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CO-OPS TRANSACT HALF MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS IN 1935

REPORTS AT ANNUAL MEETING SHOW PROSPEROUS YEAR.

All Directors Re-elected; Inclement Weather Prevents Large Attendance; Dairy Feeding Report.

Cooperative organizations in the Hermiston community transacted more than half a million dollars worth of business during 1935, it was pointed out at the annual meeting of the Umatilla Co-operative Creamery meeting held Wednesday, February 19. Actual sales through the creamery were \$156,654.97. At the meeting of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston held last Friday it was shown that that organization did a \$148,000 business in 1935, and the Co-operative Service Station a \$26,000 business. The creamery made an increase in volume of business of \$33,481 over 1934.

The creamery meeting was a postponed meeting, and due to cold weather and bad roads, attendance was comparatively small.

Directors Elected.

The creamery meeting was called to order by the chairman E. L. Jackson and the following directors elected: E. L. Jackson, Minnehaha Dist.; A. C. Heyden, Meadows Dist.; R. V. Jones, Irrigon Dist.; L. F. Wooster, deceased, director from the Stanfield district was nominated, but no election was held, since he passed away after the meeting had been postponed. The board of directors will appoint a member to represent Stanfield.

The Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston re-elected H. J. Bean, Dist. No. 1; J. H. Reid, Dist. No. 3; and R. G. Saylor, Dist. No. 5; other members of the board are H. J. Ott, P. J. Quinn, R. V. Jones and E. M. Souders.

Another vote was taken on the amendment to Article V of the Articles of Association of the creamery due to a legal technicality which made the amendment valid after passing at the meeting in 1934. The amendment passed by a large majority.

H. M. Sommerer, manager of the Farm Bureau, gave a report Friday showing that the feed store did \$48,000 more business this year than last. Total sales were given as \$148,000.

Service Station Report.

C. A. Jackman, manager of the Co-operative Service Station, made a report which showed that a gross receipt of \$21,814.14 was made during 1935, with 74,495 gallons of gasoline and 2592 gallons of oil sold. Dividends paid to members up to January 21, 1935, was \$2577.84, with \$564 unpaid dividends, and a surplus shown at \$1,298.08.

An amendment to the Farm Bureau by-laws in relation to the two percent revolving fund was discussed by members, and later referred back to a committee to be presented at a special call meeting.

Dairy Feed Experiment Results.

H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla Field Station, gave figures compiled as the result of an experiment in feeding hay and hay and grain concentrate to dairy cows over a period of two years. Mr. Dean explained that with the margin so close in figures for the two years for the hay alone group and the hay and grain concentrate group, it was generally believed that the feeding of alfalfa hay high in protein was just as effective in production results as the feeding of grain.

Average for the two years were given as follows, 1934 and 1935:

	Hay	Hay conc. alone
Total milk production	5986	4614
Total fat production	317.5	259.4
Av. hay per day-lbs.	29.6	31.8
Av. conc. per day-lbs.	5.25	
Lbs. hay per lbs. fat	30.6	40.5
Lbs. conc. per lbs. fat	5.12	

This experiment was carried over a period of 300 days and results were determined largely by the economic factors of the price of hay, grain and butterfat and also the potential production of the cows and the quality of hay fed.

Mr. Dean explained that hay samples sent to O. S. C. on test, showed that hay produced in this section carried the highest protein content of any produced in the state. He said that it "looked as though we might have a good thing in high protein content in alfalfa hay here."

Butterfat Production Cost.

M. G. Hedwall, manager of the creamery, gave the following figures per pound of butterfat production:

1933	.0412
1935	.0457
1935	.0455

He also pointed out that a total of 526,624 pounds of butter were manufactured in 1935, and that the butterfat returns to members were increased in 1935 as well as in 1934.

Before the close of the meeting A. E. Benschel gave a short talk pointed

A. W. PRANN AVOIDS DOCTOR'S SERVICES FOR 48 YEARS.

After avoiding the services of a doctor for 48 years, or the need for a prescription, A. W. Prann found it necessary to call in a physician last week who immediately put him in bed and wrote a prescription to be filled. Mr. Prann is a former pharmacist and at present operates the Prann Funeral Parlors, and looks after several hundred White Leghorn chickens. Mr. Prann contends that he has not solicited the services of a physician because of his dislike for them but because he has enjoyed such fine health.

WILD GAME BIRDS SUFFERING FROM COLD AND LACK OF FEED.

The Rod and Gun club has been busy for a week distributing grain for the wild ducks and geese. The club, through its president, Frank Bilderback, and secretary, W. L. Hamm, has received a shipment of 1800 pounds of wheat and has bought other grain, besides several sacks of grain from local persons, have been donated.

Distribution has been made along the Stanfield drain, in Cold Springs creek below the Hermiston reservoir, along the Umatilla river from Cottonwood Bend to Umatilla, east of town near the Logan Todd ranch, at Hat Rock Spring and other places where the water has not been frozen.

Ducks and geese have suffered more than any other of the wild fowl from the severities of the weather. The feeding places along streams were frozen over and fields were covered with snow. Pheasants and other land birds could feed on weeds above the snow and are faring better than might be expected under the conditions.

The grain was shipped from Portland by the regional director of the State Biological Survey for the State Game commission by the Consolidated Freight lines and freight charged to the state game commission. Sixteen sacks were sent to Hermiston and a like amount to Freewater for similar distribution. The wild game readily discovers these feeding places and the work will continue with very light losses in the districts cared for.

FORMER HERMISTON RESIDENT PASSES AWAY AT EUGENE.

The death of Alfred Swift Johnson, former Hermiston resident, occurred at Eugene, Ore., February 14. Many people will remember the Johnsons as having owned property on the west side of town. The following news item came from the Eugene Register-Guard:

"The death of Alfred Swift Johnson of this city occurred Feb. 6, at 11 a. m. Mr. Johnson had been a resident of Eugene for the past ten years. When coming to this city he purchased the cigar stand in the Miner building. Mr. Johnson previously had followed the railroad business, starting as operator and filling positions as chief dispatcher and trainmaster on eastern railroads. His health failing, he came west, locating at Hermiston, Ore., where he rested for one year, when he took a position with the Union Pacific. His health failing again, he came to Eugene.

"Three years ago his health failed and has been confined to his home since Aug. 5 and confined to his bed the past two months. Mr. Johnson was born in Pennsylvania. His boyhood days were spent in Jonesville, Mich. As a young man he came to Fort Wayne, Ind. It was there he was married to Emma Frances Tibbles. They later made their home in Ohio, and from there came to Oregon. When a resident of Ft. Wayne, Ind., he united with the Congregational church. Mr. Johnson was a member of McKenzie River lodge. He is survived by his wife Emma; two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Geo. Conkling of Fort Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Gus Currier, and Oscar B. Johnson of Philadelphia.

ROGERS' FILM AT OASIS SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY.

Will Rogers, in a black-face act, as a tap dancer, as a horse trainer and as himself, brings "In Old Kentucky" out of the class of ordinary racing pictures and into the top flight of screen entertainment. In his last and best picture, which will be at the Oasis theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Will Rogers proves to those who did not know it, that he was one of the greatest comedians of all time.

The story is light and has been done several times before, but there are a number of unexpected angles and each member of the cast appears born to his or her role. A Kentucky feud between neighboring families owning the two best horses in the country forms the background before which Rogers lives the part of an ignorant horse trainer with a flair for matchmaking.

Hay for Sale.

There are 150 tons of hay for sale at Westland. J. W. Messner, Hermiston, Oregon.

GEORGE WAGNER WILL BE BURIED HERE SUNDAY

George Wagner, resident of Hermiston since 1913, passed away Wednesday afternoon, February 19, at 2:30 following a short illness of less than two weeks. He did not recover from complications which developed following an appendicitis operation.

Mr. Wagner was a member of the city council and also a brother in the Odd Fellow lodge. He has operated a transfer business here for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Finkbeiner conducting the service.

George Wagner was born in Topeka, Kansas, April 15, 1895, and came to Hermiston in 1913 with Harry McMillan and the elder McMillan. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Wagner, his father and mother, three sisters and three brothers, all of Salem, Oregon.

J. S. WEST DIES AT PENDLETON HOME MONDAY.

J. S. West, 74, resident of Hermiston for 28 years before moving to Pendleton three years ago, passed away at his home Monday night. Funeral services will be held in Pendleton at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

Mr. West was active in civic affairs in Hermiston during the time he resided here. He was a member of the Odd Fellow lodge and also of the Modern Woodmen.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Graham of Tacoma, one daughter who lives in Iowa, and one son, Newell West of Union, Oregon.

Observe Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wattenburger, pioneer residents of Butter Creek district but now living in Echo, observed their golden wedding anniversary Friday, February 14. They have lived almost all of their fifty years of married life on Westland. The fact that Mrs. Wattenburger has been ill and is still confined to her room, prevented an elaborate celebration as previously planned. Miss Lizzie Davison and William J. Wattenburger were married February 14, fifty years ago at Carlton, Oregon.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Miss Alice Dunn of Wallula, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday night of last week, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. S. VanSkike of Hermiston is a medical patient.

Clifford Thorpe of Boardman expects to leave for his home in the near future.

Mrs. Alton Kingsbury, R. N., expressed her thanks and appreciation to members of the Odd Fellow lodge who assisted in caring for a patient at the hospital this week.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
February 13	22	8
February 14	18	-2
February 15	15	-8
February 16	16	-5
February 17	15	-15
February 18	23	9
February 19	25	9

Precipitation was .14, with two inches of snowfall.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT IN PREPARING BRIEF ON UMATILLA RAPIDS DAM JUSTIFICATION

By E. P. DODD

The opportunity to gain approval and construction of the Umatilla rapids dam is again at our door.

A hearing is scheduled for late in March before the U. S. Army board in Washington, D. C.

The Robins report based on surveys made about a year ago which justified construction by 86 per cent must be argued and supplemented with additional and new facts.

Senator McNary and Steiwer and Congressman Pierce want this information, and a brief must be prepared in good form at once.

There is no question that the Umatilla rapids looms high in further development of the Columbia river. Bonneville must have it to write off \$20,000,000 for navigation and reduce cost of power at the switchboard.

The Dalles must have the tonnage above the Umatilla rapids, by barges down the river to load ships.

The new supreme court decision makes navigation the basis of all river development with power an incidental surplus.

The Umatilla dam is the Key to the whole program and this fact must be brought out by those of us who live in this immediate vicinity.

Other cities and localities have other public enterprises, like Pendleton and Walla Walla with their flood control; The Dalles with its ship port, and channel below Bonneville; Pasco-Kennebec with its Five Mile dam; and Lewiston with its Snake river; and Portland with its lower river.

All are in sympathy with the Umatilla rapids dam, but their interest is more or less secondary.

They will follow our leadership and give us support, but we must lead and put up the argument.

The political opportunity is here, pending forthcoming elections. This

RABBIT DRIVES CONTINUED IN BUTTER CREEK AREA

Another rabbit drive will be held on Butter Creek, just below the N. G. Robertson place and above the J. L. Daugherty ranch next Sunday, February 22, starting at 1:30 p. m. as on previous drives. The snow is said to have forced thousands of rabbits into the Butter Creek area and they are doing considerable damage to hay stacks. Plans for the drive are shaping up nicely and it is believed that this will be a very successful one.

The club drive will be handled in about the same manner as before and those who wish will find that coffee will be served immediately following the drive.

As at a previous time, Roy Hale of Hermiston will have charge of a shot gun drive, which will start about 1:30 p. m. Sunday, at a point farther down the creek than where the club drive is being conducted. Anyone wishing to take part in the shot gun drive is asked to get in touch with Mr. Hale not later than Saturday evening. Mr. Hale announces that he will be able to furnish shot gun shells; to those who wish them, at a much lower figure than heretofore.

AUTOS COLLIDE AT CORNER FIRST AND HURLBURT.

A car driven by H. A. Pankow, city police officer, skidded into the car driven by B. I. Whitney about noon Tuesday at the corner of First and Hurlburt avenue, near Penneck's garage. Both cars were slightly damaged but the occupants escaped uninjured. The icy condition of the road was said to be the cause of the accident.

Attend Father's Funeral.

W. L. Kirby of Stanfield returned Monday from Richland, Ore., where he attended the funeral of his father, W. W. Kirby, who passed away February 13, at the age of 96 years. He was a Civil War veteran and the last member of the Pine Valley G. A. R. Post. He had made his home in Richland for 50 years. He was buried in the Richland cemetery. Survivors are Mrs. Maggie Chandler, R. B. Kirby, James Kirby and Mrs. Cora Simones, all of Richland, Mrs. Maude Frasier of Pendleton, and W. L. Kirby of Stanfield.

Wilson Dexter Dies.

The following notice of the death of Wilson Dexter, son of C. M. Dexter, who until recently lived at Umatilla, was received here this week.

"Funeral services for Wilson Dexter, 16, who died this morning at Bend following an appendicitis operation, will be held here tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. from the Callaway chapel. Interment will be in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery. Surviving the deceased are his father, C. M. Dexter, of Redmond; three brothers, Earl and Edwin of Redmond and Fred of The Dalles, and six sisters, Miss Esther Dexter of LaGrande, Miss Aurorette Dexter of Redmond and Mrs. Effie Baird, Mrs. Sarah Erwin, Mrs. George Wedekind and Mrs. Mabel Renken, all of The Dalles."

FEATHERED FRIENDS IN NEED OF FOOD.

Our feathered friends, the birds! When the ground is covered with snow the many songbirds, and wild game birds suffer from want of food and it gives an opportunity for the human race to befriend them. In this way we will be able to enjoy the trilling notes of the songbird this spring and summer. When bread crumbs, wheat or apples are placed in an open space, the birds are sure to find them. Many have been taking care of this little act of mercy and there is still an opportunity for others. Befriend our feathered friends.

POPULARITY CONTEST OPENED HERE THROUGH FARM BUREAU

The Centennial Flouring Mills company will present to the most popular lady in the territory served by the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston and Boardman a genuine Bulova ladies' wrist watch as first prize and a complete ladies' dresser set, to the winner of the runner-up in a popularity contest started this week.

The contest was announced this week and opens February 22, and closes April 18, at 5:00 p. m. Any woman sixteen years of age or over may be entered by any individual who purchases a sack of Centennial "Silk-Sifted" flour from the Farm Bureau. This entitles the candidate named on the sales slip to 1000 votes. At the close of the contest the lady having the most votes to her credit wins the wrist watch.

There has been no limit placed upon the number of entries. Standing of contestants will be published weekly.

Helen Elizabeth Ober.

Little Helen Elizabeth Ober, a little more than two years of age, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ober of Hermiston, passed away Tuesday evening about 8:00 o'clock, due to bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 p. m. from the Folsom Chapel in Pendleton, with Rev. E. M. Butenash, pastor of the Lutheran church, conducting the service. Interment was made in the Pendleton cemetery. She is survived by her parents, one brother Richard, and a sister, Margaret.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Attendance in both the high school and grade school has been steadily improving since school opened more than a week ago. Grade school attendance Monday was 74 per cent. High school attendance is now practically normal.

The high school party scheduled for this Friday night has been postponed until Friday, Feb. 28, because of the continued cold.

Members of the senior class have referred the matter of apparel to be worn at the graduation exercises to a committee which will report at the next regular class business meeting.

A meeting of the Teacher-Parent association was held in the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, February 19, with a small attendance. A health talk was given by Dr. F. B. Belt, city health officer. Others participating in the program were Allan Clarke, violin solo; piano solo, Wanda Moore; and a skit, "Memories of Washington," by members of the upper grades. Refreshments were enjoyed after a short business meeting.

All spring activities have been extended to a later date due to the loss of school time through the necessity of closing the schools to prevent the spread of the scarlet fever and measles among the school children. School will now close June 2, instead of May 22, Supt. R. H. McAttee reports.

A practice debate was held here last Friday with Pendleton and Hermiston teams participating. In preparation for the district debate which will be held in Pendleton March 14th. The question is, "Resolved: That the Several States Should Enact Legislation Providing for Complete Medical Service Available to all Citizens at State Expense." Members of the team are Bill Jackson and Wayne Power, affirmative; Bill Harris and Pat Troop, negative. Nina Rae McCulley was a regular member of the team but at present is quarantined at home, which puts Troop, who was alternate, on the regular team. The next practice debate will be held at Umatilla Friday of this week.

Miss Esther Sibert is conducting tryouts for two one act plays, "The Vaillant," and "The Flittermouse," which will be given instead of the three-act play as the all-high school performance. The high school music department will fill in with orchestra and glee club numbers. The date for this performance has not been set.

Thos. Campbell brought ten boxes of winesap apples to school Tuesday which were readily eaten by both grade and high school students. Mr. Campbell has previously donated apples to the school.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO UMATILLA HERD IMPROVEMENT ASS'N.

SIXTY COWS PURCHASED THROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Gregory Herd Now Known As Coe Ranch Herd; Five Mastitis Reactors Slaughtered.

Activity in the Umatilla Herd Improvement association during the month of January was as extensive as in previous months with the Coe Ranch herd of 140 cows, hitherto known as the T. G. Gregory herd, showing the largest enrollment of any herd in eastern Oregon. January marks the first month in the new testing year and the eleventh month in the past year.

A. E. Benschel of Hermiston and the Hermiston Dairy are listed as new members of the association. Six unprofitable cows were sold for beef out of the association enrollment. Five Mastitis reactors were slaughtered and ten cows sold for dairy purposes. A total of sixty cows were purchased for dairy purposes.

Thirty herds were on test during January with 514 cows enrolled, of which 73 are dry. The total milk production was 268,294 lbs. and butterfat was 13267.1 lbs., with 83 cows averaging a production of 40 lbs. butterfat. The average milk production was 522.0, and 25.8 butterfat.

High herds of over 20 cows was owned by C. A. Lynch, 44 pure bred and grade Holsteins, averaging 872.1 lbs. milk, and 31.3 lbs. fat; between 12 and 20 cows, owned by F. A. Baker, 19 grade and pure bred Jerseys, averaging 492.9 lbs. milk and 30.1 lbs. fat; herd under 12 cows, owned by W. P. Luttrell, 11 grade Jerseys averaging 839.4 lbs. milk and 45.0 lbs. fat.

The name of the cow registering the highest production in the association during January is "Frankie T", a 5-year-old grade Jersey from the Coe Ranch herd, producing 1429 lbs. milk and 77.1 lbs. fat. The second highest producing cow is named "Snowball", and is a 5-year-old grade Jersey also from the Coe Ranch herd, registering 1249 lbs. milk and 69.9 lbs. fat.

High herds to date, dry cows included, for the one month since the beginning of the testing year include:

Over 20 cows—44 grade and pure bred Holsteins, C. A. Lynch, owner, 872.1 lbs. milk, 31.3 lbs. fat; Coe Ranch, 136 grade Guernseys and grade Jerseys, 542.5 lbs. milk, 28.1 lbs. fat; Twelve to 20 cows—F. A. Baker, 19 grade and pure bred Jerseys, 492.9 lbs. milk, 30.1 lbs. fat; L. W. Owens, 17 pure bred Jerseys, 559.2 lbs. milk, 25.6 lbs. fat; Under 12 cows—W. P. Luttrell, 11 grade Jerseys, 839.4 lbs. milk, 45.0 lbs. fat; B. B. Eastridge, 12 grade Guernseys and grade Holsteins, 667.2 lbs. milk, 28.9 lbs. fat.

Twenty-six cows were listed on the honor roll.

Change in Train Time.

F. C. Woughter, local agent for the Union Pacific, announces that the eastbound Pacific Limited, train No. 14, will leave Pendleton one hour earlier, effective February 21. The new departure east from Pendleton is at 2:30 p. m. instead of 3:30 p. m. as formerly, with corresponding time changes east.

SPENCER-ALSTOTT.

Miss Doris Wanda Alstott of Hermiston, and Sloan Rhea Spencer of Stanfield, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at the Christian church parsonage in Pendleton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. F. Van Slyke. The bride is well known here, being a student in the local high school. She recently moved to Hermiston with her parents from Heppner.

ALONG THE CONCRETE

Bill Logan had a six weeks old bull calf on his ranch which he tried to sell to D. D. Follett, in all good faith, and was overwhelmed with surprise when informed by Mr. Follett that the animal was of the female sex. And it will be remembered that the calf was six weeks old.

John Jendrzewski trying to talk Mrs. Ed Dunning into raising turkeys since their chickens were destroyed by fire recently. Mrs. Dunning says she likes the red and white color scheme better than the bronze.

Seen at the creamery meeting Wednesday: Mr. Piepenbrink and A. E. McFarland spinning yarns; Director R. V. Jones of Irrigon voting for himself; Ed Dunning adding harmonica harmony to the Isaacson boy's music.

Immediately after J. W. McMullen handed in his nominating ballot at the creamery meeting Wednesday, his name was read as a nominee. He emphatically denied accusations of self-nomination.