

## ONLY ONE TRAFFIC DEATH IN 6 MONTHS

Umatilla county went through the first half of 1939 with but one traffic fatality—an unusually fine record, and far better than the 1938 mark, which stood at five deaths at the mid-year.

Total traffic deaths in Umatilla county last year was 12.

With such a splendid record for the initial six months of the year, law enforcement agents, the safety council and all other interested groups and organizations were planning to do all in their power to make the last half of the year correspondingly free from fatalities.

## DIVORCES OUTDO WEDDINGS 33 TO 25

June, traditionally the 'boom' month for marriages, upheld its prestige in Umatilla county with 12 marriage licenses to only seven divorces filed, however, with 13 divorces and only five marriage licenses for the two of them.

A check at the county clerk's office reveals 33 divorces granted and filed during the first six months of 1939, compared with 25 marriage licenses. In other words, not counting the couples who went outside the county to get married, eight more couples were divorced during the half year than were married.

County Judge Carl Chambers has not performed a marriage ceremony since early last winter.

## IRL S. MCSHERRY GIVEN PAROLE JOB

Irl S. McSherry, Salem, was appointed deputy state parole director Thursday by the parole board.

McSherry was private secretary to former Governor A. W. Norblad and was a parole board member during the Norblad administration. He was a candidate for the post of private secretary to Governor Charles A. Sprague, and now is associated with a Salem printing firm.

He will assist Fred S. Finley, parole director, in investigating prisoners' records for the parole board, which will fix minimum sentences for all prisoners and take over the governor's parole power. Four parole officers are yet to be chosen.

McSherry was graduated from high school at Milton-Freewater, and from Linfield college. He was a graduate student at Oregon State college, and received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York. He is a member of the American Legion.

## Sturgeon Taken in Salmon Net—

REEDPORT—The largest sturgeon to be caught in the Umpqua this season was caught in a salmon net Friday night by John McArthur of Gardiner. It weighed 47 pounds. In years past the Umpqua river was one of the best sturgeon streams in the state, but the species had become almost extinct.

## \$400 Gold Nugget Found—

BAKER—One of the largest gold nuggets ever found in this region was brought to Baker Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. John Wyant, who found it on their property on Pine creek. The piece of gold weighed 14 ounces, 4 pennyweight. The nugget is valued at \$400.

## Liquor Commission Appointed—

SALEM—Governor Sprague appointed Lloyd J. Wentworth, Portland, J. N. Chambers, Salem, and Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, as members of the new state liquor control commission.

## Farmers Decrease Traffic Accidents

SALEM—Oregon farmers decreased their traffic accidents by nine per cent during May, 1939, compared to May, 1938, figures released by Earl Snell, secretary of state, showed. Farmers were involved in 224 traffic accidents this May, compared to 247 for the same month a year ago. Salesmen apparently are sold on traffic safety, Earl Snell said. During May this year, salesmen were involved in 19 per cent less accidents than during the same month a year ago.

## State Librarian Struck—

SALEM—Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian, suffered a fractured leg when she was struck by a truck at a downtown intersection early Friday night.

## ANNUAL DAIRY AND PASTURE TOUR HELD SATURDAY AT STATION

### VISITING PROFESSORS TELL OF PROBLEMS

The annual pasture and dairy meeting at the experiment farm was held Saturday with a group of professors from Oregon State college at Corvallis featuring the day's program. The meeting was in charge of H. K. Dean, M. E. Knickerbocker, Don Sherwood and H. J. Ott.

During the forenoon the visitors were shown about the farm with Mr. Dean explaining each experiment plot. Among the tracts studied were the alfalfa fields, mainly the Arizona Common and South Dakota 12; with the advantage pointed out in the use of super phosphate. Other tracts included the Pyrethrum field, tomatoes, artichokes and beans.

An effort is being made at the farm to discover a tomato plant that is resistant to curly top. Over 300 types of tomatoes are being grown. To date no plant has been found that is absolutely resistant but some progress is being made.

Following a bounteous noon luncheon served on the station lawns, the meeting was turned over to the visiting dairymen who were returning from a national meeting at Pullman, Wn. Mr. Dean was the master of ceremonies, introducing each speaker.

Dr. G. Wilster of the dairy department at the college, spoke on general conditions of the dairy industry. He stated that half of all milk produced in Oregon is used in butter-making. He stressed the need of more care in producing good quality because of stricter inter-state laws.

California is the largest market for Oregon Butter. A decided improvement in butter quality has been noted in past years but admitted that much was still to be accomplished. G. A. Brown, manager of Interstate Creameries of Portland, told of the position cooperative creameries in the dairy field in Oregon. He stated that the difference in the quality of ordinary butter and premium butter was not so much in cost as in a lot of "elbow grease."

Dr. J. R. Jones, professor in the dairy department, told of the work of the experiment farm with regard to the dairy project conducted by H. K. Dean, superintendent, and assisted by Don Sherwood. With the use of a chart, he portrayed the difference in feeding of alfalfa alone, alfalfa and grain, and alfalfa, grain and pasture. The use of grain was found to increase butterfat during the 305 days it was used. The use of grain was not advocated, however, unless the price of grain was low or the price of butterfat was more than 25c per lb.

Professor P. M. Brandt, head of the department of animal husbandry, (Continued on page 6)

### Posts Prepared for Fence.

The fencing project of the game reserve at the Cold Springs reservoir will be completed in the near future. WPA workers were busy last week preparing posts for the final extension. All bark must be removed from the posts before they are placed.

## REGULATIONS ARE LISTED FOR USE IN STATE FORESTS; PERMITS REQUIRED

Camp fire permits will be required by parties camping in the Umatilla National Forest until September 30. Permits may be obtained free of charge at Ranger, Guard and Look-out Stations throughout the forest. Persons intending to camp overnight on the forest must be equipped with the following fire fighting tools:

- (a) One axe not less than 26 inches in length overall, with head weighing two pounds or over.
- (b) One shovel not less than 36 inches long over-all, with blade not less than 8 inches wide.
- (c) One water container, capacity one gallon or more.

The following rules apply through out the entire year:

1. Building a camp fire in leaves, grass, or rotten wood, or other dangerous places, or in windy weather, without clearing around the fire pit

## CHARLES DESPAIN TO SPEAK HERE ON CONVENTION

Charles Despain, Pendleton businessman, will speak at the Hermiston Union church on Friday, July 7, concerning the recent fourth national Townsend convention held this year at Indianapolis, Mr. Despain was the delegate from this area.

His report is considered as vital news by Townsendites who have been receiving various reports from Indianapolis and definite information will be welcomed. The public is invited to attend and learn first hand just what the Townsend plan really means.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

The regular Townsend meeting will be held at the Legion hall on Friday, July 14.

## UNUSUAL RAIN FALLS MONDAY IN HERMISTON

A total of .42 in. of rain fell in this section Monday for the first actual shower since June 17 when .25 in. was recorded. The rain began falling some time during the night and continued most of the day Monday. Anxious youngsters were scanning the skies to see whether it would continue on the Fourth to spoil picnic plans. The skies cleared towards evening.

The wheat crop will receive little benefit because of its advanced stage. Some hay was down but when the weather cleared Tuesday no damage resulted.

The following is the weather report for the week ending Wednesday July 5, according to Charles Taylor, local weather man:

Date	Max.	Min.
June 29	101	66
June 30	88	61
July 1	88	60
July 2	90	59
July 3	74	58
July 4	84	55
July 5	—	—

## RANKIN BROTHERS FORM BATTERY

Fred and Stuart Rankin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rankin, stole a page out of the story book and pitched and caught the Fossil baseball team to two victories over the Fourth holidays. Sunday Fossil defeated Condon 5-4 with Fred on the mound and Stuart behind the plate.

They took a little lay-off Monday but came back Tuesday to win a 10 to 1 decision over Kinzua, a strong mill town team. Fred was "hot" Tuesday and struck out 10 batsmen as his share of the victory.

## DR. MARBUT TO LOCATE HERE

Dr. W. M. Marbut of Echo will open offices in the near future in Hermiston. He has arranged for space in the bank building. Dr. Marbut is well known in this territory. Although no definite information has been secured, it was intimated that he will also retain his offices in Echo.

## POULTRY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

### BENNION TO SPEAK ON CHICK DISEASE

A meeting for all those interested in the poultry business will be held Tuesday, July 11, in the American Legion hall in Hermiston starting at 1:30 p. m. Noel Bennion, extension poultryman, will give a chicken culling demonstration and will also discuss some of the features of the recent chick bronchitis outbreak in this district that may be of interest to the producers. The meeting has been planned by M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent.

Mr. Bennion will also discuss other phases of the poultry business and will answer questions during the meeting. He also plans to talk some on the para-typoid disease of turkeys.

In the morning of the same day Mr. Bennion will give a canoping demonstration in the vicinity of Pendleton. Anyone wishing to attend such a demonstration can find out the exact location by inquiring at the assistant county agent's office.

It is expected that local poultrymen will take advantage of Mr. Bennion's presence and knowledge of poultry diseases.

## GAILEYS PURCHASE LOCAL TRANSFER

H. H. Gailey of Portland recently acquired the interests of the Hermiston Transfer Co. from Mrs. Alice E. Wagner. Mr. Gailey has been connected with the Consolidated Freight for nine years and is well acquainted with the business. He lived in Umatilla for 10 months in the winter of '34 and '35 and became interested in this territory at that time but was unable to find an opening.

Mr. Gailey has acquired the offices, building and the Wagner home, and will continue with the consolidated firm. Mrs. Gailey, who has been employed in the Portland office for two years, will be in charge of the local office with Mrs. Zona Rogers as assistant. Burl Doyle will continue as truck driver. There were two trucks in the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gailey have two children, Myrla 14 and Duane 6. Mrs. Wagner has given no indication as to her future plans.

## HALE ROBBER KNOWN HERE

Ross Rogers, alias Davis, arrested last week for the alleged robbery of Hale's Confectionery and Sporting Goods Store, is known in the Columbia district where he was employed three years ago on the Alpha Christley ranch.

Rogers was taken into justice of peace court at Pendleton Monday where he waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to await the action of the Umatilla county grand jury by Judge Manuel Friedly. Davis is charged with burglary.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE PLANS FOR TRIP

The Epworth League of the Hermiston Methodist church is busy planning for the annual excursion to Suttle Lake for the E. L. Institute which meets July 15 to 22.

The group is holding a cooked food sale at Burnham's store Saturday in an effort to raise funds for the trip.

### LEWIS-MOYER

Miss Pauline Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Lewis, and Elmer Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moyer, were married Sunday in the Methodist parsonage in Walla Walla. Miss Maxine Faust and Bill Lindner accompanied the couple to Walla Walla.

The couple left immediately following the ceremony for a short wedding trip to Portland, returning to Hermiston Tuesday evening. Mrs. Moyer is employed at the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery in Hermiston and Mr. Moyer at present is employed at Heppner.

The Moyers plan to make their home in Hermiston.

## COUNTY FAIR DATES SET LATTER PART OF AUGUST

### LOCAL POST OFFICE SHOWS GAIN IN FIRST SIX MONTHS

An increase of \$172.98 or .0425% in stamp sales was noted for the first six months of 1939 over the previous year, according to Wm. E. Logan, Hermiston postmaster. Total stamp sales from January 1 to June 30, 1938, was \$3945.74, while in 1939 during the same period a total of \$4118.72 was sold.

This gain in sales places the local office in a Grade A rating in the third class. Should the sales continue to increase on the same ratio for another year it is probable that Hermiston will get a second class standing.

### WATER USERS URGED TO PAY

City water users who are behind in their water bill will wake up one of these fine mornings to find that there isn't enough water in their faucets to make their coffee for breakfast. This is the result of action taken at the city council meeting Wednesday night when a report by Chas. Taylor, city recorder, showed that a number of users are getting behind on their bill.

The city recorder was instructed to make a list of all delinquent users and present them to the water committee of the council the latter part of the week. H. A. Pankow, city water superintendent, will then be instructed to turn off the water unless arrangement is made for immediate payment of delinquent bills.

This action is made necessary to meet obligations of the local water system.

### MRS. TODD IS HONOR GUEST

Mrs. James Todd was the honor guest at a tea held at the Wm. Logan home last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Todd is the president of District 6 and chairman of the Hermiston Junior Auxiliary which was also represented at the tea. Twenty-three guests were present during the afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Piersol, Mrs. C. J. Jackson and Mrs. Wm. Shaar were in charge of the tea. It had been planned to hold the tea on the Logan lawn but a strong wind forced the ladies indoors.

### New Butcher Begins Work.

Orville Beard of Portland began work Wednesday in the butcher shop in the Hermiston Trading Co. Mr. Beard's family is still in Portland but will move to Hermiston later. He is well experienced in the meat business and comes to Hermiston with a good recommendation. Mr. Beard is a former University of Oregon football player. Ray Orvatt, who has been in charge of the meat department for some time, will devote his time to his ranch near Hermiston.

### Earnhearts Entertain Family

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Earnheart entertained over the Fourth holidays for their children. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Earnheart of Nampa, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin E. Earnheart of Astoria, Mr. and Mrs. Lew E. Earnheart and daughter Helen Marie, F. E. Earnheart Jr., Margaret and Robert Earnheart of Hermiston. This was the first time the boys and their wives had been home at the same time for several years. Mrs. F. E. Earnheart returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Merlin E. Earnheart for a two weeks vacation.

### Former Hermiston Girl Weds.

Miss Lulu Belle Strahm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Strahm of Arlington, was married Friday to Ralph C. Crum, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Crum of that city. The ceremony was performed at the Strahm residence with Rev. Raymond C. Cratzer, pastor of the Arlington Nazarene church, reading the services before members of the immediate family. The Strahms are former residents of Hermiston and are well known here.

### BIGGER AND BETTER SHOW IS PLANNED

The Umatilla county fair will be held in Hermiston on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 28, 29 and 30. This was decided at a meeting of the fair board held Wednesday night with most of the members of the board present. Plans for a bigger and better show were launched with efforts pointed to bringing in more outside exhibits and visitors.

A new plan will be followed this year in that a fair manager will be hired to care for the details of the fair and act as publicity man about the county. Indication has been given that cooperation will be obtained from various parts of the county. E. P. Dodd was elected to the position as fair manager.

Gerald White was re-elected as president of the fair board. Frank Seeliger is the new vice president, Enos Martin, financial secretary, and M. E. Knickerbocker, correspondent secretary. Other officers and members will be named within the near future.

Various plans were discussed at the meeting Wednesday night in order to broaden and create more interest in the county fair. No definite action was taken on either the premium list, concessions and other forms of entertainment, but information from various sources will be sought this week in an effort to line up the best possible arrangement.

Among the suggestions for entertainment voiced at the meeting included horse racing, tin lizzie races, donkey baseball, carnivals and motorcycle stunts. No definite action was taken on any plan.

Some re-arrangement will be made in this year's premium list. A committee is working at the present time to complete the details.

## ROHRMANS RETURN FROM TRIP TO FAIR AND OTHER POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrman returned Sunday from a 10-day trip to various points of interest in Oregon and California. The first day's destination was Reno where they visited several interesting buildings and places of business. Lake Abert, southwest of Burns, was pointed out as a beautiful and interesting sight.

A two-day stop was made in Sacramento where the Rohrmans visited the capitol grounds and other noted sights. At Richmond they visited the Standard Oil field and a Ford plant where cars are delivered from Detroit without paint. Unfinished cars are completed at this plant.

While visiting at the fair the Rohrmans made their headquarters at El Cerrito and made three trips into the fair grounds. An outstanding feature of the fair to Mrs. Rohrman was that everyone was seen to be wearing comfortable shoes. The night lighting was extremely beautiful.

The University of California has prepared an outstanding exhibit in the Hall of Science. They also visited Mrs. E. P. Dodd who gave them much valuable information concerning the exposition. Contrary to popular opinion, eating houses were charging a moderate price at the fair. While at the fair the Rohrmans were accompanied by Charles Rohrman, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rohrman, Mrs. Chas. Rohrman and Alma Rohrman.

The outdoor show, Calvalcade, drew particular mention. An interesting scene is found in the Oregon exhibit where a mechanical portrayal of waves washing up against an Oregon coast is seen. A very natural effect is obtained.

On the home trip the Rohrmans visited the Redwoods and the Swiss Colony Winery where many famous wines are produced. A stop was made at Medford and Crater Lake. Some time was spent at Paulina Lake but fishing was found to be rather poor due to the numerous boats on the lake.