

PENDLETON IS RE-LECTE

SALEM—The state board of agriculture met here Saturday and re-elected Mac Hoke, Pendleton, chairman and G. A. Brown, Portland, as vice chairman.

The board voted to hold a reorganization meeting immediately after each new governor goes into office. It was the first meeting since Gov. Charles A. Sprague took office.

Director J. D. Mickle, recently appointed for another term by Governor Sprague, reviewed the work done during the last year by the department in formulating policies.

Oregon Has Many New Laws—

Oregon now has 367 new laws which it did not have before June 14. On that date all the laws passed by the 1939 legislature except those carrying emergency clauses went into effect, 90 days after adjournment.

Silliest new law was one forbidding the catching of female crawfish, or male crawfish under 2 and a half inches in length. The law does not explain how to determine the sex of "crawdads."

Old Capitol Is No More—

The old Oregon capitol building is no more.

The last traces disappeared this week when workmen pulled down the brick chimney which was a part of the east wall of the old building.

The chimney was left standing as a part of the heating plant, which served to warm the building until only recently when the new \$115,000 heating plant two blocks away was put into service.

Many File for Water Permits—

Recent filings for water permits have been the heaviest in history, State Engineer Chas. Stricklin announced here. A dry spring followed by only intermittent rains caused the heavy influx of applications, Stricklin said. Many of the applications were denied for lack of water facilities, but an estimated 10,000 additional acres will be under water in the Willamette valley this year.

Chicks Lost by Fire—

A thousand three-weeks old chicks were burned to death here when the brooder house at the state penitentiary annex four miles southeast of town burned recently. The fire probably started in an over-heated brooder stove, and caused damages estimated at \$2,000. The brick walls of the brooder house were left standing.

Liquor Bill on File—

A referendum petition to give the people a chance to vote on the so-called "hotel liquor" bill passed by the last legislature, is on file here. The bill provides that the liquor commission may issue or deny licenses for the sale of liquor by "clubs" and restaurants, and also maintain a closer supervision of liquor problems. The referendum was filed by "Commonsense, Inc." a Portland group.

Capitol Open Each Sunday—

The new state capitol building will be open on Sundays during the summer months for the convenience of out-of-town visitors wishing to inspect it. The announcement was made by Secretary of State Earl Snell after many organizations had pleaded for the "open house." Visiting hours will be from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

SCOUTS LEAVE FOR BINGHAM SPRINGS

An enthusiastic group of 18 Boy Scouts, all in good standing, left at 7:00 a. m. Thursday for Bingham Springs for the annual encampment. Cars were furnished by Roy Penney of Stanfield, John Clarke and Earl Watson of Hermiston. The group is expected to return Sunday afternoon.

Hiking, swimming, fishing, advancement tests and other endeavors will occupy the time of the boys while in camp. The same order as is followed in Council Camps will be used. Allen Clarke will be the bugler. This is the first time that a bugler has been available for the local troop.

A buddy system of camping will be followed whereby two boys sleep, cook and generally work together. Proceeds from sales at the recent derby races will be used to finance the trip.

BURGLARS VISIT HALE'S CONFECTIONERY MONDAY NIGHT

ENTRANCE GAINED BY REAR WINDOW

The first serious robbery in Hermiston for several years occurred Monday night when Roy Hale's Confectionery and Sporting Goods Store was entered and robbed. No definite information has been received of the burglars although several strong clues are being traced.

A checkup Tuesday morning revealed that \$72 in silver, one .35 Remington rifle, one .32 Remington rifle, both slide action, one High Standard automatic, one Iver Johnson 22, one .32 Colts automatic, one .380 Colts automatic, one .25 Colts automatic, one 32-40 Winchester rifle, 25,000 .22 ammunition, a quantity of high power ammunition and possibly other loot was obtained.

Mr. Hale had closed his store about 1:25 a. m. and had stepped across the street to eat a lunch before going home. It was approximately 2:10 when he recrossed the street to enter his car at which time by force of habit he peered into the store. No sign of activity was noticed at this time. At about 3:00 o'clock B. J. Nation, local officer, noticed that the back door of the store was open. It is estimated that the burglars were not in his store longer than 20 minutes to a half hour.

Entrance was gained by breaking the latch on a high window in the rear of the store. Matches were used for light during the robbery. Mr. Nation obtained a license number of a car which was seen to leave the city about this time. This number has been traced and has quite a history.

Two men were released from jail in Bend Sunday. They drove to Moro where they stole this license plate from a car in that city. A description of the car and men has been broadcast about the state but to date no definite information has been secured.

The robbers in their haste missed a golden opportunity to add to their already heavy loot. A leather bag containing checks and \$50 in currency was pushed to the floor and overlooked. Mr. Hale had prepared it for deposit the next morning. A conservative estimate set the value of the loss at \$245. No burglary insurance was carried.

SCHOOL OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

R. A. Brownson, clerk, and N. R. Mueller, director, were re-elected to office at the annual District - 14 school election held in the school building Monday afternoon. Following the election between 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock an inspection of the building was made and suggestions made as to its repair. A comparatively light vote was cast.

The annual meeting of Hermiston Union high school District No. 9 will be held Monday from 2:00 to 7:00 p. m. One director for a five year term will be elected and the transaction of business usual at such a meeting.

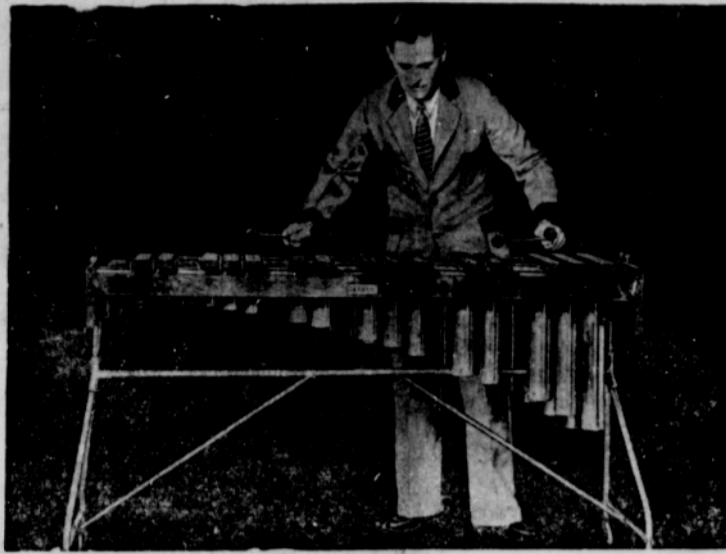
"BLUE BUCKET NUGGETS" TITLE OF BOOK WRITTEN BY HERMISTON WOMAN

"Blue Bucket Nuggets" is the title of a book just published and written by Mrs. Catherine Cornwell DeMoss of the Columbia district. Mrs. DeMoss had written the story some four years ago but just recently sold the copyright to Binford & Mort, Portland publishers. Mrs. DeMoss has received considerable comment in recent years for her literary talents and has another story in the making.

"Blue Bucket Nuggets" is a tale of Oregon's lost immigration. The story is based on the Blue Bucket legend which is carried over from the annals of Oregon covered-wagon days. The story of the lost immigration, that followed the Meek Cut-off, has never before been fully told.

The caravan, wandering for weeks across the unmarked Oregon desert east of the Cascades, under the leadership of Stephen Meek, lost, beset

Xylophone Artist to Appear Here



Roy W. Graybill will give a concert of Sound Music at the Hermiston Union church Sunday evening, June 25, at 8:00 p. m.

Mr. Graybill gave a concert last

December and also appeared before the Commercial club. His concerts are enjoyed wherever he goes. The public is invited to attend the program.

LOCAL MEN SPEAK FOR SUPER ROAD BEFORE COMMISSION

Enos D. Martin, F. C. McKenzie and E. P. Dodd appeared before the state highway commission at Portland Wednesday in the interest of the newly proposed road leading from Stewart's Service Station about half mile south of Hermiston, along the railroad tracks to First street, coming out behind the local bank building. The road will continue north across the hill and take a diagonal course to a point about a half mile east of the overhead crossing near Umatilla, on the Wallula cut-off.

The road would be of heavy construction to take care of the heavy oil trucks coming out of the port of Umatilla. The proposed road would eliminate four curves and a railroad crossing in Hermiston and would be the connecting link between Pendleton and Umatilla, a distance of 40 miles, without any sharp curves.

Should the road be built it would take the heavy trucks off Main street in Hermiston. It would also prove an advantage to the numerous oil trucks which will leave the Umatilla oil port for various points inland.

NEXT CONCERT TO BE JULY 1

The next band concert by the Hermiston Union high school band, under the direction of G. C. Humphreys, will be given in front of the high school building Saturday night, July 1. The first of a series of concerts was given two weeks ago and proved popular with townspeople.

Band practice will be held Saturday night, June 24, in the high school gymnasium.

STATE POLICEMAN KILLED IN GUN DUEL

State Trooper Willard Tubbs, 33, was killed Wednesday in a gun duel with Lee Coolins, wanted in four states on bad check charges.

Tubbs was well known in Hermiston but was stationed between Arlington and Umatilla.

O.S.C. DAIRYMEN TO SPEAK AT FIELD DAY SATURDAY, JULY 1

Plans are nearly completed for the annual dairy and pasture day to be held this year at the Umatilla Field Station on Saturday, July 1. A group of professors from Oregon State college who will be returning from the National Dairy Science association meeting at Pullman will attend and will appear on the program.

It was originally planned by the committee in charge of the program that a tour would be conducted to view different types of pastures as well as dairy management practices on various farms; however, since the visiting college dairymen can only spend a short time at Hermiston, it was decided to concentrate on the work being done at the experiment farm.

An unusually opportunity is afforded farmers in this district to meet and talk with all of the members of the Corvallis dairy instructional staff. Those in attendance will be Professor P. M. Brandt, head of the department of Animal Husbandry, and Professors Jones, Ewalt and Wilster of the Dairy Department.

Farmers and their families will assemble at the Field Station at 10:30 a. m. From then until noon a short tour will be made of the dairy barn, pasture trials, and other fields of particular interest to dairy farmers. At noon a picnic lunch will be held on the station lawns. After lunch Professor Jones will discuss the importance of winter succulents in the dairy ration. He will be followed by Professor Wilster, who will talk on the new cream grading laws. Professors Brandt and Ewalt will discuss some of the recent findings of the National Dairy Science Association.

Details of the field day are being worked out by a committee composed of H. J. Ott, representing Columbia Grange and the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau; Don Sherwood, representing Westland Grange; H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla Field Station, and M. E. Kneckerbocker, assistant county agent.

NO U TURN SIGN GRACES STREET

Hermiston Main street took on the aspect of a large city Tuesday when a No U Turn sign was installed at the intersection of Second and Main street. Traffic difficulties in the past created a necessity of some such action.

The law goes into effect immediately and violators will be punished. The sign is of black lettering on a yellow background.

GOLFERS TO PLAY AT ATHENA SUNDAY

Hermiston golfing contingent will invade Athena Sunday morning for a return match. Athena having played here earlier in the season and losing by a narrow margin. The Athena course is located a short distance out of the city.

The tournament is scheduled to begin at 8:30 and local golf club members are expected to get an early start to be on hand for a few practice shots before beginning tourney play.

ANNUAL TURKEY GROWERS MEETING REVEALS INCREASE

COMMERCE GROUP RECOMMENDS DAM TO U. S. SENATE

HOPES BRIGHTENED BY NEW REPORT

According to a telegram received in Hermiston earlier in the week, indications are that the proposed navigation dam at Umatilla still has a fair chance of making the grade in congress. The telegram from Senator Charles L. McNary stated that the dam was recommended by the senate commerce committee at an estimated cost of \$23,700,000.

Ignoring the refusal of the house to approve the project earlier, the committee included it in the 1940 rivers and harbors authorization bill. The committee held the project would be of great benefit in speeding development of the Pacific northwest and added that it was "perfect" from an engineering standpoint.

"The Umatilla dam," the committee report said, "will regulate the flow of the Columbia river and will materially increase the value of the generating plant at Bonneville dam, 150 miles west."

The committee recommended that the Umatilla dam should be constructed for navigation only at the present time, with "foundations and such construction as engineers find necessary for the ultimate installation of wheels and generators for creating electric energy which will in time be needed in this favored section—the Pacific northwest."

The house defeated the project after assertions by foes of the administration's public power program that the dam was designed primarily for power generation in competition with private enterprise.

MALE QUARTET TO SING HERE

A male quartet from the Northwest Christian college of Eugene will give a concert in the Hermiston Union church Monday evening, June 26, at 8:00 o'clock. The quartet is composed of Gilbert Kissler, George Whippet, Don Cox and Dean Stephens.

Rev. K. E. Burke, president of the college, is touring the northwest with the quartet. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited.

LIBRARY PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETED

The work of lowering and leveling the grounds at the Hermiston library has almost been completed. Dirt has been hauled away and the landscape leveled for irrigation. The labor has been furnished by WPA.

No grass will be planted this summer but efforts will be made to clear the ground of weeds.

WEATHER REPORT

The following is the weather report for the week ending Wednesday, June 21, according to Charles Taylor, local weather man. A total of .25 rainfall was recorded during the week.

June 15	79	57
June 16	75	44
June 17	72	49
June 18	70	55
June 19	82	56
June 20	84	57
June 21	94	49

MRS. MARY HOUSE

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary House, 81, who passed away last Thursday, June 15, were held Saturday at 10:00 a. m. from the Folsom chapel in Pendleton.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. W. Copeland of Pendleton, and a son, Jack House, of Hermiston. She leaves five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Pall bearers for the funeral were J. G. McConnell, Clarence Power, Doris Copeland, Kenneth Simpson, Mike Folsom and Don Gray. Unity students attended the services in a body.

SUMMARY REPORT SHOWS GAIN IN HERMISTON AREA

The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association was held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the recently completed plant in Hermiston. The purpose of the meeting was to elect three directors and attend to other business of the association and the plant.

Three directors were re-elected, including Logan Todd, C. A. Flannigan and C. A. Keller.

J. C. Leedy, field manager for the Oregon Turkey Growers Cooperative, was present and gave a summary report of the survey recently made in this district. A decided increase of turkeys was noted. Last year approximately 39,000 birds were handled by the local association but it was estimated that this year's tonnage would reach a total of 60,000 birds. This number is registered with the local association at the present time with a considerable number of turkeys not registered by this group.

A representative of a California barrel and box company was present to demonstrate shipping boxes now in the making. The new boxes weigh approximately seven pounds while those which were used several years ago weighed as much as 21. The lighter container will hold the same amount and will stand 100 pound weight.

The annual picnic of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association will be held the third Saturday in August at the Hermiston experiment farm. A. E. Benschel is chairman of (Continued on page 5)

CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND PICNIC

Several members of the Hermiston Garden Club attended the annual picnic of members of various clubs of Umatilla county held this year at Echo. A feature of the entertainment was the showing of slides in the Echo theatre of various scenes from Victoria, B. C.

Among those going from Hermiston were Mrs. F. B. Belt, Mrs. Geo. Harkenrider, Mrs. Ben O'Conner, Mrs. Julius Gimble, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Arletta White, Mrs. Emil Zivney, Mrs. Alice Wagner, Mrs. James Todd, Mrs. Tom O'Grady, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Roy Hale, Mrs. F. C. McReynolds and Mrs. Tom Fraser.

FARMERS ARRANGE FOR FARM TOUR

Farmers and their families of Boardman and Irrigon will get together Saturday, June 24, for a picnic and farm tour, which will extend over all the West Extension Project.

A short program and some type of athletic games will start the day at the Boardman high school at eleven o'clock. At 12:30 everyone will join in a picnic lunch, everyone bringing their own lunch and combining it in cafeteria style.

Agricultural projects which will be observed in the tour will include pasture crops, alfalfa, weeds, corn, electric fencing and farmstead arrangement.

Council To Meet Friday Night

The regular meeting of the Hermiston city council was postponed this week from Wednesday till Friday night, according to Mayor F. C. McKenzie. The change was made in order to allow members to attend a state highway meeting in Portland.

Fire Hydrants Redecorated.

The fire hydrants about the Hermiston streets resembled miniature Christmas trees this week after they had been painted by F. E. Earnhart, who was working for the city. A bright aluminum paint and a red color presented a pleasing sight.

Ray Shaw Breaks Arm.

Ray "Fozzie" Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw, suffered a common boyish accident last week when he fell from a tree and broke his arm. Although his arm is in a cast, he feels up to par this week.