

FARM BUREAU CO-OP. INSTALLS NEW PELLET MACHINE THIS WEEK

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Salem—To the average resident of Oregon, those whose acquaintance with the state is confined to that region lying west of the Cascades, the expression "wide open spaces" is just a nice sounding phrase, redolent of sage brush and grease-wood and grazing herds. To truly appreciate the vastness of those wide open spaces that lie east of the Cascades one must visit the region in person as did this writer last week, trailing the State Land Board on its inspection of school lands of which the state still owns more than 700,000 acres scattered throughout the public domain that constitutes more than 80 per cent of central Oregon.

The trip of the land board was anything but a pleasure junket although its monotonous hours of driving through mile after mile of dusty sage-covered grazing land was not entirely devoid of pleasant incidents. There were, for instance, side trips to various points of interest including the Malheur reserve for migratory waterfowl, and the logging operations of the Hines lumber company at Seneca. But best of all were the receptions with which the official party was greeted at every stop, receptions that displayed a quality of whole-hearted hospitality that leaves no room for doubt as to its sincerity.

There were banquets and dinners by civic and service clubs and chambers of commerce at Bend, Burns, Pendleton and The Dalles, and even more enjoyable than these was the dinner at the H. F. Severance ranch 75 miles up the Crooked river from Prineville where the official party arrived just in time to participate in the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of that estimable couple. Also enjoyed was the beefsteak dinner at the Herman Oliver ranch two miles out of John Day in Grant county where most of the party for the first time in their extensive gastronomical experience discovered just what a properly cured and properly prepared beefsteak tastes like.

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NEW USES FOR ALFALFA PLANNED

The Farm Bureau Cooperative has installed a pellet making machine the past week which is creating a great deal of interest at the mill. The new piece of machinery is a product of the A. Popick Manufacturing Co. of Portland and is entirely new on the market. Mr. Popick has been here the past few days to instruct the local management as to the operation and care of the new machine.

The Champion Feed Compressor is unique in that it uses an entirely cold process in compressing the pellets without the use of steam. It has been designed and developed primarily for the compressing of coarsely ground feed which has been discovered is the greatest aid to complete digestion. It has been proven that pellets made from coarsely ground feeds will aid to reduce the mortality rate of baby chicks and turkey poults.

An added advantage of the machine is that it uses a cold process in the making of the pellets which tends to leave all vitamin content in the feed. The pellets come out of the machine in a bright, glossy and hard form.

Various experiments have been tried the past week. In all instances the machine performed well. Something which had never been tried before was attempted, to form pellets from pure alfalfa hay with-

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Golf Course To Be Mowed Soon

The Hermiston golf course will be in first class condition Sunday, according to the committee in charge. Two mowers are in operation and it is expected that all fairways will be in good playing condition.

PRECIPITATION FOR LAST TWO MONTHS EXTREMELY LOW

Less than one-third inch of rainfall has been recorded since March 15, according to Charles Taylor, local weather man. Precipitation was recorded as follows: March 15, .13; April 12, .20; April 25, .01. There has been no actual rainfall in this area for a period of two months. Although this condition is somewhat inconvenient it is not as serious as is the case west and north of Hermiston. Morrow county is extremely dry and it is reported that pasture for livestock is almost gone.

There have been only three drier Aprils than last April since 1909, a period of 30 years. These were as follows: April 1918, .05. April 1924, .13; April 1927, .16. April 1938 had a rainfall of .59.

Much of the area around Hermiston is not as dependent on rainfall as is the case in the Pendleton wheat fields and in Morrow county where the large pasture acreages are suffering extremely from the drought. Latest reports from the Pendleton wheat lands state that it is very dry and will need rain in the very near future to save the crop. Wheat lands in the Blue mountain area are not suffering quite so severely.

Conditions in the Butter Creek area are not serious as yet but the fields are very dry. Spring irrigation has stopped and those fields which have had this water are in excellent shape and will pull through. Other plantings which have had no irrigation are rather doubtful unless rain comes soon.

The weather report for the past week follows:

May 4	76	52
May 5	71	39
May 6	78	46
May 7	79	48
May 8	90	40
May 9	85	44
May 10	80	36

PROGRAM PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE ELECTRICITY USES

DISPLAY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

A demonstration and display of electric equipment for farm and home will take place Tuesday, May 16, at 8:00 p. m. at the Union high school building in Hermiston and instruction will be given by a number of competent speakers on the different subjects. The program has been prepared by Walter R. Moulton, utilization representative of the national REA from Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association.

Mr. Moulton will be present to talk on the uses of electricity in the home and on the farm. Other speakers will be Everett H. Davis, extension specialist, Oregon State college; Miss Frances Clinton, Home Demonstration agent; Miss Virginia Houtchens, home electrification specialist of the national REA from Washington, D. C., and Walter A. Holt, county agent. The meeting is open to all users of electricity or any one interested in the uses of the many kinds of appliances now available, including men, women and children. Door prizes will be given to those who come early which will include electrical appliances and electrically cooked foods.

The meeting is designed to have a good time as well as to instruct in what electric service means to the people of the new system recently built by the REA including the new extensions that will soon be under construction.

Calf Club Meets Monday.

A regular meeting of the Hermiston 4-H Calf club was held in the office of M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent.

MRS. RODDA WINS HIGH HONORS AT FLOWER SHOW

TURKEY POOLING OPERATIONS BEGIN FRIDAY MORNING

Approximately 60 workers will begin operations Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock in the first turkey pool of breeder stock in the new plant recently completed by the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association. When 48 pickers begin their chores "feathers will fly". Organization of the crew has been completed and it is expected that the first pool will be a successful venture.

Turkeys will be brought in from a radius of many miles and it is expected that 5000 birds will be handled during three days of operations. J. N. Cornut of Riddle, Oregon, government grader, will remain on hand to take care of that end of the business.

A total of 120 new coops have been completed and will be available for the shippers. Trucks will be sent about the country to pick up the birds. The two coolers will be in readiness for the first shipment Friday.

HERMISTON WINS OVER HEPPNER NINE

The Hermiston Union high Bulldogs ended their baseball season by edging out Heppner high by a score of 11 to 10 Thursday afternoon. After spotting Heppner to nine runs in the first two innings, Hermiston settled down behind the effective pitching of Marvin Rankin. The winning run came across when Tiller's single drove Rankin home.

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Heppner	10	6	2
Hermiston	11	11	4

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS EXHIBITION AT LEGION HALL

The first annual spring flower show sponsored by the Hermiston Garden club was held Monday afternoon and evening in the American Legion hall. The exhibition was a huge success from all angles as demonstrated by the enthusiasm and interest shown by the crowd in attendance estimated as between 250 and 300.

Mrs. W. J. Rodda, who resides on a farm in the Minnehaha district, was awarded the sweepstakes ribbon by virtue of four firsts, including: tall bearded iris; best iris, any variety; bachelor's buttons; shrubs division with a snowball bouquet.

Other blue ribbon winners included: Mrs. F. C. McKenzie, blooming trees, with hawthorne; Mrs. J. R. Chenault, apricot-tinted viola; Mrs. Bert Nation, one variety pansies; Mrs. Joe Udey, snow-on-the-mountain in unclassified perennials; Mrs. McKenzie, mixed pansies; Mrs. George Kendler, 1 variety spuria iris; Mrs. Joe Udey, peonies; Mrs. Chas. Taylor, day lily; Mrs. Alice Wagner, oriental poppy; Mrs. C. Piersol, columbines; Mrs. H. A. Hooker, vase of roses; Mrs. Craig Percy, climbing rose; Mrs. J. R. Chenault, fantasy tulip with a bloom-spread of over eight inches.

Iris exhibits dominated the displays but two divisions somewhat out of the ordinary helped make the show outstanding. They were an

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NATION PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE

Bert J. Nation, night marshal, pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd Thursday afternoon on a warrant charging assault which has been signed Wednesday afternoon by Hogan Miller of Hermiston. The warrant came after Miller appeared before the Justice of Peace charging Nation with assault after a heated argument on Main street Wednesday afternoon.

No date of hearing has been set until word is received from District Attorney A. C. McIntyre who will investigate the charge.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TALKS ON HOUSING

The housing situation was discussed at the regular meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club Tuesday evening. There has been a decided need for more houses in Hermiston the past year and with construction going on in Umatilla and various other projects about the country the situation is getting acute.

Other matters discussed were the possibilities of zoning the city, the clearing of titles of city owned lots, and the possibility of establishing Hermiston as a mid-way point for truck lines operating out of Portland.

No definite action was taken on any of the matters but will be studied and brought up at a later meeting.

REA CONTRACT IS APPROVED

The National REA has approved the contract of T. Y. McClellan for the construction of the new expansion of 32 miles more of lines to be added to the original system of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative. Work is expected to start within a very few days. These additions will complete the present system of rural lines at Boardman, Irrigon, Hermiston, Stanfield, Westland irrigation district, Butter Creek above Pine City, and Echo to Nolin.

Other small additions may be connected up along these lines from time to time as desired and found feasible under the rules of the REA. Approval of the wheat line extension is expected soon with the necessary allotment for construction. When all is completed the system will exceed 250 miles.

HERMISTON UNION HIGH TO GRADUATE LARGE CLASS THURSDAY



HERMISTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL Senior Class 1939

The above pictured students of Hermiston high school will receive their diplomas at graduation exercises this month. The seniors, first row, left to right: Tom Quick, Ger-

Kelty Is New Chairman—

Paul R. Kelty of Lafayette automatically became chairman of the new parole board this week when in allotting the appointments Governor Sprague gave him the short two-year term. G. W. Mason, the hold-over member on the board drew the four-year term and Roy S. (Spec) Keene the six-year term. It is presumed that Kelty will be re-appointed to a six-year term upon the completion of his first two years on the board. The new board will meet in Salem Friday to organize but it is not expected that it will get down to the business of selecting a parole officer and field staff for at least another two or three weeks. The new organization does not take over until June 14 when the new parole law becomes effective.

Oliver to Win Appointment—

The next change on the State Highway Commission awaits the pleasure of Herman Oliver, Grant county rancher and John Day banker. Governor Sprague, shortly after taking office, let it be known that Oliver would be named to succeed E. B. Aldrich on the commission if and when the Pendleton publisher should decide to retire. This week the governor indicated that the change would probably be made "some time this summer, when it suits Mr. Oliver's convenience." Apparently Aldrich is ready to quit the commission at any time and only continues to serve at the request of the governor. Oliver who is now a member of the state board of higher education, will retire from that board when he becomes a member of the highway commission.

Flood Water Campaign Aided—

The state board of control has agreed to support the city of Pendleton in its campaign for control of the flood waters of the Umatilla river. The flood control program contemplates expenditure of \$4,500,000 by the federal government in the construction of a dam about 20 miles above Pendleton. The state is interested in the project because of the fact that the eastern Oregon state hospital is located in the old river bed and in direct line of any flood that might occur on the Umatilla river. Small floods in 1931 and 1932 damaged hospital property to the extent of approximately \$25,000 according to Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the institution.