

The Hermiston Herald

HERMISTON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, JUNE 17, 1937

REA ORGANIZATION BEING COMPLETED

INCORPORATION PAPERS EXECUTED

The new rural electrification program for this district took definite steps forward during the past week. The action of the board of directors, Barr & Cunningham of Portland, was selected as engineer for the project. W. J. Warner of Hermiston, was chosen as attorney, and the First National Bank of Hermiston was made the depository for the \$129,000, available for the work.

Incorporation papers were executed and forwarded to the national R. E. A. office at Washington, D. C., for final approval. A set of by-laws and other future courses of action will be arranged, also expected. It is hoped the new rural plant will be in operation before the end of the year.

The organization formed is under the state law for non-profit cooperatives and the business will be conducted according to cooperative methods.

The cost of operation will be on the basis of cost of juice to the consumer, which will include cost of wire, distribution, maintenance of the system, depreciation, and a return on construction cost to the government for the system over a period of many years at a very low rate of interest.

The by-laws provide for the election of a board of five directors by members of the cooperative. This board will select a manager, who needs the approval of the national R. E. A. Other necessary employees will be chosen to operate the system according to the best customary methods.

The present board consists of E. G. Penney, chairman, J. H. Reid, secretary-treasurer, and E. D. Martin, Hawley Bean and R. G. Saylor. The term of this board is temporary until a permanent board is elected.

The preliminary surveys have already been made, approved by the national R. E. A. and money for construction of lines will be available when incorporation papers pass the Portland and Washington offices.

Approximately 500 farmers have signed preliminary requests for power, but before electric juice can be delivered, contracts must be executed by the user, and a membership of \$5.00 for each person, paid into the general fund.

The source of supply for electricity has not been determined. The R. E. A. is considering a diesel plant and is also negotiating with the Pacific Light & Power company, and other sources of supply for switchboard rates.

The board has been authorized to make extensions when needed or desired to reach other farms under the system. The exact cost to the farmer cannot be determined until the cost of power and maintenance have been fixed.

The board of directors has held public meetings to acquaint the members with the R. E. A. methods of construction through the United States. They are assured that the costs to the farmer will be as low as maintenance costs will permit.

A wire from Washington, D. C. headquarters confirmed the appointment of the engineers and the attorney.

TOWNSENDITES HEAR SPEAKERS SUNDAY

More than 200 Townsendites from Umatilla county gathered in Columbia park Sunday to hear Glenn C. Wade, district organizer, and Senator Rex Ellis, deliver addresses. Senator Ellis declared that the present attitude of Governor Charles H. Martin in not favoring a special session of the legislature to consider asserted pension needs is inexplicable.

The discussion started when Townsend clubs in Umatilla county began circulation of petitions urging a special session.

"It is my opinion that the governor does not understand the petition now being circulated and which was first adopted in the local Townsend club, as well as by other civic-minded persons and organizations," Ellis said.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed early in the afternoon by club members. Musical numbers were given by the Columbia harmonica band, an instrumental number by Leonard Bales, and a whistling solo by Mrs. Joe Udey.

MEMBER DEMOSS QUARTET PASSES

J. H. DeMoss of Columbia district was called to Moro, Ore., last week to attend the funeral of his cousin Henry S. DeMoss, pioneer and musician, known as one of the famous DeMoss quartet composed of Henry, George, Lizzie and Minnie DeMoss. With his passing there is but one left, Mrs. Lizzie DeMoss Davis.

The pioneer quartet was known extensively through travel, and gave concerts in every state in the Union. They took music at the Royal Academy in London and gave concerts in England, France, Germany and Switzerland. They composed over 100 sacred songs outside of other compositions.

ROAD WILL EFFECT INLAND TRAFFIC

A meeting is being arranged with Commercial clubs of La Grande and Baker to discuss the proposed Umatilla port road, on June 25th, according to a letter received by H. G. Hedwall, president of the Hermiston Commercial club, from Roy Ritter, secretary of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. A delegation of representatives from Umatilla, Hermiston and Pendleton will attend, together with other persons desiring to present an argument for early construction of the road direct north from Hermiston, joining the Wallula cut-off highway near the overhead crossing at Umatilla. The meeting is being held in an effort to secure the support of interior points in presenting the matter to the state highway commission.

The new road will eliminate the five sharp curves and grade crossing through Hermiston, and two miles of water logged road between Hermiston and Umatilla. It will extend north from Hermiston to the Wallula cut-off just east of the overhead crossing at Umatilla. The port at Umatilla will be built as soon as boats are permitted to use the new river channel now being completed between Ceilo and Umatilla.

Its greatest importance to the interior points, including southern Idaho, will be in the interest of a better freight rate basis through water and truck transportation, also in improved facilities for handling petroleum, wheat, wood, lumber and other heavy produce to the boat lines.

EDUCATOR TO SPEAK HERE FRI., JUNE 25

Harry V. Kepner, principal of West high school in Denver, Colorado, seventeen years and long a leader in Colorado education, will deliver an address on "Land of the Midnight Sun," at the Methodist church Friday, June 25th, according to an announcement by R. R. Finkbeiner, pastor of the church. Mr. Kepner is a brother of Mrs. N. W. Bloom of Hermiston.

The land of the midnight sun is that portion of Norway and Sweden, north of the Arctic Circle.

Mr. Kepner plans to retire at the close of his school year after serving since 1895. He is recognized as a fine teacher and executive. He was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan college, the University of Michigan, Harvard university and the University of Colorado.

Mr. Kepner has traveled extensively during his vacations and has visited most of the foreign countries.

COLUMBIA By Lois Hutchison

Tom Wilson has sold his ten acre home here to William Mikesell and has gone to join his wife on their 80 acre farm in western Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Blessing, who have been visiting at the Gus Linder home, returned to Portland last week. Mrs. Pauline Gorry, who has been visiting her father, Mr. Linder, went home with them to visit two weeks. She attended the Rose Festival.

Mrs. C. L. Upham, who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Helen Hart, at Gaston, Ore., returned home Saturday.

A radio play written by Lois Hutchison and entered in a state 4-H contest, was heard by a number of friends and relatives in this district Friday, during the 4-H summer school broadcast given over KOAC.

The cast was chosen from Umatilla. Lois played a part and was also given a brief interview after the play was finished.

Mrs. Mary Brierley and Miss Jessie Brierley and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Call were calling at the H. J. Ott and John Jendrzejewski homes Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. Moore spent the day Friday with her mother and sister at the Mrs. Ann Smith home.

Adila Chetwood is employed at Pendleton.

Baxter Hutchison is mourning the passing of his Australian shepherd dog, Faithful Buster was in his seventeenth year and although lame and deaf he responded to a motion until the day before he went to the happy hunting ground.

Victor Epperson and his mother, and Mrs. O. H. Buell and son spent Friday in Pendleton on business.

Edna Ott is spending two weeks with her parents here but will return to Corvallis Sunday where she will attend six weeks summer school at O.S.C.

A large crowd gathered to enjoy the Townsend picnic held in Columbia park last Sunday. A basket dinner at noon and a program in the afternoon were the main features of the day. Principal speakers were Glenn C. Wade, district manager, and Rex Ellis, state representative from Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coons of Connel, Wn., spent the week end at the Henry Hooker home. Mr. Coons is Mrs. Hooker's brother. They attended the Townsend picnic while here.

Mrs. James Smith, who has been visiting her mother for the past two weeks, went to La Grande Monday to visit her sister in that city for a week or two.

Mrs. Duane Lathrop received word recently of the serious illness of her mother in Missouri.

STUDENTS TOUR MIDDLE WEST

Lawrence Swanner, student at Oregon State college, who has been home during the spring term, left last week with a group of students and members of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, to attend the national convention to be held at the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Illinois. Lawrence is a junior in agricultural engineering and has been an active member of the club, being first vice president during his first year in school. He is also one of the few who formulated plans for the tour three years ago.

The student group left Oregon State college June 5th and will make a tour of the middle west, visiting implement factories, agricultural colleges, steel mills, automobile industries and several major cities of the region. This is the third group making such a tour from the college to attend the national convention. They expect to return about July 4th.

JACK MARTIN GETS ENGINEERING JOB

Jack Martin, senior in engineering at Oregon State college, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Martin of Hermiston, has been called on a four months job with the Idaho Power company at Hagerman, Idaho. Martin previously worked for the company. He had been appointed chief of party in the soil conservation program for this district out of the Pendleton office, and gave that up to accept the engineering job.

Masons to Portland.

Delegates to the Grand Chapter of the Masons and Eastern Star which convened in Portland Wednesday of this week, were Mrs. Curtis Simons and Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Thomson, and David Mittlestead of Hermiston chapter, James F. Lane, Wm. Haggman and Frank Sloan from the Stanfield order, and Dr. W. Marvin Marbut, Jack Teel and Mrs. Marbut from Echo. Mr. Lane and Mr. Haggman left Tuesday and Mr. Sloan went down Monday. The Echo delegation left Wednesday. Mrs. Simons left early in the week to visit in Portland.

Gene Moore Chief Orderly.

Gene G. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moore of Hermiston, has been appointed chief orderly to Captain Helmer Svenholt, commander of the 29th U. S. Army Engineers, now at Chehalis, Wn. He was selected from a group of 28 eligible for the appointment. Gene enlisted in the army engineers the latter part of April. Dale Carson also enlisted at that time and is in the same corps.

New Settlers on Land.

Theron Millard of Wamic, Ore., has purchased the Jones forty acre tract in the Columbia district and will move onto the place in a few days. He has a dairy herd and expects to add turkeys next year. H. V. Metteer of Spray, Ore., has leased the Noble thirty acre in Columbia district for three years. He has moved to the place and has several dairy cows. Both deals were made by E. P. Dodd.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
June 10	74	55
June 11	80	43
June 12	82	41
June 13	90	47
June 14	80	60
June 15	78	58
June 16	70	53

Precipitation was .35.

Plans Not Yet Accepted.

The board of directors of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston is working on plans for the improvement of the plant in Hermiston. Several plans have been prepared and discussed but no final action has yet been taken on which one will be the most acceptable for the enlargement of the capacity of the plant.

UMATILLA HERD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT SHOWS HIGH PRODUCTION RECORDS

The Umatilla-Morrow Dairy Herd Improvement association has just completed the fifth month of the 1937 year. There are 31 standard members in the association at the present time, with 362 cows tested during the month making an average production of 158.7 pounds milk and 29.4 pounds butterfat.

High herd honors in the 20 or more cow class for the month of April goes to H. L. Payne of Hermiston. His Jerseys averaged 603.4 registered Jersey cows averaged 2888.4 pounds milk and 143.9 pounds butterfat. In the 12 cows and under class, high honors up to date still go to W. R. Coppock of Adams. His herd of 9 registered and grade Guerneseys averaged 3144.5 pounds milk and 154.0 pounds butterfat.

The two high cows for the month of May were owned by C. J. Mathews of Echo, and Dell Christley of Hermiston. A 4-year old grade Guernesey, owned by C. J. Mathews produced 1066 pounds milk and 74.6 pounds butterfat. Dell Christley's cow owned by Second High produced a registered Jersey. She produced 1150 pounds milk and 64.4 pounds butterfat.

High herd honors to date in the 20 or more cow class goes to F. A. Baker of Stanfield. His herd of 21 registered Jersey cows averaged 2929.5 pounds milk and 133.0 pounds butterfat.

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RAINWATER-GARNER.

Miss Zelma Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garner of Echo, became the bride of Everett Rainwater, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rainwater of Hermiston, Wednesday, June 2, in Walla Walla, Wn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Philip Hartman, pastor of the Methodist church in the parsonage at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Rainwater and Mrs. Garner, mothers of the couple, were the only attendants.

The bride wore a white sport suit with white accessories. She graduated from the Echo high school with the class of '36. The groom graduated from the Hermiston high school in '35 and is now employed in Connor's Cash store. The young couple will make their home in Hermiston.

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED SAT. P. M.

Complying with the laws passed at the last legislature, all county offices will close at noon each Saturday. This will apply to the tax department of the sheriff's office but the criminal department will be open as usual with a man on duty at all times.

This announcement was issued this week by Sheriff R. E. (Bob) Goad from the Pendleton office. Anyone planning on transacting business at the court house on Saturday should do so before noon.

Townsend Club Nominates.

Nomination of officers was held at the regular Townsend club meeting Tuesday evening, along with regular business transactions. C. A. Jackman and F. M. Guivits were nominated for president; C. R. Moore, vice president; Mrs. C. R. Moore and Mrs. Geo. Beddow, treasurer; F. E. Earnhart and W. G. Dyer, secretary. Mrs. C. A. Jackman won the hooked rug presented at a Dutch auction. C. A. Jackman was named delegate to the state convention at Redmond, Ore., June 24 to 26, and Mrs. H. B. Darling, alternate.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. Geo. Tucker of Boardman is a medical patient in the Hermiston General hospital this week.

Mrs. N. J. VanSkiel of Hermiston was somewhat improved Wednesday. Mrs. Merrill Potter, who underwent a major operation two weeks ago, is reported as doing nicely.

Julius Gimble, who suffered injuries resulting in a major operation last week, is reported as doing nicely.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schell of Hermiston Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Peter Castric is a patient in the hospital and is reported as slowly improving.

Church Holds Camp Meetings.

Eighty members of the re-organized church of the Latter Day Saints attended the meeting at the New Madden home in Hermiston Sunday. They came from Pasco, Freewater, Milton and other places, including a few from as far as Seattle and Coer'd Alene. The next meeting will be in September at Pasco. During the summer members of the church will attend a reunion in the nature of a camp meeting at Silver Lake, near Seattle. These meetings are usually attended by 1000 delegates. Another similar meeting will be held at Haganam, Idaho, where from 500 to 800 attend each year.

Asparagus Crop Good.

J. Skovbo, one of the extensive asparagus growers in this district, states that the asparagus season will close this week, having been one of the best in average price and production which he has had. Much asparagus was canned by growers, but many hundreds of pounds were shipped to the Portland market.

Mrs. R. B. Wilcox and son Claude, Mrs. Georgia Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kennings and daughter Irene, motored to the Ellis Ranger Station near Pendleton Sunday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilcox and family. Mr. Wilcox is guard ranger at the station.

STANFIELD STAGES MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The motorcycle races and field meet which will be staged at Stanfield, July 4th and 5th, will not be lacking in comedy, states W. L. Cederdale, director of this event. The balloon bursting contest or cave man soccer will provide plenty of laughs. In this event two riders are mounted on each machine, one operating the motorcycle while the other rider tries to protect a toy balloon tied to his cap and at the same time succeed in puncturing the balloon suspended from the cap of another rider. The rider left in the conflict with an inflated balloon will be the winner. Any number may enter this contest.

The Rose City Motorcycle club will be represented in all events by some of the northwest's champions. With 40 or 50 events scheduled there will be no end to the unexpected angles which may develop.

Another novelty event scheduled is the motorcycle slow race. This event not only requires the peak of riding ability but furnishes many amusing incidents. A short distance is measured and after an equal start the last man to cross the finish line is the winner. Some of the riders become experts in balancing and move as little as an inch or two a minute. The rider's feet must not touch the ground during the race.

One of the most dangerous is the broad jump in the motorcycle sports and requires nerve as well as ability to ride. It is not uncommon for the most experienced and expert riders to take bad spills trying the jump. The sprinkler wagon has been secured and will be used on the track to lay the dust, assuring spectators high class competition.

Delegates to Conference.

The annual conference of Methodist Episcopal churches in Oregon will meet in Klamath Falls, Ore., Tuesday, June 22nd. The local church is sending Mrs. E. E. Rainwater as lay delegate, and R. R. Finkbeiner, the pastor. Mr. Finkbeiner has been invited to return as pastor of the local church for another year.

Epworth League Rally.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a rally Friday night, June 18th, with representatives from societies at Milton, Freewater, Pendleton, Echo, Arlington and Heppner present. The program of the evening will include a dinner at 6:00 o'clock followed by a program and recreational hour.

IRRIGON By MRS. W. C. ISOM

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Endrice and family from Chewella, Wn., are here for a week's visit with Mrs. Endrice's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leicht.

Mrs. Umiker and little daughter Kathryn came from Kidd Valley Saturday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Endrice, while she was here visiting the former's parents.

Mrs. Adrian Allen of Butter Creek visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reiker over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kendler and daughter Yvonne were Walla Walla visitors Sunday.

Wm. Graybeal, Mrs. Emmett McCoy and Mrs. Earl Isom visited Mrs. J. A. Graybeal who is in the Pendleton hospital. Mrs. Graybeal is recovering rapidly and expects to go to Imbler Friday to stay with her daughters until she is able to use her limb.

Cloyd Leach of the Ukiah vicinity is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Earl Isom.

Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Jakee of Walla Walla, Mrs. Polka of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Noble of Heppner visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leicht Sunday.

Alvin Rand of Portland is here to spend the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rand.

The two small daughters of Mrs. H. Norcross of Portland are visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Arnburg motored to Pilot Rock Sunday.

Miss Naomi Bronell of Portland visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCoy Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Stevens and son Ray and mother, Mrs. Bedwell, who have been staying at the F. Leicht cabins, left for their home at Cayuse Friday.

Elroy Lamoreaux spent the week end with the home folks.

Mr. Stevens is home for a few days visit with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oliver and daughter Ethel from Valley, Wn., visited friends here Wednesday, enroute home from Yakima where they had been to visit Mrs. Oliver's mother who underwent an operation at the hospital.

Rev. Alcorn of Oklahoma is the new pastor at the Pentecostal church. He was in town Friday having been at Heppner holding services.

Rev. Crawford preached his farewell sermon Sunday and will leave this week for Centralia, Wn.

LIVESTOCK SHOW NETS 4-H AWARDS

UMATILLA COUNTY TIES THIRD PLACE

Umatilla county 4-H club members received a good rating by placing second in rewards received by counties at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, June 10th to 11th.

Umatilla county livestock judging teams were entered with fifteen teams and 85 individuals in the judging events. Classes judged were two in dairy, one beef, one fat sheep, and one in breeding hogs.

The Imbler sheep club team scored 1335 out of a possible score of 1500 to nose out the Umatilla team members were Loretta Mullins, Charles Kik, and Robert Bensenel.

The Umatilla beef club team tied the Union beef team and the Dry Creek pig club team for third with a score of 1260. The members of the Umatilla team were Leo Rueber, Eldon Saylor and Kenneth Bensenel. A third judging team was entered from the Hermiston Dairy club. The members were Marie and George Hartley and Bernard Corpe. Leo Rueber and Robert Bensenel scored 440 out of 500 to tie for second place for individual honors.

Joe Cooney in the dairy division and Kenneth Bensenel in the beef division received fourth place in showmanship.

Those who received prizes from Umatilla county were: Bruce Holt, Pendleton, first place, champion of Hereford class, grand champion of the 4-H show, and grand champion of the entire show with his Hereford senior fat steer. Bruce was attending 4-H summer school and his calf was shown by Walter Holt Jr. He received \$25 in prizes.

Leo Rueber of Stanfield won first in the Shorthorn senior fat steer class, second in the Hampshire yearling ewes, and champion fat steer. His prizes amounted to \$17.

Eldon Saylor of Hermiston won second in the Shorthorn senior fat steer class and third in the Angus senior fat steer class. He received \$15.

Charles Kik of Umatilla won fourth in the same class to receive a prize of \$5.

Joe Cooney of Umatilla won third in the senior yearling dairy heifer calf class. He received \$7 in prizes.

Eugene Rugg of Umatilla won sixth in the Hereford steer class and fourth in the heifer class, which brought him \$6 in prizes.

Umatilla entered eleven head of livestock and three judging teams. J. T. Pierson, assistant county agent, was in charge of the Umatilla group of fifteen members. Umatilla county received \$80 in prizes with an additional amount to be paid later.

Those leaving Hermiston for Union Wednesday and returning Saturday evening were: Robert Bensenel, Kenneth Bensenel, Bernard Corpe, Bill Corpe, Joe Cooney, George, Marie and Russell Hartley, Charles Kik, Harry Lewis, John McMullen, Loretta Mullins, Eldon Saylor, Eugene Rugg, Leo Rueber and J. T. Pierson.

Mr. Pierson took a group of the boys with him. The others accompanied the truck which hauled their livestock. The truck was furnished and driven by Leo Rueber of Stanfield.

The members reported the show was exceptionally good this year. The boys enjoyed camping out at the show grounds. The girls of the party roomed in tourist cabins with the girls from other communities.

Special Sunday Service.

Church services at the Union church will be dispensed with both morning and evening Sunday, June 13th, except for Sunday school at 9:30 Sunday morning. This arrangement is being made because of a joint service at the L. D. Neil home at Pine City when members of the church at Lexington and Heppner will join the Hermiston congregation for a picnic dinner and afternoon service. The Christian Endeavor will meet at the regular time, 7:00 o'clock, Sunday evening.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE SERVES 4-H CLUB

A special social committee to provide entertainment for the next meeting was appointed at the regular meeting of the Happy Hour Cooking club of Umatilla at the Community hall, June 10th.

Two different members will serve on this committee with the vice president, Mary Margaret Kennedy, serving as chairman for each meeting. The members serving with her for the next meeting will be Fay Davis and Jean McKenzie.

The girls are planning on making posters of the well balanced breakfast, box school lunch, school lunch with the hot dish, luncheon and dinner. These will be exhibited at the last meeting of the club year which will be an entertainment with everybody invited.

Mary Margaret Kennedy and Dorothy Hiatt led the discussion on the making of toast which was the topic for this meeting. The topic for June 24th will be on cereals and milk, with each member asking a question and naming another member to answer. Three questions will be the subject of the next meeting.