

PAROLE BOARD YET UNCERTAIN

Salem—Gov. Charles A. Sprague is having some difficulty in gathering together a new parole board to administer the new parole system installed by the last legislature.

Several of the prominent men to whom he tendered the position have evidently refused to take the responsibility of setting sentences upon their shoulders.

Before he left for a trip down the Oregon coast highway with the highway commission, it had been believed the governor would have lined up the new board. But by the time he left he had made no announcement.

It was believed in capital circles the job had been offered to Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, president of Willamette university. Dr. Baxter evidently declined. There was some talk the governor would also proffer the thankless position to Dr. H. H. Olinger, Salem, who served on another thankless job—the state capitol reconstruction commission.

Court Sessions Scheduled

The annual spring session of the state supreme court in eastern Oregon will open at Pendleton May 1.

There are but nine cases set for the docket. The eastern Oregon session was established when travel conditions were too poor to permit those in that part of the state to come to Salem for regular sessions.

Of late years the number of cases at each spring term has steadily diminished. The justices will leave here several days early.

Oregon's Exhibits Lauded

The travel department of the state highway commission has received many congratulations on the department's exhibit at the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Of particular interest have been the moving diorama of Heceta Head, and the outdoor exhibit of animal life. Included in the wildlife exhibit are several varieties of deer, a beaver colony, and game birds, including pheasants and ducks.

Electric Company Reduces Rates

The California Public Service company will cut its rates to Lakeview vicinity electricity users by 5.9 per cent on May 15. The announcement was given by the company to the public utilities commission here.

The reductions, effecting approximately 300 customers, will total \$4900 a year, \$3200 in the commercial bracket and \$1700 in the residential bracket.

Relief Change Setup Explained

The broadening of the pension program and cutting of qualifications to an irreducible minimum was the object of the state legislature in changing the state relief committee to a public welfare agency, Sen. Ronald A. Jones said here.

Jones pointed out that the federal government is no longer matching state funds dollar for dollar on general relief, and added that the reduction in match funds calls for closer supervision of state money.

Forest Fire Danger Stressed

State Forester J. W. Ferguson said the advent of hot weather a month ahead of time this year would mean danger to all Oregon forests unless a driving rain was experienced before the usual fire season started on May 15.

By April 15 of this year forest lookouts had already been ordered to their stations to watch for fires started by slash burning operations.

Snell Named Admiral

Secretary of State Earl Snell has been named an admiral for the Devil's Lake speed-boat regatta to be held June 24 and 25. Snell is an enthusiastic boatman.

Capitol Grounds Lawn Progressing

Landscaping of the Oregon capitol grounds, begun more than a year ago, may not be completed for another two years.

With warm spring weather the planting of lawn is now progressing satisfactorily, and that phase may be completed this year, but moving of shrubs and finishing of the sunken mall directly in front of the new state house is expected to take much longer.

Workmen are now busy putting in new sidewalks, many of them curving in graceful arcs through the trees between the capitol and the state office building to the east.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HONORS THREE HERMISTON YOUTHS

BOYS TELL OF TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO

Charles Kik, Kenneth Bense and Harry Lewis, Hermiston boys who won high honors at the San Francisco exposition earlier in the month, were honor guests at the regular Commercial Club meeting held Tuesday evening in the Hermiston Hotel dining room. Also present at the banquet were the parents of the boys and wives of members of the commercial club group.

E. P. Dodd, president of the club, introduced M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent, who in turn presented each of the boys to the guests present. Mr. Knickerbocker gave due credit to the boys but asked the boys to speak for themselves.

Harry Lewis, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Lewis, told of the number of boys and girls present at the exposition who participated in the competition. He stated that 17,000 boys and girls entered livestock of some description. A total of 5,000 head of cattle was represented from 11 different states. He stated that Texas probably had the largest list of entrants.

Charles Kik, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kik, told of the many interesting sights seen at the fair, including Douglas Corrigan's famous "wrong-way" ship, the China Clipper, Sally Rand's Ranch, and many other exciting things. He told of his efforts in getting a glimpse of several movie stars. Charles is an interesting speaker and kept his audience in laughter much of the time.

Kenneth Bense, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bense, told of the purpose of the fair, of the huge garden spots, and the beautiful lighting arrangement. They also witnessed the celebrations of Army day and Youth day. He told of visiting with Mrs. E. P. Dodd at the Oregon stand.

All three boys were extremely modest and had to be urged to tell of the honors they collected. Charles won first place on his Aberdeen-Angus steer, Kenneth won third in the same division, and Harry won fourth place in the Shorthorn class. Counting all honors as a whole it was estimated that Oregon entrants probably led the group, although Texas had an exceptionally fine list of entrants. It was stated that Swift and Safeway were the biggest buyers at the auction.

Miss Charlotte Helm pleased with two readings, "When Miliudy Sings" and "Angelina." Jim Jackson sang two numbers and an encore. Helen Hammel sang "Moonlight Madonna" and "Sunshine of Your Smile." Each was accompanied at the piano by Phyllis Sires. Mrs. Zona Rogers also pleased the crowd with a number of piano selections. Several announcements were made before the group was dismissed for the evening.

Gym Classes Plan Exhibition

The Hermiston high school gym classes will hold an exhibition of work accomplished during the past year next Friday, May 5, according to W. G. Kersbergen, school superintendent. The program will be in charge of Lavina May Lynch and Jack Hodgen, gym instructors.

HERMISTON GARDEN CLUB ADVANCES DATE OF FLOWER SHOW TO MONDAY, MAY 8TH.

The date for the Hermiston Garden Club flower show has been advanced one week and will be held on Monday, May 8, in the Hermiston American Legion hall. It is expected that a large list of entrants will be on hand as interest has been keen this season in flower raising.

Entries are not confined to club members and anyone is eligible to enter exhibits for competition. Only one entry may be made in each class. Ribbons will be awarded in each class with a sweepstakes ribbon going to the person winning the greatest number of blue ribbons. Rules have been printed and can be obtained at the Hermiston drug store

GOVERNMENT TO BUILD FISH SCREEN ON FEED CANAL

Preliminary work was begun this week on a proposed fish screen construction near the head of the government feed canal which is located approximately a mile above Echo, according to Enos Martin, Hermiston irrigation district manager. O. W. Lindgren, hydraulic engineer, Bureau of Fisheries of Seattle, Wn., and A. H. Dahl, field engineer from the same bureau, were here this week to make preliminary surveys.

The purpose of the screen construction is to prevent fish from entering the canal, to turn them back into the river. It is difficult to estimate the number of fish which have entered the canal and passed into the reservoir, and this plan will serve as a check on this number.

A contract will be let in July with construction operations to follow soon after. It is necessary that the water be low in the canal before much work can be done. The screen obstruction will be built with federal money utilizing WPA labor to a large extent.

Mr. Dahl will be in charge of the field operation. The screen will be of one-fourth inch mesh and will be so constructed that it can be raised and lowered with a hoist in case of obstruction of ice and other matter. It will be located between the intake and the sand gate.

Further details are expected at a later date, according to Mr. Martin.

COMMITTEE BUSY ON DERBY SHOW PLANS

Plans for the second annual Hermiston Derby Show are shaping up nicely, according to Ben O'Conner, member of the Derby committee. He is in receipt at the present time of reservations for 60 head of horses. More are coming in all the time. It is expected that the show this year will outshine last year's Derby.

Horses will be entered from all parts of the northwest and several requests for information have come from California. Better and faster horses is the object of this year's show. Indications are that there will be a great deal of enthusiasm displayed in the Derby show on May 27 and 28.

The first of two dances to help finance preliminary work of the Derby committee will be held Saturday night in the Hermiston park hall. Another will follow two weeks later on May 13. Music by the Troubadours will be featured at both dances.

LOCAL GOLFERS TO PLAY AT CONDON

"Shorty" Matott and his cohorts will play a return match with Condon golfers Sunday. Hermiston won a narrow 26-22 victory over the same group last Sunday and it is expected that the margin will be even closer at Condon Sunday.

Practically the same team which performed here Sunday will make the trip to Condon to uphold the local colors.

Hermiston Tennis Team Wins

Hermiston high tennis wielders won another close engagement Tuesday afternoon when they defeated Umatilla 3 matches to 2. Hermiston won the girls' singles, mixed doubles and boys' doubles, and lost the boys' singles and girls' doubles.

MANY VISITORS ATTEND CCC OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY

GUESTS ARE SHOWN THROUGH BUILDINGS

Approximately 300 visitors enjoyed the annual "open house" at the Stanfield CCC camp Sunday afternoon. The guests were shown through the different buildings by courteous guides who explained the various departments. The visit was climaxed by a bounteous lunch served in the company mess hall. The open house was in honor of the sixth anniversary of the CCC organization.

The program consisted of conducted tours through the barracks, laundry, kitchen, mess hall, recreational hall, supply room, shops, garage and school building. The hospital was overlooked because of two patients. The school, an abandoned Stanfield public school built in 1911, has been utilized in many ways, not the least of which is housing a library room, amply provided with books and magazines and well stocked with comfortable chairs and with tables.

The school provides for education in all lines usually found in any high school program. The manual training shop is well equipped with modern machinery and is well arranged. Classes are held each evening after the boys have returned from their work in the field. According to instructors the boys are taking interest in the work and are active in the various phases. The students are allowed to choose the line of work in which they are most interested.

The camp is situated in a well chosen location with the school building and the various shade trees and well kept buildings lending a touch of college life. The camp is unique in that it has such comfortable surroundings and also that its purpose is somewhat different than that of the ordinary CCC group.

It has been in operation for the past six months and the members are assisting local farmers in establishing practical measures to conserve their soil, under guidance of soil conservation service technicians. Among the interesting sights Sunday was a display illustrating the various kinds of work being performed by the soil conservation groups. Officials were present to discuss the problems with interested farmers.

The camp is in charge of Lieutenant J. D. Bell. Lieutenant Paul Shultz is camp adjutant and J. R. Chenault is camp superintendent.

FORMER OLD TIME RESIDENT PASSES

Of interest to old time Hermiston residents was the death last Thursday of Jesse W. Tabor, 84-year-old pioneer, in Wallace, Idaho. Mr. Tabor was a brother of J. H. Tabor of the Columbia district and was well known in this district.

He at one time owned a large quantity of land in the Hermiston area and later did much business here.

Funeral services were held in Wallace Monday morning at which many prominent business men of Wallace and Coeur d'Alene were present. All stores and business houses closed during the services.

Helen Dunning Honored

Miss Helen Dunning, daughter of Ed Dunning of Hermiston, freshman at Oregon State college, is one of 25 freshmen chosen from a class of 600 as a member of Talons, a sophomore service-honorary. Members are chosen for leadership, personality, activities and scholarship.

Old Pioneer Passes

L. H. Pearson, an old time resident on the Umatilla project, passed away in Tacoma, Wn., on April 18. Mr. Pearson reached the age of 78 and is survived by his widow, one son and two daughters.

Cold Storage Arranged

The Portland-Pendleton Motor Freight has made arrangements with the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery whereby veal and other meat products will be kept in cold storage until time for shipment. This plan will prove convenient for local meat shippers.

HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE LARGE CLASS

HERMISTON DEFEATS ATHENA NINE 7-6

Marvin Rankin, Hermiston pitcher, was an exception to the rule that "pitchers can't hit" when he drove in the winning run in the last inning Monday afternoon to give Hermiston a 7-6 victory over Athena on the local diamond. The game was close throughout and was in doubt until the last inning when John Knox scammed over the plate on Rankin's blow to right.

Hermiston opened the afternoon's program with a three-run outburst. Moore walked, Knox singled, Tiller doubled, Marble walked and Cramp-ton doubled to account for the three tallies. Athena failed to score when the first three batters went down swinging.

Athena came back in the first of the third to tie up the score at three all. The scores came without a hit on three walks and a hit batter. All scored on wild pitches.

Hermiston again went into the lead in the last of the fifth by scoring two runs. Knox singled, Rankin doubled and Tiller came through with a timely blow to score two runners.

The local boys added another counter in the sixth on a hit by Mul-

HERMISTON YOUTH INJURED SUNDAY

Albert Liebe, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Liebe of Hermiston, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon about 2:00 p. m. when he was struck on his bicycle by an automobile driven by Mrs. Manuel Cunha of Echo. The lad was bucking a strong headwind in riding towards Hermiston on the diagonal road leading to Columbia, which caused him to weave somewhat. The strong wind blew him into the path of Mrs. Cunha's car which was approaching from the rear.

The Liebe boy suffered a compound fracture of the left thigh, a severe head wound and various lacerations about the body. He was taken to the hospital in Pendleton immediately following the accident. Latest reports indicated that he was progressing nicely.

SENIORS ON ANNUAL FLUNK DAY TRIP

Unsuspecting underclassmen might be interested to know that the mighty seniors have this year hied themselves into yonder distant hills there to partake of the wonders of nature and to enjoy themselves as absentees from the gruelling studies which the underclassmen are forced to indulge in.

The Hermiston high school seniors are enjoying their annual "flunk day" Friday, and have gone to Lehman Springs for the occasion. Mrs. Sam Moore and Miss Lavina May Lynch accompanied the group as chaperones.

LOCAL LADIES TO GOLF TUESDAYS

Providing the weather is favorable, Hermiston ladies will play golf on the local course Tuesday afternoons at 3:00. Any ladies who are interested in golf are invited to come out Tuesday.

Mrs. Grace Saylor and Mrs. Zona Rodgers are members of a committee which is in charge of arrangements and those interested are asked to get in touch with them. It is planned to play every Tuesday afternoon.

Umatilla To Have Music Festival

A county music festival will be held at Umatilla next Friday, May 5. The festival is mainly for grade school students but high school pupils will also be in attendance. The program will begin at 1:00 o'clock and will be held in the Umatilla high school. Hermiston will send its grade school pupils and the high school orchestra and glee club.

Other schools that will participate besides Umatilla and Hermiston include Echo, Stanfield and Columbia.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE HELD ON MAY 18

Hermiston high school will graduate a class of 35 seniors at the annual commencement exercises to be held this year on Thursday, May 18, in the high school auditorium, according to Superintendent W. G. eKrsbergen. This class is about the average in size comparing favorably with classes of former years.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 14. Rev. Stearns Cushing, pastor of the Hermiston Methodist church, will be the speaker of the evening.

The program for the commencement exercises has not been completed, but it has been announced that Prof. Leon Ellis of Whitman college will deliver the commencement address. Other numbers will be furnished by students of Hermiston high school.

The list of 1939 graduates follows:

Lena Baehne, Maxine Bliston, Claudine Hale, Marie Kennison, Alma Laird, Della Madden, Lauretta Mulkins, Geraldine Mullins, Georgia Rae Neal, Annie Pearson, Mary Helene Piersol, Gladys Pierson, Zelma Sale, Eleanor Steiner, Lucille Weeks, Virginia Wells, Gladys Williams, John Dunning, Glen Elwood, Lester Flannigan, Gilbert Gettman, John Knox, Wayne Lindner, Tom Lotspeich, Ralph Marble, Delmar McCracken, Elbert Moore, Jesse Moore, Tom Quick, Marvin Rankin, Darwin Shaw, Vester Shaw, Alfred Shipp, Presley Stillings and Joe Tomlin.

CONSTRUCTION ON REA LINE PLANNED

Work is expected to get underway in the near future on the new REA extension lines of about 32 miles which will serve all farmers in the territory, according to officials of the successful contracting company who were here last week end. The group is still waiting for approval from Washington on the bid.

Those who were here to look over the field included T. Y. McClellan, contractor, and Hilbert Hanson, manager, both of West Stayton, and Alton B. Coates, superintendent, and C. J. Robinson, timekeeper and office man, both from Albany.

It was announced that the contractor will employ local men on the project as far as possible.

TRIPLE AAA SEEKS BETTER SIGNUP

The Umatilla county Triple AAA committee is desirous to bring to the attention of all operators in Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo communities the necessity of signing the farm estimate sheets before June 1. These sheets may be obtained at the assistant county agent's office and may be signed at any convenient time.

At the present time there is about a 60 per cent signup of operators but a 100 per cent is desired by the committee, according to M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent.

Local Girl to be Chairman

Helen Jendrzejewski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jendrzejewski of Hermiston, has been appointed general chairman of the Women's Week End Home Economics exhibits and open house at Oregon State college. She will have charge of exhibits in clothing, textiles, related arts, foods and the open house in the three Oregon State practice houses and the new nursery school which was opened this winter. Helen is a junior in home economics at Oregon state college.

Broadcast Program Arranged

M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent, and Charles Kik will present a 15-minute program over KUJ, Walla Walla, Saturday at 1:00 o'clock. Local people who are interested are asked to tune in on the program. Charles will discuss 4-H club work and may tell some of the highlights of his trip to San Francisco.