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## HOUSE WIRING LOAN FUND AVAILABLE

### APPLICATION MADE LOCAL REA OFFICE

Funds for wiring houses and also for installing plumbing for water systems are now available through the board of directors for the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association under the REA. Applications for such loans will now be received by the association at their offices in the reclamation building in Hermiston.

The minimum amount loaned will be for a bill of \$62.50, of which the borrower must pay 20 percent in cash, or \$12.50, to secure the remaining \$50 as a loan. The loans may exceed this amount on the same basis, and may be made over a period of five years, payable in monthly installments, and bearing 6 percent interest.

All loans must be approved by the department of REA at Washington, D. C., before they can be issued by the local board. The credit rating of applicants must be secured and security offered appraised.

The board of directors have been working out the matter of loans for several weeks and have now secured the national REA approval for the individual loan system, throwing out the former proposed group system. In this way each user may secure the benefits through his own credit rating and security. The loans apply only to wiring of premises and for installing pumping and plumbing systems.

Any person wishing a grant of the loan may make arrangements and then have the work done, and upon completion the statement will be approved and forwarded to Washington for payment within two weeks. By securing the loan system the board believes wiring of houses will proceed rapidly, having all wiring completed by the time the lines are strung late in April.

Poles have been set over the entire system and all wire will be strung within the next two weeks. Two crews of men are now hanging transformers. Meter bases are available to all wiring contractors it has been announced.

The board believes that with the new loan system there should be no delay in the completion of the entire system and the energizing of the lines at an early date.

### Eleanor G. Walton.

Eleanor G. Walton of Irrigon, passed away Tuesday, March 15, at the age of 60, following an illness of several months duration. She was born in Texas. Funeral services were held in Touchet, Wn., Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock under the direction of Prann's Funeral Service of Hermiston, and interment was there. S. B. Walton and Mrs. Lillie Baker, a sister, of Irrigon, survive.

## TOWNSEND CLUB ENJOYS PROGRAM

The Hermiston Townsend club met in regular session and enjoyed an Irish stew Tuesday night, which was followed by a program. Visitors were present at the meeting from Pendleton, Athena, Weston and Boardman.

C. R. Moore gave a reading, "A Toast to St. Patrick" followed by an Irish song by Mrs. W. T. Knapp; the Dyer girls pleased with a duet number "Where the River Shannon Flows"; Paul Moore of Athena favored with two beautiful Irish favorites; "The Irish Washer-Woman" was played on the harmonica by C. R. Moore, accompanied by A. L. Carter; an Irish skit was given by Mrs. C. R. Moore, Mrs. W. G. Dyer and Mrs. Perry Arthur, entitled "Why Mrs. McGinn's Washing Was Not Out."

## INTRODUCING KARAKUL SHEEP

J. R. Howard and N. B. Willsey of La Grande were in Hermiston Wednesday in the business of introducing Karakul sheep. They have these animals on exhibition at the Wayne Coe ranch at Stanfield. Karakul sheep are the oldest breed on record. They belong to the Babylonian days when their fur was used for garments for Oriental royalty. The finest of the fur is taken when the lamb is only one day old.

The first Karakul sheep were imported into this country from Bokhara under the influence of Theodore Roosevelt. William Jennings Bryan and Frank Lowden, The United States now has but 15,000, while imports in the fur runs into the millions of dollars.

The fleece is curly and black while young, but on the grown sheep is long, and resembles the Lincoln fleece, only much finer. A good lamb's skin, one to two days old with good wave curl and lustre is said to be worth from \$12 to \$35. The breed does well in this country and the industry is being developed in several parts of the United States. Anyone interested may see the sheep at the Coe ranch.

## POULTRY PROBLEMS WILL BE REVIEWED

Any person interested in the discussion of electric brooders and other chicken and poultry management problems will want to be present at the meeting Friday night, sponsored by the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau. The meeting will be held in the Union church, March 18, at 8:00 p. m.

H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla Field Station, will discuss the use of an electric brooder, which has been in operation for a number of years at the station. N. J. Vanskike, manager of the "Vigorbilt" Hatchery, will discuss the use of the electric battery. Dr. Theo. Beletski will discuss the different types of litter used by poultrymen on the project.

A questionnaire submitted by J. D. Ross, administrator of Bonneville power, to assist him in determining rates and policies on the distribution of Bonneville power, will be read and discussed at this meeting also. Mr. Ross wishes the opinions of as many people as possible, and every user of electricity should study this questionnaire, fill it out and send it in. A person familiar with the power question will discuss the problem at this meeting.

Turkey and poultry raisers will have an opportunity to discuss their experiences at this open forum meeting.

Refreshments will be served by the ladies at the close of the meeting.

## LEAGUE INSTITUTE WELL ATTENDED

The mid-winter Epworth League Institute which was held in Hermiston March 11-12, proved to be very inspirational to the young people attending. Towns sending delegates were: The Dalles, Hood River, Fossil, Dufur, Madras, Metolius, Pendleton and Echo.

The new cabinet members elected for the coming year were: Rev. Smith, Dufur, president; Helen Davis, Pendleton, first vice president; Rebecca Pierson, Hermiston, second vice president; Sophia Linman, Madras, third vice president; Myrthina Martin, Hermiston, fourth vice president; Carol Jean Tooley, The Dalles, secretary; and Wesley Durland, Hood River, treasurer.

A sunset service was held Saturday evening at the Cold Springs reservoir followed by a party at the church.

## OBSERVE NATIONAL AIR MAIL WEEK

Second Assistant Postmaster-General Harilee Branch announced today that the Post Office Department will celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of the inauguration of regular air mail service by observing the first National Air Mail Week from May 15 to May 21, 1938. Postmaster General A. Farley will be honorary national chairman of the committee which will arrange for fitting observation. Paul R. Mounts, Postmaster at Charlotte, North Carolina, will be active chairman of the campaigns.

An official cachet will be authorized at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the birthplace of aviation, to honor the Wright Brothers. Every other post office in the United States of which there are over 45,000 will be authorized to arrange for its own local cachet.

## NURSING INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Miss Ruth Squier, nursing inspector for the State of Oregon, was the guest of District No. 7 of the Oregon State Nurses' association, at a meeting at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, Thursday evening, March 10. Miss Squier presented the following registered nurses of this district after explaining what the emblem on the pin they wore stood for. Those presented were:

Mrs. Lella M. Halsten, Sister M. Ixida, Mrs. Mary York Newquist, Mrs. George Swartz, Mrs. Anna D. Skala, Mrs. Ruth Jane Smith, Sister M. Leonidis, Madeline A. Roden, Ora Runkle Spiker, Sister Mary Coronata, Marion G. Allen, Jeannine C. Monasterelli, Sister Mary Sylvia, Sister David Marie, Rose Ella Owen, Mary Jane K. McEntire, Marie L. Spell, Mrs. R. L. Kessler, Mrs. Elma Duncan Whipple, Bertha Hoelke, all of Pendleton; Miss Marjorie Bohart, Milton; Mrs. Genevieve (Vandervigt) Tachella; Mrs. A. Kingsbury, Hermiston.

## COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 6

The Umatilla County Music Festival will be held this year on May 6, and arrangements are being made by the county committee composed of Austin Landreth, Pendleton, J. Burgess, Milton, W. G. Kersbergen, Hermiston, and J. A. Yeager, Pendleton. This committee is being assisted by committees from the individual towns.

The county has been divided into three districts with Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, Cold Springs and Columbia meeting at Hermiston, and Weston and all schools north meeting at Milton. All other schools of the county will meet at Pendleton.

The festival will be held during National Music Week and the program has been arranged to include orchestra selections, rhythm band, intermediate chorus, primary chorus, upper grades, high school and combined chorus.

### Yellow Daisies Attract Tourists.

The native yellow daisy which blooms among the sagebrush on the eastern Oregon plains is attracting tourists this year. The hills are yellow with the blooms along the highway between Umatilla and Stanfield. Floyd Bilyeu, district representative of the PWA in Portland, who stopped in Hermiston Thursday, states that it is the prettiest sight he has seen at this time of the year in his travels over Oregon.

### Gordon Ware Coming.

Mrs. Joe Udey announced this week that word had been received from Dr. Townsend that Gordon Ware, state representative for the Townsend movement, will be in Hermiston Tuesday, March 22, to speak to interested Townsidents. The meeting is being called in the Union church at 8:00 o'clock and the public is invited.

### Self Service Store.

The Boynton & Kelley's grocery store will now be a self-service store following re-arrangement of counters and stock over the week end. The management announces that this does not necessarily mean that there will be no clerk service but this will be available only to those who request it. An invitation to inspect the store and its new arrangement is given to the general public.

### Plan Watermelon Acreage.

Ed Hugg of Columbia district plans to plant 15 acres to watermelons this spring. He expects to use 4000 hotcaps on about half the acreage experimenting with them for the first time. The hotcaps, while said to have some disadvantage, tend to produce an earlier stand of plants than under the regular field planting conditions, which is desirable to early melon production.

## INCREASED CAPACITY STANFIELD DITCHES ENCOURAGES NEW LAND CULTIVATION

The increased capacity of the Stanfield ditch has encouraged the bringing of a substantial acreage of new land under cultivation. The open winter has been a boon to those wishing to level land. Among newly leveled lands are included a 35-acre tract of Lloyd Russels; George Larson, 10 acres; Harry and Bill McCormick, 12 acres; Martin Lenz, 10 acres; Vic Stockard, 10 acres; and Ed Fredrickson, 10 acres. Harold Henderson and his parents, who have been operating a wheat ranch south of Echo, have moved on the Carr farm two miles from town. O. S. Gossett of Enterprise is operating the Heath farm; William Scalf of Chehalis, Wn., is a new comer and is living on the James O'Grady tract; Miss Dorothy Louthan, who bought the Willard farm last summer, has made many improvements on land and buildings, including the completion of a house which was started many years ago by the Willards; Lester Sutton has recently built an addition to his house. F. Steinke is building and making improvements on his tract, across the road from A. M. Brock.

Everett Ezell has moved his family from the Connor house to one of the Ling cottages west of the hotel. Miss Joan Leslie was at her home in La Grande over the week end.

At the commercial club meeting Thursday night W. J. Wadsworth and Fred Green of the Smith Canning Company of Pendleton addressed a group of seventy-five people. The object of their visit here was to interest farmers in growing vegetables for the cannery. They were especially impressed with the possibilities of this project for the growing of asparagus. Other vegetables solicited were tomatoes, beets, carrots and sweet potato squash.

Lena Hogut and Howard Poffenberger were married in Walla Walla Wednesday, March 9. They returned to Stanfield Sunday following a mo-

## WOMEN INSPECT LOCAL COOPS

The Ladies' Cooperative Guild of Walla Walla was well represented last Friday afternoon when more than 25 ladies were taken on a tour of local cooperative enterprises. Cooperative managers explained the principles of the business to the eager listeners who later met at the Union church for general discussion of joint problems.

Mrs. A. E. McFarland of Umatilla presided at the afternoon meeting at which cooperative medicine and other movements were discussed. Among those in the party were Miss Ada C. Baker, secretary of the Guild, Mrs. John Aden, Geo. P. Sanderson, Freewater, editor Cooperative News, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brooks, Mrs. G. E. Morris, Mrs. H. C. Burgers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price, Mrs. E. Clark Campbell, Mrs. R. E. Burrows, Mrs. Wm. Boldman, Mrs. "Happy" Sharp, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, Lonnie Hall, all of Walla Walla, and Miss Rae Russell of Pullman.

## GRASS NURSERY UNDER OBSERVATION

During 1933, Garnet D. Best, a former assistant county agent, supervised the seeding of a grass nursery, located on the Umatilla Ranch near Stanfield, when 12 grasses and legumes were seeded on this nursery.

In the last five years these grasses and legumes have been under close observation by the assistant county agent.

The purpose of this nursery is to find grasses and legumes which will step up the carrying capacity of the pastures, or at least to hold their own under grazing conditions with alkali cord grass, which has overrun approximately ten thousand acres of land in the area surrounding the nursery.

Last year the assistant county agent enlarged the nursery, taking in approximately an acre more of land adjoining the present nursery. This plot was summer fallowed and spring tooth harrow was used in bringing to the surface the alkali cord grass roots so that they were exposed to the sun and killed. This spring this nursery will be seeded to 14 different grasses and legumes. All grasses are alkali resistant. The plants will be fenced so that yields of the different grasses can be figured this year. One plot, consisting of approximately .26 of an acre, will be seeded to a mixture of grasses.

The plots as lined up by Mr. Best are as follows: Reed Canary Grass, White Sweet Clover, Yellow Sweet Clover, Alsike Clover, Orchard Grass, Red Top, Meadow Fescue, English Rye Grass, Smooth Brome Grass, Grimm Alfalfa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shafer Jr., of Siletz, Or., announce the birth of Sheryl, Charlene a daughter, on March 15 at a Toledo hospital. The little lady is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thorburn of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shafer Sr. of Siletz.

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tor trip to Idaho and eastern Oregon points. Mr. Poffenberger is B. R. clerk at the CCC camp. The young couple moved into the Florence Connor home.

Mrs. Ed Horn and children and Billy Hinkle of Pilot Rock visited at the J. B. Kasari home on the project Sunday.

Mrs. Irvin Couch, who has been a patient in the Hermiston hospital returned to her home Monday. H. R. Spiess resigned as a member of the local high school faculty and has returned to his home in Milwaukee, Ore., where he is employed. Rex Richardson is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. His mother, Mrs. U. S. Richardson, has also been ill for several days.

John O'Dell, district manager of the chain of Tum-A-Lum yards, has been in this vicinity for several days making arrangements for the handling of the newly acquired agency of General Electric equipment. Extensive improvements are being made on the local Tum-A-Lum building in order to provide proper display room for supplies. A new roof is also being added and the store will be repainted, both inside and out.

Mrs. J. F. Lane, W. G. Wallace, T. A. O'Grady, M. C. Sarager and Marie Lane were week end guests at the Charles Hoggard home near Rufus. The Hoggards were for many years residents of Stanfield and are now supervising their wheat land in Wasco county. A jolly party of high school students and other young people chartered Mr. and Mrs. Howard Poffenberger Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. F. Lane entertained the H. E. club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Grace Rogers and daughter Mildred were guests of the Harry Donn family in Wallula Sunday. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Continued on page 2)

## LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE MINE INTERESTS

Machinery for the Morris Mine started moving through Baker Friday on the way to the mine. A caterpillar, bulldozer, supply truck and small equipment for grading the road built last year went in on the first trip. Air compressors, air drills and heavier equipment will be sent in over the snow on sleds as soon as the roads are opened.

The Morris Group of Lode Mining Claims, generally known as the Morris Mine, consists of nine claims, covering 180 acres located in the Greenhorn mountains, 14 miles southwest of the town of Granite. One thousand feet of tunnels have been run exposing large ore bodies that average better than \$90 per ton. As soon as an air compressor is installed the mine will start shipping ore. Mining will be started with a crew of ten men. This will produce 30 ton of ore daily. Additional crews will be put to work as soon as housing can be arranged.

C. P. Venstrand, well known mining engineer of Portland, will be resident engineer in charge of operations. W. A. Gilliam, from whom the property was purchased, will remain with the company as consultant. The mine is owned by Stanfield, Hermiston and Heppner people, with H. E. Shesely of Hermiston acting as manager.

### P.T.A. Benefit Card Party.

A benefit card party for the Parent-Teachers' association will be given Saturday, March 26, for the ladies in the community at an afternoon affair in the high school building at 1:30 o'clock. Bridge and pin-ochle will be in play during the afternoon and anyone interested is invited to attend.

## HI SCHOOL NOTES

Bird Haneline, janitor in the grade school building, will supervise work which will come under the WPA projects being done in Hermiston. The corner lot where the school cottages were formerly located will be seeded and a row of rip-rapping placed on the slope next to the F. C. Woughter property. The street running east and west in front of the school buildings will be improved. The grade school property lawn will be lowered about three or four inches. A crew of approximately 40 men are expected to commence work Monday of next week.

Approximately 250 students and faculty members enjoyed a dance last Friday night sponsored by the Girls' League in the gym honoring all basketball players in the west end of Umatilla county. Delegations were present from Heppner, Pendleton, Irrigon, Stanfield and Echo and a number of alumni enjoyed the dance.

A delegation of 12 girls plan to attend the Torch Honor Society conference in The Dalles Saturday, March 19, Frances Dawson, president of the league, announced this week.

Miss Helen Peterson was confined to her home three days this week due to illness. Mrs. F. Ellis Moyer substituted during her illness.

Baseball practice started Monday night with the boys all outfitted in new suits and equipment which was purchased from donations made by local business firms and by the high school athletic association. Schedule has not yet been completed but letters have been received from Walla Walla, Heppner and Athena, asking for games. It is possible that ten or twelve games will be scheduled for the spring season.

Tennis courts are being used daily by students preparing for the spring meet.

The basketball boys will be entertained at dinner and a theatre party next Friday night.

The grade school basketball team went to Walla Walla Thursday of last week where they played in the district basketball tournament, being defeated by the Kennewick team 22 to 18. The boys are coached by L. W. Burrell and will be entertained at dinner Friday night of this week.

The new flag pole on the high school building supports the American flag which now waves daily from its position.

## HERMISTON TAKES TOURNAMENT PLAY

### LOCAL COURSE READY FOR GOLFERS

Hermiston's ten golfers won the first Umatilla county golf tournament played here Sunday with total points of 412½. Runners up were Pilot Rock, 409, Athena, 360, Echo, 314, and Pendleton, 304½.

The next competition will take place at Pilot Rock on March 27 with the same five 10-man teams participating.

Kopp of Pilot Rock was high point man for the tournament, and Matott of Hermiston was low medal.

The local course is now in fine shape for golf play and score cards will be available for use next week. Anyone using the course is asked to turn in scores to the tournament committee, Curtis Simons and R. A. Brownson.

Hermiston—Matott 83, Todd 87, Felthouse 90, Gurdane 100, W. Smith 95, Simons 94, Casseday 94, Bense 97, Richards 108, or a total of 952.

Pilot Rock—Stanton 84, Doan 98, D. Royer 87, Hartman 103, J. Smith 103, N. Royer 92, Green 95, Arbo-gast 94, Kopp 96, Ward 113, or a total of 956.

Athena—Harwood 96, Harris 92, O. Gerking 94, Pittman 104, Blaker 98, Michener 99, Hanlon 101, Lee 102, Beuler 103, Lockwood 100, or a total of 989.

Echo—Eesselstyn 97, Penny 103, Smith Jr. 102, Nye 98, Coleman 92, Rams Jr. 109, Middleton 103, Wigglesworth 106, Coe 102, Liesegang 104, or a total of 1016.

Pendleton—Hartman 85, Osborne Sr. 93, Zuiderduin 92, Drake 100, Osborne Jr. 105, Cole 105, Humphreys 106, Hamley 105, Bodinger 105, or a total of 896.

## SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNTS INCREASE

Social security account numbers had been issued to 312,407 Oregon workers at the end of February, Leo C. Raaberg, LaGrande manager of the social security board, announced today. The state increase in account numbers during February amounted to 2998, Mr. Raaberg said.

The national total at the end of February was 2,781,710 according to a social security board report received at the La Grande office today. "For each account number issued there is a ledger sheet set up for the purpose of recording the wages paid to each employee" Mr. Raaberg explained. "Wage records submitted by employers showing wages paid to each employee are now being posted to the individual employee's account. These wage records will be the basis upon which the employee's monthly retirement annuity at age 65 will be computed.

### Parent Study Club.

The Parent Study Club will meet Wednesday night, March 23, at the home of Mrs. G. W. Ripley at 7:30 p. m. Any interested person is invited to attend these meetings at which the problems of parents are discussed.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for the hearty welcome and hospitality shown to us by the Methodist Ladies Aid and also those who opened their homes to us during the mid-winter Epworth League Institute.

DR. HALL,

Visiting Pastors and Epworth Leaguers

### To Fairbanks Alaska.

Lawrence Swarner arrived from Corvallis this week to spend three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Swarner, before leaving for Fairbanks, Alaska, to join his brother Monroe, who has been there for several months. Lawrence will not return to Oregon State college for the spring term but will spend the spring and summer in Alaska.

### Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
March 10	63	25
March 11	70	40
March 12	69	44
March 13	62	45
March 14	58	41
March 15	59	39
March 16	60	40

Precipitation was .34.

### How Tall Are You?

The Columbia school is sponsoring a measuring party Friday, March 18, in Columbia school house at 8 o'clock. There will be St. Patrick games, contests, a short harmonica program and later dainty refreshments served. Those attending will pay one cent for each foot they are tall, with the odd inches paid in pennies. This money will be used to purchase capes and hats for the advanced harmonica group. Committee chairman include Mary Sommerer, games, Dorothy Knox, contests, Alfred Buell, refreshments, Thelma Shipp, publicity, and Mrs. Emil Zivney, adviser.