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SALEM—Ranking easily as the wildest political prognostication of the year was a news story published this week to the effect that Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, is soon to be retired from that commission. The prognosticator not only scored a clean beat on all other political commentators but sprang a surprise on both Cabell and Governor Sprague, both of whom explained that the report was "news" to them. All indications point to the retention of Cabell as a member of the commission during the present administration if he cares to remain and he seems to be enjoying his job and willing to continue.

The governor is now giving serious consideration to the selection of a real estate commissioner to fill the independent post created by the last legislature taking this position out from under the wing of the insurance commissioner. The job now filled by William Graham, a democrat, is expected to go to some deserving Republican but just who will get this newly sweetened plum awaits announcement from the executive office.

Unemployment Personnel Cut—
Gloom descended in great gobs on the office personnel of the Unemployment Compensation commission were notified that their services this week when 54 of the employees would be dispensed with effective June 1. This wholesale housecleaning was made necessary by orders from the federal social security board at Washington, D. C., substantially reducing the state commission's allowance for administrative expenses. This slash in office personnel reduces the force in the office of the unemployment compensation commission to 221 from a peak of 541 in March, 1938, shortly after payment of jobless insurance benefits began. Most of these being released under this latest order were temporary employees according to members of the commission.

Prison to House "Honor Men"—
The new building soon to be erected at the state prison annex south of Salem will not be a reformatory for youthful first offenders but will house "honor men" and trustees carefully selected from the penitentiary's more than 1100 inmates, it was explained this week by prison officials. Youthful first offenders constitute one of the greatest problems in prison management. Very few of these are to be trusted with the comparative freedom of the prison annex. Most of the prisoners selected for domicile at the annex will be men with only a few months remaining to serve or long terms who have thoroughly demonstrated their trustworthiness. More than 60 prisoners of this type are now housed at the annex where they are employed at work on the prison farm. The new building will provide accommodations for approximately 200 prisoners in addition to a handful of guards who will supervise the work on the farm.

Parole Director Unnamed—
Although members of the new parole board have given no indication of their choice for the post of parole director Ed. Wood of The Dalles, former special agent for the Union Pacific railroad is believed to have the inside track for the \$4000-a-year job. Among those being most prominently mentioned for one of the other jobs which the new board will have at its disposal is Fred Drager, veteran chief clerk of the House of Representatives, and for many years employed as a guard at the state prison. Members of the parole board spent most of last week in the state of Washington conferring with parole officials of that state from whose experience the Oregon law was modeled.

State Fair To Be Improved—
Approval by WPA authorities of a \$75,000 grant for the state fair will provide funds for a number of major improvements at that institution. According to Director Lee Spitzbart the money will be used in constructing a new six-lane entrance to the main gate, completion of the livestock pavilion, remodeling of the administration and construction of a number of smaller buildings on the grounds, including a new fire station.

WARNERS TELL OF CALIFORNIA TRIP AND EXPOSITION

VISITORS IMPRESSED BY GENERAL BEAUTY

"What impressed me most was the general beauty of the whole fair," stated Mr. Warner this week when asked about the San Francisco exposition which he visited with Mrs. Warner during a two weeks trip to California. They returned home Friday afternoon, accompanied by Charlotte Raiph who had spent that time visiting with friends in Susanville.

Other places visited on the trip included Reno, Nevada, which Mr. Warner describes as the prettiest little city he has ever seen. They visited in Palo Alto and at San Jose where his brother Glenn "Pop" Warner is acting as advisory coach this year. They also visited another brother, Fred, who is a city judge in an Clemente. The latter is now visiting a son Hal in Pendleton.

The Warners made three different trips to the fair but Mr. Warner stated that this was not nearly sufficient to "take in" the entire exposition. The fair covers a total of about 500 acres and is laid out like a regular city with stucco buildings and streets. The buildings seem to be more of a permanent nature and are of most modern design.

The lighting arrangement at the exposition is extremely beautiful. Delicate shades of light are displayed.

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BOYS INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Latest reports coming from Pendleton Thursday indicated that Harry Connor Jr. is progressing nicely and is able to take nourishment. Mrs. Connor has been at his bedside since the time he was taken to the hospital there last Friday.

He was injured in an automobile accident last Thursday night about a mile east of Stanfield. He was riding with Ted Ripley who escaped with minor injuries. Investigation of the accident reveals that Ripley, in attempting to pass an oil truck, misjudged the distance and struck approximately a foot of the rear end of the truck, causing the auto to swerve and overturn in the ditch. The Ripley machine was a total loss.

UMATILLA COUNTY GETS ALLOTMENT

A sum of \$47,000 was allotted to Umatilla county recently by the national REA to build about 54 miles of line to serve 45 members in the wheat area. The project previously had been allotted \$201,000 to build 191 miles of line to serve 707 members in Umatilla and Morrow counties, and \$10,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

Work was started Tuesday to clear right-of-way easements and preparing way for final survey and other matters for the construction. The allotment was made to provide for several additional members not included in the original application.

PROFESSOR LEON ELLIS GIVES ADVICE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AT EXERCISES

With the graduation exercises Thursday evening, May 18, the high school course, ended for thirty-five Hermiston seniors. The climax was the very fine address of Professor Leon Ellis who is the head of the social science department of Whitman College.

Getting away from the usual commencement addresses, Professor Ellis pointed out that the parents of the graduates had a better chance than these young people. He cited the fact that there was much free land and much cheap land. Also, that when they were young it was a case of which job I want to take. As he faced the question of the opportunities of today, he showed that there were 100 times as many as formerly, especially for the women; but for the men, there are new fields of the radio, automobile and others. He told of Henry Loos who

Stores To Close Memorial Day
According to the usual custom, all stores will be closed Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30. Service stations will probably make the same arrangements as usually done on Sundays. No special services are planned for the day.

GRASSHOPPER CONTROL WORK PROGRESSES

Grasshoppers have been hatching out in increasing numbers in the Hermiston area during the hot weather of the last few days, so that infestations in some areas have become quite threatening, according to Robert Every, government entomologist in charge of grasshopper and cricket control work in Oregon. Farmers in one district of the Stanfield project have been unable to cope with the hoppers on the large area affected by the usual method of spreading bait by hand, and have formed an organization to mix the bait and spread it in larger quantities than has previously been the case.

Bait will be mixed at a central mixing station located near the R. G. Beebe place on the highway between Hermiston and Stanfield. An endgate seeder has been obtained by the interested farmers and will be tried out to determine its practicality in spreading bait. In addition a poison bait spreader built according to specifications furnished by the U.S.D.A. is being constructed in the county shops in Pendleton and should be finished in a short time. This spreader is mounted on rubber wheels and can be pulled behind a car or pick-up. Recommended speed for pulling this spreader is about 10 miles per hour.

Grasshopper control work is carried on in each county infested under the leadership of the county agent. Ingredients for poison bait are distributed free to farmers by the federal government. Farmers must mix and distribute their own bait.

POPPIES TO BE SOLD IN HERMISTON

Bright red poppies bloomed out today at the American Legion hall when the American Legion Auxiliary received its supply of the World War memorial flowers for Poppy Days Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27. The poppies, hundreds of carefully made replicas of the famous poppies of France and Belgium, came from Roseburg, where they were made by disabled war veterans.

The Auxiliary's Poppy committee is putting in busy hours counting and arranging the flowers in readiness for the women and junior auxiliary who will offer them on the streets on Poppy Days to be worn in honor of the World War dead. Preparations are being made to cover the entire city with the flowers, with the hope that everyone will join in the observance of the day and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in defense of democracy.

Auditors Here This Week
J. H. O'Brien and Miss Mary Louise Pritchett of Washington, D. C., are working in the Hermiston REA office this week clearing contract report and other matters. This type of audit is made at various intervals.

OVERHEAD TYPE IRRIGATION PLAN TO BE ATTEMPTED

EXPERIMENT AT HUTCHISON RANCH

An overhead type of irrigation has been installed at the Baxter Hutchison ranch in the Columbia district by M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent. Two sprinklers are being operated with a small pressure pump, water coming out of the irrigation canal.

It is estimated that the sprinklers will use approximately 400 gallons per hour, each sprinkler covering a distance of 30-35 feet each way. Tomatoes and beans will be the crops irrigated with the various results checked as to cost, blight, best time of day to irrigate and other problems.

The sprinklers belong to the Oregon State experiment station in Corvallis and were used last year in the Milton area where it was found that water consumption was greatly cut down. Well water was used in Milton and the yield showed a considerable gain. The REA furnishes the power for the sprinklers here.

Besides the cost and other details it will be determined whether a better quality of produce can be grown with this type of irrigation. Mr. Hutchison's ranch is located about 2 1/2 miles east of Hermiston and visitors are welcome to watch the progress of the system.

TOWNSEND GROUP PLANS MEETING

All members of the Townsend group are urged to be present Friday, May 26, to hear very encouraging reports from headquarters about the Townsend bill now before Congress. The bill will be on the house floor next Wednesday. Umatilla members will be featured on the program Friday.

The advisory board met with the Pendleton advisory board recently and plans were made for the annual picnic coming on June 4 at Columbia park. The report will be given at the club meeting. A jitney lunch will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary at the close of the meeting.

LOCAL GOLFERS OUT-DUB ATHENA

"Shorty" Matott and his local golfing contingent defeated Athena on the Hermiston course Sunday. The final score read 19 1/2 to 16 1/2, but this does not indicate the exact scores of the engagement.

An attempt was made to obtain the individual scores but apparently they were destroyed soon after the matches as most of the golfers suffered from sore cramp most of the afternoon. Matott led the play, however, with a 42 and 37 for two rounds, but even he took an eight on the first hole.

CARNIVAL SHOW TO OPEN TONIGHT

The Hildebrand United Show No. 2, carnival attraction, will open tonight for a stay of several days in Hermiston. The group is headed by Chleo Qualls. The carnival comes here from Halfway, Oregon.

All side shows, rides, wrestling and other features usually found in this type of attractions will be found on the grounds. Their slogan is "Fun for all, all for fun."

License Examiner Here June 1.

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hermiston Thursday, June 1, at the city library between the hours of 11:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Gun Club Members To Meet

Members of the Hermiston Gun club will meet in W. J. Warner's office Monday at 8:00 p. m. to discuss the coming migratory bird season as to the length of the hunting season and the bag limits. These recommendations will be sent in to the Oregon State Game commission.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR 2ND ANNUAL HERMISTON DERBY

PIERCE EXPLAINS HISTORY OF BILL IN FIGHT FOR DAM

"So many friends are interested in this matter, I hasten to supply facts on our efforts to secure authorization through the Rivers and Harbors bill just passed. You will recall that we thought last summer we could get the money to start work through presidential action and that he finally stated he could not act without some authorization of the project. Senator McNary and I filed a brief in the attempt to show justification and we both again introduced bills into the 76th Congress.

"We were fortunate to secure inclusion of Umatilla in the general House Rivers and Harbors bill. Hearings were held. Unfortunately, Col. Robins' statement was misinterpreted and we had to overcome the impression that the dam was 80 per cent power and 20 per cent navigation, also that the total cost would be over \$177,000,000.

"I twice addressed letters to all House members, and saw members and leaders securing strong support.

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FOUR-H CLUBBERS TO ENTER SHOW

A large group of local 4-H club members will enter the Union stock show to be held this year on June 1, 2 and 3. The group will go down in two trucks in which the boys will sleep while there. The girls will probably be housed in tents. M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent, will be in charge of the group.

The following is a list of those going and the different divisions: Dairy—Jerseys: Marie Hartley, George Hartley, Rodman Hartley, Gordon Shown, Bernard Corpe, Peggy Sommerer, Kenneth Bensei, Mary Sommerer. Holstein: Donna Saylor, Kenneth Bensei, Guernsey: Eldon Saylor, Glen Wilcox, Bernard Corpe, Kelly Tiller, Lowell Tiller, Joe Cooney, Bruce Lindsay.

Beef—Hereford: John McMullen, Harry Lewis, Eldon Saylor, Angus: Kenneth Bensei, Eldon Saylor.

Hogs—Poland China: Henry Sommerer. Duroc Jersey: Kenneth Bensei and Gordon Shown.

Several others may be entered at a later date.

ROUGH ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

Henry Rouch, arrested Saturday night by B. J. Nation of Hermiston and state police officers on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was placed in the county jail in Pendleton Saturday night.

He pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge C. L. Sweek in Pendleton Monday and was placed on probation for three years. Rouch resides near Lexington.

GUN CLUB SPONSORS GAME CONTEST

Youthful hunters in the Hermiston district are again urged to enter the crow and magpie contest being sponsored by the Hermiston Gun club for 1939. An attempt is being made to kill destroyers of pheasant eggs and other nests now in process of hatching.

As in past years it is expected that merchants will award prizes for the most points scored. Among the group listed for points include crows, magpies, skunks and weasels.

WEATHER REPORT

The following is the weather report for the week ending Wednesday, May 24, according to Charles Taylor, local weather man.

	Max.	Min.
May 18	70	48
May 19	75	46
May 20	77	46
May 21	75	54
May 22	76	41
May 23	78	46
May 24	81	43

There was .05 rainfall on May 21.

LARGE CROWDS EXPECTED FOR TWO-DAY MEET

The second annual Hermiston Derby Races will be held Saturday and Sunday on the Hermiston fairgrounds track. Many of the best horses in the northwest have been entered in the show because of the fact that they are en route to larger races at Seattle and Vancouver after competing in the Waitsburg show last week end. Six races will be held each day beginning at 2:00 o'clock. The gates will be opened at 12:30 in order to give the public opportunity to look over the horses prior to the races.

The Hildebrand Carnival Shows will open Friday night and will continue during the derby. All the usual features of a carnival will be featured and will be located just north of the fairgrounds.

Several leading jockeys of the country will be on hand to try for the \$600 money purses. Art Gruber, leading rider at Vancouver, B. C., and the top jockey through the middlewest, is expected to continue his winning ways. Other top notch riders include Howard Conley of Tygh, Oregon; M. Perry, Don Frazer, Wayne Baze, Miller and Farrell. These riders hail from Waitsburg, Pendleton, Sunnyside, Wn., and other premier racing centers of the northwest.

This spring has seen some fancy hard racing. The jockeys are booting their horses on every turn and each rider is out to win the larger purses being offered. They are colorful in their work and lend a "big show" touch to any racing show.

Several fine racing horses are entered including winners such as Wildwave, Zingo, Finnigan are being entered in the races here and have a big following in the racing world. Two others, Shasta Fire and

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NIGHT OFFICER NABS FLEEING TRIO

John P. Hackey, 21, George Hackey, 19, and Ira R. Isham, 22, of Nett Lake, Minn., were arrested early Friday morning by B. J. Nation, local night officer. The trio had stripped the Glenn Ripley car which had overturned earlier in the night.

Mr. Nation had received some information of the theft and a general description of the car and with the aid of other local men caught the trio as they were fleeing towards Pendleton. After a brisk chase they were overhauled eight miles on this side of Pendleton. The stolen goods, amounting to approximately \$35 worth, were in possession of the men.

They were turned over to the police in Pendleton where they pleaded guilty before Judge Manuel Friedly, Friday morning and sentenced to serve 40 days in the county jail.

SCANDINAVIANS TO HAVE PICNIC

All Scandinavians are invited to attend an annual picnic at Bingham Springs Sunday, May 28, according to Will M. Peterson, originator of the plan. Headquarters will be at Attorney Peterson's summer home. Refreshments will include lemonade, buttermilk, coffee and raw fish.

All persons of one-sixth or more Scandinavian blood are invited; all persons who would care to be of Scandinavian origin for one day are invited. Norse eulogies and "skool" will be in order.

Legionnaires to Meet June 1.

All Legionnaires of Hermiston and vicinity are requested to attend a regular meeting Thursday, June 1, in the Legion hall. Nominations of officers will be held and other business attended to.

M. E. Ladies to Entertain.

The Methodist Ladies Aid will entertain the ladies of the Union church Ladies Aid on Wednesday, May 31, in the Methodist church.