

**J. C. "Jim" Hoskins.**

J. C. Hoskins was born on Butter Creek and now lives in Stanfield. For a number of years he owned lands and several bands of sheep, but the depression dealt badly with him, and he started from "scratch" after '29. He now owns 110 acres under the irrigation system and 400 acres above the ditch.

He has a wife and three daughters. Mrs. Chas. Carnes, Pilot Rock; Mrs. V. Waterman, Ellensburg; and Bytha, a student at O.S.C. Mr. Hoskins has served as school director and as a member of the district board. Perhaps no man in his locality has given more of his time and money toward the advancement of his community, than he has. Mrs. Hoskins is a member of the well known Porter family of Pilot Rock.

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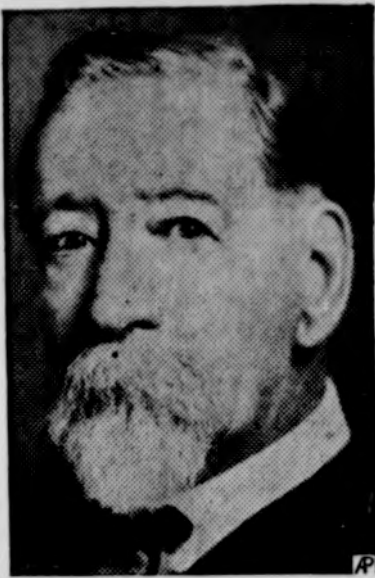
What is now known as the Stanfield project had its origin in the construction of the Furnish ditch in 1905 by W. J. Furnish of Pendleton. Furnish had commenced a business career in Pendleton as a boy and had acquired a considerable fortune. He had risen from wheeling a baby carriage for ten cents an hour when a boy to a great banker and had become influential in political affairs. He was progressive in all business, loyal to his home county, and believed in spending his money where he made it.

Above all, Mr. Furnish was not a speculator or promoter, but rather a developer of sound enterprises. He always studied well any proposition he undertook, and notwithstanding the fact that he lost heavily in the venture, Stanfield and its project may credit its existence to his foresight and enterprise.

Twelve mile flat was a beautiful level valley leading from the Umatilla river to the mouth of Stage Gulch. It contained heavy soil and large sage brush. Spring freshets from the wheat slopes above left a moisture condition that produced grasses and vines, and wild flowers in much heavier growth than found on the surrounding plains. It was like a meadow among the big sagebrush.

There was also late summer springs in the winding creek through the valley and evidences of a safe water table. Mr. Furnish compared this section of sage plain to the valley of Butter Creek and the Meadows where very little water was required to produce heavy alfalfa and grain. To him this appeared an excellent opportunity for developing an irrigation project and increasing the wealth of Umatilla county. He, therefore, acquired 10,000 acres of land and built the Furnish ditch.

After the water was turned on the land he soon discovered that his expectations could not be fully rea-

**Col J. H. Raley.**

Col. Raley spent his boyhood days on the Umatilla Meadows and assisted greatly in giving historical information found in this issue. He is now in the early eighties and an active member of the law firm of Raley, Kilkenney & Raley in Pendleton.

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lized. Summer irrigation was necessary, but on part of the land his reasoning proved correct.

He then built the Furnish reservoir six miles above the diversion headgate and dam on the Umatilla river. This reservoir had a storage capacity of 4710 acre feet which proved a great benefit to the productivity of the land. The capacity was soon reduced, however, to 1300 acre feet by deposits of silt from wheat fields above and the development of the project was greatly delayed until the McKay dam was built.

The district acquired 20 1/2 per cent interest in the storage of McKay and has rebuilt its irrigation system. It is now one of the best projects in the Pacific Northwest.

The selling of the lands were begun in 1908 by the Columbia Land Company of Portland, of which the late Dr. Henry Waldo Coe was the head. This was continued until 1910.

The early settlers produced good crops of alfalfa hay and made progress in building homes even though the water supply lasted only until July. Orchards were planted and many good farms were successful, particularly on the east slopes and bottom lands of the project where soils were heaviest.

In 1915 Mr. Furnish traded his interests to J. C. Story of Tacoma, Wn., for lumbering and timber holdings. Story then financed the Stanfield project through the Bank of California and the Inland Irrigation company became the holding company for the bank. It soon became apparent to the bank that storage was insufficient from the old failing reservoir, and no further effort was made toward further settlement until further storage could be provided.

Congress authorized the building of the McKay dam and reservoir in January, 1923, with a storage capacity of 72,000 acre feet. These works were completed in 1926 with water available in 1927, and the new supply was turned into the Stanfield ditches. The Stanfield Irrigation district was then formed and took over operation of the system.

The district secured an allotment

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of \$100,000 from the PWA, in 1933, used in the rehabilitation of the entire system. The interests of the Bank of California and bond holders were purchased at a very low percentage. Drainage canals were built and all ditches were enlarged and concrete filled.

In addition to this new work a CCC camp was installed at Stanfield and a great amount of further improvements are being made in the irrigation works.

The district now owns 3500 unincumbered acres of good land under water, which is selling at \$10 to \$15 per acre. In all parts of the project, new houses are rising and a realization of the possibilities of the Furnish project, which Mr. Furnish and the loyal settlers who came on the lands, expected, is now being fulfilled.

The lands of the Stanfield project produce heavy yields of alfalfa, corn, pasture, potatoes and other diversified crops and the farmers are turning to dairying, egg production, turkeys, hogs, beef cattle and sheep.

**Stanfield Civic Affairs Are Many.**

Stanfield has a population of about 280. It has a modern high school and grade school, to which the children on the project are transported in school busses. It has the largest Commercial club of any city of its size in the entire country. It has general merchandise and grocery stores, hardware, coal and lumber yards, garages, meat market, barber shop, pool hall, hotel, restaurant, auto camp and second hand store.

The Stanfield Grange has a Grange hall and co-operative laundry. Several lodges have chapters there. There are Presbyterian, Catholic and Mission churches and a number of women's organizations, including the Women's Study club.

Stanfield is located only twelve miles from the Columbia river and on the main line of the Union Pacific railroad on the Old Oregon Trail.

Right now, less than an hour's drive from Pendleton, there are a thousand acres of good irrigable land on the Stanfield project waiting for new settlers. It's raw land and cheap, but to those with the will to work it offers a golden opportunity.

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**Stanfield Women's Study Club Active 25 Years.**

The Stanfield Women's Study club holds a grand Silver Jubilee on Monday, September 21st, 1936. The club celebrates its 25th year of active existence.

A program of speakers, musical numbers and a play will be presented. The present members of the Study Club plan to follow the program with service of refreshments. A gala celebration on the 25th birthday of the club is the scheme of the day.

Every charter member of the club who is available, has been invited to the jubilee. The club still possesses three of its charter members: Mrs. Harriet Baker, Mrs. Sadie K. Bagan and Miss Jennie Albon. One charter member is a Hermiston resident, Mrs. Edna Barrager. An active member today, and of 24 years service in the club is Mrs. Isabel Stuart.

The Study Club was organized September 21st, 1911. It joined the Federation of Women's Clubs two years later. Its object is the mutual improvement and the attainment of a higher standard of womanhood.

Some of the club's philanthropic activities include: donation to the local library of the set "Little Journeys to the Homes of the Good and Great," by Elbert Hubbard. Also annual funds to the library, and a subscription to the "Readers' Digest." It assisted the school in purchasing a small piano. It contributed to the Students' Loan Fund and to the Doerenbecker Hospital and Girl Scouts.

A list of Study Club presidents reads: Mesdames Baker, Connor, Bagan, Sloan, Spencer, Norton, Reeves, Severance, Hills, Richards, Faucett, Everitt, Wallace, Lockridge, Green, Hoosier and McCormick.

The membership is restricted to 25, which quota is filled to capacity at present. The Stanfield Women's Study club hopes to prove its worth in future 25 years as it has during the past 25 years of its existence.

**Stanfield Project Pioneers.**

J. D. Wallace, came in 1909. Owns 30 acres. Wife died five years ago. A daughter Audrey Myers, lives at Stage Wells, east of Echo. Sons Harold and Marvin at home.

Wm. Fredrickson, 1910. Wife and five children, Helen, Esther, Edward and George at home.

Wm. Haggman, 16 acres. Three children, Julia Penney, Jenney Rus-

sell and William Jr Stanfield.

J. F. Rueber, 1908. Wife and two children, 40 acres. R. J. Rueber, no family; 30 acres.

J. Loughary, 1908. Wife, five children. Guy, Thomas and Roy at home.

John Albon and Jennie Albon, brother and sister, two and half acres.

F. B. Stuart, 1910, hotel and 15 acres.

G. H. Martin, 1910; 15 acres; five boys and four girls. Two girls, Mrs. Geo. Challis and Mrs. Donald Childs, near pioneer home.

Mrs. H. H. Willard, 15 acres, widowed five years ago.

L. L. Tenny, 20 acres, wife and three children at home.

C. B. Green, 20 acres, 1916, wife and several children at home.

Mrs. Jennie Hall, 1916, 20 acres. David Shumway, 20 acres, wife and several step children, name of Krause.

J. F. Bagan, 1910. Home in town. Mrs. Bagan taught school in Stanfield a number of years. Three children, Thomas, The Dalles; James, Eugene; Mrs. Loughary, Eugene.

The Misses Emily and Minerva Mendenhall live on the old homestead of 200 acres, across the river from Stanfield. Al Mendenhall, a brother and family live in Stanfield. They were among the first settlers on the Meadows.

**Stanfield Masonic Lodge.**

The Stanfield Masonic lodge No. 173, was chartered June 16, 1921. The charter members were: Ralph A. Holte, M. R. Ling, Frank Sloan, J. F. Loughary, Paul Bucholtz, James E. Faucett, C. E. Cleveland, E. S. Severance, Chas. Lane, Chas. Hurley, Carl G. Helm, O. S. Heyden, Frank Sloan, James F. Lane, Miles C. Barager, Wm. Heggman, Claud M. McCall, J. W. Heckman, Homer L. Hedrick, Chas. Holman, Jules V. Villermoure, Martin Refvem and Vernon O. Waid.

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