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COLLECTIVE FARM EFFORT FAVORED

A.F.B.F. UNIT FORMED HERE

The Umatilla Project Farm Bureau which has operated in Hermiston as a community service organization for the past 20 years, last Friday night voted to function as a unit or farm bureau center to the American Farm Bureau Federation. A capacity house heard speakers from the western division, state and county organizations.

A. E. Bensel served as chairman of the meeting in the capacity of vice president of the organization.

Berkely Davis, president of the county AFBF, stated that the farmer's problem went farther than his own doorstep, because of the need of a market for his commodities. He commented upon the cooperative organizations in Hermiston, believing that no other such completely organized community could be found in the Pacific northwest.

Collective effort on the part of farm organizations last year made possible the securing of one of the largest appropriations for the promotion of the farm program, known in the history of agriculture, Mr. Davis stated. The farmer needs to affiliate himself with organizations directed by leaders who know his problems first hand, whom he selects himself, he said.

Ralph E. Reynolds, field secretary for the state AFBF, told of the national convention and the spirit and interest shown there by farmers in other sections of the United States in what Oregon farmers were doing in an organized way to meet their marketing needs. Thirty-nine states in the union and eleven counties in Oregon are now affiliated with the AFBF, and it is the aim of the organization to build a large enough membership to properly represent the farm industry in the state.

Mr. Reynolds stated that membership is based upon the farm famfarm families not affiliated with any farm organization.

R. D. Flaherty, field representative for the AFBF in the eleven western states, opened his remarks by commending the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau organization on its 20 years of rendering a real service to the community. He commented upon the other cooperative organizations, calling attention to the fact that the cold storage locker rate here was just half that of a plant he recently visited in Illinois. The low rate here is made possible because of economical operation.

Mr. Flaherty believes that agriculture should be looked upon as a mode of life as weli as a business, and cited the background of agriculture as it progressed lifting the farm population from the peasant class to a place in the United States where the standard of living is the highest in the world. After reaching that standard it is necessary for the farmer himself to fight to uphold it.

Because of the system of one crop farming in the western states, he said, the AFBF has established a commodity department approach to the various problems as a short cut to the solution. The AFBF has a department in poultry, dairying, farm crops and all other divisions in farming, headed by men who keep in touch with the county and local heads of the same departments and in that way work out the individual problems confronting the farmer on production and marketing.

Mr. Flaherty summed up the pro gram of the AFBF in four broad objectives: First, Raise the standards of education and public recognition of agriculture to a position comparable with the professions; Second, Place the purchasing power of agricultural products on a parity with the products the farmer buys; Third, Establish and maintain an American standard of living for the American farm home; Fourth, Stabilize the farm investment. This, he believed, is a planned program resulting in security and stability of the American farm home.

All organizations need have a definite policy, believes R. B. Taylor, vice president of the county AFBF. It must also have strength in members and support in order to put across a constructive legislative program for the benefit of the farmer. The turkey grower, poultryman, dairyman, wheat farmer and any other form of agriculture which is successfully organized, is able to control markets and bring the best returns to the producer, Mr. Tay lor said.

Comments upon the possible affiliation of the local group with the AFBF were made by H. J. Ott, president of the local group, Hawley Bean, J. C. Hoskins, F. W. Lenz, and others.

Several members of the local organization are already affiliated with the AFBF and memberships are paid by the organization for the executive board. The new affiliation of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau with the AFBF does not change the policy or organization but brings the commodity department and legislative strength of the national organization to aid and assist in solving problems of the local group.

REA EXTENSIONS ARE ASKED

Pole setting was commenced on the new rural power line Monday morning and several miles have been placed north and west of Hermiston. Crews are at work digging holes and setting poles, and other crews will follow with the wiring and other equipment of the line. The survey of the lines has been completed in all districts.

During the past week a report of the requirements of service to possible users not included in the original plans, has been made and the board of directors are preparing to make application for additional funds. Four extensions have been located. One is on the Brownell project east of Umatilla. Another is from the Fred Andrews ranch on the Umatilla Meadows south and east of Echo. A third is from the Otis McCarty place on Butter Creek to Pine City, and the fourth is from the Attebury corner on Butter Creek westward into the Westland district. In addition are several shorter stub lines from the present main lines to serve users in all parts of the system who could not be reached under the previous allotment of funds. All these proposed additions will require around 25 miles of main lines, for the construction of which the board of directors will make every effort to secure the necessary allotment from the REA.

With the advancement of the construction of the lines and the assurances that electricity will be available at a reasonable rate, which was fixed by the board at one dollar minimum, the demand for juice has reached the almost maximum point. With but one or two exceptions, the farmers along the lines have signed membership applications, and with proposed additions, 600 users will be served. Any farmer who has not made application, should do so at once at the association office in the reclamation building.

G. V. Robinson, of the office of Barr and Cunningham, contracting engineers of the system, attended a meeting of the board of directors Wednesday afternoon, at which the progress of the work was reviewed and plans for the extensions and further developments along the lines were presented for his inspection.

James Howell, chief of one of the staking crews, has been employed as inspector of construction. Newport, Kern & Kibbe have offices in the brick building on the west side of the creamery in Hermiston, where additional men are employed as needed.

STANFIELD GRANGE WILL BE HOST

The Stanfield Grange will act as host to members of various other granges, who are invited to attend an open meeting on Tuesday, January 25, at the grange hall in Stanfield. An opportunity will be given all granges in the west end of Umatilla county to express their views on the agricultural outlook program pointing toward the general conference to be held in Pendleton, February 23. Mrs. J. M. Richards, who is chairman of the farm home committee, states that Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, will be present to give a resume on the various phases of the program and tell of the work done thus far by the various departments.

HOME EXTENSION COOKING UNIT

The Home Extension Unit will hold its final cooking demonstration meeting Tuesday, January 25, at the Legion hall, with Miss Frances Clinton, county home demonstration agent, demonstrating simple refreshments. The meeting will open at 10:00 A. M. and the ladies are asked to wear either a house dress or an over apron. A lunch will be served at noon.

All housewives and interested parties are especially invited to be present at this meeting.

HENDERSON NAMED IN COLLEGE BOOK

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Jan. 19—Bob Henderson of Hermiston, senior in agriculture at OSC, was one of the outstanding seniors recently selected to be featured in the forthcoming edition of the American College Yearbook. Henderson is student body president.

Irene Etter of Pilot Rock, president of the Associated Women students at O.S.S., was also chosen as one of the outstanding students.

Pictures and biographies of these outstanding students will appear in the next edition of the yearbook which includes write-ups of outstanding seniors from every leading American college and university. Scholarship, personality, activities and service were the qualifications upon which the selections were based.

Kingsleys Sell Residence.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Kingsley closed a deal this week for the sale of their residence on the west side of town, to Vane Boynton, who will take possession after the first of February. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley plan to move to Portland to make their home after spending a month vacationing in California. Mr. Kingsley is a retired merchant having pioneered in business in Hermiston in the early days.

BULLDOGS WIN ONE, LOSE ONE

The Bulldogs took the third rap of the season Tuesday night when the bouncing Pendleton Buckaroos outpointed them 30 to 23 on the juuior high gym floor in Pendleton. The Bucks avenged an earlier defeat by the visitors.

Three and a half minutes of play were ticked off the timekeeper's clock in the first quarter before either side scored. McKee, flashy Buck forward, then monopolized the scoring by tossing in two field goals and two free throws for six of Pendleton's points. Hermiston managed to garner four markers in the first period.

The third quarter was noticeable for the long passes by Hermiston and the well-balanced play for the Bucks. Pendleton's 30 points were divided between six men, whereas more than half of the Bulldog's score was tossed in by Keller, consistent playing forward.

Hermiston was held scoreless in the third quarted, while the Bucks ran up nine points.

Hermiston Downs Bees.

The Bulldogs downed the Wa-Hi B squad 23 to 18 in a preliminary game to the Bremerton-Wa-Hi tussle last Saturday night at Walla Walla.

The Hermiston club displayed a ability to connect with shots kept them from pushing the score higher.

TOWN TEAM PLAYS IONE HERE FRIDAY

The Hermiston Athletic club basketball team will meet the Ione town team in a game here Friday, January 21, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school gym. The game is predicted to be hot since Ione has won the majority of games played this year. The Hermiston team is composed of local boys.

Young Harris Enlists.

Major H. D. Bagnall, the Army Recruiting Officer, 323 New Post Office Building, Portland, announced today the enlistment of Robert Jackson Harris of Hermiston in the United States Army. Young Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harris of Hermiston, was given the oath of enlistment at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, where he was immediately assigned to the 7th Infantry for duty.

Taken Up Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up and have kept for about seven days at my place in Hermiston, the following described animal:

Part Jersey and Guernsey cow, about 5 years old; said animal will be sold, unless redeemed, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the 12th day of February, 1938, at the above described ranch at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Dated at Hermiston on this 20th day of January, 1938.

Signed Alton Kingsbury.

BIRTHDAY BALL SATURDAY JAN. 29

The American Legion Auxiliary, Hermiston Unit, will sponsor the President's Birthday Ball Saturday, January 29, as part of its community service work. Proceeds taken in at the dance will be used to promote research work on infantile paralysis being conducted in a national campaign against the dread disease.

The dance is a community project and the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Wm. Logan, asks the support of the various organizations and individuals in the community. Admission will be 60 cents for men and 15 cents for all ladies. Committee members are Mrs. Logan, Mrs. R. H. Piersol, Mrs. Mabel Walker, Mrs. C. J. Jackson and Mrs. W. L. Hamm.

The dance will be held in the Community park hall and music will be furnished by Carson's orchestra.

ST. ANTHONY'S GRADUATION EVENT

Two of the three nurses to be graduated from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Thursday night, are from Umatilla. They are Ruth Thompson and Beth Cooney, and Pearl Haven. Thirteen student nurses will receive their caps, indicating end of four months probation period and entrance into regular nursing work.

The three to be graduated have completed three years of training. Miss Thompson will be unable to attend, it is said, because of illness.

This is the mid-term graduation, with the other exercises held in the fall. Girls who are completing their probation training are LaVerne Gianelli, Mary Doherty, Sarah Workman, Hazel Allen, Mary Feltcher, Betty McKenzie (Umatilla), Frances Schwindt, Lenore Jones, Madeline McDonald, Mary McGonigle, Alice Emerson, Patricia Richards (Stanfield), and Katrine Porter.

Land Transaction Made.

The Ralph Stanfield place on Butter Creek which has been operated by New Madden for a number of years, was sold this week to George Wallace of Portland. Ralph Saylor will operate the 440-acre ranch in addition to the Hiestand Moore ranch which he is now operating. The land lies west of his present property and at least 300 acres is under cultivation.

Radio Louie New Quarters.

Radio Louie (White) moved this week to the house east of Walker's Service Station and has had the garage remodeled into a work shop. Radio Louie does general repair work and now has quite a modern shop. He moved his family from the Elliott house where they have resided for several years. Mr. White is Western Union operator at Umatilla.

Gregory Wrecks Car.

Jess Gregory of Union, Ore., wrecked his '29 Chevrolet coupe late Wednesday night when it skidded on wet pavement at the Maxwell ditch bridge east of town. The car was badly damaged but Gregory was not injured.

CANNERY EXCEEDS LAUNDRY INCOME

The annual meeting of the Hermiston Cooperative Laundry & Cannery held Friday brought out a report that receipts of the cannery exceeded those of the laundry. The yearly report was given by the directors and manager. The two businesses are housed in the same building and directed by one board and supervised by O. L. Barlow as manager.

Income from cannery operations amounted to $3695.61. Receipts from the laundry were $2312.95. Total income of business from all sources, $6129.52. Expense of operation in both departments during the past year, $5989.49, or a net gain for the year of $140.03. Of this expense $355.57 was for additional plumbing and two new machines. The net worth of the entire business is shown to be $3374.78.

The building housing the co-op was purchased several years ago and five vacant lots adjoining the plant were purchased during the past year.

A comparison of canning for 1936 and 1937 showed a decrease of 6396 cans processed the last season. In 1936, 68,490 cans were processed; in 1937, 62,094. The slight decrease was brought about due to the asparagus growers receiving fine returns by shipping during the past season. They offered little stock for the canners. Beans showed a decrease in nearly 4500 cans due to a shortage and high price. This product, together with tomatoes and asparagus,, are products most largely canned. Fruits showed an increase of 2167 cans.

Mrs. Miles Barager was chosen chairman of the board, at the election of officers, succeeding Mrs. J. H. Reid, who announced her intention of retiring. Mrs. H. M. Sommerer was re-elected secretary as was also Mrs. A. E. Marble for the office of director. Other board members holding over are Mrs. W. A. Mikesell, Mrs. A. W. Turnblad and Mrs. A. E. Bensel.

WALTER WHEELER CONNELL.

Walter Wheeler Connell, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Connell of Irrigon, passed away Thursday, January 13, at 7:00 P. M. at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, following an illness of three weeks from typhoid fever. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 15, at 2:00 P. M. from the Presbyterian church in Irrigon, with interment in the Irrigon cemetery. Connell attended grade school at Meacham and had been assisting his father with the farm work at their home near Irrigon. He is survived by his parents, and five brothers, Franklin, Earl, Marvel, Norman and Mit.

New High School Students.

June Mathews entered the Union high school since the new year from Commerce high school in Portland, as a sophomore. Other students are Philip Simms, sophomore from North Bend high school, who is making his home at the Joe Dyer residence, and Wayne Lindner, junior who has been out of school for more than a year, but will complete his work in the next year and a half.

Parent Education Meeting.

The Parent Education group will meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 in the high school building to discuss problems confronting parents. Mrs. C. M. Jackson and Mrs. O. L. Barlow will act as leaders. Unless greater interest is manifest through attendance the meetings will be discontinued, the committee stated.

BURGHARDT-HARRIS

Leah Harris, high school senior, and Galen Burghardt of Pierce, Idaho, were married Saturday, January 15, at Pasco, Wn. Mrs. Burghhardt is a daughter of Guy Harris and will leave soon for Idaho to make her home.

Mrs. Russell Hill.

Mrs. Russell Hill, former resident of Hermiston, and member of the local Townsend club, passed away January 1st, at her home in Klamath Falls, Oregon. She is survived by a daughter and son, and her husband, Russell Hill, who is a nephew of Mrs. Victoria Churchman of Hermiston.

MILLARD-TURNER

Bessie Lou Turner and Theron I. Millard were married January 5, at Walla Walla, Wn. Mr. Millard is a nephew of Mrs. Victoria Churchman and has been assisting her on the farm west of town for the past several months. The couple made a trip to Sandpoint, Idaho, and Spokane, Wn., where they visited Mrs. Millard's sisters. They will make their home on the Hannan place in northeast Columbia district, which they purchased recently.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness shown toward us during the illness and death of our son and brother. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. W. B. CONNELL AND FAMILY. (Irrigon)

Stanfield-Echo Home Ec Unit.

The Stanfield-Echo Home Ec unit will hold a meeting in the Presbyterian church parlors at Stanfield, Friday, January 28, at 1:30 P. M. Miss Frances Clinton, county home demonstration agent, will discuss dainty party refreshments with the group. Election of officers will be held.

TYPES OF PASTURE GRASSES RECOMMENDED IN PAMPHLET FOR IRRIGATED PROJECTS

Types of pasture grasses have been recommended for irrigated projects by H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla Field Station, and Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, in a pamphlet which will be issued in the near future to individuals and to the various farm organization heads for use of its members.

The pamphlet brings out the types of pasture to be used in this area, determined by soils and moisture conditions. On Butter Creek and Umatilla meadows all soils are likely to support mixed grass pastures where all summer water is available, due to the fact that mixed grasses have a shallow root system. Sweet clover and other leguminous pastures have a deep root system and are able to secure moisture from a deeper soil zone.

The coarser soil types constitute a larger majority of the land in this area and therefore the sweet clover seeding alone is recommended, which because of its strong growing habits, is not recommended to be seeded in a grass mixture. It grows to the detriment of the other grasses.

Mixed grasses may be seeded any time during open weather in the winter months and not later than March 1, since they start during cool weather. If moisture conditions are right grasses can also be seeded during November. Sweet clover should be seeded not later than March 1, and as early in the spring as the ground can be worked. The recommended rate listed in the pasture pamphlet is 12 pounds per acre. White sweet clover seems to offer more pasture than the yellow in this area.

The pasture pamphlet lists and recommends the following grass-clover mixture: Orchard grass, 5 pounds per acre, Smooth Brome grass, 5 pounds, Kentucky Blue grass, 2 pounds, Ladino Clover, 3 pounds, and English Rye grass, 3 pounds.

Kentucky Blue grass will tend to increase in any grass mixture, but by adding only two pounds in the original seeding it will furnish some feed early in the life of the pasture. On extremely wet soil, or on soil which is alkali, strawberry clover may be substituted for part or all of the Ladino clover to advantage.

The method of seeding and preparation of the ground follows no set rule which will apply to all conditions. Various types of soil require different types of seed preparation. It is important to prepare a firm seed bed, the pamphlet states, and the land should be leveled so that it can be irrigated economically. Seeding in grain stubble is acceptable, or on land which is liable to blow it is necessary to put on a light covering of straw or manure.

In order to secure uniform depth of seeding a grain drill with a grass seeder attachment should be used. It may be necessary to go over the ground as many times as there are different kinds of seed or grass due to the fact that most mixed grasses are not of the same weight and size and tend to flow through the drill differently. All grasses should be seeded not more than one and one-half inch deep.

In cases where a drill is not available, the grass mixture can be broad cast on a slightly roughened surface and lightly harrowed in after seeding.

Usually pastures occupy the land for a number of years so the expense of adequate preparation is justified. In general, land which has been in row crops or grain for a year or two is more easily prepared for pasture than recently plowed, run-down alfalfa or any other meadow land.

The pasture pamphlets have been prepared with a view of assisting farmers in this territory, especially those who have recently moved onto the project, in planning their farm pasture program, and meeting the soil conditions as they exist to the end that they will get the best production results from new seedings. These pamphlets will be distributed to individuals who request them and will be left at the office of the various cooperative farm organizations here for reference.

FARM ECONOMIC CONFERENCE FEB. 23

COMMITTEES MAP AG FUTURE

Groups of men and women are busy these weeks mapping Umatilla county's desirable commercial and social activities of the future. Culmination of preliminary planning meetings, now being held, will be a county-wide farm economic conference in Pendleton, February 23.

One of these preliminary meetings was held in Pendleton last Thursday at which representatives of each farm organization and each area in the county discussed the need of proper "land use" and made plans for delivering a report at the February conference. Another session was held Monday of this week at which committees reported crops best suited to lands set up as agricultural lands by the land use planning committee.

Five planning committees have been set up to study Umatilla county's desirable economic and social future. They are: Land use, crop production, livestock production, farm home and rural life, and taxation.

Local representatives from the west end of Umatilla county serving on the various committees are:

Land use—C. M. Jackson, Hermiston; W. T. Reeves, Stanfield; R. G. Saylor, Echo; Crop production—A. E. Bensel, Hermiston; Jack Rueber, Stanfield; Neil Robertson, Echo; Livestock production—John Jendrzejewski, turkeys, J. W. McMullen, poultry, C. A. Lynch, dairying, all Hermiston; Taxation—Hawley Bean, Echo; J. H. Reid, Hermiston; J. M. Richards, Stanfield; Mrs. J. M. Richards is chairman of the farm home and rural life committee.

Each of the 36 counties in Oregon, according to C. W. Smith of Corvallis, assistant state county agent leader, is holding similar conferences. When all have held sessions, their composite reports will form a picture of the best manner in which Oregon can use its many resources to bring about the most promising farm practices over a period of years.

These are the first county-wide planning conferences for Umatilla county. Formerly, Oregon did its localized planning by both districts and counties, a method begun in 1924. So practical have the conferences appeared that they have been adopted by other states of the union until now all of the United States is "planning conscious."

The land use committee considered a number of objectives at its meeting in Pendleton. Among them, how best to use Umatilla county land which should be taken from production, what effect shifting lands to pasture would have on the tax base, farm population, desirable number of families on farms, schools, roads, feed supplies, new crops and similar related subjects.

MANY ATTEND TOWNSEND MEETING

More than a capacity house enjoyed the Townsend club meeting Tuesday night held in the Union church. Glenn C. Wade, district manager for the Townsend club, of Redmond, Ore., was the main speaker, telling of the progress made in an effort to secure a constitutional amendment for the transaction tax in the Townsend plan.

Dr. J. A. Best of Pendleton, a member of the Townsend club for a number of years, was another speaker, telling of his experiences in the legislature. Barney Anderson, former president of the Pendleton Townsend club, was also present. Others present from Pendleton were Mrs. Anderson, Tom Heddel, Bill Sutherland, Mrs. Hartman Long, district secretary, and Mr. Rose.

The club members and their visitors enjoyed an oyster supper immediately following the business session.

Entertainment features were presented by Paul Moore of Athena in the form of a spiritual sceance. He gave a vocal number and he and Mrs. Moore gave a vocal duet. He is a son of C. R. Moore of Hermiston. Jimmy Goodman of the CCC camp at Stanfield gave a vocal and guitar accompaniment number which was greatly enjoyed.

C. A. Jackman, president of the club, presided at the meeting, introducing the various speakers.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
January 13	56	34
January 14	56	39
January 15	56	45
January 16	47	29
January 17	40	34
January 18	42	26
January 19	40	25

Precipitation was .24.

Townsend Auxiliary.

The ladies of the Townsend club auxiliary met Friday, January 14, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Epperson with 27 present to assist in quilting and cutting quilt blocks. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Lenz, Friday, January 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m.