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ROAD IMPROVEMENT URGED BY CLUB

TRAFFIC INCREASE PREDICTED

It was ordered at the Hermiston Commercial club meeting Tuesday evening that the next meeting on April 13 be devoted chiefly to consideration of the building of the road from Stewart's corner through Hermiston, straight north to the Wallula cut-off, east of the viaduct near Umatilla.

This road has been under consideration for months by the State Highway Commission with all surveys having been made and much of the right of way purchased. Apparent delay in orders for construction is what has stirred the club to action.

Neighboring towns and communities, the Umatilla county court, and E. B. Aldrich, State Highway Commissioner, will be asked to take part in the discussion at this meeting. The road is part of the new highway from the end of the Pendleton-Stanfield road to Umatilla, of which the old highway from Stanfield to Stewart's corner can be used. The new road eliminates four bad corner turns and a grade crossing on a curve through Pendleton, and also some difficult road to maintain between Hermiston and Umatilla. Further argument is urged that the new section is necessary because of the near completion of the Columbia river channel which will bring activity to a port at Umatilla and greatly increase heavy truck traffic to interior points. The poor road between Hermiston and Umatilla under such heavy uses cannot be maintained and the four corners through Hermiston will become extremely hazardous.

The Commercial club at its Tuesday evening meeting endorsed the proposal of N. W. O'Donnell of the local telephone office for his company to open first aid classes. J. A. Clarke was appointed to present the matter in detail at the next meeting. The telephone company proposes to give instruction to classes of ten or more for one and a half hours weekly, for 12 weeks, or three hours weekly for six weeks. These classes will demonstrate methods to be used in case of all accidents and other cases where first aid is needed before a doctor can be reached.

In addition to the regular business of the commercial club some features of entertainment will hereafter be given. The offer of W. W. Felthouse to provide a piano for a year was accepted. The feature of musical and other entertainment during the dinner hour is expected to add to the general interest and attendance at the club meetings.

EASTER PROGRAM AT M. E. CHURCH

The Methodist church Sunday school will give an Easter program between 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning, followed by the morning worship service at eleven.

The orchestra will lead with "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," followed by the scripture lesson and prayer; the choir will give "Lift Your Glad Voices," as an anthem and the primary department will present several recitations and songs. The ladies quartet will present, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," followed by numbers from the junior department. The Epworth League group will present a one-act play entitled, "In His Strength."

A general invitation is given to attend these services which will be followed by the morning worship hour.

STATE C. E. MEET CORVALLIS APR. 15-18

The forty-seventh annual state Christian Endeavor convention will be held in Corvallis, April 15-18, 1937, beginning with a Thursday evening session at which the speaker will be the Rev. C. P. Gates, pastor of the Ladd's Addition Evangelical church of Portland. The Friday evening address will be delivered by Dr. J. Hudson Ballard, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland. On Friday morning the convention will join with the students of Oregon State College in the college convocation, speaker yet to be announced. The other convention addresses will be given by Dr. Jesse H. Baird, newly elected president of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, located at San Anselmo, Cal. Dr. Baird will speak Saturday morning, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening.

The Rev. Claude Neely of Portland will be the convention song leader. The pianists will be Mrs. Zelma Merchant Rutan of Portland and Mrs. Jewel Cunningham Lusby of Springfield. A half hour organ recital by Phil Barrett of Salem will precede the first evening session.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
March 18	53	35
March 19	52	32
March 20	55	35
March 21	53	37
March 22	50	37
March 23	50	37
March 24	60	36

Precipitation was .63.

SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB MEETS

The Schoolmasters' club which includes representatives from Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Arlington, Boardman, Irrigon, Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo, met at Umatilla Monday night, March 22, to plan a sports program for the spring schedule of events.

Supt. W. G. Kersbergen, Coach Frank O'Neil and W. L. Burrel attended the meeting at which there were approximately thirty interested parties present.

The first baseball game for the high school boys will be on the local field with Stanfield high school team Wednesday, March 31st at 2:30 p. m. The return game will be at Stanfield Tuesday, April 6.

Other sports events for the spring season are scheduled as follows: April 12-13-14, School tennis elimination.

April 15, Tennis, boys at home, girls at Echo.

April 16, Baseball, Heppner here.

April 22, Tennis, girls at home, boys at Echo.

April 29, Tennis, boys at home, girls at Umatilla.

April 30, Baseball at Umatilla.

April 30, Grade track meet at Echo.

May 1, Track meet at Helix.

May 6, Tennis, girls at home, boys at Umatilla.

May 8, Baseball at Heppner.

May 13, Baseball with Umatilla here.

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE BOARDMAN LAND

Engineers have been recently in the field making estimates of the value of lands in and around Boardman along the Columbia river. They carried blue prints and asked questions of citizens in Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman about the value of property under the 265 foot contour elevation which, if a dam were built at Arlington, would submerge Boardman 15 feet under water. This would include the lower lands below Boardman, the town and large school house there, and also the railroad track and Columbia river highway for many miles.

The dam would also submerge the towns of Alderdale and Patterson, the Carley valley and several miles of railroad on the north side of the river. It is reported that if or when the dam is built it will be located just above Arlington and will be the third in the series of three dams between Celilo and Umatilla where the new channel will be completed this year. The dam would back water to the foot of Umatilla rapids.

If the new bill now before congress becomes a law without change, it will permit the army board to build these lower dams, if they so choose, first in the slackwater progress up stream, rather than build the Umatilla dam and the dams on the Snake first, as proposed by a measure of Congressman Compton White of North Idaho. Both bills are still in committee.

FARM BUREAU AUXILIARY MEETS

The ladies of the Farm Bureau Auxiliary met Friday, March 19th, with a good attendance and several visitors present. Some fine quilting was accomplished and an exchange of shrubs and plants was made.

The harmonica band from the Columbia school gave several numbers and Mrs. Laura Morris pleased with a pianologue. Community singing was enjoyed and games were played. The entertainment committee consisted of Mrs. Baxter Hutchison, Mrs. H. M. Sommerer, Mrs. August Lindner and Mrs. R. L. Addleman.

The next meeting will be held Friday, April 2, in the club house with Mrs. Jesse Prindle, Mrs. J. R. Harding, Mrs. A. W. Turnblad, Mrs. C. A. Lindner and Mrs. J. W. Hammon on the committee.

BLUE RIBBON CALF CLUB MEETS

A program of judging dairy cattle, pigs, sheep and beef cattle was outlined for the year by the Blue Ribbon Calf club at a meeting held March 20th at the home of Arilda Foster the president. Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, was present and gave advice and assistance in outlining the program which will include twelve meetings averaging one every two weeks.

Demonstrations will be stressed and reports given by individual members on the progress of his or her calf. The club expressed the desire to have joint meetings with other clubs during the year, especially when judging demonstrations are being given. Parents are asked to attend all meetings and members urged to live up to the club motto, "Make the Best Better."

Officers for the year elected March 6th include Arilda Foster, president; Marion Ott, vice president; Robert Pierson, secretary; Loyale Sater, treasurer; and local leader, Lois Hutchison.

Wool Growers' Auxiliary.

Members of the Wool Growers' Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. H. T. Fraser the first Friday in April, at 2:00 p. m. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. W. H. Cray, Mrs. Nathan Bond and Mrs. M. E. Coe of Echo, and Mrs. Archie Rugg of Hermiston.

Pierson to Spokane.

Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, will go to Spokane, Wn., Friday of this week where he will confer with G. J. Long, representative of the Rural Electrification administration working out of the Denver office, on the work necessary to complete the survey for organization of the REA cooperative for the district. Mr. Pierson will receive direct information on the matter at this conference.

MANY DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATIONS

Two hundred twenty-three children were immunized against diphtheria in the three clinics conducted at the Hermiston, Columbia and Umatilla schools. There were 103 school children and 11 pre-school children given toxoid in the Hermiston school. In Umatilla 43 school children and six pre-school children received this protection and in Columbia school, 33 pupils and 17 pre-school children received this service.

Dr. F. B. Belt of Hermiston was the physician at all three clinics. He was assisted by Margaret D. Portmann, county health nurse, and Miss M. Gleason and Miss M. Falsette, student nurses at St. Anthony's hospital.

The clinics were conducted under the auspices of the Umatilla County Public Health Association. Mrs. Gerald White of Hermiston assisted at the clinic, and Mrs. Elmer McKenzie of Umatilla helped with the preparation in Umatilla.

NEW BEAUTY PARLOR WILL OPEN SOON

Mrs. Ruby Knight of Umatilla has purchased the property formerly occupied by Jimmie's Barber Shop and will open a beauty parlor there some time within the next few days. At present she is in Portland making a purchase of equipment which will be installed here.

Mrs. Knight has operated a beauty parlor in Umatilla for some time and is highly recommended and well known here.

Good Posture Merit Award.

Miss Betty Morfitt, granddaughter of Mrs. Gretchen Purdy of Hermiston, who is a student at St. Helen's hall in Portland, was one of nine girls judged by a secret committee to carry themselves most gracefully and correctly. These girls were put on the posture honor roll and received badges of merit. The awards were the result of "good posture" week, sponsored by Alpha Theta, athletic honorary.

Dr. Marble Moves Cottage.

Dr. A. E. Marble has purchased and moved the school cottage to a lot on the corner of Gladys avenue and third street. He plans to remodel the cottage into office rooms and improve the grounds. He expects to move to his new location within the next four weeks.

Miss Sibert Elected.

Miss Esther Sibert, who has taught in Hermiston for a number of years, was included in the list of high school teachers signing their contracts for another year. Miss Sibert's name was omitted from the list published last week.

CAPTAIN RIGGS' COLUMBIA RIVER NAVIGATION LOG CONTINUED IN DETAIL

Captain Arthur Riggs' log of the first trip of the Twin Cities leaving Celilo, April 16, 1909, and during that season, with destination Lewiston and way places, and relating incidents along the Columbia and Snake rivers. The first article from his logs appeared in last week's issue of the Herald.

Tied up for night at foot of Blacklocks Island, because dynamo was out of order. Waited 25 minutes at Pasco draw bridge. Picked up large delegation at Hover; 90 passengers aboard and 165 tons of freight.

April 21—Waited 45 minutes at Riparia drawbridge, and 23 minutes at Ainsworth bridge. Gasket on hand hole blew out.

April 28—Water at Riparia 8 ft. May 9—Water at Riparia 9.5 ft. May 13—Water at Celilo 6.4 ft. Cargo 30 tons. May 16—Cargo 90 tons. May 22-23—Layed at Lewiston. Water 7 feet. Loading 1500 sacks of wheat at McCreedies.

May 30—Weather hot. Water 14.7 ft. Arrived at Blacklocks Island; Cargo 60 tons. Arrived Lewiston June 4; water 17.3 ft. Cargo 240 tons.

June 12—Loaded ten tons of flour at Asotin. Lay over night; June 18, carried cargo of wool from Alpowa to Lewiston; June 20, arrived back at Squally Hook with 15 tons of freight. Boat loads on Snake are recorded as high as 240 tons near Lewiston.

June 26—The boat took a crew of miners from Lewiston and 40 tons of supplies to Birch Creek. On return trip to Celilo five of Goose rapids on the Snake set in. They took a special running line along and loaded all hand trucks in order to shift weight quickly from fore to aft, when they hit the break of the bump. These orders were carried out and the Twin Cities made the rapids in 28 minutes with plenty of thrills

COMMUNITY PARK TOUR SUNDAY

A tour of the Hermiston Community park will be made Sunday morning, March 28th, starting at 10:00 o'clock from the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. store. The tour was inaugurated primarily to permit local citizens and other interested parties to see just what has been done on the local project. Also to secure suggestions and criticisms which will be welcomed by the park board.

An appropriation of \$12,000 to complete the project was recently made by the WPA and the work is being carried on to complete the work this spring.

The tour was planned by local citizens to permit a survey.

UNION EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

A union Easter sunrise service will be held on the Hermiston butte next Sunday morning at 5:30 with all local churches and the Umatilla young people's group uniting for this early morning Easter expression. The group will meet at the Union church at 5:15 and transportation will be furnished all those who do not have that facility. A general invitation is given anyone wishing to attend. Following the service on the butte a breakfast will be served in the Union church parlors.

The Easter sunrise service will consist of group singing lead by Miss Virginia Grice, pastor of the Full Gospel Mission church, a violin prelude by Lawrence Beard of Eugene, talks by the Misses Myrthena Martin and Margaret Clarke and representative of the Umatilla group. A devotional will be lead by Opal Stockard, followed by baptismal service conducted by Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner.

The groups will attend morning services at their respective churches following the breakfast.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY FRIDAY, APRIL 2

"Growing Pains" a three act farce comedy will be presented by members of the high school class in the high school auditorium Friday, April 2, starting at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Lavina May Lynch is directing the cast which is composed of Floyd Coxen, Opal Stockard, Margaret Clarke, Bill Harris, Hugo Pankow, Vivian Dyer, Dorothy Knerr, Wayne Power, Darrel Seeliger, Guy Jeppe, Ernest Rainwater, Otha Whitsett, Willis Crampton, Helen Dunning, Irene Kennings, Joyce Sater, Edith Peterson and Roberta Mullins.

The story portrays the joys and sorrows of the adolescent age and is an authentic drama of real human beings.

Co-op. Store Elects.

The Hermiston Mercantile Cooperative store held its annual meeting Saturday, March 20th, when it elected three directors in the person of Emmett Cooney, A. W. Turnblad and Victor Stockard as new directors to serve with R. G. Penney and A. E. Bensele. Wm. Kik, J. White and E. H. Dunning were former members of the board. Mr. Dunning resigned when he became manager of the store last fall.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Shirley Brownson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brownson of Hermiston, to Mr. James Henry Raley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Raley of Pendleton, was announced at a pre-Easter party Saturday afternoon, March 20th. The betrothal was revealed in tiny scrolls hidden in daffodils which were distributed among the guests by Little Diane and Suzanne O'Dell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Dell of Hermiston.

Recognition was also given to other bride-elects who were guests. Among these were Miss Dorothy Straw of Portland whose marriage to Hubert Blackburn of San Francisco will be an event of early spring; Miss Edythe Walker of Portland who is betrothed to Noel Cavendar of Portland; Miss Mildred Peregrin of Pendleton whose marriage to Robert Rogers of Stanfield will be an event of early summer; Miss Emogene Paul of Hermiston who will become the bride of Neil Boynton in an event of early summer. Mrs. Howard E. Pettit of Oregon City, Mrs. Herbert Hedwall and Mrs. K. M. Mayer of Hermiston were guests who were brides of less than a year.

Miss Brownson is a graduate of Oregon State college where she was a member of Chi Omega, and has been teaching in Pendleton for the past two years. Mr. Raley is a law graduate of the University of Oregon, from which his grandfather, the late Col. J. H. Raley, graduated among the first students. Mr. Raley was affiliated with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and is a member of the law firm of Raley, Kilkenney and Raley of Pendleton.

CROW AND MAGPIE CONTEST SOON

Frank Bilderback, president of the Hermiston Rod & Gun club announced this week that another crow and magpie extermination contest would be staged this spring and summer. Details of the contest will be announced some time after the first of April, but rules will be similar to those used last year.

A marked decrease has been seen in these pests since these contests have been carried on and it is hoped another season will make a greater impression.

Baseball Meeting Tuesday.

A meeting of all baseball enthusiasts will be held Tuesday, March 30th, at Hale's Confectionery at which time a decision will be made about a team for the coming baseball season. All interested parties are asked to be present at the meeting by eight o'clock.

Boardman Boy Gets Scholarship.

Being adjudged the most outstanding Future Farmers of American youth in Morrow county brought Ralph Black, high school senior, a \$100 scholarship to Oregon State college. The prize was awarded by the Union Pacific.

Mrs. W. J. Smith.

Mrs. W. J. Smith, 76, pioneer of Condon, died Saturday, March 20. Besides her widower she leaves five children: Mrs. Art Bousquet of Umatilla, Mrs. Pat Meany of Portland, Alice Smith of Condon, W. E. Smith of Lewiston, Idaho, and Emmett Smith of Condon. Funeral services were held Monday at 10:00 o'clock in the Catholic church.

ROAD TO PENDLETON NOW GRAVELED

Graveling of the Stanfield-Pendleton highway was completed last week and the string of more than 30 trucks which have been racing through Echo since March 1st, have been taken off. The Crick Company finished grading and straightening shoulders this week to complete the contract.

While in operation the trucks spread about 2400 yards of gravel a day on the job with a total of 41-357 yards up to Wednesday night of last week.

The following was taken from a story in the Echo News issued last week.

The graveling job has been completed without serious injuries to any of the workmen and with only a small number of accidents in which trucks were damaged. There was one head-on collision on the job and Wednesday a truck went into the government ditch east of town.

The contractors expect to complete the job and be ready to break camp early next week, but they will remain here until after the 25th, when the contract is to be let for grading the east approach to Pendleton. If Crick secures that job the outfit will be moved there and if not they will go to Yellowstone Park where they have a road job.

March 25 a contract will be let for surfacing the road with crushed rock and that contract will include surfacing the road between Echo and the highway. It is understood that the rock crusher will be installed near the Reese ranch east of town.

As soon as the gravel trucks are through hauling from Echo a state highway crew will proceed to repair the highway through town. The road on Main street has been badly cut up by the heavy trucks and muck dripping from the trucks has made it almost impassable for pedestrians.

TREE PLANTING WEEK FEATURE APRIL 5-10

50,000 TREES WILL BE PLANTED

A tree planting week has been set by the tree planting committee for April 5th to 10th. Thousands of trees will then be on hand ready to put in the ground. The Hermiston public schools will receive 2000 for distribution among students and the shipment to farmers for windbreaks and wood lots is expected by that date. Everyone in the community is urged to join in the movement for special tree planting during that week.

Hundreds of trees already growing here in small thickets will supply needs for transplanting in more orderly way. It is the wish of the committee in naming this week to conform to the usual Arbor day program observed throughout the nation.

The soil conservation administration allows \$10 per acre for planting and \$4 per acre for maintaining the trees for four succeeding years. Recently it has agreed to allow a rod width windbreak of single rows, and cultivation in other crops almost to the trees. It requires 200 growing trees per acre on inspection in the fall, but does not limit the number, since many will want to plant 500 to 1000 per acre. These trees may be counted according to acreages if planted in several small tracts as well as along fence lines. Trees may be secured from the nursery at Corvallis by ordering through Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent.

An order for 25,000 trees has been sent and other orders may be placed. The price for seedlings is \$4 per thousand.

The tree planting committee consists of E. P. Dodd, Jay T. Pierson, H. K. Dean, Dr. A. E. Marble and J. M. Pearson. Orders for trees have been received from the Stanfield, Westland, Boardman, Irrigon and Hermiston districts, and it is estimated that 52,000 new trees will be planted in these districts this season.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

The pre-Easter services being conducted this week at the Union church have been well attended and will close with services Easter Sunday evening in a special evangelistic effort by Rev. Cecil Warner, pastor of the church.

Rev. Warner is being assisted by Lawrence Beard, violinist and student at the Northwest Christian college at Eugene, and by Miss Grace Palmer, who presents chalk drawings and pantomime work. Cecil Warner Jr. is serving as pianist and Mrs. Warner is directing the song service.

Friday evening a special candle-light communion service will be held. The general public is invited to attend all these services.

FEDERAL HOUSING LOANS WILL EXPIRE

Before the end of another week the authority of the Federal Housing administration to grant insurance of loans for the purpose of property repair and modernization will have expired—unless further extension of the Modernization Credit plan is authorized by congress.

The plan is scheduled to be suspended April 1, but officials of the housing administration are authorized by the statement that this suspension will not in any way affect the operation of the Insured Mortgage system, the permanent phase of the Federal Housing program, under which long-term loans are made available for building and buying homes and refinancing existing home mortgages.

Since the inauguration of the Modernization Credit plan in 1934, the Federal Housing administration has insured modernization and repair notes aggregating almost \$525,000,000, of which total more than \$6,000,000 was loaned in Oregon.

Trees Ordered.

An order for 22,800 trees was sent by March 15th by the assistant county agent's office to the nursery at Corvallis. With such large orders undoubtedly going in from other sources as well as here it is doubtful if all orders are filled, but persons wishing trees for a later date because water will not be available at the present time for irrigation, may have the trees delivered at a later date.

COMMUNITY DATE CALENDAR

Community activities which are scheduled for the next few weeks will be listed in the column below. This column will be a regular feature each week and individuals are asked to turn in date schedules in order that it may be kept up to date to prevent any conflict in activities.

April 2—Senior class play.
April 7-8-9—Inland Empire Teachers' association meeting. No school.