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## GOOD PASTURES SOUND BUSINESS

### AID IN SUPPORT OF DAIRY HERD

According to Superintendent Dean of the experiment farm there are good pastures, and another sort of pasture, and still pastures that are of a very poor sort. He believes in good pastures as a strong basis for the dairy business in this locality, and also believes that the dairy business has been proven as the most successful of all the forms of agriculture here. And not only do good pastures pay, he says, in butterfat production and livestock, but add greatly to the productivity of the various kinds of soils.

Therefore, he states, that good pastures should be of interest to practically every farmer on all the irrigation projects in this area, and that the most profitable pasture is sweet clover.

According to annual census taken by the Umatilla and West Umatilla project, alfalfa from 1922 to 1933 decreased from 36,000 tons to only 6,000, with the result that a large part of the pasture used is run out alfalfa, cheat grass, weeds and patches of blue grass. This sort of pasture by the census produces only \$5.86 per year in butterfat or livestock returns. Some of the heavier lands, with some sub irrigation developed naturally heavier crops of blue grass which may produce as high as \$10 per acre per year, on land that is capable of producing \$25 or more per year in alfalfa.

The cheaper grades of pasture were easy to produce during the depression years, which partly accounts for this sort of farming, but, now that better farming is more in vogue, better paying pastures are being developed.

Mr. Dean says that a pasture that will not carry two cows per acre during five months of the season is not worth while. Blue grass is early and late pasture but does not grow well during the summer months.

To secure a good stand of sweet clover the first seeding should be well done and the second year followed by seeding about half as much seed as the first year. After that re-seeding will take care of itself almost indefinitely, at least 4 years. The experiment station has charts showing that sweet clover roots down about the same as alfalfa. These charts show heavy roots to the depth of 44 inches. After four years of pasturing, from roots, stalks and animal manure, the soil is greatly improved for rotation crops which may be grown two years and the land returned to pasture. Thus farmed the returns are as great as from alfalfa, and saves the cost of harvesting and more expensive care.

"How about livestock liking sweet clover?" was asked Mr. Dean. "Our experience is that all our dairy cows eat it readily, and when we turned our herd on sweet clover the butterfat production was increased eighteen per cent."

"How about bloat?" was the next question. "This requires some precaution," he said. "Avoid turning cattle in when the plant is young and succulent, or with empty stomachs. A manger with dry hay in the field is also a good protection and always keep water and salt close by. In seven years we have never had a case of bloat at the station."

As to mixed grass pastures of Orchard grass, smooth brome, a little blue grass and ladino clover, he stated that these were shallow rooted and suitable on heavy land or sub irrigated soils on the Hermiston, Irigton-Boardman, Stanfield projects, and Umatilla Meadows. They should not be planted on the lighter or sandier lands. He emphasized the fact that the mixed grasses should be on lands which retain moisture.

#### Margaret Felthouse Graduates.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, May 19—Margaret Felthouse of Hermiston, senior in secretarial science at Oregon State college, has been appointed to work with five other students on a committee to bring students and alumni together and help put over the new alumni plan of rebuilding the Alumni Association during what is said to be the most important period in Oregon State's history. Miss Felthouse will graduate June 1st and has a position in the extension division offices on the O.S.C. campus.

## FIREMEN CHECK BLAZE QUICKLY

The Hermiston volunteer fire department quickly checked a blaze which had started in the upstairs room of the J. M. Norton residence, now occupied by the Guy Amsberry family, Friday night at 11:30. The fire had started from an unknown origin and was well underway when the firemen reached the scene. The blaze was extinguished and debris cleared away within thirty minutes after the alarm was sent in.

An estimated damage of \$200 was done.

The state fire marshal visited the scene of the fire Saturday and made the statement that it was one of the cleanest fires he had seen in the state, considering the possibility it had of completely destroying the property. The residence is fully two large city blocks from a fire plug and the hose was not connected. Chemicals and water from the kitchen were used. No water stains appeared on the ceiling of the room below.

Mrs. Amsberry was awakened by the smell of smoke and discovered the blaze in the upstairs room, used as a play room.

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEWS WRITING

A 4-H news writing club will be formed within the next two weeks in which members will compete for a scholarship being offered by the Hermiston Herald for the most outstanding reports made of club activities during the club year. Each club will select one boy or girl as club reporter who will enter the news writing contest. News reports of activities of the club will be turned in each week to Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent.

Score cards will be made up in the near future by which the contest will be conducted. Final judging of each entrant will be done by three competent newspaper people who will select the best summary report of the year's work of the clubs or in the district to bring the points higher.

Definite rules in the contest will be announced through these columns in the near future.

## PERSONALS

Supt. and Mrs. Chas. A. Howard of Salem, were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brownson, Wednesday. They were returning to Salem after visiting the Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande, of which Supt. Howard was appointed president recently by Gov. Charles H. Martin. The Brownsons and Howards were friends in Kansas years ago.

Mrs. Paul VanPatten, who underwent an operation at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton recently, returned home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schrueder of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Norton Sunday enroute to their home after spending the winter in California.

Mrs. J. M. Doyle of Plymouth, Wn., who was in an auto accident two weeks ago, is recovering from injuries and expects to leave the hospital at Kennewick this week. The car in which she was riding backed over a 35 foot embankment. Mr. Doyle suffered slight bruises and shock.

Harold Turner, of the Oregon Railway association in Portland, was in Hermiston this week in the interest of the Pettengill bill which has passed the house, designed to meet water transportation on long hauls from coast to coast.

The U-Go I-Go club met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Seeliger in Westland district Friday for an afternoon meeting. Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake and punch were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Rodda and Mrs. Hammon. Members present were the Mesdames Dick Thornburg, Della Lotspeich, Wm. Rodda, J. W. Hammon, W. A. Hineline, Phillip Power, Jesse Prindle. Guests included Mrs. J. C. Corleton, Mrs. Rhodes and daughter, Mrs. C. H. Crandall, Mrs. Prindle's mother and Mrs. Ralph Thornburg.

Mrs. O. C. Pierce and sons Stanley and Gene Pierce of Pendleton, returned Monday from a week's vacation in Portland. Saturday Gene motored to East Lake near Bend where he joined Raymond Elliott of Pendleton and O. C. Pierce of Hermiston on a fishing trip on the lake. Fish were reported to be biting for Gene.

## GRADUATING CLASS OF 1937



Members of the class whose pictures do not appear here are Gene Moore, Jim Stuart and Guy Jeppe. Seniors who held various offices for the past year are: Margaret Clarke, T. H. president and S. B. secretary; Wayne Power, Yell King; Bonnie Jean Follett, S. B. treasurer; Irene Kennings, class treasurer and business manager of the Bulldog; Bernard Jendrzewski, class vice president and S. B. vice president; Opal Stockard, class president; Bill Harris, S. B. president; Helen Dunning, Editor-in-Chief of the Bulldog and G. L. president; Floy Attebury, class secretary and social manager.

## "SCHOOL IS OUT" TUESDAY, MAY 25TH

### COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

School will close for another year Tuesday, May 25th, with the graduation exercises for the eighth grade graduates. High school examinations will be completed Monday, the seniors being free after commencement Friday evening.

Prof. R. D. Skeen, professor of psychology at Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande, will deliver the commencement address, Friday. Margaret Clarke will give the valedictory and Opal Stockard the salutatory.

Margaret Clarke will have the honor of having her name placed on the high school honor cup as the most outstanding student in scholarship, activities, and in student vote. She has also received a scholarship to the University of Oregon, and had her name placed upon the honor roll plaque. She received a medal award for scholarship at a special assembly last week.

Bill Harris, president of the associated students, and active in school affairs, also had his name placed on the honor roll plaque.

Thursday morning the seniors held away in the high school and conducted a special assembly to which parents and friends were invited. During the day members of the senior class conducted classes.

Starting Friday students will be seen filling from the school building with their books stacked high as a symbol of "school is out."

## LEXINGTON-ECHO HIGHWAY OILING

That oiling work on the Lexington-Echo secondary highway will be continued on to the Umatilla county line at Butter Creek, was announced last week by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. A state oiling crew has been at work since May 3, oiling a 12 mile section out from Lexington, and Mr. Baldock says the remaining eight miles to Butter Creek will be given a light oil treatment.

Originally the work was planned through the PWA project and the state to match funds for the purpose but a change in the PWA rules has caused PWA projects to be discarded so for a time it looked as though there would be an unrolled section in the Lexington-Echo highway. A protest from the Morrow county court brought the order from Mr. Baldock.

When the oiling work is completed, in about two weeks time, there will be a completely oiled road from Pendleton to Heppner via Echo and Lexington, also a completely oiled road from Heppner to Hermiston. The Pendleton-Stanfield surfacing contract provides also for oiling the secondary road leading from Echo to the new Stanfield-Pendleton cut-off and this route will be used after surfacing contract is completed.

## BOY SCOUTS SHOW INTEREST

The Boy Scouts of Hermiston Troop 56 have been attending meetings every Tuesday night to the number of from 28 to 32. Earl Watson is directing a contest among the patrols for new members and individual troop projects. Troop patrol leaders are Tommy Fraser, Wolf Patrol; Eldon Saylor, Beaver Patrol; and Bill Belt, Panther Patrol. The scouts meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Legion hall.

Plans are being formed for building a log cabin at least this fall. Mobilization will be called in the near future, according to Scoutmaster Harold Thompson.

#### Warner Again Invests.

W. J. Warner, city attorney, has bought the Goodwin house on Gladys and Fourth streets and will remodel it into a modern residence. Part of the work is now in progress. Mr. Warner recently purchased the Mack house on Hurlburt and work of remodeling is well underway. These two recent purchases give him eight residences in Hermiston, all of which are maintained in excellent condition. He believes such property to be good investments in Hermiston.

F. B. Swayze will build a new house on his acre tract just north of the Vigorbilt Hatchery. Part of the lumber is now on the ground.

## ADVANCED O. S. C. STUDENTS HERE

Twenty-seven advanced students in farm crops from Oregon State college were here last Saturday and spent three hours looking over the local experiment station plots and fields. D. D. Hill, professor of farm crops, was in charge of the group.

These students were of the junior and senior classes, and this trip was made to study crops of eastern Oregon and eastern Washington. Last year the same kind of a trip was made throughout the Willamette and coast region. The senior members traveled the coast last year and this year completes the state tour in this part of Oregon. The juniors were making their first trip this year and will go over the western part in 1938.

The tour is part of their college course. They traveled in two trucks and carried an entire camping outfit, which enabled them to stop at the various experiment stations or in any crop district.

## PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC BRINGS RESULTS

Discovery of two children of pre-school age with heart disease was the result of the clinic sponsored by the Parent-Teachers' association on Wednesday. Fourteen children were examined by Dr. F. B. Belt, city health officer, Miss Margaret Portman, county health nurse, Dr. W. L. Morgan, assisted by the committee composed of Mrs. R. H. Piersol, Mrs. James Todd, Mrs. Jack O'Dell and Mrs. O. O. Felthouse.

This clinic will be followed up by calls on the children who were examined to determine whether an attempt is being made at recommended corrections.

#### NOTICE!

Due to the lack of sewer facilities at the hotel, our ladies' rest rooms will be closed to the public and are for guests only.

The Hermiston Hotel.

C. Jarvis Durley.

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#### Barber Shop Rated Highly.

Sam D. Gaunt, state inspector for the Board of Barbers, was in Hermiston Tuesday and gave the Hermiston Barber Shop a high rating in sanitation and efficiency, as one of the highest in this district. Wm. Shaar is proprietor of the shop and is assisted by Hugh Neill. The shop has a new floor covering of inlaid linoleum, the ceiling and walls have been calomined and the woodwork painted with white enamel. Mr. Shaar has operated a shop here for more than 20 years.

#### Louise Bensch Honor Student.

Louise Bensch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bensch, will deliver the valedictory address for the senior class of the Umatilla high school at commencement exercises Thursday night. Louise also received a scholarship to the Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande and her name on the plaque for scholarship. Tom Cooney was salutatorian and Clifford Roberts had his name placed on the honor cup for outstanding achievements. Erma Byrnes also had her name placed on the plaque for school activities. Prof. Beattie of the University of Oregon delivered the address.

#### Epworth League Notes.

Election of officers was held last week with the following officers named:

Rebecca Pierson, president; Lois Hutchison, 1st vice president; Lester Flanigan, 2nd vice president; Margaret Rainwater, 3rd vice president; Ernest Rainwater, 4th vice president; Joyce Sater, secretary-treasurer; Georgia Lindner, chorister; Rebecca Pierson, pianist; Arilda Foster, reporter.

Regular Epworth League meeting will be held this week.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

Date	Max.	Min.
May 13	82	32
May 14	75	54
May 15	72	34
May 16	81	40
May 17	80	41
May 18	78	54
May 19	74	45

## DRIVERS' LICENSE BLANKS HERE

Drivers' license renewal blanks may be obtained at the Herald office by all persons whose licenses expire June 30th of this year. Straight renewals upon approved forms may be had by mailing the completed form together with the \$1.00 fee directly to the secretary of state.

Those who have reached the age of 70 years, those who have acquired any physical handicaps which might affect their driving ability, and those who are applying for a drivers' license for the first time must all complete the drivers' license examination.

## U.S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission, at the request of the Postmaster General, announces a competitive examination for postmaster in Hermiston and receipts of applications will close June 4, 1937. Any person interested may apply at the post office in Hermiston, or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

#### Walter M. Pierce in Hospital.

Representative Walter M. Pierce was operated on for acute appendicitis at Garfield hospital, Washington, D. C., two weeks ago after having been stricken at his office while preparing for the hearings resumed this Monday before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee on proposed Bonneville legislation. Mr. Pierce's condition is excellent. In his absence his official duties are in the capable hands of Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, his secretary and former Oregon State Librarian.

#### Odd Fellow-Rebekah Social.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges will hold a get-together meeting at the hall Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. All Odd Fellows and their wives, and Rebekahs and their husbands, are invited to attend. Ice cream and cake will be served.