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HERMISTON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, JULY 14, 1938.

R. E. A. OFFICIALS WILL SUPERVISE LINE ENERGIZING SYSTEM READY FOR ELECTRICITY

Mr. Trommershausen, representing the national REA, Mr. Robinson of Barr & Cunningham, engineers for the local REA project, and H. R. Newport, of the firm of Newport, Kern & Kibbe, arrived at Hermiston today to be present at the sub-station today to be turned on the local rural line at 9:00 o'clock. Homer Beale of Pendleton, manager of the Pacific Light & Power company, will also be present to assist and will take pictures of the scene when the lines are energized.

The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, under which the local REA is operated, has sent notices to users that the lines will be energized, and also warnings to be cautious about touching or coming in contact in any way with the wires. Stackers especially should not be moved under the line unless the office of the association is notified and proper precaution taken. The directors request that all users cooperate in an effort to protect human life by taking precaution against possible contacts with the wires.

WALDPORCE WILL CELEBRATE

Waldport, Ore.—(Special) Waldport, the beautifully located little city on the shores of the Pacific ocean, in Lincoln county, is having a two-day celebration, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24.

This celebration is being sponsored by the townspeople, the Lions club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Saturday's program will consist of water sports, swimming and boat races, a baseball game, dancing and various concessions. An airplane will take passengers for trips above the ocean and the surrounded timbered hills.

Sunday's main attraction will be the big free crab feed. Included on this day's program will be various contests, dancing, baseball game, airplane rides and a general good time.

Vacation Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turnblad and daughter Kay and grandson Jim Decker plan to motor to Langdon lake Sunday where they will join Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Decker, for an outing. Jim will return home with his parents and his sister Jean will come to Hermiston for a visit with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Swarner, daughters Miriam and Thelma, Miss Olive M. Crow, of New York City, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Swarner, and Ermol Sater motored to Portland last Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Romer Stein. Mrs. Stein is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swarner.

Crimson Clover Popular Pasture.

Oregon City—Crimson clover is fast becoming the favorite annual pasture crop in Clackamas county and other parts of the Willamette valley, succeeding dwarf Essex rape which is disappearing before the attack of the flea beetle, says County Agent J. J. Inskip. The winter hardy type of crimson clover was introduced into the county in 1934. Farmers of the county now plant more than 1000 acres annually, and Inskip believes this will be doubled in the next two years. It has the advantage of rape in that it is a fine soil builder, makes better forage for cattle, and grows well on red hill soils where red clover and rape do not thrive without the use of lime and phosphate fertilizers.

Many Odd Jobs Aid OSC Students.

Oregon State College—Regular and odd jobs valued at \$44,876 were obtained through the college by men students here during the last 12 months, according to the annual employment office report of the employment secretary, Mrs. Lulu M. Howard. A total of 1299 men registered for employment during the regular and summer sessions, while 4808 requests were received from employers for workmen. One young man worked for six regular employers each week, earning from \$7 to \$10 a week as janitor, cook, nurse maid, chauffeur, tutor, and clerk.

COUNTY CLERK DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Eilbert Casteel, 50, Umatilla county clerk since December, 1931, died at noon Tuesday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, of a stomach ailment. He became seriously ill Friday and was taken to the hospital Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the Folsom chapel, with Rev. Griffith, pastor of the Pilot Rock Community church officiating. The Masonic lodge had charge.

Mr. Casteel was born in London, Kentucky, April 28, 1888, and came to this county in his youth. He was for a time in the mercantile business in Pilot Rock and also in Wasco. He was appointed by the county court in 1931 to fill the unexpired term of the late R. T. Brown, and has since been re-elected to the office on the republican ticket.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Blaine Casteel, Baker; Maxine, Muriel, Ruth, Jean and E. B. Casteel, Jr., Pendleton. There are other surviving relatives also, including a brother, Frank Casteel, living in Missouri.

Hess Asks More Liberal Officers

The Morrow County Pomona Grange met with Greenfield Grange at Boardman, Saturday, July 9. Senator Henry L. Hess, democratic candidate for governor, was the main speaker during the lecturer's program in the afternoon. Senator Hess spoke of his past cooperation in putting over the Grange program in the legislature, also the need of more liberal officers in both state and nation if the nation would avert the danger of dictatorship. He also spoke of publicly owned power.

The business session was conducted in the morning with reports from delegates to Grange Fire Insurance meeting at Klamath Falls and from Pomona delegate to state grange sessions being heard.

County Agent Joe Belanger of Morrow county, spoke on matters pertaining to agriculture, and introduced Mr. Leer, secretary of Soil Conservation association of Morrow county, and acting in the capacity of assistant county agent for north Morrow county, who gave a short talk.

The Pomona lecturer, Mrs. E. C. Heliker of Lexington, spoke of a book received from state lecturer rewarded for a 100 percent report from granges during the past year. An extract from the book was read by Mrs. Minnie McFarland of Umatilla.

Greenfield Juvenile Grange, consisting of 46 members followed, with drill, which was well received. Mrs. Adeline Baker is juvenile matriarch for Morrow county.

A recess of 30 minutes was allowed after which memorial services were held for departed grangers during the last two years in the county. The fifth degree was exemplified during the evening, initiating a class of 13 candidates.

Business being completed by 10:30, dancing was enjoyed until midnight. Between 80 and 90 people were present at the afternoon program.

RURAL YOUTH FINANCES MEAGER

Oregon State College—With earning additional money listed as first concern among the older unmarried rural youth of Oregon, those who conducted a recent survey of the financial status of those between the ages of 16 and 25 on farms.

A wide variation existed which had little or no relationship to the school status of the individual. The medium incomes, or the ones which divided the groups in the center so far as numbers are concerned, was \$185 a year for the men and \$90 a year for the women. Individual incomes ranged from less than \$50 a year to more than \$1250, though only five out of the 400 surveyed were in this high group.

Wages for work at home or a share in the farm receipts was the principal source of income for a fourth of the men out of school and one ninth of the men still in school. Two thirds of the young people interviewed had earned money working away from home during the year preceding the interview. It was the major source of income for 43 per cent. The amount received varied from \$2 to \$1500, and the type of work from packing apples to grading timber.

Many of the young men had saved some money or acquired property. Of the total, 28 per cent had life insurance, 24 per cent had savings accounts, 23 per cent owned livestock, 20 per cent owned automobiles, and 13 per cent owned farm machinery or similar property.

Considerably fewer of the young women reported savings or property. Only 8 per cent had life insurance, 25 per cent savings accounts, 16 per cent owned livestock, 2 per cent automobiles, and 7 per cent other property including musical instruments, hope chests and furniture.

MRS. E. B. CASTEEL TO SUCCEED HUSBAND

County Judge Carl Chambers and members of the county court announced today the appointment of Mrs. E. B. Casteel to succeed her husband as county clerk. Casteel passed away Tuesday noon. He had served in the office since December, 1931.

Mrs. Casteel is a sister of Mrs. Harry Connor of Hermiston and was one of the Boylen family, well known in Umatilla and Morrow counties, before her marriage.

Mrs. Casteel will maintain the present clerical force.

WEED SPECIALIST PRESENT FOR TOUR

Lawrence Jenkins, weed specialist from Oregon State college, will be present Tuesday, July 19, to assist in the annual meeting and tour of weed eradication plots established in the Stanfield area this year on white top and perennial pepper grass. A 100 percent kill has been obtained through the use of chemicals on these plots.

A short meeting will be held on the reclamation office lawn at Hermiston previous to the tour. Mr. Jenkins will explain present weed laws, how they may be enforced, how they affect individual farmers, and how communities may control noxious weeds.

The most important noxious weeds found in this area will be on display at this meeting so that each farmer may learn to identify them on his own farm.

JUNIOR BIBLE SCHOOL SATURDAY

Every boy and girl in the community from the age of five to fifteen years who likes thrilling stories, Bible stories, good music, verse finding, dramatization, hand work and games, will find all this at the Junior Bible school next Saturday, at the Union church. The school will be held every Saturday from July 16th through the summer, starting at 2:30 and continuing until 4:30.

Airplane Ride Gives Thrill.

Miss Marie Skovbo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Skovbo of Hermiston, experienced a thrill Wednesday of last week when her employer arrived in an airplane from Walla Walla to take her to the wheat fields where she is assisting in cooking for harvest hands. Lee Foster, wheat man of Walla Walla county with the manager of the Walla Walla airport as the pilot, it is stated, landed in a plane on the Beebe place southwest of town last Wednesday, and later took off with Miss Skovbo as a passenger. They returned to Walla Walla in 45 minutes and later by car to the wheat fields. Miss Skovbo will assist Mrs. Coxen during the harvest season.

Weather Report.

Today (Thursday) topped the mercury at 107 for a heat record this year. Thursday of last week saw the red line at 103 and again yesterday.

| Date | Max. | Min. |
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| July 7 | 103 | 56 |
| July 8 | 99 | 63 |
| July 9 | 93 | 50 |
| July 10 | 90 | 65 |
| July 11 | 88 | 60 |
| July 12 | 95 | 50 |
| July 13 | 103 | 64 |

Precipitation was .14.

Brother in Accident.

Gilbert Lawson, brother of Mrs. H. L. Payne of Hermiston, was seriously injured last week in an auto accident. Mrs. Payne received word Sunday of the accident and left Monday morning by stage. Mr. Lawson is a sheep man in the Bend country and is in the Bend hospital.

Aviary Inspector Here.

A. D. Rice of Corvallis, state deputy aviary inspector is now operating in this vicinity and will be here for ten days. He inspects in the territory from Hood River to Baker and states there is a general improvement in disease conditions in this territory among apriaries.

Auxiliary Benefit Dance.

The Hermiston Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a dance Saturday, July 23, in the Hermiston Community hall. The dance music will be furnished by the Troubadors. The public is invited to attend this dance which is a benefit for the local unit.

License Examiner Coming

The examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Hermiston Thursday, July 21, 1938, at the City Library between the hours of 11:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., respectively, 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.

NATIONAL MASTER OF GRANGE TO TALK

L. J. Taber, master of the national grange, will be in Pendleton, Friday, July 15, and on that evening will speak at the Vert Memorial, the meeting starting at 8 p. m.

Word of the approaching visit of the national master was received by local grange masters from Claud Hanscom, county grange deputy. The national grange is to meet in Portland in November and it is assumed that the national master is visiting in the state in connection with arrangements for the coming gathering.

L. J. Taber is a resident of Columbus, Ohio, and has been the national master of the grange for 14 years or longer.

TOWNSEND CLUB PICNIC SUNDAY

A Townsend speaker will be at the Townsend picnic Sunday, July 17, in Columbia park to address the gathering. H. R. Hartley, president of the local club, and delegate to the national convention, will give a report.

Everyone is invited to attend regardless of membership in the club. Each family is asked to bring a basket lunch and table service. Coffee will be served free by the club and ice cream will be sold at cost on the grounds. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p. m.

Following the lunch hour, a short program will be given.

NORTH MORROW SEPTEMBER 9-10

The North Morrow County fair will be held at Boardman this year September 9-10, according to E. Sullivan, president. Russell Miller is secretary, Leo V. Root, treasurer, and directors are Mrs. A. C. Houghton, Paul Smith, E. M. Souders and Frank Brace.

Details are now being worked out by the board for the annual show.

Bicycled from Baker.

Jim Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Decker of Baker, Ore., arrived in Hermiston Monday evening about 8 o'clock atop his bicycle to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turnblad, for a week. Jim left Baker early Sunday morning going first to Union where he stopped to fish with a friend, wheeling on to La Grande later in the day. He visited places of interest in La Grande and reached Kamela by evening where he spent the night. The going was not so easy to Meacham but from Bolling Point on Emigrant Hill bicycling reached proportions of 40 miles per hour at intervals. While in Pendleton Jim took a dip in the pool and attended a show before coming on to Hermiston.

Drug Store Re-decorated.

A specially cut and sized fireproof ceiling has been placed in the building occupied by the Hermiston Drug company store. The work was done by C. M. Griswold of Pendleton. The building was also re-wired and will have new light fixtures.

Visit Turkey Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeMoss returned Saturday from visiting relatives in the Willamette valley. They visited at the Raymond DeMoss ranch near Corvallis where 20,000 turkeys are being raised this year, 10,000 of which were on the range. The other half are still in the brooder houses. DeMosses have been raising birds for two years and marketed 13,000 birds last year. Brooders are quite different from those found on the project. Elevated wire floors make feeding and care of birds possible without walking on the floor, and feather boards are used, in addition to large stoves, for heat. The DeMoss turkey ranch operators report that birds were unusually thrifty this year. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeMoss have 2400 turkeys of their own this year.

Morris Mine Activities.

H. E. Shesely, acting manager of the Morris Mine, 14 miles south of Granite, Ore., was in town this week. He states that three miles of road have been constructed leading to the mine, and the air compressor installed, ready for operations. 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, at an elevation of 8000 feet. C. P. Venstrand, mining engineer of Portland, is resident engineer. Mr. Shesely's son Parr accompanied him on the trip to Hermiston.

Two Teachers Named.

Two more teachers have been signed up for the high school staff leaving but one position vacant, that left by the resignation of Ladrew Moshberger of Portland. Miss Ruth Reasor of Salem, has been signed to teach music and a few hours in English. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon. Miss Mary Lou Wilkins, also a graduate of the University of Oregon, has been signed to teach commercial subjects. She has had several years office experience and is a business college graduate. Other teachers are Jack Hodgen of Adams, coach and chemistry, and Miss Lavina May Lynch, English and physical education, the only teacher on last year's staff.

MRS. BELSCAMPER BURIED WEDNESDAY

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Loretta Belscamper who passed away Monday, July 11, at the age of 75 years. Services were conducted by C. Warner, pastor of the Union church, with Prann's Funeral Parlors in charge. Interment was in the Hermiston cemetery.

Mrs. Belscamper was born in Wisconsin, October 18, 1862. When a very small child she was taken to England where she lived until about eleven years of age, when she came to America. Her father was born in Wales and her mother in England. She was married to Henry J. Belscamper in Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1912. He preceded her in death many years ago.

The family lived at Stanfield before coming to Hermiston where Mrs. Belscamper had lived for many years near the Columbia school house.

The two near relatives surviving are a grandson, Donovan Decker, superintendent of schools at Umatilla, Ore., and a niece, Mrs. Lena Hofman of Spokane.

Funeral bearers were F. B. Swayze, H. T. Fraser, O. O. Felthouse, W. W. Felthouse, W. L. Hamm and H. K. Dean.

COLUMBIA

By Lois Hutchison

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Buell announce the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Mr. Wilson Johnson, July 2, at Longview, Wn. After a week at Seaside they will make their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hutchison and son Bobby visited over the week end at the Charles Epperson home. Bobby remained for a week's visit with his grandparents.

Edna Ott has spent the past three weeks at the Mary Cullen's Cottage in Portland. She has also been visiting Miss Dorthea Richards. Miss Richards and Edna were room mates at college. Edna arrived home this week.

Henry Sommerer made a business trip to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Belscamper passed away at her home Monday morning about 7:00 o'clock. Madame Bell, as she was called by many, was a long time resident of this district, and had been in ill health for a number of years. She leaves a host of friends who will miss her.

Miss Frances Clinton met Friday with the Columbia Stitches Sewing club at the home of its leader, Miss Ann Sommerer. This club has a membership of eleven, and is reported to be doing excellent work. At a recent meeting of this district, and guests at the V. R. Wilkes home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. Shown and children, Mrs. Ida Geer and daughter Alice.

Mrs. E. B. Shafer of Pendleton, mother of Mrs. Herbert Boylen, and Margaret Boylen who is employed in Pendleton, visited at the Boylen home recently.

Last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnett, Mr. Cherry, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dallman attended the Indian celebration at Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Prindle spent Sunday at the W. A. Mikesell home.

Sunday of last week Mrs. Ira Geer was honor guest at a birthday dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Shown. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Wilkes and son Allen, Dorcas Carson and sons Milton and Michael, and Alice Geer, Henry Sommerer, Jr., and Bobby Eaton attended the Cross Club tour held last week. The boys are members of the club.

Pat Throop of Cloverdale, Ore., formerly of this district, was operated upon Friday for appendicitis. Pat is in the Emanuel hospital in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Struthers returned from the pea harvest last week. Mr. Struthers is employed in the wheat harvest on Butter Creek at present.

Dinner guests at the Charles Epperson home recently were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jeppe and son of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Buell and family.

Mrs. L. E. Richard of Seattle is spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Keener. Harold Buell who is employed at Pilot Rock, spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gelstin of Colfax, Wn., visited at the R. J. Keener home over the Fourth. Mrs. Gelstin is a sister of Mrs. Keener. The young couple were married July 2 and were on their honeymoon. They will make their home in Tacoma.

The Columbia Winners Calf club met with the leader, Miss Eva Wilcox Friday evening at her home. Frances and Rosemary Keller, who are visiting relatives at different points in the east and south, are now at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

LIFE BEGINS FOR AMERICA'S NEWEST SEAPORT, THE DALLES

SEAGOING VESSEL 200 MILES INLAND

The Charles L. Wheeler, Jr., of McCormick Steamship Co., rounded the bend of the Columbia river below The Dalles last Saturday afternoon in view of thousands of people who witnessed the first ocean vessel ever to pass behind two mountain ranges on the North American continent.

Spectators lined the shoreline along the newly constructed levee and crowded the dock to witness the enochorage, while the Inland Chief, the Stranger, the coast guard cutter, and many private boats stood by. Dignitaries from the three Pacific northwest states were among those on the boats.

Captain Arthur Riggs, veteran river pilot, was at the helm of the freighter as she steamed into port while thousands of people cheered. The 3800-ton freighter carried cargo to the inland port.

A pageant of the history of river navigation was presented in the afternoon following the arrival of the boats. A parade of soldiers, bands, and transport trucks went in review before the dignitaries who were seated in the stand before the Elks Temple.

The banquet in the evening was sold out long before the day of the celebration. A unique feature of the banquet was a long distance telephone conversation between The Dalles and Washington, D. C., with Governor Charles H. Martin and Edward Pease, The Dalles merchant and port sponsor, on the Oregon end, and Col. Thomas M. Robins, former divisional army engineer of Portland, on the other end.

Local residents attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morehouse and daughter Betty, Miss Pauline Stoop, and Mrs. Wm. Mc Carthy of Butter Creek. Mr. Morehouse has been for many years a close friend of Captain Riggs, who piloted the steamer up the river.

IRRIGON

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

Mr. and Mrs. Obe Swearingen were business visitors in Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom and daughter Donna, Earl Leach and Vonna Jones spent Saturday night and Sunday at Emigrant Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fahlgren of Hoquiam, Wn., visited their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Warner, Thursday. They were enroute to Buell, Idaho.

Rev. and Mrs. Harness, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell, Mrs. James Warner and Mrs. Emery Bedwell attended the musical entertainment at the Pentecostal church Saturday evening.

Roscoe Williams assisted Gene McFarland with the work on the A. C. Houghton residence which will soon be completed.

Work is progressing rapidly on the addition to the large auditorium under the direction of Gene McFarland of Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bedwell, who have been away working in the fruit, spent the week end at home.

W. C. Isom had the misfortune to get a finger badly crushed necessitating the removal of the nail, while he was working at the school house last Wednesday.

Quite a crowd from Irrigon attended the revival at the Pentecostal church Wednesday night.

Mrs. Fred Reiks has a little grandson from La Grande visiting her.

Mrs. J. A. Graybeal who fell and broke her hip about a year ago and has had to go about on crutches is again able to walk.

Money subtracted from pay checks in Oregon is for old age insurance — not unemployment compensation.

ter, that were seeded this spring. The clover will be threshed. Numerous fields of wheat and barley are being threshed, showing fine yields.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid left Saturday on a vacation trip to coast points. They stopped at Bonneville dam.

Visitors at the R. W. Wilkes home last Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Angell and daughter Helen of Fossil. Mrs. Angell is Mrs. Wilkes' daughter.

Mrs. Charles Epperson's sister, Mrs. E. Hastings and daughter Patty arrived Sunday evening for a visit at the Epperson home.