Johnny Lewis, John McMullen and Erwin Null.

Fifth Grade — Neal Borthwick, Wanda Dunning, Kenneth Elwood, Doris Follett, Ola Hiatt, Margaret Jones, Marjorie Knapp, Kenneth Mead, Donald McKenzie, Hazel Miller, Naomi Moore, Billy Moser, Linda Mary Neary, Gloria Pelletier, Emmett Steiner, Frank Stone, Sonny Walker and Ralph Steiner.

Sixth Grade—Bernard Corpe, Barbara Follett, Elvin Loudemilk, June Lenhart, Janice Madden, Geraldine Mead, Bobby Miller, Eugene Miller, Mary Perry, Annie Peterson, Donna Saylor, Claude Stamper and Albert Stone.

Seventh Grade—David Hamm, Irene Borthwick, Eugene Kerns, Chas. Knerr, Frank McKenzie, Della McKenzie, Charlie McKenzie, Leonard Mopps and Lowell Stater.

Eighth Grade—Martha Bell Caldwell, Allan Clarke, Dale Elwood, Frances Follett, Wanda Moore, Audrey Null, Naomi Nunn, Marian Pierce, Marguerite Rainwater, Margaret Stephenson, Wayne Sage and Virginia Todd.

PINE CITY NEWS

The Pine City school has been closed for the past week, until February 10, due to the cold weather and scarlet fever cases in the surrounding communities.

Emery Cox was a business visitor in Hermiston Tuesday.

Burl and Earl Wattenburger attended the rabbit drive Sunday afternoon at Sarvis Springs.

Lambing started at the C. H. Bartholomew place the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. John Healy and daughters Helen and Rosetta and son Billy were business visitors in Heppner Monday.

Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger is quite ill this week with the flu.

L. F. WOOSTER OF STANFIELD BURIED AT ECHO THURSDAY

L. F. Wooster passed away at his home one mile west of Stanfield, Tuesday afternoon, February 4, following an illness of two years. The immediate cause of his death was bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner, pastor of the Methodist church of Hermiston, from the Presbyterian church, and interment made in the Echo cemetery. Frann Funeral Service of Hermiston conducted funeral arrangements.

Mr. Wooster was well known in Hermiston having been a member of the board of directors for the Umatilla Co-operative Creamery for the past three years, and was up for re-election. He was appointed to the vacancy left by the resignation of S. R. Archer three years ago. He was also an active Grange member and a fraternal brother in the I.O.O.F. lodge for 35 years.

L. F. Wooster was born in Mapleton, Iowa, June 5, 1869. He moved to Corvallis, Oregon, in 1902, and came to the Stanfield project more than seven years ago where he has operated a chicken and dairy ranch. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. L. F. Wooster; two daughters, Mrs. J. Brown of Eugene, and Zella Wooster of Washington, D. C.; and two brothers and two sisters who reside in eastern states.

APPLICATIONS FOR BONUS MADE AT HEADQUARTERS HERE

World War veterans of this district wishing to file applications for compensation under the new law calling for immediate payment of the adjusted service certificates are asked to call at Ambsberry's 5-10-15c store in Hermiston, any day except Sunday, after 2:30 p. m.

An officer of the Hermiston Post of the American Legion will be at the store with blanks and all paraphernalia for this service, offered without charge to veterans.

Applicants must be equipped with their adjusted service certificate or the pink receipt, given them if they have borrowed on the former, and their discharge papers.

Regular meeting of the American Legion in Hermiston, Thursday night, at which it was intended to fill out these application blanks; was cancelled because of the order calling for cancellation of all public gatherings.

Veterans are asked to take advantage of this service early as it will not be offered over a long period of time, those in charge state.

Cleaning Plant Employee.

Raymond O'Dell, recently of the Burke Dry Cleaning plant at Baker, Ore., which is the largest plant of its kind in eastern Oregon, has been employed permanently by Wm. A. Case of the Hermiston Dry Cleaning establishment. Mr. Case recently put in an entirely new plant here and is operating independent of any former connections. Mr. O'Dell is an expert in taking care of all types of dry cleaning. He is staying at the home of Mrs. Bert Mullins.

Dr. Marble Moves Office.

Dr. A. E. Marble moved his office quarters from the Kern building west of the post office to what is known as the Oldaker building near the auditorium on Hermiston avenue. Dr. Marble made the move Saturday, February 1, and is ready to care for all patients in his new quarters.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish, in this way, to express my deep appreciation to my friends and neighbors who have aided and comforted me during the illness of my husband, and in my bereavement. MRS. L. F. WOOSTER.

PUREBRED STOCK ADDED TO U. H. I. A. DAIRY HERDS

The December report of the Umatilla Herd Improvement association shows that 31 herds were on test, with 483 cows enrolled, of which 66 were dry. The total milk production was shown at 238,842 lbs., and the fat production at 12,137.9 lbs., with 64 cows averaging a production of 40 lbs. of fat.

Five "boarders" were sold for beef and six mastitis reactors were disposed of, the report shows. Two scrub bulls were sold for beef and one bull pen with breeding chute was constructed.

"Spot" a five-year-old grade Holstein, in the T. G. Gregory herd, was one of the high producing cows in the association, with 1624 lbs. milk and 77.9 lbs. fat. "Browlie" a six-year-old grade Jersey, in the W. P. Luttrell herd, was second high with 1125 lbs. milk and 70.8 lbs. fat.

High herds in the association during December included: 46 pure bred and grade Holsteins, 795.3 lbs. milk and 30.1 lbs. fat, owned by C. A. Lynch; 16 grade Jerseys, 749.7 lbs. milk and 40.5 lbs. fat, owned by W. P. Luttrell; 8 pure bred Jerseys, 387.5 lbs. milk and 25.8 lbs. fat, owned by L. C. Dyer.

High herds to date for the ten months since the beginning of the testing year include the following: 46 purebred and grade Holsteins, C. A. Lynch herd, 8909.9 lbs. milk, 313.1 lbs. fat; 79 grade Jersey and grade Guernsey, T. G. Gregory herd, 5705.3 lbs. milk, 289.6 lbs. fat; 16 grade Jerseys, W. P. Luttrell herd, 6311.5 lbs. milk, 328.2 lbs. fat; 13 grade Holsteins and grade Guernseys, B. B. Eastridge herd, 7180.4 lbs. milk, 286.4 lbs. fat; 8 purebred Jerseys, L. C. Dyer herd, 4944.3 lbs. milk, 283.0 lbs. fat.

50 Below in Minnesota.

Dick Upham writes from Walker, Minnesota, that during the week of January 19th, the temperature dropped to 50 degrees below zero, and that at International Falls, Minn., about 100 miles north, the thermometer registered 56 below, which was the coldest spot in the United States. Dick is employed in the U. S. Forest Service.

Transferred to The Dalles.

Jess Goff, who was stationed at the emergency landing field at Umatilla for a number of years, but transferred to Arlington when that field was abandoned, has been promoted to a position at The Dalles.

Federal Veterinarian Here.

Dr. G. R. Davidson, federal veterinarian, who will replace Dr. R. R. Reeve in this district on the Bang's disease testing, is expected to arrive in Hermiston Monday, February 10, and will make out schedules stating when he will visit farmers' dairy herds. W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent, states that all schedules will be maintained satisfactorily.

Wool Growers' Auxiliary.

The next meeting of the Umatilla West-End Wool Grower's Auxiliary will be held Thursday, February 20, at which time Miss Francis Clinton, county home demonstration agent, will lecture.

Weather Report.

Table with columns: Date, Max., Min. Rows for Jan 30, 31, Feb 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

SCHOOL EXPECTED TO OPEN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Provided there is no further outbreak of scarlet fever, the public schools of Hermiston will open Monday, February 10th. No health certificates will be issued by the City Physician until Monday morning.

HERMISTON POWER COMPANY ISSUES STATEMENT

HERMISTON, Ore., Feb. 5 (Special)—Over a period of years all earnings of the Hermiston Light & Power company had been allowed to remain in surplus account and invested in the property of the company. On August 31, 1933, the company had fixed assets of approximately \$142,000. Against this there was only \$10,000 par value capital stock, \$25,450 of notes payable and approximately \$95,500 surplus.

The company during the years 1933 and 1934 declared out of surplus which had accrued over a period of many years \$70,000 in dividends. These dividends of \$70,000 were not paid in cash, except to a very small extent, but were evidenced by notes so that at December 31, 1934, the company had fixed assets of approximately \$144,000, capital stock of \$10,000, notes payable of \$80,000 and surplus of approximately \$31,000 thus giving the company a more normal and equitable structure.

In 1935 the company earned and paid a dividend of \$2,500. This dividend based on fixed capital of \$145,000 as of December 31, 1935, is less than two percent.

UMATILLA NEWS

By ERMA BYRNES.

Winston Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts, underwent an operation for mastoid Monday, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Miss Betty McKenzie was hostess at a party at her home Saturday evening. Dancing and games were enjoyed by many of her school friends.

Albert Vier spent several days of last week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kimberling, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Springer, Mrs. Rex and Rosa Ricco spent Saturday in Pendleton. While there they visited Mrs. Hugh Van Schoick, who is in the hospital.

Norman McIntosh of Portland spent Sunday at the H. B. Hull home.

Low Brownell spent Sunday and Monday in Portland.

Mrs. Ethel Tuller and Glenn Brown of McMinnville were in Umatilla over the week end looking after business.

Pa. Fallen spent Sunday in The Dalles.

Mrs. J. Hartle is very ill due to pneumonia.

Mrs. Bert Dexter, who fell and injured her hip bone a month ago, returned home this week after being treated by a bone specialist in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harryman are moving into the Del Jackson residence.

Dr. Van Nuys, northwestern field representative, spoke to the young people here Sunday evening.

Mrs. Hugh Van Schoick, who underwent an operation at St. Anthony's hospital last Wednesday, is getting along nicely.

Mary Jane Shaw of Portland visited her father Earl Shaw, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Willard Woodaard, formerly of Umatilla and now of The Dalles, visited here this week while enroute to Pendleton.

Miss Yvonne Bousquet spent the week end in Arlington.

Robert Ruby, contractor for the new city water system, spent the week end in Portland.

J. H. Byrnes returned Friday from Walla Walla where he had been for a week on business.

The Umatilla boys basketball team lost to Lexington on the opponents floor Friday, 16-19.

FINE PROSPECTS FOR IRRIGATION IN UMATILLA COUNTY

WATER SUPPLY EXPECTED TO FILL STORAGE RESERVOIRS

Butter Creek and Willow Creek Still Short; Better Than Normal Conditions to Assure Water There.

By J. M. SPENCER, District Watermaster

A survey of snow conditions in the Blue Mountains indicates that there is a good prospect for irrigation water for the Umatilla river and Walla Walla river areas. The present snow storage at the head of McKay creek should run 48,000 to 50,000 acre feet for McKay reservoir and with normal spring precipitation probably the reservoir will fill.

The Cold Springs reservoir now holds 20,000 acre feet and it will easily fill in the next few months so that the Hermiston district will be well supplied. It is safe to say that all Umatilla areas will receive a good run of water.

Butter Creek and Willow Creek are still short and will need better than normal spring precipitation to guarantee a complete coverage. At present the conditions on the lower range are not good and a shortage may be expected.

SNOW CONDITIONS

Stations: Umatilla and Morrow County, Mid Winter Lake January, Meacham, near Union Co. Line, Head of Umatilla and McKay

Table with columns: Year, Snow Depth, Equivalent. Rows for 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936.

EMIGRANT SPRINGS, BOY SCOUT CAMP, HEAD OF MCKAY AND SQUAW CREEK.

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TOLLGATE SUMMIT, HEAD OF UMATILLA AND WALLA WALLA

Table with columns: Year, Snow Depth, Equivalent. Rows for 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936.

NORTH JONES PRAIRIE, HEAD OF FIVE MILE, BUTTER CREEK AND WILLOW CREEK

Table with columns: Year, Snow Depth, Equivalent. Rows for 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Sophronia Rhea

Mrs. J. C. Hoskins returned home Sunday from Thorpe, Wn., where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Vernon Waterman.

L. F. Wooster passed away Tuesday afternoon at his home near here. The immediate cause of his death was due to bronchial pneumonia, but he has been in poor health for the past two years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner of Hermiston from the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon.

C. C. Rhea was a Pendleton visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rueber and Nadine and Leo Rueber left for Portland Saturday night to attend the funeral of Chris Rueber, Jake Rueber's brother.

Boyd Jackson and John Dunn, teachers in the Stanfield schools left for Portland Saturday where they will visit for a week. Mrs. D. R. Starkweather accompanied them to Portland to visit her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Rogers.

Mrs. Ila Wallace and Marvin Wallace motored to Pendleton Monday to visit J. D. Wallace, who is quite ill at St. Anthony's hospital.

Announcement of the birth of a daughter Mary Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waterman at Thorpe, Wn., January 30, was received here by friends this week. Mrs. Waterman will be remembered as Odelpha Hoskins.

ALONG THE CONCRETE

You'd feed peculiar too, if you met your own car coming down the highway, when you thought you were driving it. Harold Rainwater had that experience when he hopped into Al Quiring's car and drove off thinking it was his brother's, which is of the same model. Fortunately Harold was only making a short drive.

A dark outcrop confronts the pug-nist who faces Joe Louis.—Weston Leader.

The other day we received a dozen letters asking for space—a few more than the usual daily intake. What becomes of this unsought correspondence is a burning shame.—Weston Leader.

WALLULA GATEWAY CLUB PREPARING RIVER BRIEF FOR ARMY ENGINEERS' HEARING

The Wallula Gateway club is now preparing a brief of argument for the Umatilla dam which will be presented to the army engineers' board meeting in Washington some time in April. This brief will be supplementing the Robins report on the Umatilla and Snake river dams made last May, after all the surveys were completed during the preceding months when the army engineers were in this locality. The Robins report justified the Umatilla dam on an 85 percent basis, which, under the rules of the war department, was figured on tonnage within easy trucking distance of the river amounting to only 2,000,000 tons. Further facts have been developed as to greater justification for a power unit which at that time was not considered.

Irrigation also has become a more important factor in under the public works program than a year ago, and the Grand Coulee high dam for the development of the Columbia Basin project has been authorized. These and many other features of the plans for utilizing the Columbia and Snake rivers for navigation, power and irrigation will be presented to the army board and the state delegations in Washington and administrators of public works and also the president, which will justify the immediate construction of the Umatilla dam on a 100 percent basis.

Because of the early necessity for the presentation of this argument, the Wallula Gateway club has been formed of members directly interested in the project as of immediate local importance and because the Umatilla dam apparently, is not being given attention by larger communities or associations which are also interested in other projects or public works programs. The hearing before the army board has been postponed several times and negotiations are going on for setting a definite date when the new argument can be presented by the Oregon senators and congressmen.

The board of directors of the club have been selected as follows: E. P. Dodd, president; William Switzer, vice president; Alfred Quiring, secretary-treasurer; R. G. Penney and H. L. Fedrick of Stanfield; H. M. Sommerer and E. D. Martin of Hermiston; William Meiners of Holdeman; F. B. Jones of Wallula; Harry Hull of Umatilla; A. C. Houghton of Irrigon; C. G. Blayden of Boardman; Ralph Saylor of Butter Creek; and C. H. Esselstyn of Echo.

A membership fee of 50 cents has been set to be used for incidental expenses connected with the preparation of the brief, such as map making, typewriting, stationery, stamps, and telephoning which is estimated will amount to approximately \$150. Without support from the different communities the work cannot be completed, it is said.