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E. A. PROJECT IS ALLOCATED \$129,000

100 RURAL HOMES SERVED BY SYSTEM

A telegram was received by local officials Saturday from John M. Armody, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration at Washington, D. C., that plans for electrifying rural districts of western Umatilla and northern Morrow counties had been approved in the amount of \$129,000 allocated for the project. This official message was supported by telegrams from Senator Frederick Steiwer and Congressman Walter M. Pierce.

The allotment was in accordance with the plans that were started a year ago and carried forward by W. A. Sawyer, then assistant county agent, and followed up this year by Jay T. Pierson, now assistant county agent. A board of directors elected recently consists of R. G. Penney, chairman; J. H. Reid, secretary-treasurer; E. D. Martin, Ralph Saylor and Hawley Dean. The allotment provides for the building of 120.5 miles of lines with an average of 4.1 users to the mile who agreed to accept the use of electric power.

Eighty farmers at that time had not been contacted and since a number of new farmers have become residents of the district. The lines will cover the rural territory from Irrigon to Echo and includes Butter Creek, Umatilla Meadows, Stanfield, Columbia district, Westland and Umatilla areas. The sum allotted provides for the lines, transformers and connections with the ranch meter.

This is the largest REA project in Oregon for which funds have been allotted. The second size is in Lane county and will secure its power from the power company under the state switch board contract at Eugene. The other project is in Benton county and will install a diesel plant for power, until other facilities are arranged. It is estimated that over 500 users will become members of this REA project when the lines are completed.

The importance of this project is not only estimated in benefits and conveniences so much desired by the farmers but also in the general advancement of the entire irrigated district. The average farm home citizen has grown tired of coil oil lamps, improvised refrigeration, gas line engines, charged radio batteries and the numerous substitutes for electric light and power. The demand for modern conveniences is strong in rural districts as in town.

With the installation of power lines, will come an active demand for wiring for lights, cooking and refrigeration.

Housewives are looking forward to better washing equipment, vacuum cleaners, electric irons, plates, toasters, coffee makers, fans, and water pressure systems.

All these things will be limited only by the prosperity of the farmer and his ability to buy.

L.D.S. CHURCH PICNIC AND SERVICE

The re-organized Latter Day Saints church will hold an all day service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. New Madden on south Fifth street in Hermiston, Sunday. Approximately 100 members of the church will attend from Pasco, Freewater, Condon, Baker and Hermiston.

Prayer meeting will begin at 8:30 in the morning. From ten to eleven o'clock, children's exercises will be conducted. At eleven Montie E. Lasser of Seattle will preach, and the sermon will be followed by a picnic dinner. At 2:30 p. m., baptismal services will be held, and at 7:30, Stanley E. Fout of Coeur d'Alene will deliver a sermon. The public is invited to attend.

These meetings are held once a month in one of the above towns and attended by the members from the other districts.

The re-organized Latter Day Saints church is not a branch of the Mormon church but a distinct organization. In each district mentioned is an Elder or Director and the meetings are held for religious benefits, to enable members of the different communities to become better acquainted. New Madden is the Elder here.

UMATILLA TRAGEDY TAKES FOUR LIVES

The lives of four out of a family of five were snuffed out quickly and tragically Saturday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock when the car in which Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dexter and daughter Kathleen and son Jimmy were riding, swerved from the highway over a 40-foot embankment near Umatilla, burning them fatally.

The family had been in Pendleton and Hermiston and was returning to their home when the accident occurred approximately one mile east of Umatilla.

Cause of the accident was the puncture of a front tire. According to eye witnesses the car skidded some 25 feet before it went over the embankment and turned over, lodging between two willow trees. Witnesses said the car was on fire before it left the highway.

Two cans of gasoline and kerosene in the car added to the intensity of the fire and it was impossible for persons to get within 25 yards of the burning car.

William C. Cutting, proprietor of a service station near the scene of the accident, and Gene Dexter, brother of Henry Dexter, were among the first people at the scene of the accident. Both were helpless to aid the four victims who were burned beyond recognition.

Evelyn, the only other member of the family, was working at the A. E. McFarland ranch near Umatilla at the time of the accident.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Methodist church with the Prann funeral parlors in charge. Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner read the final rites and friends and relatives stood with bowed heads as the caskets were lowered into the graves at the Hermiston cemetery.

Among survivors are Mr. Dexter's mother of Umatilla, Gene Dexter and Bert Dexter of Umatilla, Charles Dexter, Monroe Dexter and Arthur Dexter, all in California, all brothers; Naomi Dexter of California and Mrs. Leola Carroll of Umatilla, both sisters. Mrs. Dexter is survived by two sisters who live in Freewater.

MOTORCYCLE FIELD MEET UNDERWAY

Many high quality riders have entered the motorcycle field meet to be staged during the Fourth of July celebration at Stanfield, July 4th and 5th. Nearly all of the riders have special factory competition motors, assuring the highest type of entertainment. W. L. Cederdale, who has charge of the motorcycle field meet, states that Marion Dieckicks, Pacific coast hill climbing champion, will be among the entries. Others are Verle (Slick) Tindell, Pacific coast T.T. and endurance run champion; Monty Montgomery and Red Dahlberg, north-west champion riders; Buck Burns, Johnnie Solum, Roy Burke, Emil Kreofsky, Bob (Suicide) Dillon, Don (Maniac) Westergard.

Kreofsky and Nelson, who visited Stanfield two weeks ago, report the track and field is ideal and the T.T. or obstacle course the toughest they have ever seen. They suggest that all riders planning to enter this race, bring a change of clothing, since the course follows the bottom of the ditch part of the way. There is also one spot where the drain ditch will be jumped. The rider who wins this event will have to ride with wide open throttle as the cream of the Pacific coast will be entered.

The program will also feature an inter-club relay race. There are already teams from Portland, Walla Walla, LaGrande, Yakima and Salem entered in this event along with the Rose City Motorcycle club of Portland.

The Sunday motorcycle program consists of races for all sizes of motors. Five 5-lap races and one 25-lap race will complete the program. From all indications there will be a large entry list for these races which will have attractive purses offered to riders. Riders from the entire northwest will be present to prove their abilities.

All arrangements for the field meet and races are complete with the boys tuning up their motors in anticipation of hot competition.

Fleet Week in Julv.

The most spectacular naval review ever attempted in the Pacific Northwest will be one of the features of the mobilization in Portland, July 16 to 29, of the United States Fleet. Fifteen thousand men from the 36 warships will take part in the review on the afternoon of July 21.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS JUNE 21 AND 28

The annual school meetings for school districts No. 9 and No. 14 will be held the latter part of June with the election of one director for each board.

School District No. 14 will hold its annual meeting in the school house June 21st at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing one director for a three year term and one clerk for one year term, and the transaction of business usual at such a meeting.

Union High School District No. 9 will hold its annual meeting Monday, June 28th, at the high school building beginning at 1:00 p. m. and continue until 7:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing one director for a five year term.

Members of the high school board are A. D. Smith, chairman, E. L. Jackson, Jess Goff, H. M. Sommerer, and J. A. Clarke. The term of Jess Goff will expire.

Members of the grade school board are E. D. Martin, chairman, N. R. Mueller and F. C. Woughter. The term of E. D. Martin expires.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Hermiston. The examination will be held at Pendleton, and all receipts of applications will close June 25th.

The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date. Applicants must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., prior to the close of business on the date specified above. At the examination, applicants must furnish unmounted photographs of themselves taken within two years.

Townsend Club Meeting.

The regular Townsend club meeting will be held Tuesday, June 15, in the Union church. Election of officers will be held and regular business transacted including a Dutch auction sale of a rug. A program is being arranged for the meeting.

Appreciation Expressed.

The Hermiston Irrigation District wishes to express its appreciation of the timely assistance given by settlers and citizens during the storm Monday evening. It was only through their prompt response that we were able to save the distribution system.

E. D. MARTIN,
Secretary and Manager.

WEATHER REPORT.

Date	Max.	Min.
June 3	98	57
June 4	84	41
June 5	85	43
June 6	90	41
June 7	95	44
June 8	88	51
June 9	77	59

Precipitation was .03.

TOWNSENDITES WILL GATHER SUNDAY

Townsendites from the Hermiston club and from other clubs in Umatilla county will gather in Columbia park Sunday, June 13, to hear Glenn C. Wade, district manager for congressional district No. 2, and to enjoy a picnic dinner. Each family will bring their own picnic dinner and various concessions will be found on the grounds. Coffee will be served free of charge.

Carl Jackman of the local club has charge of arranging for the program and has secured musical numbers from the Pendleton and Milton-Free-water clubs. A sports program will be enjoyed during the afternoon.

Mr. Wade will speak immediately following the basket dinner hour which will terminate about 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Dick Jones has made arrangements for the sale of ice cream and pop on the grounds and made all other necessary plans.

George Beisse Married.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Lasher of Kelso, Wn., and George Beisse of Longview, Wn., was solemnized last week at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Bloyd. Miss Lasher has made her home with her grandmother for many years. She graduated from the Kelso high school in 1932 and for the past four years has been employed in the offices of the lumber division of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company. Mr. Beisse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August F. Beisse of Longview, former residents of Hermiston. He attended Longview high school and graduated from the University of Washington in the class of 1935. He is employed in the laboratory of the Weyerhaeuser pulp mill.

Creamoline Show Horses.

J. S. Burnham and the Misses Mary Burnham and Eva Wilcox visited at the Eastern Oregon Stock Ranch, nine miles south of Lexington, last Sunday where they looked over the Creamoline show horses. B. F. Swaggart was the original breeder of this fine line of saddle horses whose colts are of a deep cream color. The original stock came from an Arabian stallion. Mr. Swaggart has been dead for several years but Mrs. Swaggart continues with the breeding of these horses which are in demand by many prominent movie stars and for show horses. Mrs. Swaggart is eighty years of age but still rides about the ranch supervising the work.

Poppy Sale Large.

The Hermiston Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary reported one of the largest poppy sales in its history, with a total of \$65 received from the sale. Carl Longhorn received first prize for selling the most poppies and Russell Piersol second prize. Others selling poppies were Molly Ann Ripley and Beverley Walker.

PYRETHRUM WORLDS OLDEST INSECTICIDE BEING INTRODUCED IN UNITED STATES

What resembles a field of white daisies along the driveway to the experiment station buildings, is now almost two acres of pyrethrum, in full bloom. It is one of the 15 or 20 such demonstrations throughout the United States, and comparatively one of the most successful.

Pyrethrum is one of the oldest known insecticides in the world. Before the World War it was grown mainly in the Balkans and this country imported what it used from Europe. During the war and since, Japan has taken over the industry and is now supplying the largest part of the demand throughout the world. This country imports 12,000,000 pounds, which would, if proven practical in the United States require the use of from twelve to fifteen thousand acres of land and the employment of much labor.

The insecticide is in the center of the bloom and to collect that little bit of death dealing substance to insects is the main problem now before the department of agriculture. To harvest the entire plant and put it through the oil distillery, dilutes the substance and weakens its effectiveness. Japan, with its cheap labor, hand picks the blossoms, but this is impractical in this country where labor is more highly paid. For that reason the department is inventing and building a picking machine. It is on the order of a small corn binder and drops the heads in a hopper. This machine will be used on the earlier crop in California in 1938, then moved here to harvest next season's crop.

When the various experiments are carried to further results and the machine is perfected to reduce harvesting costs, the industry is expected to develop rapidly in the United States.

The work is being carried on by the division of drug oils and related plants of the Department of Agriculture, and Superintendent H. K. Dean is carrying on the test here.

Insecticide is used in practically all sprays for vegetable insects and for fly sprays. A very small quantity is needed in oils to do the killing work. It is not poisonous to human beings or any animal life. It is the best spray obtainable and has only one rival, the Reotonon. This is derived from the root of the Derris, a tropical plant and now being tried out in some of the southern states. The Reotonon has been found successful for garden sprays but not fly sprays.

Pyrethrum is much better for vegetable and house sprays than arsenate of lead. It has not been found effective for fruit sprays.

QUICK ACTION SAVES CANALS

The storm that struck this locality Monday evening required fast work on the part of irrigation district managers to prevent possible breaks in the canal. As the storm approached, headgates were ordered closed, by-passes from main canals were opened, to relieve pressure, and lessen the danger of breaks. Except in the case of the main canal of the West Extension districts, no serious damage was done.

Near the cutoff railroad tracks between Irrigon and Boardman, 50 feet of concrete and bank were washed away, and the Boardman area was deprived of water for about four days. This was due largely to the length of the canal, and the force of the storm through the Irrigon area, which drifted great quantities of Russian Thistle into the canals.

The A line in the Hermiston system was saved by the voluntary rally of more than 100 citizens, who patrolled the canal banks, pulling weeds from the most dangerous places. The telephone lines were blown down, stopping communication with the Cold Springs reservoir supervisor. Manager E. D. Martin drove at high speed to the dam where he and W. A. Mikesell succeeded in shutting off the water early in the storm. The Maxwell ditch and the A line were then lined with volunteers and the canal banks were saved.

J. W. Messner was about a mile from Butter Creek when he saw the dust storm approaching from the Horse Heaven hills and drove immediately to the turnout on Butter Creek of the Westland main canal, to turn the water down Butter Creek. The headgates of the Stanfield and Westland systems were shut down at the intakes on the river as well as the Maxwell ditch and Irrigon canal.

Damage to smaller canals through out the various systems occurred, but these were not heavy. Considerable expense and time will be entailed in clearing the ditches of debris and dirt. Water will be restored to its full head as speedily as possible.

NEWS WRITING CLUB FORMED

A group of fifteen girls met at the office of the assistant county agent last Saturday morning where they received instructions from representatives of the Herald and J. T. Pierson on the rules and regulations of the Hermiston Herald news-writing contest.

This is a contest sponsored by the Hermiston Herald for a 1938 scholarship to 4-H summer school at Corvallis. The award is based on the quality, amount, neatness, and timeliness of the news. The contest is from June 1st to November 1st. During this time the representatives will write news articles of their club activities.

The group expects to organize a press club with Miss Pauline Stoop of the Herald as their leader. Later they will enter the state contest which is from August 15th to May 15th which will be based on the same rules and regulations. The state prize will be two 4-H summer school scholarships, one to be given to a girl and one to a boy.

After the meeting Miss Stoop invited the girls to make a tour of the Hermiston Herald printing plant. A majority accepted the invitation. Miss Stoop showed the operation of various mechanical devices used in printing a newspaper and also printed several sheets of the paper showing how it is cut as it leaves the press. All of this was interesting, instructive and gave the girls a clearer idea of newspaper operation.

Delegates from the various clubs were:

We-Sew-Sewing club, Vera Sisson and Joyce Sater; Dainty Stitches, Beverly Walker and Magdolene Jackman; We-Can-Canning club, Rebecca Pierson and Mary Helene Piersol; Happy Hour Cooking club, Grace Benseal and Mary Margaret Kennedy; Merry Mixers Cooking club, Dorothy Pierson and Betty Rood; Streamline Seam Stitches Sewing club, Catherine and Agnes Kennedy; Cooky Cooking club, Frances Dawson and Jane Jackson; and a livestock club, Marion Ott.

Leaders present were Mrs. W. H. Benseal, Mrs. W. E. Kennedy and Mrs. H. J. Ott.

HEAVY GALE DROPS LANDMARK TREES

GIMBLE INJURED DURING STORM

West Umatilla county suffered damage Monday in the loss of hundreds of trees that fell in the wake of what old timers said was the worst wind storm ever to strike this territory. The full fury of the storm struck Hermiston about 5:00 p. m. following a hot sultry day with no wind, rolling across the prairie gathering dry Russian thistles as it came.

Tree rows as high as forty in number fell as the wind whipped and tore at them. Russian thistles piled high on Main street blocking the sidewalk. People who were caught in the wind found it necessary to brace themselves against its velocity.

General in Northwest.

The storm started in the vicinity of Seattle, swept across the mountains and spread over the Yakima valley, hitting this county squarely. L. W. Dixon, hop grower here, left Seattle earlier in the day and met with the high wind along the way. In the Yakima valley many trees and the cherry crop were on the ground. Peaches, apricots and apples were also seriously damaged.

The wind came from the north striking the new high school and grade school buildings first. Nine window panes went out in the grade school building, most of them in the second story assembly room. B. Haneline, the janitor, had just finished varnishing the room that morning.

Tree Loss Extensive.

The loss of trees was extensive. In Hermiston between Fourth and Fifth streets on Main, six poplar trees and two locusts went down across the street. Fourteen trees went down on the road between the A. F. Rohman residence and Strohm farm. Many trees on the Strohm residence grounds, occupied by J. A. Clarke family, were reported torn up. Wm. Shaar reported fifteen trees down on his place south of town. One fine shade tree fell on the A. W. Prann lawn and also at the N. R. Mueller home.

Thos. Campbell lost three large shade trees, and one in uprooting, tipped his tool and fruit packing house. The wind carried the roof 100 feet over the trees. One of the trees fell across his Model T Ford roadster, completely demolishing it.

Two tall poplars were uprooted in the parking of the house owned by F. C. Woughter, now occupied by Dr. A. C. Willcutt and family, one damaging the roof. The other tree eased over on the B. J. Nation residence but did not seriously damage the roof.

Four locusts were uprooted on the grounds of the W. S. Boynton home, one falling against the house.

Ten trees fell across the garden on the E. H. Dunning place. Fourteen small locusts were uprooted near the J. A. Scott farm south of town. The east and west road near the Boynton & Kelley ranch south of town is still blockaded by fallen trees.

Silos on the Dr. A. E. Marble place, known as the Stillings farm, in Columbia district, and on the Geo. Gettmann farm south of town, were completely destroyed.

Round House Loses Roof.

An estimated damage of \$2000 to the Union Pacific round house at Umatilla was reported when the roof was lifted by the wind. Poplars which have stood as landmarks for years on the Pete McNabb place north of Umatilla, went down in the storm.

The wind lifted the roof from a brooder house on the John Volle farm at Irrigon and crumbled a portion of a four foot concrete wall. Only three of the 500 turkey poult houses in the building were lost.

Julius Gimble Injured.

One accident occurred during the storm when Julius Gimble, working with the Hermiston Light & Power company crew topping trees near the A. F. Benseal place, fell from a height of seven feet and struck a limb lying on the ground. The force of the impact ruptured a kidney. Gimble was taken to the hospital and after consultation with Dr. F. B. Belt of Hermiston and Dr. G. L. McBee of Pendleton, an operation was performed and the ruptured kidney removed. Dr. McBee assisted in the operation. Gimble is reported as doing nicely.