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## STANFIELD ASKS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSERVATION CAMP

### WALTER M. PIERCE PAYS VISIT HERE

There is no doubt about the early construction of the Umatilla rapids dam, was the opinion expressed by Walter M. Pierce, here Monday. The congressman stopped off at Stanfield to confer with a group of citizens relative to the establishment of a soil conservation camp at the CCC barracks.

After going over the situation at Stanfield, it was determined to make an effort to secure a spike camp from the Heppner camp which seemed the most feasible at this time. The number of men at this spike camp would be as large as the former camp, and the men would be employed with the territory surrounding the present Stanfield barracks for a distance of 15 miles radius. Later it may be possible to have a regular soil conservation camp established.

## CONRAD FAMILY HOLDS RE-UNION

A re-union of the T. J. Conrad family was held at the Columbia park Sunday July 24 with more than one hundred members attending. Four generations of the family were represented, the oldest member being Mrs. T. J. Conrad who is 83 years old and a great-grandmother.

When Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conrad came here from California in 1881, there were no streamlines, planes, trains, or automobiles, to rush them from the one state to another. Instead, the family came by steamer to Portland and then transferred to a little river boat that brought them to Umatilla.

It was a monotonous and hazardous trip for the pioneers coming over the sparsely settled plains. When the family arrived in Umatilla, Mrs. Conrad and the three small children boarded an old freight wagon that took them to the old Nine Mile House where they awaited Mr. Conrad and the three older children. The freight wagon was too loaded to carry the whole family, so the father and plucky older children walked the long distance in the hot sun to join the others.

The next morning, bright and early, they started out again in a freight wagon for Pendleton, as they had missed the old stage coach and there was no railroad then. The Conrads lived in Pendleton for a year and then moved about three miles out on a large wheat ranch, where they stayed fifteen years. From there they moved to Pine Creek and lived there until 1911, when Mr. Conrad retired, and he and his wife bought a home in Portland.

## 13 MEASURES FOR FALL ELECTION

Thirteen measures will be on the state ballot next November. Four of the number are measures that were referred to the voters by the last legislature. Two others are enactments of the last session which have been referred by petition of the people. The other seven are initiative measures. Three of these made the grade during the closing hours of filing.

The list of initiative measures on which the voters will be expected to pass judgment follows:

Stream Purification bill, creating state sanitary authority and committing state to a policy of stream purification; sponsored by Stream Purification League of Oregon.

Anti-picketing and anti-boycott bill, defining labor disputes and regulating picketing and labor boycotts; sponsored by Associated of Oregon and other agricultural groups.

Columbia River Fishing bill, prohibiting the use of fixed fishing gear on the Columbia river; sponsored by Oregon Wildlife Council.

Anti-liquor bill, regulating and restricting sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; sponsored by Anti-Liquor League of Oregon and affiliated groups.

Gambling bill, legalizing certain forms of lottery and gambling; sponsored by Frank B. Watson and a group of Oregon merchants.

Townsend Recovery Plan bill, requiring Oregon legislature to petition Congress to call national convention to sponsor a constitutional amendment embodying principals and philosophies of Townsend Recovery plan; sponsored by Glen C. Wade and others.

Citizens' Retirement plan, providing for transactions tax of two percent, proceeds to be pro rated among Oregon citizens 65 years of age or over upon condition that they cease general employment. Sponsored by Elbert Eastman, Portland.

### Melons Are Ripening.

Jack White of Irrigon was in town Tuesday. He states that watermelons will be ripening in large quantities at Irrigon next week. That district has a crop of 40 to 50 acres this year. Only slight damage has been caused by wind or hot weather, and the yield is expected to be good.

### Townsend Club Meets Aug. 12.

The Hermiston Townsend club will hold their next meeting Friday, August 12, since the meeting dates have been changed from the first and third Fridays to the second and fourth Fridays of each month. All members are urged to be present at the August 12th meeting for the transaction of important business.

## MANAGER URGES OWN METER CHECK

C. A. Kennison, manager of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, advises all users of electricity on the new power line to turn off all lights or appliances in their home, and then take a look at their meters. If the meter is still moving, juice is being charged to their accounts and is being wasted. The user should notify the office in Hermiston at once for corrections in the wiring.

A report has been received at the local office that a man was killed and another seriously injured at the new Lakeview rural project by careless operation of a hay derrick. The cable of the derrick was accidentally thrown in contact with the hot wires of the new line.

## PASTURE GRASSES DISCUSSED

Last year approximately 800 acres of land was seeded to white sweet clover and mixed pasture grasses on the west Umatilla project. Mixed pasture grasses were recommended for the Butter Creek and Umatilla Meadow areas, and on land which holds moisture well. J. T. Pierson, assistant county agent, states that on coarser soil types white sweet clover was recommended. It was brought out that the two types of pastures should not be seeded together in the same field, that grasses should be used on soils adapted to their use, and white sweet clover should be used where it does the best. Specific recommendations were made for grass mixtures. Proper method of seeding along with irrigation and pasture management practices were given.

Now we want to know the results of these pastures. Are you able to pasture more livestock per acre on these pastures than on native blue grass or old, run-down alfalfa fields? Are we further along with our pastures than we were a year ago? If not, why not? Is it due to poor stands, too much nurse crop, a lack of moisture when seedlings were small, over grazing, too few animals to keep pasture down (particularly sweet clover), poor seed bed preparation, pastured to soon the first year, or too soon after irrigation?

What are your problems? These questions will be discussed at the crop field day, Umatilla Field Station, on August 6th. Several white sweet clover and mixed grass pastures will be visited during the afternoon program. You will have first hand information from your observations and these problems will be discussed, good, bad, or otherwise as each pasture is visited.

## CLEANER MAIL BOXES SOUGHT

Rural Mail Box Clean-Up week will be observed August 1 to 5 by designation of the postoffice department.

"Unserviceable and unsightly rural mail boxes both retard the delivery of mail and detract from the natural scenic beauty of the highway," it is pointed out by the second assistant postmaster general. "Particularly to be deplored are the non-regulation, old type, top-opening boxes, as well as makeshift receptacles which expose mail to the elements."

The postoffice requires that mail boxes be erected so as to be readily accessible to rural delivery carriers without leaving their conveyances. The proper height is 4 feet. It is suggested that posts bearing mail boxes be painted white and that the name of the family head be printed on the box.

One of the greatest troubles concerning use of mail boxes is the custom of ignoring proper utilization of the signal devices on boxes, it is reported. This together with boxes that are either too high or too low to be reached by a mail carrier from his car window were mentioned.

Purpose of the signal flag is to signal carrier that mail is within the box ready for dispatch. When this condition exists the flag should be upright. When the flag is lowered, it is indicated there is no outgoing mail.

"If our two routes near Hermiston were properly and fully equipped with rural delivery boxes, 15 to 20 minute faster service would be given," say the local carriers.

## FARMERS ENJOY ELECTRICITY

Farmers throughout the district served by the new electric system are reporting much satisfaction with the service rendered them. A total of 329 have been wired and inspected, and have given up the use of their old-fashioned lamps. A large number have installed refrigerators and many are making preparations for pumping water. The system now has 445 paid members, all of whom are expected to be connected with the system before the fall season. Ten electrical wiremen are in the field and are generally busy with new work and making additions to other jobs.

### FRED O WILSON

Funeral services were held Monday for Fred O. Wilson of Hermiston, formerly of Pilot Rock. He had lived in Umatilla county 55 years. Rev. A. F. Van Slyke preached the funeral sermon at Folsom's funeral home in Pendleton. Burial was made in the Pilot Rock cemetery. Besides his widow, Wilson is survived by these children: George H. Wilson of Nolin, Guy and Carl Wilson of Pilot Rock, and Mrs. C. J. Mathews of Butter Creek.

### Pioneer Picnic Postponed.

The annual Pioneer Picnic scheduled for Sunday at Columbia park has been postponed until a later date. A notice will be published in the Herald for the date of the picnic.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their great kindness during the illness and loss of our beloved wife and mother.

MR. B. S. BAKER, and  
MRS. C. K. GAMBLE.

## ABUNDANT GRAIN CROPS THIS YEAR

Harvesting of grain crops on Butter Creek is getting well along, and reports of barley yields show the largest returns in many years. At the Sloan Thomson place, 25 acres produced 90 bushels per acre. The 700 acres on the Kate Stanfield place, much of it in volunteer crop, yielded 60 bushels per acre. The Saylor place have been reported at 80 bushels per acre, and the Allen Thomson, Foley, Daugherty, and other places with similar yields.

Wheat in the adjoining uplands has been producing 15 to 25 bushels to the acre, and most of northern Morrow county is yielding likewise. In the Athena district and east of Pendleton there are also large crops, some wheat being reported at 62 bushels per acre.

The total wheat crop of Umatilla county is now estimated at 6,000,000 bushels, and of the Pacific Northwest at 100,000,000 bushels, or about 20,000,000 bushels more than the normal average.

### DRISCOLL-TAYLOR

The wedding of Miss Gladys Driscoll of Hermiston, and Mr. Ralph Taylor of Baker, took place Sunday at 1:00 P. M. in the Pioneer Methodist church at Walla Walla. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alexander P. Aiton.

The bride and groom were attended by Mrs. E. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles and Hugh Driscoll of Hermiston.

Those attending the wedding were Mrs. Laura Mortimer and Hugh Driscoll, mother and brother of the bride, and Donald Yeager, all of Hermiston, and Rev. and Mrs. E. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles. Rev. Taylor is a brother of the groom.

The bride wore a dress of medium blue sheer with blue accessories and a corsage of sweet peas and roses. After the ceremony a dinner for the bridal party was given at the Grand Hotel.

### Visit at Lakes and Mountains.

Visitors over the week end at Langdon Lake from Hermiston were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner and Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Morgan and their guests, Colleen and May Ellen Morgan of Kelso. Among those who spent Sunday at Arbutle mountains from Hermiston were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. George Harkerider, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald White and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hale.

### Hatton Gets Portland Post.

Hal Hatton, coach of Hermiston Union high school three years ago, has signed up as assistant coach at Washington high school in Portland for the coming season. Mr. and Mrs. Hatton are at present making their home in Pendleton where Mr. Hatton is employed during the summer months, and are planning to leave August 18 for Portland where he will take up his new position.

### Improve Residences.

Bird Haneline has completed remodeling his home on east Main street and has repainted the entire property. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gimble have given their two houses on Hulbert avenue a new coat of paint.

### Local Watermelons Brought In.

Burton and Clyde Beamer, sons of P. W. Beamer living north east of the Columbia school house, brought in the first local watermelons Tuesday afternoon. They have a 2 1/2 acre patch and state that the melons are ripening fast this week.

## STATE INSPECTOR GIVES INFORMATION ON SAFE USE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

W. R. Volhege, chief electrical inspector of the state, has contributed the following information and suggestions to users of electricity on the new lines.

Now that the new line is energized and electric current is available in the homes, it is appropriate that a warning be issued relative to the hazards of the use of improper wiring and appliances.

We have attempted to guide you in making your wiring installations, so that they will be safe. All corrections called for were for your's and your neighbor's protection. A fire started in your home may destroy the homes of others. So far as the inspector is concerned he has no interest except this protection to you. Many minor corrections to the wiring systems on some properties had not been completed when the line was energized. Your Board of Directors and this department did not feel justified in denying you the use of electricity until all changes were completed. This does not mean that the changes need not be made but rather that we felt that we would receive your cooperation in this matter and that it would never be necessary to order any of the services disconnected for failure to comply.

When proper wiring methods and approved appliances are used, electricity is perhaps the safest and most useful servant of man. A booklet has been prepared by the International Association of Electrical Inspectors to encourage safety in the use of electrical equip-

ment in homes. A summary of suggestions in the booklet follows:

Pay attention to all appliances and keep them in good order.

Employ an experienced man to make repairs and additions to house wiring.

Be especially careful in using devices in damp locations.

Insist on cords approved by Underwriters' Laboratories which carry the laboratories' brazelet label. When flexible cords show wear to the extent that insulation is impaired, have them replaced.

Use only rubber-sheathed cords on washing machines and other equipment likely to be used out-of-doors or in damp locations.

Use a special grounding wire to connect the frame of a washing machine to a water pipe.

Buy fuses which are labeled by Underwriters' Laboratories.

Avoid handling electrical equipment with wet hands.

Disconnect flatirons by removing the cord from the outlet. Don't control irons or other heating appliances by switches in sockets.

Keep the electrical elements of appliances dry.

Don't run cords under rugs or doors.

In removing attachment plugs from outlets, grasp the plug itself and do not pull on the cord.

Too many appliances on the same circuit at the same time will cause the fuse to blow.

In case of emergency, throw the main switch.

## DUCK HUNTING SEASON LONGER

An increase of 15 days in the duck and other migratory fowl hunting season this fall was announced by the biological survey.

The season on ducks, geese, jack-snipe and coot will start that much earlier, allowing a 45-day season instead of the 30 days permitted the last three years.

The order was approved by the President and Secretary Wallace on the basis of a bureau investigation of waterfowl conditions.

The intermediate zone, including Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana, order prescribed dates from October 15 to November 28. The order also increased the number of ducks allowed in the hunters' possession daily to two bags of 10 birds each, instead of one bag of 10 birds each. The restriction on the number of waterfowl the hunter may kill in one day was continued at 10.

A few canvasback, ruddy, red-head and buffhead ducks which have been fully protected the past two years, may be shot. Three of one of these species, or three in the aggregate of the species, may be taken in one day and twice that amount will be permitted in the hunter's possession.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, chief of the biological survey, said past restrictions, including prohibition of baiting waterfowl and doves and the use of more than three shells on repeating and automatic shotguns, would be continued.

Open season for Chinese pheasants in this section of the state is the same as last year, with the season October 15 to October 31, both dates inclusive. The bag limit will also be the same, with 4 male birds in any 1 day but not more than 8 male birds in any 7 consecutive days.

### All States Picnic Postponed.

The All States Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, August 7th, at the Columbia park, has been postponed until some future date. The postponement was necessary due to an excessive amount of water in the Columbia park caused by seepage.

### Plenty of Water in Reservoir.

Cold Springs reservoir is still half full of water, and the peak of use has been reached. Most of the grain crops have been matured, and the heaviest part of the irrigation season, such as corn, potatoes and alfalfa, has passed. This season the water table has been higher than usual, and in some localities considerable seepage and water ponds have been created. Water is still plentiful on Butter Creek, and the supply for all districts at this period of the year is greater than usual.

## 15 DAY HEAT SPELL BREAKS RECORDS

The past 15 day period has been one of the warmest during the years of keeping records here, according to Chas. Taylor, local weather man. It has been marked particularly with continuous heat during the days, and also by a wide variation in cooling-off during the nights.

During the past 15 days from July 13 to 27 inclusive, the thermometer registered over 100 for 11 days, 99 for three days, 96 for one day, and 93 one day. The lowest minimum was 56, on the night of the 24th.

The widest variation was 108 on the 21st, and 57 that night, or a change of 51 degrees. During the 15 day period the average maximum was 102 and the average minimum was 62, with an average variation of 40 degrees between day and night records.

The weather report for the past week is as follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
July 21	108	57
July 22	108	52
July 23	99	56
July 24	96	56
July 25	93	62
July 26	100	55
July 27	100	68

## UMATILLA ELECTRIC CO-OP ELECT AUG. 10

R. G. Penney, president of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, will not be a candidate for re-election to the board of directors of the association at the election to be held August 10, according to latest reports. The lines of the system were not constructed to provide electric for his home ranch at Stanfield, and therefore he cannot become a user. The by-laws require that a director of the association be a member user.

Other members of the board of directors during construction period are E. D. Martin, J. H. Reid, H. J. Bean and R. G. Saylor. Martin and Reid live on the Hermiston project; Bean on the Echo-Umatilla Meadows district and Saylor on Butter Creek.

The by-laws do not provide that directors shall be chosen from districts, but may be chosen from any part of the system served. It is reported that none of the present members of the board desire to serve for another year.

The present term of office is one year. New by-laws will be proposed at the annual meeting for creating districts, and affecting the term of office of members of the board.

## GRANGE AND FARM BUREAU FIELD DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

### LIVESTOCK & CROPS JUDGING CONTEST

The Grange and the Farm Bureau are sponsoring a field day picnic and tour to be held Saturday, August 6, starting at the Umatilla Experiment station at 10:00 A. M. This is part of the Grange-Farm Bureau program, carried out in conjunction with the assistant county agent, to encourage improvement of irrigated pastures on the project.

The morning program at the experiment station will consist of a tour of the pastures and other crops growing on the station. There will also be a livestock and crops judging contest for 4-H club members and Smith-Hughes students.

A basket lunch will be held on the station's lawn at noon, with each family bringing their own lunch, but the station will furnish coffee to everyone who has a cup. Following lunch there will be a short program, featuring an outside speaker whose name will be announced in next week's issue of the Herald.

The day will be concluded with a study of pastures on three or four nearby farms. The exact routing of this tour will also be announced later.

Organizations sponsoring the tour are the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau, and the Granges of West Umatilla and North Morrow counties. The visit to the experiment station is at the invitation of H. K. Dean, superintendent.

Everyone is invited to attend this annual field day regardless of whether they are members of either Grange or Farm Bureau.

## ROMANTIC DRAMA SUNDAY AT OASIS

The most dramatic situation of the present day—the Spanish civil war—forms the background of the tempestuous love story which is told in "Blockade," a thrilling romantic drama which stars Madeleine Carroll and Henry Fonda, coming to the Oasis theatre Sunday.

This is the romance of a man and a girl drawn into the conflict almost against their will—lovers who were at the same time bitter enemies.

Madeleine Carroll's hopes of establishing a home in Spain are cut short when, arriving in the country, she finds her father and an associate helping foment a civil war. Henry Fonda, whom the girl has met and fallen in love with, becomes a soldier when war breaks out, and, after killing her father in a pistol duel, follows her every movement, suspecting her of being a spy. How the strength of love and the girl's courage carry her through tensely dramatic war days and finally enable her to serve the cause of humanity, makes for a thrilling and impressive surprise climax.

## MUCH CLOVER SEED THRESHED THIS YEAR

Strawberry and red clover seed, as well as alfalfa seed, are being produced in this territory this year. Carson Linder will thresh 15 acres of Strawberry clover seed, and Chas. Lynch and a few others will have small quantities. Linder will also have eight acres of red clover and 30 acres of alfalfa seed to hull. He has purchased a Birdsall Huller and has done several jobs of threshing this season. He has over 300 acres of seed under signed agreements to thresh, and states that there will be considerable acreage in addition to thresh this summer and fall.

It is reported that Riley Leeper sold his crop of red clover seed at Stanfield for 30 cents a pound. He had a yield of over 350 pounds per acre, which was harvested July 14, and he expects to cut another crop of clover which will produce seed again this season.

## YOUTH OFFERED BIG PRIZES AT FAIR

Oregon's farm youth will have a splendid opportunity to show their wares and enter clean competition for prizes and scholarships valued at over \$7,000 at the 1938 Oregon State Fair at Salem, September 5 to 11. Manager Leo G. Spitzbart pointed out this week.

"We are growing increasingly youth-conscious at the fair," Mr. Spitzbart says. "This year's large array of prizes is given to encourage farm-minded young men and women to take advantage of the progressive agricultural practices. A well trained youth turns into the best kind of farmer, we believe."

Awards given entirely to boys and girls are those in the 4-H club and the Future Farmers of America contests. In these two departments, the Oregon State Fair will offer nearly \$5,000 in cash prizes this year. In addition, 4-H clubbers are offered 148 full and half-time scholarships, valued at about \$1,500, to attend the annual summer school at the state college.