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**CO-OP. BUILDING,
PLANT ADEQUATE**

**BUSINESS VOLUME
SHOWS INCREASE**

H. M. Sommerer, manager of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston, believes that the building which now houses the plant is capable of caring for the present needs, and future demands of its patrons in the lines of feeds. He brought this out while giving his report at the annual meeting held Friday, February 11, in the Union church, to which a large membership representation was present.

Mr. Sommerer's report showed that the plant had turned out 3,126,573 lbs. in stock mixes, 748,274 lbs. in custom mixing, and a total in grinding, cracking and cleaning of 5,485,123 lbs. during 1937, making a grand total of 9,359,970 lbs. put through the mill during the past year.

This tonnage has been put through the mill for members who come to Hermiston from within a radius of 50 miles. However, this does not include other stock handled such as flour, salt, seeds, mill feed, molasses and other miscellaneous items. Total sales for 1937 amounted to \$185,988.90.

Sold from Box Car.

The first sales made by the Farm Bureau Co-operative were made from a box car which stood on the track and was delivered to members direct from the car. The membership has grown until now the plant serves some 700 members.

In the spring of 1937 the board of directors opened a \$10,600 building program which added a large storage space and made the building adequate for any expansion which might be necessary in the future to take care of increased volume in production. The plant now offers the service of a barley roll installed at the time of expansion.

Eight people are now employed at the plant and in the office to care for the increased business. H. M. Sommerer is manager, David Mittlemeier, Fred Reeves, M. J. Taylor, Wolf Mead, O. C. Pierce, plant foreman, and Mrs. Georgia Henderson as bookkeeper assisted by Miss Eva Wilcox.

Directors Elected.

Three directors were re-elected at the meeting Friday. H. J. Bean from the Echo district, R. G. Saylor, Butter Creek and Minnehaha, and J. H. Reid, South Columbia. Other members of the board are P. J. Quinn, Stanfield, H. J. Ott, North Columbia, S. J. Devine, Morrow county, and R. V. Jones, Umatilla and Irrigon. Each director serves for a term of two years.

By-Laws Revised.

The board of directors have been working on revision of the by-laws of the organization for two years and with the assistance of extension service men from Oregon State college they were brought up to date to comply with the laws governing cooperative organizations in Oregon. These changes were read at the meeting and the by-laws adopted.

Service Station Report.

V. R. Wilkes, manager of the Co-operative Service Station, organized four years ago, gave a report showing a gross volume of business amounting to \$31,042.50 for 1937. Patronage dividends paid to members amounting to \$2,741.65 for the year. Jack Dawson is assistant at the service station and Miss Marian Casady is bookkeeper.

H. J. Bean acted as chairman of the meeting and R. G. Saylor as secretary.

**TOWNSEND PARTY
MOVE APPROVED**

Gordon Ware, national representative in Oregon for the Townsend movement, was the guest speaker at the Hermiston Townsend club meeting Tuesday night in the Union church. He told of the move by Dr. Townsend to form a third political party. The local club voted against the following resolution: Resolved: That the Hermiston Townsend club refuse to aid and assist in any manner whatsoever the formation of a Townsend political party.

C. R. Moore, vice president of the club, acted as chairman of the meeting in the absence of C. A. Jackson, president. The regular business was conducted and the following visitors from Pendleton introduced. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Anderson and Mrs. Wm. Earley, secretary of the Pendleton club. Mr. Anderson has been active in the club work since its organization in this county.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
February 10	40	39
February 11	43	31
February 12	52	31
February 13	53	31
February 14	49	31
February 15	49	26
February 16	45	30

**GRANGE ELECTS
BOARD MEMBERS**

The Grange Cooperative was represented by a fair membership at the annual meeting last Friday night in the Union church at which R. G. Penney acted as secretary and J. M. Richards as chairman. Gaylord Madison and A. E. McFarland were chosen as new directors. The board will now consist of R. G. Penney, secretary and manager, F. B. Stuart, Stanfield, G. J. Casper, Hermiston, A. E. McFarland, Umatilla, and Gaylord Madison, Echo.

R. G. Penney has been manager of the business since its organization when it was started with a small stock, and the business has grown until now it occupies a large warehouse and store room. The organization deals in hardware, machinery, lumber and fuel and did a gross business of \$61,262.23, which is a ten percent increase over the year previous.

The personnel of the Grange Co-operative consists of Mr. Penney, S. L. Chapin, Guy Shaw, George Harris, and Miss Eleanor Dawson, bookkeeper.

Refreshments were served to the more than 60 attending the meeting.

**ILLUSTRATES HOUSE
WIRING, LIGHTING**

According to announced schedule, meetings were held this week to illustrate and discuss the methods of wiring houses, farm premises, and the uses of electric appliances. The first meeting was held at Boardman Wednesday afternoon, the second at Irrigon Wednesday evening. At each of these meetings over 100 farmers were in attendance.

The third meeting was at Stanfield, Thursday afternoon, attended by 75 farmers, and the fourth at the Union high school in Hermiston, Thursday evening, about the hour of going to press. A large attendance was expected here. Interest in all the meetings was keen and many questions were asked, resulting in valuable information being given.

J. T. Pierson, assistant county agent, opened the meetings and described the interest the extension service was taking in the work of wiring the farm homes, and in proper uses of electricity for light and power.

Edgar Saylor, superintendent of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, discussed the kind of wiring that should be used and proper methods of installation. He also outlined the progress of the work on the line, stating that the system would be completed for service about April 1st. The most important part now is for the farmer to have his house wired, he said, and that the acquisition of appliances could follow.

E. H. Davis, extension specialist of engineering from Oregon State college, illustrated the use of modern lighting and modern home appliances with slides showing how the newer methods of lighting excelled the old by giving more efficient light at the same cost as inadequate light from antiquated fixtures.

**VEGETABLE CROPS
ADAPTABLE HERE**

Joe W. Jarvis, agricultural agent for the Union Pacific, told members of the Westland and Columbia Granges at a joint meeting Tuesday night in Columbia school house, that there were possibilities for commercial vegetable growing in this section of certain products adapted to this climate and soil.

Jarvis explained what is required to produce these various crops. Peas should be planted early since they develop large pods under cool and damp conditions. Harvest operation must be fast and the peas must reach their market the same day they are harvested, whether it be the commercial canner or the fresh market. Early potatoes should be planted in the spring in order to reach the market not later than July. Sweet corn, asparagus, and spinach were other vegetable crops mentioned as adaptable to this locality. The use of high germination seed and cultivation are among the essentials for good production, Jarvis said.

Jarvis explained the three types of transportation as by boat, train and truck, pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of each in reaching the markets. He explained that the method of packing and attractive display of the products were important factors in disposing of produce on the market.

The Union Pacific offers a service to dairymen in the form of locating high producing dairy cows without cost other than that paid for the animal and for transportation, Jarvis said.

Emil Zivney of the U. S. Field Station, acting as chairman and turned the meeting over to Don Sherwood, master of Westland Grange, after introducing the main speaker of the evening.

Sherwood introduced Richard Wightman and E. Sullivan, Smith-Hughes instructors in the schools at Arlington and Boardman, respectively, who explained the purpose and set-up of the work in the schools.

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FIGHTING BULLDOGS



The Hermiston Bulldog quintet which has lost but five of the 21 games this season. Coach Frank O'Neil's Bulldogs will enter into a sub-district play-off with Pendleton and Mac-Hi teams next week. The first game will be with Mac-Hi February 22. The boys appear from left to right: Bill Corpe, Marvin Rankin, Stuart Rankin, Raymond Knapp, Gerald Keller, Ralph Marble, Asa Shaw and Coach O'Neil.

**BULLDOGS LOSE
FIVE OF 21 GAMES**

**FINAL SEASON GAME
LOST TO BAKER**

The Hermiston Bulldog basketball team successfully wound up its scheduled games Saturday night by losing only five out of 21 games played this season.

Friday night, Coach O'Neil's boys gave Heppner its second trimming of the year, 44 to 23. The game was never in doubt from the opening whistle. The quarter ended 12 to 3 for the locals, who increased this to 26 to 9 at half time. Keller sank the ball for 22 points.

The Bulldogs closed the season Saturday night by again meeting the Baker Bulldogs, one of the strongest teams in eastern Oregon. It was a regular bulldog scrap, but Baker's height proved too much for the locals. The Hermiston quintet consistently lost the ball under the backboard and at the tip-off, but in spite of this disadvantage, they scored 29 points to Baker's 41. The two Bulldog teams played on even terms in the first quarter, and only a Baker basket as the whistle blew gave the Baker boys the lead 7 to 9. They increased this 12 to 21 at half time. A Hermiston rally in the third, brought the score within six points of the Baker score only to be outscored again in the closing minutes.

Average Scoring.

A grand total of 747 points were rolled up by the local squad during the season, with 520 points by their opponents. Gerald Keller, one of the best basketball players ever developed by Hermiston high, made 330 of the total 747 points, giving him a game average of 15.7 points for the season. He played in every game and seldom was substituted. Stuart Rankin was next high with 167 points for the season, or a game average of 8.3 points for 20 games, being out of the Kenewick game with an injured eye. Asa Shaw, diminutive guard, scored a few points in every game but one, for a total of 75 points. He was followed closely by Raymond Knapp at center for 70 points. Ralph Marble and Marvin Rankin scored 22 and 33 points respectively. Corpe, Gettman and Crampton made up the remainder of the points.

The five games lost this season included two each to Athena and Baker, and one to Pendleton.

Games and Scores.

Games played this season and the scores are as follows:

Irrigon 23	Hermiston 41
Umatilla 12	Hermiston 18
Helix 17	Hermiston 46
Pendleton 22	Hermiston 26
Echo 24	Hermiston 39
Athena 38	Hermiston 30
Grant Union 12	Hermiston 13
Baker 49	Hermiston 27
Union 27	Hermiston 48
Walla Walla B 20	Hermiston 29
Walla Walla B 18	Hermiston 23
Helix 27	Hermiston 45
Irrigon 18	Hermiston 43
Heppner 18	Hermiston 71
Athena 52	Hermiston 42
Pendleton 30	Hermiston 23
Echo 12	Hermiston 55
Kenewick 21	Hermiston 31
Umatilla 16	Hermiston 24
Heppner 23	Hermiston 44
Baker 41	Hermiston 29

Sub-District Schedule.

Pendleton	There	February 21
Mac-Hi	Here	February 22
Pendleton	Here	February 24
Mac-Hi	There	February 25

**LEGION AUXILIARY
NEWS**

Through the months of February and March, all of our meetings will be in the afternoon. The meetings are for the members and we are looking for a better attendance. They are interesting and instructive and you are missing something each time you are absent.

At a former meeting A. E. Bonsel gave an interesting discourse on the history of the constitution. We now have books entitled "Story of the Constitution," which we will begin to study at our next meeting.

Dr. F. B. Belt, city health officer, asked the unit to assist in securing samples of well water to be tested for typhoid. Two teams were appointed and each will be in the field for two days.

We have our order in for poppies. Mrs. Ila Ripley as chairman, will again have charge of poppy sales.

The Naval Plate has arrived and is a beauty. It will be raffled off later as is the custom.

An interesting Lincoln Day program was presented by Mrs. Walter Hamm at the meeting last Thursday. "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" by Mary Helene Piersol; "How Lincoln Got His First Book" by Molly Anne Ripley; "How Lincoln Studied," by Ann Piersol; Lincoln's favorite poem, "The Perfect Tribute," by Mrs. Walter Hamm, and everyone singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," were on the program.

Next meeting will be February 24. Be there, members!

**STORK BRINGS
FOUR BABY GIRLS**

Four baby girls were left by the stork at the Hermiston General hospital during the past two weeks. Janice Fay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Landley of Irrigon, arrived February 10, and went home with her mother Monday. Mrs. Ernest Walchli of Hermiston presented a daughter named Evelyn Margaret on February 12. An unusual feature in the birth of the other two baby girls is that one was born to Mrs. O. Wells on February 12 and one to her daughter, Mrs. Lawson Flora, on February 13. Both are now in the hospital. The Wells baby has been named Naomi E. Wells and the Flora baby Eldene Loraine. A son was born February 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Bartley of Stanfield. He has been named Robert Larry.

John Thom, who has been in the hospital for some time, was able to have dinner Sunday at the Joe Reeves home and is improving daily.

**MANUAL TRAINING
WORK DISPLAYED**

Pieces of furniture made by first year members of the class in manual training at the Hermiston Union high school are displayed in the window at the Oregon Hardware & Implement company. The class is under the instruction of Frank O'Neil and has turned out some excellent handiwork from wood in an unusually large variety of styles and types.

Manual training classes were made possible this year by the installation of the new high school plant. Enrollment this year included 24 students. The display will remain in the window over the week end to allow more people to see the work.

**GEORGE R. LEWIS
FILES FOR SENATOR**

George R. Lewis, former mayor of Pendleton and well known attorney, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for joint senator from Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties. He made his announcement Saturday morning and his filing constitutes the first action taken by any legislative candidate in the county or district. Rex Ellis, republican, is the incumbent.

Mr. Lewis is a native of Alabama and is a graduate of the University of Alabama where he received his law degree. He served for 14 months in France with the American army and was a sergeant in the Eleventh Evacuation hospital. He came to Pendleton in 1926 from Portland and began the practice of law as a member of the firm of Peterson & Lewis.

On January 1, 1933, Mr. Lewis became associated with the late Judge Lowell and after the death of Judge Lowell purchased the office and law business. In 1930 Mr. Lewis was elected as mayor of Pendleton and served in that capacity during 1931 and 1932. He is now serving as city attorney and has held that position for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis reside at 402 Thompson street, Pendleton, Oregon. They have five children.

Appropriate Dress Topic.

The Home Extension Unit will meet Tuesday, February 22, at 1:30 in the Legion hall. This is the first meeting of a series on appropriate dress. The topic will be "Line and Design," with Mrs. Paul VanPatten and Mrs. C. J. Jackson, project leaders, in charge. Hostesses will be Miss Lois Hutchison and Mrs. J. H. Reid.

**TEAMS TIE UPPER
COLUMBIA LEAGUE**

Two members of the Upper Columbia Basketball League will be tied for first place if Umatilla wins the game scheduled with Echo Friday, giving Boardman and Umatilla an equal percentage of wins for the season.

Dopsters have it that Umatilla will win Friday and then the play-off will be staged at Hermiston, Saturday, February 26, in the high school gym.

League standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Umatilla	11	1	91.5
Boardman	10	1	90.9
Irrigon	8	4	66.6
Echo	6	5	54.5
Stanfield	3	8	30.0
Ione	2	9	20.0
Lexington	0	12	0.0

**SPECIAL SCHOOL
ELECTION CALLED**

The school board of the Stanfield high school has called a special election for Saturday, February 26, at 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of voting on the question of discontinuing the high school and becoming a part of the non-high school district of the county. Fifty persons signed the petition requesting the school board to call the special election. Much interest is being shown in the district and a large vote is expected.

The matter of discontinuing the high school at Stanfield would not necessarily be made permanent by a vote to discontinue it now. It was stated by a member of the school board, since it could be voted back later in the same manner if the change should not prove satisfactory. Other business at the meeting will be the election of one director to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Roy Penney.

Donagh for Senator.

Endorsement of Carl C. Donagh's candidacy for the U. S. senate is voiced by Representative Walter Pierce, Oregon congressman, in a recent statement. "Donagh is a gentleman of very high standing," Pierce said, in commenting on Donagh's declaration of candidacy. "I have known him intimately for 14 years and he has filled every trust with fidelity and impartiality." Donagh seeks the senate seat which Frederick Steiwer has vacated. He has served for several years as federal district attorney for Oregon, establishing an enviable record.

Townsend Auxiliary.

The ladies of the Townsend Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. O. H. Buell last Friday, February 11, when 24 were present. Club members voted to send money to Dr. Townsend on February 22, to promote his educational program. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. R. Moore, Friday, February 25. Ladies are asked to come early to spend the afternoon quilting.

Grand Matron Coming.

Mrs. Helen M. Priday, Grand Associate Matron of Eastern Star, will make her official visit to the local lodge Tuesday, February 22, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. This announcement was made by order of the Worthy Matron.

Daisies Bloom.

The first daisies to bloom on the hills in this section of the county were brought in Tuesday by D. D. Pollett who states that certain sections are yellow with the blooms. There are many of them on an island in the Columbia north of Hermiston. These yellow daisies are the first wild flowers to bloom and make the hills yellow with color during the early spring.

SUB-DISTRICT PLAY-OFF HERE... Mac-Hi, Tues.; Pendleton, Thursday