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## 7 POINTS CONSIDERED ROAD IMPROVEMENT

### PENDLETON MEN MEET WITH CLUB

A better road to the port of Umatilla, elimination of dangerous curves and the grade crossing in Hermiston was the subject that brought out a large assembly at the Hermiston Commercial club meeting at the Hermiston Hotel Tuesday evening. The number attending, including visiting delegations, was fifty, and the interest was keen and sincere.

The delegation from Pendleton consisted of Roy Ritner, secretary of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, William Till, S. R. Thompson, C. A. Canutt and F. W. Savage, of the highway committee. All gave strong assurance of support of a good highway from the end of the new Stanfield-Pendleton cutoff to the connection with the Wallula cutoff highway about a mile east of the overhead crossing at Umatilla.

The argument presented was (1) Elimination of dangerous curves and railroad grade crossing through Hermiston where accidents frequently occur and where one person was recently killed; (2) To eliminate from two to three miles of seepage roadbed between Hermiston and Umatilla which is practically impossible to maintain under the increasing heavy travel and trucks; (3) To make a direct and shorter connection between the new highway a mile east of Stanfield with the main Columbia river highway on the Wallula cutoff; (4) To reduce distance and time on Old Oregon Trail from points east to Portland; (5) To make a direct connection with the new port development at Umatilla, coming about with the completion of the new channel this year between Celilo and Umatilla; (6) To provide a better rate basis from Umatilla boat landings to all points through Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, and Boise by joint water and truck transportation; (7) To assist in the general agricultural development of this territory; (8) To save money in state highway building in eastern Oregon, which will require a heavier base, to assure safer traffic for trucks and heavy loads that will follow the development of river transportation, from Portland to Umatilla; (9) To assist the Old Oregon Trail association in its efforts to improve the highway east to restore that old road to its historic importance.

After the members of the Commercial club and visitors had discussed the matter for two hours, it was agreed to call another joint meeting in Pendleton with members of the Umatilla County Court and State Highway Commissioner E. B. Aldrich, and delegations east of the Blue Mountains. This call was left to Roy Ritner, for completion of arrangements, and he will send letters to all interested communities inviting them to be represented. At that meeting further steps will be taken to present the matter to the State Highway Commission and the Federal Road Department.

## SHERWOOD NAMED GRANGE MASTER

Don Sherwood was elected master of the Westland Grange at a meeting April 8th, to succeed Floyd Laird who resigned because of ill health. A number of visitors from Columbia district grange were present at this meeting.

Several Westland Grange members attended a joint meeting at Stanfield last Tuesday evening when candidates from Columbia, Stanfield and Westland Granges were instructed in the mysteries of the first two degrees.

The Westland Grange will act as host to visitors May 13th when a class of nine candidates will be instructed in the third and fourth degrees.

### Warner Called as Pastor.

C. Warner was unanimously called to serve for another year as pastor of the Hermiston Union church at a recent meeting. Mr. Warner will cease his work at the Northwest Christian college at Eugene for a year and devote full time to the field. For the past year he has been coming from Eugene by train to serve as student pastor of the Union church. His family will move to Hermiston at the close of school to make their home here.

## HERMISTON BAGS 2ND GOLF TOURNEY

For the second time in the history of the Hermiston Golf club, the local team came through for first place in a golf tournament played here Sunday afternoon with their nearest competitor, Athena, teams as guests for the day. The local ten man team scored a total of 391 points, 34 1/2 points more than their nearest competitor, Athena, which scored 266 1/2 points. Pilot Rock was third with 258 points while Pendleton came through with 254 1/2 points.

The forty golfers were divided into teams of ten, one each from the four towns. The winner of each hole received three points, next man two points and third man one point. In case of ties, the points of the two men were divided evenly. Winner of the tournament is decided by the best individual points turned in.

From the standpoint of scores, Pendleton led the list with a total of 946. Athena was next with 948, Pilot Rock third with 949, and Hermiston last with 1017.

The best individual score was turned in by Tom Stanton of Pilot Rock with the low medal score of 79 for the 18 holes. Walter Smith of Hermiston scored 42 points for high score against his three opponents. James Todd came in with a score of 84 for the best score on the Hermiston team. Other scores made by the locals were Sam Moore 86; W. W. Felthouse 97; M. T. Matott 85; W. Pearson 85; R. A. Brownson 96; B. Gurdane 104; B. Hanson 95; Ed Benschel 90; and Walter Smith 95.

Pendleton—Geo. Hartman 87; Archie Bond 82; Jack Beckwith 98; Sprague Carter 91; M. Nash 84; A. E. Anderson 99; E. Zuiderduin 102; J. D. McKee 98; Drake 99; Chas. Griffin 106.

Pilot Rock — Tom Stanton 78; Howard Done 82; Fred Hartman 93; Don Royer 97; E. Arbogast 92; Bud Green 83; Chas. Simpson 112; M. D. Orange 101; Bill Copp 191; Chas. Carnes 109.

Athena—J. G. Harwood 84; Penn Harris 80; H. R. Pope 102; Fred Pitman 95; Lon Lee 90; J. E. Lockwood 101; Carl Hanlon 95; Art Beeler 103; Ohler King 94; L. D. Harvey 104.

A delicious lunch was served at noon by members of the American Legion Auxiliary in the Legion hall to all participating golfers.

## CREAMERY INSTALLS NEW PASTURIZER

The Umatilla Co-operative Creamery has installed a new pasturizer manufactured by the Creamery Package Manufacturing Co., which brings the pasturizing capacity of the local creamery up to 1000 gallons. A new pasturizer was installed in 1934 and this one makes a total of three. The new equipment will be in operation Monday of next week, M. G. Hedwall, manager, stated today.

Other improvements are being made at the creamery and new paint will be applied to all interior fixtures and walls.

### Attend State C. E. Convention.

A group of Christian Endeavor members from the Union church society left Thursday afternoon for Corvallis, Ore., to attend the state convention which convened Thursday night. They planned to return Monday afternoon. Delegates included Nina Rae McCulley, Margaret Clarke, Opal Stockard, Betty Morehouse, Pauline Stoop, Marie Skovbo, Eldon Saylor, Allan Clarke, Jack Tillery, W. C. Morehouse and Guy Moore of Pine City, and Ardath Gordon of Meacham.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness during our recent bereavement.

Carl Schachermeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Castric.

### Townsend Club Meeting.

The Hermiston Townsend club will meet Tuesday, April 20th, featuring a good program and a pie supper. A surprise is in store for the men of the club and everyone is urged to be present.

### Epworth League Notes.

Epworth League was led Sunday by Lois Hutchison on "Do We Want to be a Christian?" All Leaguers took part in the discussion. The meetings are each Sunday evening and Miss Myrthena Martil will lead next Sunday on "How Far do the Teachings Affect Our Conduct."

## M. A. PARKER ECHO SUPERINTENDENT

Melvin A. Parker has been elected principal of the Echo schools for the next year. Mr. Parker is from Elgin where he has been teaching since 1931. He is a graduate of La Grande high school, receiving his B. A. degree at the University of Oregon and later did advanced work at the University of Washington. Mr. is married and has one child.

### CHARLES POWELL.

Chas. Powell, 42, brother of Mrs. Ruby Knight of Hermiston, passed away at the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Thursday of last week following injuries received in a sawmill accident two weeks previous. Pneumonia was said to be the immediate cause. He was head millwright at the Northwestern sawmill and leaves a wife and son John. He is also survived by his father, J. T. Powell, a brother Clarence, and a sister Mrs. Ruby Knight of Umatilla, two sisters Mrs. James Means, Portland, Mrs. Milton Smith, Lyle, Wn., and a brother Arthur of Portland. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Portland.

### Jendrzewski On Committee.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, April 13—Walt Jendrzewski, junior in agriculture from Hermiston, was included in the list of committees for the Junior Follies named this week by Meredith Huggins, president of the junior class. Jendrzewski will act as ticket chairman. The Junior Follies is a vaudeville given by the outgoing junior class on campus week end, May 14 and 15. The follies this year will include "U-Kruse", a comedy written by Wesley Courts, Oregon State graduate in 1930. An all-male cast is a part of the tradition of the follies.

### Nina Rae McCulley Delegate.

Nina Rae McCulley was named delegate to the state Christian Endeavor convention to be held in Corvallis this week end by members of the Hermiston society Sunday during a business meeting. Officers were also elected as follows: Catherine McMullen, president, Allan Clarke, secretary-treasurer, and Nina Rae McCulley, vice president. Committee chairmen will be named by the president.

### Bierman U. P. Scholarship.

William Bierman, stepson of Erskine Brooks, Malheur county farmer, has been chosen to receive the Union Pacific system's \$100 scholarship to Oregon State college. He attends Ontario high school, managed agricultural projects in the Smith-Hughes department and won letters in both baseball and football.

## GRANGE COUNCIL CONSIDERS CROP ROTATION AS SOIL BUILDING PROJECTS

A meeting of the Umatilla County Pomona Grange Agricultural Committee was held at Stanfield April 10th, and a five point agricultural program was discussed and adopted to be used by grange agricultural committees for 1937. The program consists of the following: Pasture improvement, weed control, 4-H club work and agricultural conservation.

Walter A. Holt, county extension agent of Umatilla county, discussed the different phases of the program and offered his help and the cooperation of his assistants in the different areas, toward the accomplishment of this program.

Particular emphasis was placed on the pasture improvement program which is a new project being introduced in the West Umatilla area for the purpose of reviving old run down alfalfa and blue grass pastures. Figures show approximately three thousand acres of run down pasture in this area on which a gross return of only \$5.86 per acre was realized last year. The figures indicated that there were approximately eighteen hundred dairy cattle on this acreage showing the carrying capacity of the pasture to be only two cows per acre. Through the introduction of new seedings of sweet clover, ladina clover and grass, strawberry clover and others, it is hoped that the carrying capacity of pastures will be stepped up from two, to four or five cows per acre, thus making it possible to reduce the number of acres of pasture land necessary to carry the number of livestock on the project at the present time; also to cut

## PREDATORY ANIMAL ELIMINATION

An enthusiastic group of hunters and anglers of this district composing the Hermiston Rod & Gun club gathered in the office of W. J. Warner last Friday night, determined to retain this territory as a hunter's paradise.

A report read by the secretary, Walter Hamm, brought out that a total of 6,597 predatory animals were killed during 1936 through the crow and magpie contest sponsored by the club. Of this number there were 5,318 crows, magpies, hawks and ravens, eggs and young, 843 old magpies, 173 old crows and ravens, 132 old hawks, 64 rattlesnakes, three weasels, 58 skunks and six coyotes. This was a decrease of 1720 in eradication from the previous year, which shows that the program is doing a great deal to eliminate these pests which are a constant menace to poultry, pheasants and ducks in this region.

The report also brought out that through the efforts of the club more than six tons of grain were fed to wild game during the winter months to keep them from starving, besides the grain fed by farmers in amounts unaccountable.

The contest will be conducted this year along lines similar to those used a year ago, those present at the meeting decided, except that only entries of fifty points or more will be classified for prize awards. Contestants with points under fifty will be paid at the rate of one cent per point. The contest will close August 1st, one month earlier than last year.

Frank Bilderback was re-elected president of the club and W. L. Hamm named as secretary.

Points will be classified as follows: Eggs, young birds, crows, magpies, hawks and ravens, 1 point each; old magpies, crows, hawks and ravens, five points; rattlesnakes 10 points; weasels, 10 points; skunks, 10 points; young coyotes, 10 points; and old coyotes, 50 points.

Those present at the meeting included Virgil Smith, Roy Hale, A. H. Norton, Bill Kershner, J. W. McMullen, Otto C. Pierce, C. A. Flannigan, Geo. Harper, Ben O'Connors, W. W. Felthouse, J. G. Pearson, Herbert Hedwall, John Lewis, Walter Lewis, J. A. Reeves, J. F. Bilderback, Lon Harper, Walter Smith, B. S. Kingsley, A. M. Smith, G. E. Harper, Walter Hamm and Al Quiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Connor and daughter Barbara and son Robert motored to Pilot Rock Sunday where they visited Mrs. Connor's mother, Mrs. Herbert Boylen, who returned with them for a short visit.

## AFTER VACATION SCHOOLS OPEN

The Hermiston schools opened Monday after a three day vacation which was occupied by the attendance of the teachers at the Inland Empire Teachers' association meeting held in Spokane last week. Approximately 3500 teachers from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana were in attendance.

The meeting presented its usual schedule of general meetings in the morning and sectional meetings in the afternoon with banquets and alumnae dinners sandwiched in whenever there was space available. The list of distinguished speakers hailed from one of the Universities of New York City, and others from Massachusetts, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, Denver, Portland and Seattle, so the views expressed were certainly not sectional. Mr. Longfellow, Superintendent of Oregon City Schools, was elected president for the ensuing year.

Some time ago the trustees of School District No. 14 tendered contracts to all of the present staff of elementary teachers. Miss Ineada Moore, first grade teacher tendered her resignation, and other teachers signified their intention to remain another year. Those remaining are L. S. Burrell, Nora Johnston, Alma Greaves, Marie Salmi, Blanche Harmon, Margaret Kirk and Mary Petri. The superintendent was re-elected several months ago. The Hermiston schools have had a successful year and with nearly a full staff of instructors fully acquainted with students and community, a better year should be in prospect.

During the latter part of the past week the elementary school trustee ordered the cement steps on the west side of the grade school building rebuilt and installed a drinking fountain on the east side of the same building.

The baseball game and smoker that was to be held at Hermiston Friday has been transferred to Heppner.

A district conference of Girls' Leagues will be held at Yakima, Saturday, April 17. Hermiston will be represented by Miss Esther Sibert, local sponsor, and five delegates, Helen Dunning, Rebecca Pierson, Esther McMullen, Frances Dawson and Thelma Swarner.

Miss Ruth Morrison will take a delegation to the Music Meet in La Grande, Saturday. Students who will make up the Hermiston delegation are Floy Attebury, Arilda Poster, Virginia Todd, Martha Belle Caldwell, Virginia Dyer, Vivian Dyer, Bonnie Jean Follett, Francis Follett, Bob Follett, Willis Crampton, Jim Jackson, Mary Helene Piersol, Darrel Seeliger, Gladys Piersol, Marion Pierce and Leonard Bales.

The Helix high school baseball team will play Hermiston here Friday, April 23rd.

### Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
April 8	70	38
April 9	65	46
April 10	62	38
April 11	61	44
April 12	67	49
April 13	66	45
April 14	73	47

Precipitation was .29.

### Joint Fellowship Meet.

Members of the Full Gospel Mission church from Stanfield, Irrigon and Hermiston are coming together for a fellowship meeting Friday evening, April 16th, at 8:00 o'clock, at the local church. A hearty welcome is extended to all, and a fellowship of the local assemblies as well. Miss Vera Hunter, pastor of the Stanfield church, will bring the message at the close of the service.

### Parr Pledged.

Clifford Parr, brother of Mrs. H. E. Shesely of Hermiston, who is a Hoquiam forestry student at the University of Washington, is one of 39 advanced military students pledged to Scabbard and Blade, upper classmen's military honorary, recently. With other pledges, Parr was formerly inducted at the annual Cadet Ball April 2. Neophytes marched under an arch of sabers to receive their red, white and blue pledge ribbons from Colonel Edward Kimmel. Parr was a student at Willamette University at Salem during the time Floyd McMullen, deceased, of Hermiston was a student there.

## WESTERN UMATILLA BACK TO ALFALFA

### INCREASED ACREAGE IN NEW SEEDING

Back to alfalfa is headed the irrigation areas of western Umatilla and northern Morrow counties. A summary of the seed sold shows between 7000 and 8000 acres being planted this season. Approximately 40 tons of seed is being distributed by the various dealers from Boardman to Echo and Heppner, and through private shipments, by truck and railroad stations. Growers are planting from eight to 12 pounds to the acre with an average of ten or eleven pounds. The season has been extremely favorable for much of the seeding which was done early, allowing the young alfalfa to be well set and in fine stands of from two to three inches. Other growers are still planting and preparing land for seed as late as May or June. Forty tons at ten pounds means 80,000 pounds, which at ten pounds means 8000 acres of new fields. Allowing for losses and heavier seeding the acreage of new production of the area will be increased by over 30,000 tons, or around a quarter of a million dollars in new income from the lands, much of which has been idle or yielding only light pasturage.

The Hermiston Farm Bureau has been the largest distributor of seed. It has placed among more than 50 growers at least eight tons and has orders yet to fill which will approximate a total of about ten tons. The Grange Co-operative has sold and will complete orders up to about five tons.

Local seed grown here has been sold to the amount of four tons. The Tum-A-Lum Lumber company at Stanfield has sold four tons, at Echo three tons, and at Umatilla about one ton. The Echo mills have sold two tons. Through the railroad station at Hermiston 1500 pounds has passed to private shippers, and a similar amount has been shipped through Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman, railroad stations in small quantities exclusive of shipments by dealers. From Heppner comes to the report that large sales of seed have been made. Fields the entire length of Willow Creek are reported with new seedings, requiring seven or eight tons of seed.

These figures have been gathered by the Herald and are approximately correct. Seed has been shipped from Montana, Utah, Idaho and from other points where it is obtainable. The price has been high, varying from 30 to 45 cents a pound. Most of the planting has been the better grades of common varieties but considerable Grim and Cossack has been bought. The tendency has been for better seed selection of the tested and more durable varieties.

One of the largest plantings has been the Anthony Vey tract of 200 acres on Little Butter Creek. Such former growers as Joseph Cunha, Fred Andrews, W. T. Reeves, on the Umatilla Meadows, and Allen Thomson, the Stanfield ranch and others on Butter Creek are renewing their fields in acreages of over 100. On the smaller farms this season the plantings range from ten to 30 acres and these are numerous throughout the Hermiston, Stanfield, Westland, Irrigon and Boardman projects.

Among the buyers reported to date by the Farm Bureau Co-operative are the following: Geo. Gettman, Herbert Gillanders, W. O. Gridler, L. Hammer, J. W. Hammon, J. D. Moyer, J. W. Messner, H. G. Rankin, Ralph Richards, Robert Smith, E. R. Ricker, Tom Wilson, Fred Andrews, W. D. Neill, F. A. Baker, Stephen Spike, Frank Seeliger, Chas. Seeliger, W. P. Kilkenny, Marion Finch, J. B. Beebe, V. V. Lewis, M. C. Picanso, Chas. Lynch, R. G. Saylor, R. H. Stockard, Vio Stockard, T. E. Hendricks, Chas. Dillon, Henry Blahm, C. M. Jackson, J. M. Prindle, F. B. Pennock, Joe Ramos, Eugene McFarland, S. T. Carroll, W. J. Englart, Joe Uday, Roy Hale, Peter Castric, Roy Penney, A. Buhman, P. H. May, C. A. Corlias, Peter Celoria and Mike Tom.

Dr. and Mrs. F. V. Prime of Salem, Ore., were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner over the week end. Dr. Prime delivered a paper at a meeting of eastern Oregon dentists in Pendleton Saturday. He has been very active in conducting clinics in and near Salem since moving there several years ago from Hermiston.

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