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POULTRY INDUSTRY MOST PROMISING IN HERMISTON DISTRICT

FUTURE EGG MARKET OUTLOOK SAID TO BE GOOD.

J. H. Reid Develops Plant Over Ten Year Period to Prove Poultry Industry Pays.

Ten cents per dozen is the average cost of producing eggs on a commercial basis, and the average sales price throughout the year is from 15 to 17 cents per dozen, according to records kept by J. H. Reid, the largest poultry producer in the Hermiston territory.

Mr. Reid has been ten years in the business and has developed his egg producing plant from 100 hens and a small old fashioned chicken house to 3000 hens and ten new modern poultry houses. He was previously a banker and has followed strictly business methods and has kept complete records of expenses and income.

During this period he states unqualifiedly that there has never been a time when the hens did not produce a reasonable profit, or that red ink was ever used in keeping his records. A visit to his modern city poultry houses, home and dairy equipment, four miles northeast of Hermiston and a talk with Mr. and Mrs. Reid is very enlightening to anyone interested in the importance of the egg industry to this region and the security of a livelihood to anyone who will follow the methods demonstrated at the Reid plant.

The Reid hens are fed entirely by the feeds produced by the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston, and he recommends any grower, new or old, to use home products in the growth and development of flocks and the production of eggs.

Mr. Reid now has 2100 laying hens, and 1925 growing pullets about six weeks old. In September he will sell off enough old hens to reduce the number to 3000 or the capacity of his houses.

The first large poultry house built was 180 feet long and 20 feet wide. This was divided into four compartments with a feed room in the center. His newer houses are built in pairs. Each house is 24x48 feet and is connected to another house of the same size by a feed and storage room 10x24 feet. All buildings face south.

These houses are built double construction with inside and outside walls, with building paper on studding under each board layer. Floors are of cement and the roof has a double layer of lumber with six inches of straw between, as a non-conductor of heat and cold. Shade trees have been planted near the buildings and are recommended as protection in summer, and, after the leaves fall they do not shut out sunlight in winter.

One of the poultry houses is supplied with heating apparatus operated from a furnace and pipes under the cement floor, and pipes overhead for heat as a brooder house. In the rear of the houses are two five acre tracts, each with an acre of alfalfa. These are enclosed with high fencing and are used alternately each year for corn or other crops. This is designed to give a healthy field for the growing chicks until they are of laying age.

While his present houses are (Continued on page 2)

CANNING SEASON OPENED TUESDAY AT CO-OP CANNERY.

The canning season for the Hermiston Co-operative Cannery opened Tuesday of this week with asparagus and meat being canned. The building has been remodeled by straightening the west entrance front and moving the office into a corner of the storage room.

A new capping machine has been added to the equipment making it possible to handle both number two and two-and-one-half size cans the same day. The capacity of the cannery now is 2100 cans in a ten hour shift, and it is hoped that another pressure cooker will be added to the equipment before the season closes.

The table working space has been increased and a ventilator placed over the bleaching vats which will assist greatly in clarifying the air. The walls have been calced and plaster repaired. The work was done by Childs Barham and O. T. Lockridge.

O. L. Barlow, manager, is greatly pleased with the new arrangement.

ANNUAL MAGPIE AND CROW CONTEST NOW ON.

The annual magpie and crow eradication contest sponsored each year by the Hermiston Rod & Gun club, the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau and the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association, opened this week. Prizes will be given the same as previously and a complete list will be published next week.

Heads and eggs will be accepted at any time now by Roy Hale at Hale's Confectionery and by Walter Hamm at the Hermiston Drug company. The earlier contestants enter, the more chance they have of getting one of the larger prizes offered.

Any boy or girl wishing to participate may secure complete details from either Mr. Hale or Mr. Hamm.

UMATILLA DAM APPROVAL IN SOME FORM SEEMS ASSURED.

A report on the Umatilla rapids dam by the board of army engineers from Washington is expected in the near future. Rumor has it that the report will be both encouraging and disappointing.

One newspaper statement is that the Umatilla dam may be approved but work delayed until after the Bonneville dam is completed, and another is that the time for commencing construction will not be very definite. Approval in some form seems assured.

Recently the channel development from Vancouver to Bonneville has been authorized. This opens the way for ships through the ship locks at Bonneville and on the Dalles and Big Eddy at Celilo. From Celilo channel work is progressing, and will be completed to Umatilla, which will provide for barge navigation to that point. These features complete the entire program for navigation as proposed by all supporters of river development up to the dam at Umatilla rapids.

Last week President Roosevelt stated that he was in favor of all the dams on the river for power and other uses, but did not state the order in which they should be built. But it is assumed that this would follow the army engineers' recommendations which is for Umatilla next. Senator Steiwer recently consulted General Markham, the chief of the board and he has promised to consult other members of the board and make a definite report soon. In this conference it appears that the impression was given that the Umatilla would be authorized but not started until Bonneville is practically complete, and it is further understood that equipment at Bonneville could then be used.

The cheap channel through the Umatilla rapids has been frowned upon and now appears to be sidetracked. Since such strenuous objections were made its promoters, at least openly, ceased their activities.

It is now believed that when the report of the army board is made, and if as favorable as reported, it may be that this Fall political activities may be strong enough to secure approval of an earlier start than the engineers may recommend.

The city of Vancouver is jubilant over the authorization of the Vancouver-Bonneville ship canal, and state officials of Washington state are becoming more interested in the development of the Columbia for navigation. Also interest in the navigation feature is becoming an important factor in rate making of electric power at Bonneville. The Dalles is very much interested in heavy river tonnage from the Inland Empire for loading its ships and making use of its new costly docks. Thus all things are tending to force the building of the Umatilla dam.

Win Amateur Contest.

Mrs. P. A. Power and Mrs. Chas. Seeliger won first at the amateur performance at the Oasis theatre last Saturday night by giving a cake walk. They were in black-face character. Virgil Logan, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Logan, won second place with a violin solo. He has taken lessons only six months.

Last of Seed Loans Being Made.

Seed loans being made to farmers in this district show that alfalfa, potatoes and corn are the three major seed demands. The final applications are being made and forms filled out by the Assistant County Agent's office here. A total of \$880 in seed loans has been applied for through the local office, according to Mr. Sawyer.

SIX BOYS RECEIVE AWARDS AT BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Robert R. Hayes, Scout Executive for the Blue Mountain Council at Walla Walla, was present Tuesday night at a Court of Honor conducted for the Hermiston Boy Scout Troop No. 56. Three boys received merit badges, two became tenderfoot scouts, and two star scouts.

Al Quiring acted as chairman of the court with Harold Thompson, scoutmaster, J. A. Clark and Mr. Hayes sitting on the board of examiners. Twenty-one boys witnessed the ceremony, together with two visitors, Cecil Smith and George Knapp of Walla Walla.

Eldon Saylor and Allan Clarke became first class scouts and merit badges were awarded to Allan on a safety project, and to Paul Marble on a pioneering project. Paul and Earl Watson were awarded Star Scout pins.

Eugene Miller and Tommy Fraser listened attentively while Mr. Hayes pointed out the seriousness of their step in taking the tenderfoot Boy Scout oath, and the fact that they as Boy Scouts were examples of the troops over the whole nation in their deeds and actions. He advised them to always be Boy Scouts wherever they were.

The tenderfoot badges were pinned upon the boys' shirts upside down and they were not to turn them upright until after they had done their first good turn.

At the close of this ceremony Mr. Hayes called upon Cecil Smith to tell something of his work as a Senior Scout and to tell of the Rover and Explorer Scouts with which he is associated. These divisions, he said, are for boys who are past 15 years of age. Cecil is Assistant Scout Leader of Troop No. 4 in Walla Walla and is one of the best trained first aid boys in the northwest. Mr. Hayes said.

Following this talk the boys returned the colors, repeated the scout oath and sang taps.

Other court of honor sessions will be held at least every sixty days Mr. Thompson says, and if possible at more frequent intervals, as the boys complete their work and prepare for advancement. The public is invited to these demonstrations.

ELEANOR DAWSON WINS WATCH IN POPULARITY CONTEST.

Eleanor Dawson, local high school girl, won the wrist watch offered by the Centennial Flouring Mills company in a recent popularity contest staged in this territory, with 38,000 votes. Fern Lindner was second with 36,000 votes, winning a lovely dresser set. Gladys Elwood ran a close third with 29,000 votes.

The contest closed Saturday, April 18, after a six week's run in which many people learned to know and use the Centennial flour. Interest ran high during the final days of the contest and the three girls ran neck to neck in the final race.

The winners may get their prizes at the office of the Farm Bureau Co-operative.

INSTRUCTION IN HOME FURNISHINGS PROGRAM DEMONSTRATED HERE TUESDAY

Miss Joan Patterson, Extension Specialist in Home Furnishings from Oregon State college, conducted a Home Furnishing Day program in the Union church here Tuesday, April 21st. Miss Frances Clinton, county home demonstration agent, who had planned the program, was unable to be present because of the death of her father.

The discussion carried on in the morning was on "Window Curtaining in the Home," and in the afternoon on "Color in the Home." Both discussions were accompanied by beautiful illustrative material giving suggestions for inexpensive and attractive home furnishings. Miss Patterson explained how color combinations may be selected.

Miss Patterson stated that the Home Furnishings projects would be available next year, together with the Foods and Nutrition and Clothing and Textiles projects, and urged all who possibly could to attend the county-wide Homemaker's Day program planned for May 5th in Pendleton.

Mrs. W. A. Hinesline of Hermiston, who is a member of the Umatilla county Home Extension committee, presided over the morning session, and Mrs. J. M. Richards of Stanfield, also a member of the county committee, presided over the afternoon session.

EUGENE BURR EXPLAINS TOWNSEND TRANSACTION TAX

Eugene Burr, speaker on the transaction tax for the Townsend revolving pension, was given the undivided attention of members of the clubs in this section and interested parties Monday night in the Baptist church. Mr. Burr was introduced by A. E. Bensei, president of the Hermiston club, who stated that the local club now has a membership of nearly 400.

Mr. Burr launched into the business side of the plan by showing where the purchasing power in the nation would be increased which in turn would move more producers to increase production, labor and wages. He stated that the revolving pension would do away with the outlay of taxes now being spent by the government to support indigent homes, prosecute crime, maintain penitentiaries, insane asylums and hospitals.

The transaction tax, he said, would relieve the property tax and would be paid every day by the individual purchaser. The wealthy would pay 80 percent of the tax, he said, and the common people 20 percent. The person with an income of between \$1000 and \$1200 a year would pay an average of \$60 tax per year.

Mr. Burr gave numerous examples of the workings of the tax on various purchases and sales.

THIRD COUNTY GOLF TOURNAMENT WON BY PENDLETON.

The third County Golf tournament was played at Pilot Rock Sunday with Pendleton winning the tournament.

Team standings were: Pendleton 330 points, Pilot Rock 261 1/2 points, Hermiston 252 1/2 points, Athena 236 1/2 points.

The Hermiston team showed a big improvement in their play over the previous Sunday. The players' individual scores were:

Sam Moore	72	26
M. T. Matott	73	33 1/2
Jim Todd	78	22
Walt Pearson	78	27
Bill Hansen	78	26 1/2
Burl Gurdane	80	18 1/2
Earl Bensei	82	24 1/2
Walter Smith	82	29
Curtis Simons	83	19
Eddy Bensei	84	26

V. C. SMITH MOVES EQUIPMENT TO HERMISTON MOTOR COMPANY

The Hermiston Motor company will soon be ready for operation with complete mechanical and sales service. V. C. Smith of Hermiston is moving his entire equipment into the shop quarters in the building this week and will take charge of that service for the Hermiston Motor company.

The interior of the building has been cleaned, the roof repaired and the front painted. The company will sell Shell motor oil.

C. Jack Smith is operating the company here and has the agency for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile.

DON SERELL ACTIVE SPEAKER FOR PEACE ON CAMPUS.

Don Serell, who is a member of the University of Oregon debate team, spoke recently at Forest Grove and Newburg in symposiums held at those cities. The subject for discussion this year has been "Can America Remain Neutral?" Earlier trips took him to Cottage Grove and other towns.

He will speak Thursday at a Model League of Nations Assembly which will be held on the Oregon campus. As first representative of the French nation, he will uphold the part that France has played in the League and insist upon action against Germany for her occupation of the Rhineland.

Friday night Don will speak over KOAC in a radio symposium with Clifford Speaker on Versailles Peace Treaties. The broadcast will come over the air at approximately 7:30 p.m.

W.P.A. OFFICIALS INSPECT THE NEW HERMISTON PARK.

The Hermiston Park was visited Wednesday by WPA officials who inspected and highly approved the new park.

In the group were J. K. Thompson, WPA administrator for eleven eastern Oregon counties; Frank B. Hays, engineer of the same district; Mr. Landsfair, technical engineer for the Pacific Northwest; Mr. Scott, labor works manager; and Mr. Day, assistant engineer. The group inspected the park in the afternoon and attended a meeting of 50 citizens at the Legion hall in the evening.

All were strongly in favor of the completion of the park plans. They stated that this park was of more than local interest, and its uses would be valuable as an oasis along the highway, and for citizens of Heppner, Pendleton and other localities within fifty miles or an hour's drive of Hermiston. They stated that this was the most important and meritorious work of this kind being carried on in Eastern Oregon, and that the people of Hermiston and immediate towns do not realize what an attraction the completed park will be.

The park board was assured that the new auditorium would be completed by July Fourth for the celebration. The foundation of the 40x80 building is now being poured, and lumber will be shipped immediately. It will have a hardwood floor, and will be finished in modern style.

Upon the advice of the officials, 1000 membership cards at \$2.00 each will be printed and will be offered for sale throughout all the territory including Pendleton and Heppner. This money is to be used for expenses for foreman, horse feed and such local requirements under the WPA grant. Federal funds which are used only for relief labor are sufficient to complete the work but under the law certain expenses must be borne by local citizens and this money must be raised at once.

CITY LOTS PURCHASED BY HERMISTON PEOPLE.

At a land sale Saturday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lenhart purchased two lots between Third and Fourth streets on Gladys avenue, and plan to move their house from its present site near the new school building to these lots. The three lots between Fourth and Fifth streets on Main street were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Al Quiring who plan to improve the house on this property in the near future.

Another transaction this week saw the sale of the J. T. Dowell property to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Barlow, who have been living on the Hall place west of town. The Barlows will take possession some time after the first of May. Mr. Barlow is manager of the Hermiston Co-operative Cannery and Laundry.

Progressive Calf Club Meets.

The Progressive Calf Club met at the home of H. L. Hadley, Friday evening. Assistant County Agent Sawyer was present and instructed members in judging. A. E. Rugg is the leader of the club.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
April 16	88	46
April 17	87	47
April 18	84	57
April 19	76	45
April 20	80	37
April 21	84	43
April 22	80	58

SOIL CONSERVATION FARM ACT MEETING HERE APRIL 25TH

COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF ACT WILL BE GIVEN.

County Committee Has Divided County Into Districts According To Voting Precincts.

A series of 10 community meetings in Umatilla county to explain the provisions of the new soil conservation farm act and to set up local and county organization committees to put it into effect have been arranged beginning April 23d.

The only meeting for this end of the county will be held in Hermiston, Saturday, April 25th, in the Hermiston Union church, starting at 1:30 p. m., with E. L. Jackson, temporary committeeman, acting as chairman of the meeting.

E. R. Jackman, Extension Specialist in Farm Crops from Oregon State college, will be the main speaker, explaining the program in its completeness. Walter Holt, county agent from Pendleton will also be present as well as the local Assistant county agent W. A. Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer is urging all farmers who can to be present because there no doubt will be some phases of the program as it is explained that will benefit them.

The county has been districted into communities by the temporary county committee headed by Wm. H. Steen of Milton, Ore. In practically all cases community boundaries will be based upon voting precincts.

At each community meeting a local committee of three will be elected by vote of all farmers attending, the first elected to be the chairman and automatically a member of the permanent county committee.

Some members of the temporary committee and the county agent will attend each community meeting and explain the details of the new act to the extent that information is now available.

Meetings are at: Pendleton — Library, Thursday, April 23, 1:30 p. m., including north Pendleton district in voting precincts 27, 28, 29; also that portion of 14 lying north of Wild Horse Creek; and that portion of precinct 30 lying east of the line between range 30 E. and range 31 E.; and South Pendleton district, voting precinct 35.

Weston — Thursday, April 23, 8:00 p. m., precincts 7, 8 and 9.

Milton — City Hall, Friday, April 24, 1:30 p. m., precincts 1, 5 and 6. Freewater — Federated church basement, Friday, April 24, 8:00 p. m., precincts 2, 3 and 4.

Helix — Odd Fellows hall, Saturday, April 25, 8:00 p. m., precinct 13.

Pilot Rock — Odd Fellows hall, Monday, April 27, 1:30 p. m., precincts 16, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.

Adams — Grange hall, Monday, April 27, 8:00 p. m., precinct 11.

Mission — Tillicum Grange hall, Tuesday, April 28, 8:00 p. m., including south reservation, precincts 12, 14, 15 and 41.

Athena — K.P.-I.O.O.F. Hall Wednesday, April 29, 8:00 p. m., precinct 10.

Musical Recital Postponed.

The musical recital planned for Sunday, April 26th, at Echo, by the National Institute of Music and Arts, directed by Frederick Stoiz, has been postponed because of illness in Echo. If possible the recital will be given at a later date.

FARM BUREAU AUXILIARY MEETS AT UNION CHURCH

The ladies of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau met at the Union church Friday of last week with Mesdames Tom Wilson, O. H. Buell and Barham acting as hostesses. Plans for a cooked food sale for May 29th were made, and in connection with this sale flowers will be sold appropriate for Memorial day. This sale will be sponsored for the purpose of raising money to send members of the 4-H sewing club to the Oregon State summer school.

At this meeting a committee was appointed to look into the matter of possibilities for improving the local cemetery, and a report will be made as to their findings at the next meeting, May 1st. Mrs. A. E. Bensei, Mrs. J. R. Harding, Mrs. W. L. Hamm and Mrs. A. W. Turnblad were named on the committee.