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NEWPORT FIRM LOW ON R. E. A. BID

DECISION AWAITS FEDERAL SANCTION

The local board awarded the contract to the lowest bidders, Newport, Kern and Kibbie of Portland, which will be subject to approval by the federal R.E.A. board at Washington, D. C.

Bidding for the construction of the rural electrification lines of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association here last Monday was extremely lively and highly competitive. Eight strong firms offered sealed bids which were opened by the board of directors, Baar & Cunningham, engineers, and Johnson, of the Rural Electrification administration, beginning at 10:00 A. M. The session continued late into the evening. All bids were read in detail, and totals added, and read to the 25 assembled representatives of the several bidding firms.

The board of directors and engineers then went into executive session reviewing and discussing the bids. Award was not made public at the close of the session. The bids will be reviewed in the Portland offices and then forwarded to the Rural Electrification offices in Washington, D. C., for final determination.

Newport, Kern and Kibbie of Portland were the lowest bidders for copper wire, which seems to meet the favor of the board of directors and engineers. This bid was \$107,625.48.

The work of securing right of way easements will be continued. It is important that all farmers on the route of the line sign the membership blanks before actual construction begins. This may be done at the offices of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association at the reclamation building in Hermiston.

COLUMBIA

By Lois Hutchison

Mrs. Ella Propst of Orofino, Idaho, was here Friday visiting E. J. Allen on account of his poor health.

Dinner guests at the Baxter Hutchison home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hutchison and children Marva, Nadine and Ralph of Pilot Rock, and Edward Shaw, who arrived here Friday from Ault, Colo. Mr. Shaw accompanied the Hutchisons to Pendleton that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Devens and son of Heppner were in this district for fruit and vegetables.

Nina Rae McCulley attended the football game at Walla Walla Friday. She also attended the evening game.

Several ladies from this district attended the Homemakers meeting in Hermiston last week.

Waldo Carr is now employed at the J. H. DeMoss farm.

Mrs. Elmer Ryland and daughter Beulah made a trip to Clarkston Thursday on business. Maryland states she is greatly improving in health. They returned to Walla Walla Friday where they visited until Sunday with Mr. Ryland's sister, Mrs. Hoof.

Victor Epperson returned home Wednesday of last week after having been employed in Pendleton for the past two months.

Mrs. Hal McCulley accompanied Mrs. Jay T. Pierson to Pendleton Friday where they practiced a demonstration which they are arranging for the next Homemakers meeting.

Childs Barham and his mother made a business trip to Pendleton Monday.

The Columbia Grange is having a carnival at the Columbia school house Saturday night. Fun will begin at 8:00 o'clock and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rainwater and family and Mr. and Mrs. Boulware spent Sunday at the J. H. DeMoss home celebrating Mr. DeMoss' birthday.

Ira Cray returned from Toppenish, Wn., Friday evening. Dinner guests at the Gus Linder home Sunday were Mrs. Barham and son Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hughes and son Loren Hughes returned home Wednesday of last week after a week's trip into Canada.

Jackson Harr is improving from a serious heart attack.

Mr. Connor, one of the first settlers on the project was here last week looking at the place he had homesteaded thirty years ago. He was a resident in this district for ten years. He is visiting the Ansons on the Stanfield project.

Mr. Hyland demonstrated the Silver Seal aluminum ware at the J. H. Reid home Sunday. Mrs. Reid had as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Mrs. Emma Christley and son Dell.

Mrs. Emma Christley and Mrs. Glen Seeley were calling on Mrs. Claude Upham Monday.

Mrs. Gus Linder, Mrs. Barham and son Childs were visitors at the J. H. Reid home Sunday afternoon.

Visitors at the Baxter Hutchison home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Seeley of Hermiston, and Edward Shaw of Pendleton.

CATTLE OWNERS MEET WEDNESDAY

Cattle owners of Umatilla county decided at a meeting in Pendleton, Wednesday, November 3, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, to speed up the testing and branding of cattle showing the reaction to the abortion test carried on under the federal indemnity program so that Umatilla county can be cleaned up by July 1, 1938.

Dr. Sam B. Foster, who is in charge of the federal Bang's disease program for the State of Oregon, assured those present that available testers would be brought into each area when a definite program is outlined. Other speakers on the program were: Dr. W. T. Lytle, of the State Department of Agriculture; A. W. Metzger, State Department of Agriculture; and Roger Morse, Extension Dairyman at Oregon State college. Cattle owners present expressed their opinion that the work was not progressing as rapidly as it should and that every effort should be made to speed up the work so that cattle reacting to the disease could be eliminated from the herds immediately.

In order that the services of a man to test in the west end of Umatilla county may be secured, it is necessary to map out a program whereby the tester would have a definite schedule for each day.

Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, states that a circular letter will be sent out to all the cattle owners in this area within the next three or four days and an attempt will be made to map out the testing area so that there may be a one-hundred percent clean up by the first of July. It was brought out at the meeting that there is a possibility that appropriations will not be made to pay indemnity money on reactors after July 1, 1938.

Those representing the west end of Umatilla county were V. V. Lewis and H. R. Hartley of Hermiston, Hawley Bean of Echo, and Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent.

Melburne L. Burnett.

Melburne L. Burnett, 50, telephone operator at Biggs, Or., for the past 15 years, passed away of heart disease Monday, October 25, on the train just as he was leaving Portland. He and his wife had attended the homecoming football game in Eugene and were returning home. Burnett formerly operated at Umatilla and is known by many here. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 28, at The Dalles by members of the Masonic lodge. He leaves his widow, two daughters, Margaret and Laura May, and one son Howard. Margaret and Howard are students at the University of Oregon.

LEGION AUXILIARY NOTES

A fine meeting was held at the Legion hall last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. James Todd, district president, and Mrs. Logan Todd, acting as hostess. Mrs. F. B. Belt and Mrs. David Mittleldorf were guests of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. W. L. Hamm gave an interesting and instructive talk on the history of the United States constitution.

The Unit voted to work on sets of seven dish towels which will be sold. Anyone interested in a set of towels may give their order to any one member of the Unit.

Hermiston Post of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be host to the conference for District No. 6 on December 8th. State and district officials will be present at this conference. Plans are going forward for the conference and will be announced in the near future.

Mrs. James Todd, district president, made her annual visit to the Milton Auxiliary Unit last Tuesday night. She was accompanied by Mrs. O. K. Mudge, local president, and Mrs. C. J. Jackson.

P. T. A. Meeting Nov. 18.

There will be a Parent-Teacher association meeting Thursday evening, November 18, in the high school auditorium. A program will be given with the high school glee club giving two numbers, a number by the first grade rhythm band, directed by Miss Burnett, and a reading entitled "On Technique" by Miss Burnett. J. A. Yeager, county school superintendent, will give a talk on "The Handicapped Child."

A door prize will be given, and also a prize to the room having the largest number of parents attending. Parents are asked to remember their P. T. A. dues.

Baily Sells Dairy.

G. W. Bailey has sold his herd of Guernsey milk cows to H. L. Payne, who will use them in furnishing milk for his route. Mr. Bailey is going out of business because of poor health.

4-H Radio Chairman.

Helen Jendrzewski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jendrzewski of Hermiston, together with James Allison, have been named radio chairmen to direct a monthly radio broadcast for members of the Oregon State college campus 4-H club. The organization held its first meeting recently in the women's building, when a check-up was made showing that 951 former 4-H club members are now attending O.S.C. Helen is a sophomore in home economics.

PERSONALITY LEAVES FOR EAST

Mrs. Doris Kelley, a small white haired lady, who has been a personality in Hermiston for the past 12 years, left Tuesday night by train for St. Louis, Missouri, where she will make her home with her niece. During her years in Hermiston Mrs. Kelley has been identified with the Hermiston Hotel as the very gracious clerk, whether it be during the regular service hours of the day or the irregular hours of the night. She always had a way of being pleasant and making the guest feel welcome and at home.

Mrs. Kelley perhaps had a wider acquaintance than the average person due to her contacts over the hotel register, and will always be remembered as a pleasant individual. Mrs. Kelley, better known as "Doris" will be greatly missed by all those who know her.

B. J. Nation, faithful night man for Hermiston, was on the job to take "Doris" to the train. Her co-workers and friends, Mrs. Laura Morimore, Gladys and Hugh Driscoll, and Edith Peterson were also on hand to wish her God's speed.

H. K. Dean's Mother Passes.

Mrs. Inez DeLuce Dean passed away Wednesday morning, November 3, at the home of her son H. K. Dean, where she had been for several weeks. Services will be held at Seattle, Mrs. Dean was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, November 30, 1860. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Stanley C. Vaux of Seattle, and one son, Harold K. Dean of Hermiston, and two grand children, Lois and Kenneth Dean of Hermiston.

Columbia Grange Carnival.

The members of the Columbia grange has issued an invitation to the general public to attend a carnival Saturday, November 6th, which will be given in the Columbia school house. Booths of all kinds will be conducted and a floor show presented. Doughnuts and cider, and pie and coffee will be served. There will be no admission charge.

Injured as Car Overturns.

Walter and Wilbur Hinkle and Harry and Tommy Lotspeich were cut and bruised when the car in which they were riding turned over on the highway in front of the E. D. Martin residence on Hermiston avenue early Wednesday morning as they were driving to school. The car overturned when the driver cranked the wheel too severely in trying to bring the car back onto the highway. The Hinkle boys received severe lacerations.

Achievement Day November 30.

The tentative date of November 30th has been set for the 4-H club achievement day program to be held in the basement of the Methodist church. A banquet will be served at 75 cents a plate, which will be prepared by the ladies of the church. The steer which was purchased by the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau from Chas. Kik for the occasion, has been making more economical gains since cold weather. Charles Kik is feeding the steer.

Food Inspector Visits.

C. S. Merydith, assistant deputy of the state Foods & Dairy department at Salem, was in Hermiston Tuesday checking on grocery stores, meat markets, bakeries, and dairies. Merydith has headquarters at Baker, Or., and covers seven counties, from Baker to Burns, and east to Ontario. He found general conditions good here but a lack of proper labeling in some instances.

Examiner Here November 10.

The examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hermiston Wednesday, November 10, at the City Library between the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 P. M., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

COOPERATIVE OFFICIALS DISCUSS PROGRAM AT HERMISTON RALLY FRIDAY NIGHT

Several interesting speakers featured the cooperative rally sponsored by local cooperatives which was held at the high school auditorium Friday night.

Speakers for the most part were from Walla Walla, with R. G. Penney of the cooperative electrical organization presiding. The program was arranged by E. H. Dunning of the Mercantile cooperative.

Charles Baker of Walla Walla, manager of the Pacific Supply Co-operative of that city, who spoke of tangible and intangible benefits to be derived through cooperative efforts. The latter are too often not taken into consideration, he said.

Plan 90 Years Old. The Rochdale plan, conceived in England 90 years ago, is still the basis for modern cooperatives, he said. Today in the United States, after 20 years of organization, cooperatives number more than 10,000 with 3,500,000 members, and doing a yearly business of \$700,000,000.

BULLDOGS TIE WITH WA-HI B SQUAD

(From the Bulldog)

The Wa-Hi B squad and the Bulldogs battled to a 13 to 13 tie, October 29, at Walla Walla. The Wa-Hi B's made the first touchdown in the early part of the game when they ran the ball over on a reverse. The point was made good. Wa-Hi then kicked off to the Bulldogs, who marched up the field. The ball was put over on a spinner by R. Marble, and an extra point was gained by a pass from S. Rankin to Furrer, tying the score 7-7.

In the second quarter the Wa-Hi B's again pushed the ball over on long passes but failed to make good the point. The half ended, Wa-Hi 13, Bulldogs 7.

The third quarter was a battle at mid-field with neither team making any threats to score. In the fourth quarter the Bulldogs put on a five minute rally and gained possession of the ball on their own five yard line. In two plays they advanced to the fifty yard marker, and with a mix-up of spinners and end runs they carried the ball down to the four yard line. With a powerful buck, S. Rankin carried the ball across the line, again tying the score. S. Rankin again bucked the line for the point but lacked about three inches of making it good. In the last two minutes of the game the boys battled down within Wa-Hi's thirty yard stripe.

Dodd Acting Justice.

E. P. Dodd has been appointed by the county court of Umatilla county to act as temporary Justice of the Peace for Hermiston during the absence of P. P. Sullivan, present justice.

LETTERMEN'S NEW INTERCLASS TROPHY

The Hermiston high school Lettermen's club has purchased a gold trophy to be presented to the boys' interclass basketball team winning the championship. The winning class will have its numeral engraved upon the face of the trophy.

The cup stays as a permanent property of the Lettermen's club and will be kept with the other trophies. It will be presented each year hereafter in the same fashion.

LANTERN SLIDE LECTURE SUNDAY

A set of slides on missionary work in the Philippine Islands will be presented in the Epworth League hour at 6:30 Sunday evening at the Methodist church. This will be followed by the first of a series of evening services. Everybody is invited to come and see this educational slide lecture and stay for the service of song and preaching.

Appear on Vaudeville Act.

Mrs. Phillip Power and Mrs. Chas. Seeliger appeared on the midnight Halloween vaudeville show at the Rivoli theatre in Pendleton last week at the invitation of the manager, E. E. Marsh. They presented their well known "Cake Walk" act given at many entertainments here. Others attending the show were Chas. Seeliger, Edward Foster, T. VanArsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Arsdale and Della Laird.

Evangelistic Services.

Every night except Monday night services will be held in the Methodist church. The pastor, R. R. Pinkbeiner, will do the preaching. Beautiful new psalms, an orchestra, and special singing will add much to plain earnest preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All civic, social and Christian organizations are invited as well as individuals.

PARENT EDUCATION REPORT EXPECTED

A report of the meeting held in Pendleton, Wednesday, November 3, by Mrs. Maude Morse, extension specialist in parent education from O.S.C., will be given Friday, November 12, at 1:30 in the high school building, by some member of the local club. Those attending were Mrs. H. M. Sommerer, Mrs. G. W. Ripley, and Mrs. David Mittleldorf. Mrs. Sommerer has been appointed local club leader. The meeting Friday will be open to anyone who is interested.

William Haggman Dies.

William Haggman passed away Tuesday evening at the Emanuel hospital in Portland following a major operation. He is a brother of Mrs. R. G. Penney of Stanfield and for years has been associated with the Standard Oil company, being stationed at Cascade Locks at the time of his death. Funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian church Friday morning at 10:30 and interment in the Echo cemetery. He is survived by his widow, his father, Wm. Haggman of Stanfield, and two sisters, Mrs. Penney of Stanfield, and Mrs. Jennie Russell of Portland.

COMEDY PORTRAYS FAMILY LIFE

(From the Bulldog)

The junior play, "New Fires," under the direction of Miss Lavina May Lynch, will be presented in the high school auditorium, November 22 at 8:00 o'clock.

"New Fires" is a comedy in three acts by Charles Quimby Burdette and received the Players Magazine Award in 1936, when it tied for first place in the nation wide poll to determine the high school play most frequently reported.

The play itself concerns the family of Stephen Santry, a Chicago author, who, realizing that his wife and children have lost their appreciation of fundamental, worthwhile things, takes them to an inherited farm in the Missouri Ozarks for a week end visit.

In charge of this farm house of old Gideon Santry is Lucinda Andrews, a widow of fifty, who has been used to having her own way, as Suzanne, her spinster assistant, and Sid Sperry, a farm hand, know to their sorrow. Stephen barely has time to prepare them for the coming of the "cyclone" before it arrives.

There are Billy and Phyllis, adolescents of 15 and 16, to whom all life is a "lark" if they are free of restraint; Olive, a spoiled twenty year old debutante; Dick, the eldest son, 22, who has just married Eve, on the strength of Dad's paying the bills; and Anne, Stephen's luxuriously loving wife.

Lucinda and Suzanne serve supper "country style" in the big old fashioned living room; and during the meal Stephen explodes his bombshell. They are going to stay on the farm until such time as he sees fit to return, and everyone who expects to eat must work.

Sensing his seriousness, their amusement changes quickly to anger, and a stormy scene ensues. Stephen remains firm in his plan. In her fury, Olive pretends to be ill in order to permit her to return to the city, but Dr. Gray, the young village physician, immediately discovers her sham. Anne threatens to leave Stephen, and things really begin to happen.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA PROGRESSES

(From the Bulldog)

The members of the high school orchestra, under the direction of G. C. Humphreys of Pendleton, have been making a thorough study of the history of the different instruments which they are learning to play, along with their ordinary exercises and scales.

Both the high school and grade school orchestras plan to give a concert some time during the year.

The following compose the high school orchestra: Violins, Irene Northwick, Della Madden, Ralph Marble, Wanda Moore, Lauretta Mulkins, Nina Rae McCulley, Bob Trumbull, Virginia Wells; trombones, Ralph Crampton, David Hamm; trumpets, Elmer Blahm, Glenn Warner; clarinets, Frances Follett, Frank McKenzie, Russell Piersol, Marguerite Rainwater, Eldon Saylor; saxophones, Claudine Hale, Bill Nation, Ted Ripley; cellos, Mary Helene Piersol, Betty Morehouse; drums, Cecil Madden; cornet, Alice McGraw; piano, Alma Laird.

WESTLAND GRANGE GAINFUL PROGRAM

INTERESTING TALKS PRESENTED

An outstanding program was presented last Thursday night at the regular meeting of the Westland Grange, presided over by the Master Don Sherwood, and Mrs. Edna F. Mulkins, who arranged the program. Numerous granges were represented and also many local visiting delegations.

H. R. Hartley, tester for the Umatilla Herd Improvement association was the first speaker, giving pointers on cream sanitation, one of the most important problems of the dairymen today. He stated that such sanitation should begin at the barn and every possible precaution taken to preserve sanitation until the cream is delivered at the creamery. Cans returned from the creamery, he stated, are thoroughly sterilized.

W. A. Holt, county agent from Pendleton, gave a preliminary explanation of the weed control program, stating that there were between four and seven thousand acres in perennial noxious weeds in the county. He then introduced Lawrence Jenkins, extension weed specialist from Oregon State college, who explained the weed control program.

Jenkins went into the question of how the weeds became prevalent. White Top, he stated is the same size seed as alfalfa, and possibly was scattered through the use of poor seed, or in the transportation of alfalfa hay.

The next step was what is being done to prevent further spread of weeds. First, county agents and granges are putting out weed control bulletins, exhibiting weed mounts to familiarize people with the various weeds, presenting film strips, and using weed plots in demonstrating effective kill chemicals. W. A. Holt was the first to use the plot method starting in 1930, giving material upon which to base the program.

Many chemicals are used in the control program, among these are sodium chlorate which is the most effective. In larger areas cultivation is one of the most effective methods but this must be consistent. A heavy stand of alfalfa will act as a check on the various weeds but will not kill them out. The alfalfa method will hold the weeds in check for a period of three years at least, if the stand is thick.

Jenkins cautioned against spreading weeds in farm operations by running farm equipment over areas not infested by weeds after it has been used in infested areas. The specific weed area may be fenced to permit treatment and concentration.

Dairying Methods.

Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, gave a talk on dairying, stating that the herd improvement records showed a decrease of 39 percent in production during September, over the August report. This decrease can be overcome he believes by dairymen tackling the feeding problems. Each cow should be fed according to production, giving the better cows grain, increasing the ration until they have reached capacity production, and then hold it there. Feeds manufactured at the Farm Bureau Cooperative are better mixed and of a fine quality than home mixed grain, he believes.

On a ten cow basis the following schedule of grain feeding is recommended by the dairy department of O.S.C.:

Roughage fed to cows may be regulated by feeding one and one-half pounds of hay to the number of pounds of live weight.

A test is being run this winter on whether it is better for the cows to freshen in the fall or spring. In the fall the cow is fed grain which keeps her production up and in the spring she has the new pasture. Comparisons will be made taking in consideration the higher cost of butterfat in the winter.

The breeding problem is another angle from which this problem of overcoming lowered production may be tackled. Oregon State college bulletins show that the larger the dairy herd the less the sire cost per cow. Mr. Pierson suggested that five farmers might pool their funds and maintain one good sire to service their herds, cutting down the cost and at the same time maintain a high standard herd.

A bulletin on sire cost per cow issued by the state college gives sire cost per cow for less than ten, eight farmers pooled, \$4.52; between ten and 19 cows, 26 farmers, \$2.98; between 20 and 29 farmers, 23 farmers, \$2.56; between 30 and 39 cows, 16 farmers, \$1.91; 40 cows and over, 16 farmers, \$1.32.

Mr. Pierson highly recommended the idea of farmers pooling their funds to purchase a good sire.

Program Added.

A reading was given by Mrs. P. A. Power, an instrumental number on the violin by Lauretta Mulkins, accompanied by Mrs. C. J. Casper, and a solo by Mrs. C. J. Casper. Refreshments were served following the close of the program.