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Stanfield Rebekah Lodge

Uatlee Rebekah lodge No. 224 of Stanfield, was instituted on June 23, 1916. Charter members were: G. A. Riscling, John E. Reeves, W. T. Reeves, L. T. Kennison, T. G. Smith, Harry Dunn, Miss Lenna Waid, Mrs. Ezzie Dunn, Mrs. Anna Reeves, Mrs. Stella Reeves, Mrs. Nellie Kennison, Mrs. Bulala Smith, Mrs. Mabel Richards and Mrs. Effie Riscling.

Past Noble Grande were: Mesdames Anna Reeves, Nellie Kennison, Eulala Smith, Mabel Richards, Stella Reeves, Mattie Lochridge, Julia Haggman, Ezzie Dunn, Nettie Sloan, Sara Boggs, Olena Smith, Edith Hoggard, Mabel Hanney, Pauline Bottger, Carrie Starkweather, Viola Loughary, Frankie Lane, Clara Stafford, Ila Wallace, Viola Greathouse, Alice Phelps Della Hoosier, Lelia McDermott, Grace Herley, Agnes Perrin, Rosa Wallace, and the Misses Elva Berry, Martha Wood, Anna Berges, Ramona French, Lenna Waid and Sophronia Rhea.

Frank A. Baker.

F. A. Baker is a Stanfield pioneer of 1910. He has a wife and four sons, all college graduates. Lowell is with a bonding house in Spokane; Bruce is a physician in Stirling, Colorado; Wallace is in Seattle; and Paul is at home.

Mr. Baker has a beautiful home

and grounds on his 100 acre farm two miles east of Stanfield, and operates a large dairy. He has served nine years on the school board. For the past ten years he has been secretary of the Stanfield Irrigation district and during that period the district has been refinanced and success has been attained toward settlement and rehabilitation of the lands.

Mr. Baker is a member of the large and well known family of that name, in Forest Grove. Mrs. Baker has been active in church and civic affairs. She is a charter member of the Women's club.

Frank Sloan, 1905.

Frank Sloan has lived in Stanfield since 1905. He was married to Nettie Atkinson in 1901 and they have two children living, Rachel, teaching at Clatskanie, and Eldon, at Eugene.

Frank Sloan was born on Butter Creek, son of Elisha Sloan, who crossed the plains in '49, and came to Butter Creek in '63. The Sloan ranch is now operated by D. Neill.

In 1905 Mr. Sloan became associated with the late W. J. Furnish in the development plans of the Furnish project, and has been identified with growth of all the features of progress in the Stanfield district.

He has served as member of the school board for 12 years, mayor four terms, and at present, and was a member of the regular and special sessions of the Oregon legislature in 1921-22. For a number of years he was in the sheep business. No man in Umatilla has more first hand knowledge of its early history than Mr. Sloan, nor more friends or acquaintances with people and affairs of eastern Oregon.

CARNEGIE GAVE LIBRARY \$5,000**CIVIC CENTER FIRST**

Circulation Has Grown to 17,416; First Board Organized 1917.

A public library was among the first thoughts of the early Hermiston settlers. The first library consisted of a few shelves of books, assembled and distributed from the home of Mrs. E. E. McMillan in 1907. Among the contributors were the late Mrs. Genevieve Reid and the late Mrs. J. F. McNaught and S. R. Oldaker. The only one of the then active group now living here is Mrs. C. E. Baker.

This library functioned for several years and in 1914 a number of volumes were transferred to the county public library.

At that time Mrs. J. T. Hinkle and Mrs. F. R. Reeves and Mrs. C. E. Baker, in cooperation with Miss Sabra L. Nation, Umatilla county librarian of Pendleton, established a county circulating library here which included the privileges of the central library at Pendleton. These books were kept and circulated from the rear room of E. P. Dodd's real estate office, and attended by some member of the library board on Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

A store room adjoining the present First National Bank building was leased on August 27th, 1915, from the Wade estate, and what was known as the "Civic Center" was established. Into this room was moved the library which was operated there along with the Commercial club and the Christian Science church. C. D. Porter, was in charge of the building.

The idea of building a permanent building grew out of this success. Farmers and their wives made the center their headquarters while in town, and the city council and other public officials met there.

The basement rooms of the present Carnegie library are the outgrowth of the services thus rendered the home folk in the old Civic Center. The late Mr. Porter donated his time and services in looking after this Civic Center.

Through the assistance of Miss Nation \$5000 from the Carnegie

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Hermiston is the smallest town in the nation receiving library gift from Carnegie gift fund.

trust fund was secured to which Umatilla county added something over \$2000. Col. J. H. Raley of Pendleton gave the site.

When the library was built it served the smallest town on the Carnegie list of donations, but from the reclamation statistics showing the people and territory served, the grant was believed justified.

A New Year's library ball was an annual event and a highlight in the social life of the community. This produced the chief revenue for the support of the library.

The City of Hermiston pledged \$500 annual maintenance of the library, and the county paid taxes and insurance on the building.

In 1924, the librarian reported a circulation of 7802 volumes. Ten years later the report showed 15,607, which increased during 1935 to 17,416. In addition to its county and state facilities the library is steadily increasing its own number of books.

The first library board was appointed November 19, 1917. They were Mrs. J. T. Hinkle, chairman, H. M. Straw, E. P. Dodd, Mrs. L. A. Phelps, M. D. Scroggs and Mrs. C. E. Baker. Scroggs resigned soon after and Father Butler was appointed. This board served during the construction of the building and for several years. During succeeding years the following persons have served on the board: Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Mrs. E. J. Kingsley, Claude Young, Mrs. C. S. McNaught, Mrs. Geo. Root, H. M. Schilling, J. K. Shotwell, J. M. Biggs, F. C. McKenzie, Mrs. Joe Norton, and B. S. Kingsley.

The present board is Mrs. H. T. Fraser, chairman, Mrs. W. L. Hamm, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Rena Waterman, Mrs. B. S. Kingsley and N. R. Mueller. During the first four years, librarians were Mrs. M. A. Benedict, Margaret Shotwell, Hattie Graham, Mrs. O. D. Burgess and Mrs. C. B. Percy. In August, 1921, Mrs. R. A. Brownson became librarian and has served in that capacity since that time in a very capable manner.

Hurlburt Developed Plans for First Light Plant in 1904.

Fillings were made on the present power site of the Hermiston Light & Power Company on the Umatilla river two miles south of town by H. G. Hurlburt in 1904, and he developed plans for the first lighting system in Hermiston. He then sold to the Chisholm company which installed a very small plant and distributed light and power to Hermiston. The Chisholm company was not sufficiently financed to meet the growth of the community and after three years work sold out to James, Joe and Frank Ralph, and Joe Roth of Colfax.

After the death of James Ralph and Joe Roth, Nicholas Codd of Spokane bought the James Ralph and Roth interests and refinanced and enlarged the entire system, extending it to the neighboring towns of Stanfield, Echo and Umatilla, and to a number of farms along the power lines. Under the management of Joe Ralph and Frank Ralph, who lived here many years, the plant became very valuable.

In February, 1929, the Codd and Ralph brothers' interests were sold to the American States Public Service company and is still operated as the Hermiston Light and Power company. From its small beginnings of a \$1,600 investment by the Chisholm company, it has grown with the country very successfully, and is now valued at around a quarter of a million dollars. J. A. Clarke has been the manager for the new corporation since May, 1929.

Chicken Flocks Grew With Cooperative Marketing.

Growth in commercial egg production began in 1924, when the Pacific Co-operative Egg Producers agreed to receive eggs produced here. This association had a large packing plant in Portland, under management of E. J. Dixon, who then was conducting the most successful poultry cooperative in the west. From that day the number of

flocks increased.

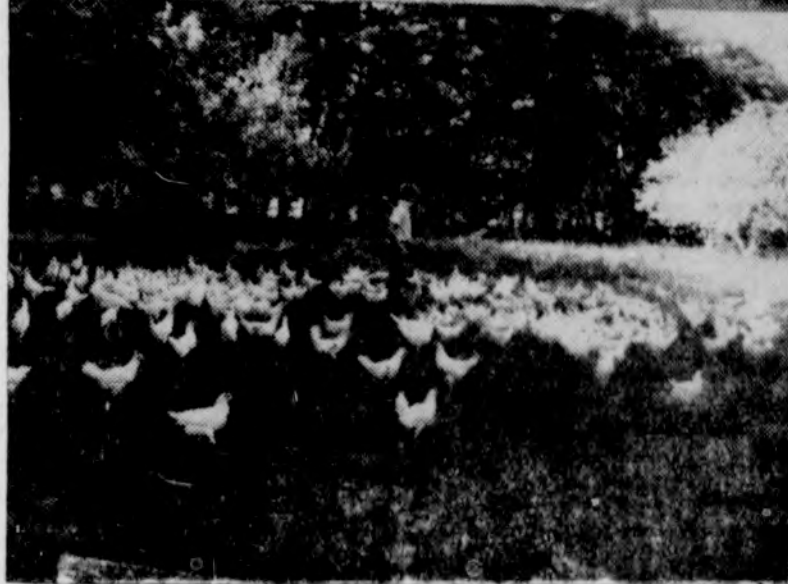
Prior to that time several attempts at profit making had been made. The eggs were successfully produced but no market could be found. J. M. Williams and L. Sanders, both kept 500 hens in 1920-21, but the local market was soon glutted. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rhodes built a poultry house, 70x120 feet, and installed 800 White Leghorn hens. They were successful in selling most of the product, through special effort.

The Hermiston Commercial club then worked to succeed in inducing the Portland Co-operative to receive eggs from all producers with 150 or more hens.

During the succeeding ten years the industry has grown to over 50,000 laying hens in flocks of between 1000 and 1500, and as high as 3000 in number.

In a published review it was demonstrated that commercial egg production and all features of the chicken business here, is well established and profitable. If the volume of egg production increases a local packing plant seems assured.

Among the early producers were S. L. Carson, Curtis Dyer, W. H. Ogden, A. Buhman, Harry Spinning, Henry Ott, J. H. Reid, Clara Hall, J. W. McMullen, C. M. Jackson, Geo. Genn, P. P. Sullivan, Frank Guilwits.

VIEWS TAKEN AT HERMISTON IN 1936.

Top—Harold G. Rankin among his 1809 turkeys, one mile south of Hermiston.

Middle—Warehouse of Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association.

Bottom—1936 pullets of E. H. D. lines, ready for the laying house —Courtesy East Oregonian.

**Congratulations to the Pioneers!**

Whose endurance and courage have made the settlement of this irrigated district possible. The era of sage brush and jack rabbits has passed with the coming of the pioneers and irrigation water.

To the pioneers whose enduring energy has made this celebration of the thirty year anniversary an outstanding event.

The Umatilla Co-operative Creamery was organized July 1, 1931, and now has a membership of 340 farmers in the territory between Boardman and Echo.

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