



NO CHANGE IN TAX PERSONNEL

SALEM — Concensus of opinion among capital observers is that there will be no change in the personnel of the state tax commission...

While republican members of the Board of Control are known to resent the "sharp practice" resorted to by Martin and Holman...

AUTO INSPECTION PLAN CHANGED

SALEM — Oregon motorists will not be required to submit their cars and trucks to a periodical inspection after all...

New Taxes Will Be Small—

Income taxes to be collected from federal employees under the recent supreme court ruling will not go very far toward financing state activities...

New Library Dedication—

Oregon's new \$700,000 library building was dedicated Monday night in a ceremony arranged in connection with the annual conference of Oregon librarians...

Livestock Barns Constructed—

Three new livestock barns to house exhibits in the junior division are now under construction at the state fair grounds...

HERMISTON WPA PROJECT RECEIVES CONGRESS APPROVAL

WORK TO START ABOUT APRIL 21

Word has been received by Mayor F. C. McKenzie that the proposed Hermiston WPA project has been approved at Washington...

Although definite plans have not been completed as to what work will be accomplished, Mayor McKenzie has outlined several proposed projects...

Other plans include the improving of the school grounds in back of the churches. The plot of ground between the two school buildings will be beautified in various ways...

Another project will include the completion of the city water mains which has been under construction for several years. Definite plans call for the line between the Fraser and Muller properties...

FOUR-H POULTRY CLUB ORGANIZED

A new 4-H poultry club, with H. J. Ott as leader, was organized recently, according to M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent...

The following is a list of the members and their ages: Theodore Panages, 12; Dulcinea Panages, 11; Lewis Wilson, 13; Dona Keener, 12; Kay Keener, 14; Naomi Beletski, 17; and Marian Ott, 15.

This is the first new poultry to be organized this year.

WATER FORECAST MEETING PLANNED

A meeting will be held at the Hermiston branch experiment station Tuesday, April 11, at 10:00 o'clock to discuss final predictions on stream flow and irrigation water conditions for the current season...

H. K. Dean, manager of the local station, will represent this district.

Assault Charge Brings Arrest

W. A. "Shorty" Sanders was bound over to the grand jury on a \$500.00 bond Wednesday night following his arrest by Sheriff R. E. Goad of Pendleton Wednesday afternoon...

STATE TAX REPORT SHOWS SMALL INCREASE IN 1939 CITY TAX LEVY

Combined tax levies for all purposes in the city of Hermiston for 1939 shows an increase of only .9 mills, according to a city tax summary just completed by State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson...

In the same report, the 1938 tax levy for Boardman is given as 72.1 mills and the 1939 levy as 73.1 mills, or an increase of 1.0 mills. The city of Echo has the lowest tax levy of the towns in the west end of Umatilla county...

LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE IRRIGATION WATER LATER PART OF WEEK

Hermiston property owners who have been worrying the past two weeks concerning their lawns can set their minds at rest as H. A. Pankow, city water superintendent, has promised irrigation water the latter part of this week to all residents...

TURKEY GROWERS HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the directors of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers association was held Monday night in the office of M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent...

It is thought that the local plant will be completed by May 10 for the breeders' pool of breeding stock. It is estimated that a shipment of two carloads or 60,000 pounds will be available on that date...

LEGION HALL LOT IMPROVED

Work has progressed rapidly the past week in improving the grounds of the American Legion hall. The grounds have been leveled, some landscaping completed and grass will be planted in the next few days...

At present only one of the two 50-foot lots has been leveled, but plans include completion of the other at a later date. The work is being done by volunteer labor of Legionnaires...

COUNTY AGENTS TO ATTEND MEETINGS

W. A. Holt, Harry Cline and M. E. Knickerbocker will represent Umatilla county at a meeting of all county agents east of the Cascades to discuss the common ailments of livestock and poultry...

Special speakers on the program will be J. N. Shaw, head of the veterinary medicine department at Oregon State college, and Mr. Muth, associate veterinarian.

WESTLAND TO BE HOST GRANGE

Irrigon, Stanfield, Echo and Columbia will be guests of Westland Grange Thursday, April 13, in the Hermiston IOOF lodge hall at another of the popular joint meetings these Granges have been having during the past few months...

All Grangers and prospective Grangers are cordially invited.

PENDLETON MALE CHORUS PRESENTS FINE CONCERT

PROCEEDS USED FOR PARK KITCHEN

An outstanding musical event of the year occurred Friday night when the Pendleton Male Chorus, under the direction of Ted Roy, presented a varied program of music in the local high school auditorium...

Sprague H. Carter Sr., business manager of the chorus group, was introduced by Mrs. F. B. Belt, president of the Hermiston Garden club. He expressed a desire to make the presentation an annual affair...

The opening number was very impressive when the chorus sang the theme song, "Friendship", behind a drawn curtain. The entire evening's performance showed an aptitude to blend male voices and the harmony throughout was excellent...

Interspersed during the various male numbers were soprano solos by Francis Robertson, guest soloist. Her numbers were enthusiastically received by the audience...

A featured number on the program was the song, "Italian Street Song", in which the voice of Miss Robertson blended beautifully with the male chorus. The effect was very pleasing...

A male quartet, composed of Marvin Roy, Burl Stillwell, Balfe Ulrich and Rollin McBroom, presented three items during the evening. Baynard Sager, violinist, accompanied the quartet in its rendition of "Dark Eyes"...

"Home on the Range" was the final number of the male chorus and the popular song of the cowboys received new life with the four-part harmony of male voices...

The two beautiful floral bouquets were donated by the Forshaw and White floral shops of Pendleton. Following the program the flowers were distributed to various shut-ins in Hermiston...

STRAY DOGS ARE MENACE TO BIRDS

A number of complaints have been brought to the attention of Frank Bilderback, president of the Hermiston Rod & Gun club, regarding the destruction of game birds by stray dogs during the nesting season...

Cooperation is urged to prevent further damage.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet

The Hermiston Unit of the American Legion auxiliary will hold its first night meeting of the summer season Thursday, April 13, in the Legion hall at 8:00 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present...

Special Program Planned

Miss Pauline Stoop, former co-editor of the Hermiston Herald who is leaving in the near future, will be honored at a farewell party in the Union church Monday night at 8:00 o'clock. The committee in charge announces that there will be a short program and refreshments will be served...

Rural Carrier on Vacation

Gerald White, rural carrier on Rt. 2, is taking a short vacation this week. Jasper Templeton is taking his place on the route. White is keeping in shape, however, by helping his brother-in-law build a brooder house on a ranch near Stanfield...

KIK, BENSEL AND LEWIS WIN HIGH HONORS AT FAIR

Three Umatilla County Youths Win First, Third and Fourth Places in Respective Divisions; Kik Tops All Entrants in Aberdeen-Angus Steer Class; Reception Planned.

STUDENTS TO PRESENT SPRING MUSIC VARIETIES

The students of Hermiston high school will present a spring music festival in six scenes on Tuesday, April 11. The program will consist of a combination of several musical numbers and various acts. It will give the students an opportunity to show what they have learned this year in the different glee clubs and choruses...

The affair will be a benefit to aid the students to send their band and glee club to the Eastern Oregon music festival next Friday, April 14, at La Grande. This meet will be competitive and all schools east of Hood River, including The Dalles, will be eligible to enter...

INJURED AUTOIST RECEIVES DAMAGES

Of interest to local townspeople was the announcement this week of the awarding of \$2,300 damages to Reginald Bass of Pendleton. The claim was approved by Governor Charles A. Sprague...

It will be recalled that Bass was injured by state police officers on July 15, 1937, near Irrigon when the auto in which he was riding with Charles Husband was mistaken for that of the John Day bank robbers who earlier in the day had staged a holdup at John Day...

Local and state police officers were on the lookout for the robbers who only two hours previously had ridden an automobile of state officers. The Chevrolet coupe in which Bass and Husband were riding greatly resembled the one in which the robbers escaped and when officers sighted the car opened fire. Bass received two wounds, one in the neck and one in the side...

YOUNG OREGONIANS PRESENT PROGRAM

Approximately 1000 persons attended the performance of the Young Oregonians Vaudeville group which presented a varied program in the local high school gymnasium Monday afternoon. The performance was exceptionally well organized and the talent displayed was above the ordinary...

The entertainment included various musical numbers, yodelers, tumblers, tap dancers, toe dancers, acrobatics, songs and a very good cartoonist. Especially entertaining was a comic dancer who received a great deal of applause...

The audience was composed of school children from various schools of the county, and townspeople.

SHEEP TO GRAZE ON GOLF COURSE

The faithfulness of another of our "dumb animals", this time the sheep, will be called upon to help care for the Hermiston golf course this year. It is planned, according to Walter Smith, president of the Hermiston Country Club, to run about 300 sheep on the course throughout the summer to care for the excess grass and weeds...

It is thought that this plan will prove successful but that some cutting will be necessary at intervals throughout the summer.

Auxiliary Meeting Postponed

The regular meeting of the Echo Wool Growers auxiliary which was scheduled for Friday, April 7, has been postponed till Thursday, April 13. The meeting will be held at the home of Arletta White.

The old adage of "Local Boy Makes Good" was brought home three-fold this week when three Umatilla county youths were awarded high ratings at the San Francisco world's fair in connection with the 12th annual interstate junior livestock show...

Charles Kik, 17 years old and son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kik who reside some distance north of Hermiston, received first place on his Aberdeen-Angus steer in the 805-950 pound class. Charles has been prominent in 4-H work the past few years and this honor is the climax of his endeavors...

In the same division, Kenneth Bense, 16 years old and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bense who reside a short distance west of Hermiston, won third place.

Harry Lewis, 14, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Lewis. He won fourth place rating on his Shorthorn calf in the 650-950 weight division. He lives with his parents three miles west of Hermiston in the Westland district.

All three boys entered their calves in the Pacific International Livestock show last year where each won honors. Kenneth won third place in the Hereford division, Charles fourth on his Shorthorn and Harry fifth on his Aberdeen-Angus. All three boys have been in 4-H club work about three years...

Kenneth was a member of the Oregon team that went to Columbus, Ohio, where the group won third place in competition with the national 4-H organization in the dairy division. This same team was declared champion of the state fair at Salem. His partner on this team was Eugene Rugg of Umatilla. Bense was selected the outstanding 4-H club boy in Umatilla county last year...

Rumor had it that Kik's calf was still eligible for further competition but latest word denied this earlier report. The boys are proteges of the assistant county agent who has supervised their work...

Tentative plans call for a reception for the boys when they come home over the week end. Hermiston is justly proud of them and will honor them at some later date.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN IN 1938

According to Wm. Logan, Hermiston postmaster, 1938 postage stamp receipts showed a decided gain over 1937. The total for 1938 was \$8,526.83 which was a gain of \$654.91, or 8 1-3 per cent over that of 1937...

Receipts for the first quarter of 1939 totalled \$2,043.83, which was an increase of \$62.63 or .316 per cent over the first quarter of 1938.

According to Mr. Logan that in order for a post office to get into a second class rating it is necessary to reach a total of \$9,416 in postage sales. This rating must be maintained for two years before a second class office is established. In order to receive a federal building or post office built by the government it is necessary to reach a total of \$10,000 in sales.

DEPUTY ASSESSOR VISITS HERMISTON

O. F. Steele, deputy assessor of Umatilla county, spent several days in Hermiston this week. Mr. Steele is in his 29th year as tax assessor, 25 years as a deputy and four years as assessor...

He has been elected Grand Master of the IOOF Grand Lodge of Oregon. The group will meet at Klamath Falls May 17 and 18 where Mr. Steele will be installed.

The IOOF Grand Lodge will present its drill team on Treasure Island at the San Francisco exposition May 11. Fred Reeves and Don Sherwood will represent the Hermiston lodge on the team.