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MAC DONALD URGES ROAD IMPROVEMENT

SALEM—The recommendation of Thos. H. MacDonald, chief of the federal bureau of public roads, for a system of interregional highways is the greatest forward movement for highway development that has been suggested since the original federal aid highway act of 1917, in the opinion of R. H. Baldock, Oregon's state highway engineer.

At the direction of the highway commission Baldock has written each member of the Oregon delegation in Congress urging their support of the MacDonald program which calls for the utilization of present free traffic facilities through reconstruction to meet modern needs.

Improvement of the Pacific highway and the Columbia river highway—Old Oregon Trail in Oregon would be included in MacDonald's program.

"The most pressing highway problems in Oregon today," Baldock declared in his letter to the Oregon Congressmen, "are the modernization of the upper Columbia river highway and the building of highway arterials into and through cities."

DEMOCRATIC JOB HOLDERS UNEASY

Resignation of N. G. Wallace as public utilities commissioner and appointment of O. R. Bean, Portland, as his successor has quieted speculation as to Governor Sprague's intentions in that direction, but the change in department heads has only served to increase the uneasiness felt by the commission's small army of employees. While it is not believed there are a number of highly lucrative jobs in the department now being held by democrats which look mighty tempting to republican patriots who are becoming impatient at the administration's delay in distributing what they regard as the rightful spoils of a partisan victory.

Judge Wallace's resignation was not entirely unexpected. While Governor Sprague had indicated no intention of removing the commissioner for whom he held a high personal regard, Wallace's health was such as to force his retirement.

Parole Board Begins Work—

In order that prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary shall not be discriminated against through operation of the new indeterminate sentence act which becomes effective June 14, Governor Sprague has let it be known that he will resort to his authority to extend executive clemency to prisoners whose sentences are shown to have been unduly harsh. The governor has instructed his parole board to review the record of all prisoners now in the institution and to make recommendations in such cases as the board may regard as entitled to the governor's attention. A difference of opinion exists among attorneys as to the effect of the new law on old prisoners. Some of the sponsors of the measure are of the opinion that the act is retroactive. Others disagree. Attorney General Van Winkle in a memorandum opinion to the parole board gave it as his view that the act will not apply to prisoners sentenced prior to the effective date of the new law which will be June 14.

Industrial Payrolls Gain—

Oregon's industrial curve points definitely upward, according to statistics compiled by the Industrial Accident commission. Business in this state during the first four months of 1939 was better than for any similar period during the past ten years with the exception of 1937. Industrial payrolls for the four month period aggregated \$46,884,797, an increase of approximately \$2,500,000 over the same period in 1938. Oregon industries employed 109,400 men during April this year or 7000 more than were given employment in the same industries in April of last year.

Parole Board Pays Visits—

The new state parole board which met here last week at an informal conference with Governor Sprague, is spending this week visiting penal institutions in the state of Washington and conferring with parole officials of that state which has been operating for several years under the same parole system which Oregon is just adopting.

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J. B. SAYLOR CALLED BY DEATH AT PENDLETON SUNDAY

OLD TIME PIONEER ON BUTTER CREEK

Joseph B. Saylor, 75, for many years a resident of Butter Creek, passed away Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Mr. Saylor was formerly president of the Echo and Freewater banks, and owned one of the richest farms on Butter Creek. He has been a resident of this territory for 46 years and has engaged in all types of enterprises.

He was born in Millinton, Pa., in 1863, and his youth was spent in preparing for the teaching profession. He attended Altoona academy and following his graduation taught for several years near Milton, Athena and Echo.

He acquired the Wm. Lloyd ranch on Butter Creek in 1893 and has been actively engaged in farming until the time of his death. His son Ralph is running the ranch at the present time.

On May 16, 1894, he was married to Minnie L. Gerking, who with three children survive: Ralph of Echo, Edgar of Hermiston, and Nelma who is now teaching Home Economics in the senior high school at Roseburg. Five grandchildren also survive. There are also two brothers, Charles of Altoona, Pa., and Will of Port Royal, Pa.

Mr. Saylor moved his family to Milton in 1905 where he was active in civic and religious activities. He was influential in building the First Christian church and in organizing the McLaughlin Union high school district. He was a lifelong member of the Christian church, also of the Woodmen of the World. From Milton the family moved back to Butter Creek.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from Bomboy's chapel in Pendleton with Rev. Ward Rice of Walla Walla officiating. Mrs. Keith Caldwell of Portland sang.

The pall bearers were Sloan Thompson, Harry Andres of Echo, Will Steen of Milton, C. L. Woodward of Walla Walla, George B. Wallace of Portland, and Henry Sommerer of Hermiston. Commitment was at the Milton cemetery.

IRRIGATION WATER USED FROM CANAL

Contrary to reports coming from Pendleton, Hermiston irrigation water is still coming from the feed canal, according to Enos D. Martin, manager. A small head is still available from this source.

However, unless it rains in the mountains in the very near future, it will be necessary to switch to Cold Springs reservoir for water supply. The reservoir is full at the present time.

WEATHER REPORT

The following is the weather report for the week ending Wednesday, May 17, according to Chas. Taylor, city weather man.

	Max.	Min.
May 11	84	36
May 12	87	39
May 13	94	40
May 14	97	43
May 15	97	43
May 16	81	57
May 17	76	53

No rain was recorded during the week.

GOVERNMENT MEN MAKE SOIL SURVEYS IN THIS AREA FOR BETTER SOIL USE

The government has been making an extensive soil conservation survey in the Hermiston, Echo and Stanfield area the past few weeks. Fourteen men have been engaged in the survey, headed by Russell Smith, chief of the party. The group has been making a survey of all lands, including range, farms and wood lots in an effort to establish a correct estimate of the territory in order to suggest and urge for better land use.

The party is divided into various groups, each dealing with a differ-

MAYOR McKENZIE DECREES MAY 26-27 AS OFFICIAL POPPY DAY

"I. F. C. McKenzie, mayor of the City of Hermiston, believing that the memory of those who gave their lives in the World War and their high patriotic sacrifice should be kept bright for the inspiration of America, urge all citizens to wear their memorial flower, the poppy, Friday and Saturday, May 26-27, and give for the poppy as generously as they are able to aid the war's living victims, the disabled veterans and dependent families."

IRRIGON FARMER SUCCUMBS WHILE AT WORK MONDAY

Alvin Jerome Strader, about 45, was found dead near Irrigon Tuesday morning after irrigating in the field during the night. He apparently succumbed to a heart attack some time during the night, and was found by relatives. Mr. Strader had farmed in the Irrigon district for several years.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bessie Strader; two brothers, Melvin and Milton, and one sister, Mrs. Virginia Chaney, all of whom are living at Irrigon.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in Irrigon with Charles Ross of Walla Walla officiating. Burial was also in Irrigon.

TRACK FINISHED FOR DERBY RACES

The track on the Hermiston fair grounds are in excellent condition for the derby races next week end. The track will be hand raked by CCC boys this week end and it is expected that the surface will be in readiness for fast horses. Stalls have been built to take care of more horses.

The Hermiston high school band and the The Dalles German will play at the races, according to members of the derby committee. Bleachers will be constructed to take care of the crowds.

Approximately 75 horses will be entered in the races.

ALFALFA CUTTING NOW UNDERWAY

Harvesting of the first crop of alfalfa is generally underway throughout the districts of the west end of Umatilla and north end of Morrow counties. Because of a cool spring cheat is somewhat ahead of the alfalfa and is now at a stage when it must be cut to provide a better grade of feed. This condition is not so damaging as it was last season at this time and the quality of the first cutting will be better than that of last year.

It is expected that because of the dry season in other parts of the northwest that hay grown on irrigated lands will command a better price than last year. The fact that winter range grass is very short, due to lack of seasonal moisture, it is probable that next fall and winter will require more feeding.

Wool Growers Auxiliary Meets

The next meeting of the Wool Growers Auxiliary will be held on Friday, June 2, at the home of Mrs. Neil Robertson at Echo. Annual election of officers will be held at this meeting and all members are urged to be present.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION HELD WEDNESDAY P. M.

CLASS OF '29 RECEIVES DIPLOMAS

Graduation exercises were held at the Hermiston grade school auditorium Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 for 29 eighth grade graduates. The grade school orchestra assisted on the program. Rev. Stearns Cushing gave the principal address and Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen presented the diplomas.

The following is a list of the graduates: Genevieve Anita Blinston, Marion Neal Borthwick, Barbara L. Connor, Gerald J. Coxen, David Dufur Jr., Wanda E. Dunning, Betty Edwards, Kenneth Elwood, Doris Lenora Follett, Gloria Hammer, Wayne Harris, Mary Louise Hazen, Stanley Hodges, Margaret L. Jones, Kathleen L. Keener.

Clarence A. Kennison, Marjorie M. Knapp, Carl Longhorn, Naomi M. Moore, Vivian Fay Morris, Linda Mary Neary, Leo Maynard Neal, Molly Ann Ripley, Florence Roberts, Frank H. Stone, Lyle G. Tilden, Lowell Tiller, David H. White, Geneva Louise Young.

FFA BOYS VISIT EXPERIMENT FARM

A large group of Future Farmers of America visited the Hermiston Experiment Farm Friday. They were shown about the place by H. K. Dean and the various instructors who accompanied the group. The boys were greatly interested in the different experiments being carried on this year at the farm and profited from the excursion.

Members came from Boardman, Heppner, Helix and Pendleton, and travelled in a large bus. The boys are members of Smith-Hughes courses in the different high schools and the excursion was a climax of the year's study.

COMMENCEMENT HELD THURSDAY

Professor Leon Ellis of Whitman College will deliver the commencement address for the Hermiston high school graduation exercises Thursday, May 18, in the high school auditorium.

The following are the graduates: Lena Baehne, Maxine Blinston, John Dunning, Glenn Elwood, Lester Flannigan, Gilbert Gettmann, Claudine Hale, Marie Kennison, John Knox, Alma Laird, Wayne Lindner, Delmar McCracken, Della Madden, Ralph Marble, Lauretta Mulkins, Geraldine Mullins, Elbert Moore, Georgia Rae Neal, Annie Pearson, Mary Helene Piersol, Gladys Pierson, Tom Quick, Marvin Rankin, Zelma Sale, Darwin Shaw, Vester Shaw, Eleanor Steiner, Pressley Stillings, Lucille Weeks, Virginia Wells, Gladys Williams, Joe Tomlin, Tom Lotspeich.

Ladies Attend Flower Show

Mrs. Julius Gimble, Mrs. Charles Taylor and her houseguest, Mrs. F. W. Kuhn of Grand Rapids, Mich., visited the Walla Walla Flower Show Wednesday. They report a wonderful show, especially the Junior Garden and miniature divisions. The group also visited the peony display at Milton. The Milton gardens are the largest on this side of the Mississippi and one of the six largest in the world. They were at their best Wednesday.

Townsend Delegates Pass Through

J. P. McDonald and C. L. Inman of Springfield, Oregon, stopped in Hermiston Wednesday to call on several members of the local Townsend club. The men were en route to the Townsend convention as delegates from Lane county, being the first of the delegates coming through Hermiston with the convention as their goal.

Two Babies Born Over Week End

Two baby boys were born the past week in Hermiston. Gerald Albert was born to Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Turner at the parsonage Monday. He weighed 7 1/4 pounds. Donald Lee was born to Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson Wednesday morning. He weighed 7 1/4 pounds.

ELECTRICAL DEMONSTRATION SHOWS WORTH TO REA USERS

FARMERS URGED TO TEST FOR T. B. IN NEAR FUTURE

Six years ago Umatilla county was tested for tuberculosis in cattle, and as a result of that test was placed in an accredited area, which means that cattle could be shipped into another county or state without the necessity of a T. B. test. In order to maintain this accredited rating, it is now necessary to retest all Umatilla county herds, both dairy and beef. As a result of the last test there were less than one-half of one per cent of the cattle removed as reactors. It is expected that this percentage will be considerably less this time. In all, perhaps not over a dozen cows will be found to be reactors in Umatilla county.

Aside from the advisability of maintaining the present accredited rating, the matter of human health must be considered. Cows infected with tuberculosis are capable of transmitting that disease directly to human beings through their milk, and hence it is to everyone's interest to remove such animals from the herd.

Testing for tuberculosis will be done free of charge by Dr. Warde Meyer, federal veterinarian, who also does Bangs disease testing in this county. Indemnity payments will be made for all infected animals killed the same as has been done in the past.

Farmers are asked to cooperate in the tuberculosis testing program just beginning in this district. Any information may be obtained at the assistant county agent's office. Anyone who does not ship to the Umatilla Co-op Creamery and has cows to test is asked to leave his name at the assistant county agent's office.

NATION FREED FROM ASSAULT CHARGE

Night Marshal B. J. Nation was released from a warrant charging assault, which was signed by Hogan Miller of Hermiston, Wednesday afternoon at a hearing held before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd in the library basement. Evidence produced at the trial clearly indicated that Nation acted in self defense.

Acting in defense of Nation were Peterson & Peterson of Pendleton and A. C. McIntyre, district attorney, represented the state. Witnesses called to the stand included Hogan Miller, Art Finley, Mrs. Bert Michel, Mrs. Ben O'Conner, Miss Lois Purdy, Myron "Babe" Nation and B. J. Nation.

In defending his decision Dodd reviewed somewhat the history of the case and warned that in the future he would deal severely with drunkness in Hermiston and stated that there would be an attempt made to "clean up" the city. He stressed the need for a jail in Hermiston.

JOHN KNOX WINS COACH'S AWARD

John Knox, graduating senior at Hermiston high school, won a high honor recently when he was awarded a letterman's sweater from Coach Jack Hodgen. It was presented to him for his high training methods and good sportsmanship. John lives four miles out in the country and walks home each night after practice. He won letters this year in baseball, football and tennis.

Others who were rewarded for their training methods included Bob Pierson, Ralph Crampton, Raymond Holloman, Don Pankow, Lavester Mulkins and John Knox. This group was given a cash award by Roy Hale, local confectionary man.

Fish Screen Work Underway.

Preliminary work has been started on the fish screen near the head of the government feed canal which is located approximately a mile above Echo, according to Enos D. Martin, Hermiston irrigation district manager. WPA workmen are engaged in excavating and preliminary work.

FAIR SIZED CROWD ATTENDS TUESDAY NIGHT

The cooking of a typical farm dinner on an electric range was the principal feature on the program Tuesday night in the high school auditorium, which proved both interesting and educational to the approximately 150 people present.

Walter R. Moulton, utilization representative of the national REA, Washington, D. C., brought out the theme of the entire evening's demonstration during his talk when he stressed the use of more electricity by each individual member of the cooperative, and for each farmer to try and get his neighbor who is not a user on the line, in order to make the electric cooperative a success.

Walter Holt, Umatilla county agent, presided over the meeting and gave a short history of the REA line, and credited much of the organizing to W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent at that time. He stated that the evening's demonstration was brought about at the request of the board of directors of the local line.

Mr. Holt introduced Miss Virginia Houtchens, home electrification specialist of the national REA of Washington, D. C., who proceeded with the cooking of the farm dinner on the stage, complete from salad to dessert. She requested that all women who become owners of electric ranges to read the instruction books very carefully in order to get most efficient and lasting service out of their electric equipment. The use of tight fitting covers on all cooking utensils was also stressed in order to use much of the free or stored heat. Using the right methods, there is no heat for kitchen use as expensive as electricity, she stated.

Some of the electrically cooked foods she cooked during the demonstration were given away as door prizes later in the evening. Miss (Continued on page 2)

UMATILLA GARDEN CLUB TO HAVE SHOW

The Umatilla Garden club is sponsoring a flower show Saturday, May 20, in the Community hall in Umatilla both afternoon and evening. Anyone from Umatilla and any of the surrounding towns and country are eligible to enter exhibits for competition.

Rules and regulations for the flower show are similar to the one held in Hermiston a few weeks ago, according to the committee. Entries will be accepted from 9:30 a. m. until 10:45 a. m. on that day. The sweepstakes ribbon will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the greatest number of blue ribbons, and in case of a tie, red ribbons will be counted. Flower containers must be marked with owner's name on adhesive tape placed on bottom of container.

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. W. H. Switzer, chairman, Mrs. John Kinney, Mrs. H. B. Hull and Mrs. Joe Springer.

Mrs. Mayers Visits REA School

Mrs. Kenneth Mayers is in Spokane this week attending a REA school for employees of this organization. Representatives will be present from Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, and an effort will be made to make a uniform system of bookkeeping and office procedure of the different REA offices. The convention convened Sunday evening, May 14, and will continue until Saturday, May 20.

New Minister Arrives.

Graden Loree, newly appointed pastor of the Hermiston Baptist church, arrived last week and preached his first sermon Sunday. Mr. Loree is accompanied by his wife and a year-old son and his grandmother. He has been stationed at Cove, Oregon, prior to his Hermiston pastorate.

Stores to Close Memorial Day.

All stores in Hermiston will be closed Memorial day in honor of those who gave their lives in the World War. This custom has been followed in former years.