

COUNTY OFFICIALS FAVOR WPA SHIFT

County Judge and Mrs. Carl W. Chambers and Commissioner Will Meiners returned to Pendleton last week from Ogden, Utah, where they attended the third annual convention of the National Association of County Officers.

Both men regarded the convention as having accomplished a great deal. Among resolutions passed was one supporting congress in its 130-hour WPA law.

AGENT AT ECHO IS TRANSFERRED

F. S. Lyon, Union Pacific agent at Echo, has been transferred to the position of car distributor at Centralia, Wash., and will move there with his family about the first of the month.

Eastern Oregon Roads Good

Central and eastern Oregon roads are in a "very satisfactory condition," R. W. Baldock, state highway engineer, said after returning from a five-day inspection trip of that region.

Fishing Conditions Good.

Report from the Walla Walla district of the Umatilla national forest said fishing conditions this week were good in Looking Glass, Jarbeau creek and the upper Wenaha river.

1940 License Plates Blue, White

Salem—Oregon's motor vehicle license plates for 1940 will have a white background and blue numerals, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced Tuesday.

McNary Asserts Rivers Bill Lost

Washington—Senator McNary of Oregon said Tuesday that the senate commerce committee had voted to sidetrack the \$407,000,000 omnibus rivers and harbors bill until the next session.

Clinton Mumford Passes.

Pendleton—Clinton W. Mumford, 73, who first farmed in Umatilla county 13 years ago, died Monday at St. Joseph's hospital in La Grande. Death was from heart disease.

Sprague Doubtful Concerning Pray

Salem—Governor Charles A. Sprague, indicating he was in doubt as to whether he would reappoint Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of state police for eight years, said Wednesday, "I haven't made up my mind as to whether I will reappoint him."

Oregon Liquor Bill \$8,361,561

Salem—Oregonians drank \$8,361,561 worth of liquor during the fiscal year ended June 30, highest since the liquor control commission was created in 1934.

PENDLETON GROUP TO PRESENT PLAY HERE WEDNESDAY

LOCAL GARDEN CLUB SPONSORS PROGRAM

"Wanted—All Earnests in the Hermiston area." Anyone answering to the name of Earnest will be admitted free to the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" which will be presented next Wednesday, August 2, in the Hermiston Union high school auditorium.

The characters follow: John Worthing, James Ferguson; Algonon Moncrieff, Bob Hone; Gendoline Fairfax, Rodena Krebs; Lady Bracknell, Rachel Robinson; Cecily Cardew, Geraldine Essary; Miss Prism, Juanita Nirschl; Rev. Cannon Chasuble, D. D., Carroll Green; Lane, George Spelvin, Merriman, Jon Bauer.

There will be no advance ticket sale, and tickets may be purchased at the door by everyone but "Earnest" for adults, 25c, and children, 10c.

UMATILLA PIONEER PICNIC POSTPONED

The annual Umatilla Pioneer picnic which was scheduled for July 30 has been indefinitely postponed according to Mrs. Wm. Bense, secretary. W. C. Kik is president of the group.

LOCAL EDITOR COOKS EGG ON U P RAILROAD TRACKS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Egg omelet free of charge! You bring the eggs. To give some indication as to the heat of the past two days the editor placed an egg on the railroad tracks Wednesday afternoon near the Farm Bureau mill at the suggestion of Tom Fraser.

FIVE DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED AUGUST 10 AT ANNUAL MEETING OF R. E. A. CO-OP

The regular annual meeting of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association will be held August 10 beginning at 2 p. m. at the office and on the lawn of the Reclamation building in Hermiston.

The directors hold office for the term of one year. The present board consists of E. D. Martin, president; J. H. Reid, secretary; H. J. Bean, vice president, and A. C. Houghton and R. G. Saylor. Clarence Kennison is manager and Isabel Mayer stenographer and bookkeeper.

The system was energized July 16, 1938, and has made excellent progress. It is ranked as one of the most successfully operated REA projects in the United States and the

WEATHER RECORDS COMPARE ON PAR WITH LAST YEAR

The highest mark in 32 years was recorded Thursday at 5:00 o'clock when Charles Taylor reported 112 degrees with his government instrument. The report was received just as the Herald was going to press.

Although the past week has seen several high heat marks they compare favorably with last year when two 108 marks were recorded during the same week. No relief has been promised by the weather man but it has generally proved a rule in the past that a severe heat wave does not continue longer than a week or 10 days.

The 109 mark Wednesday is the highest to date. Thursday afternoon gave indication of going a few degrees higher.

The following are the reports for 1938 and 1939, according to Charles Taylor, local weather man.

Table with 4 columns: Week of 1938, Max., Min., and Week of 1939, Max., Min. Data points for weeks of July 20 to July 26.

In 1938 the balance of July was rather warm. No rain was recorded during either week.

LARGE CROWD AT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A. H. Cable is the new owner of a quilt which he acquired at the ice cream social held at Columbia park by the Farm Bureau auxiliary Saturday night. A fine crowd was present and a total of \$33 was netted towards the building fund.

A good program was enjoyed including several skits and a violin solo by Miss Edna Ott, accompanied by Miss Golda Mumma on the piano.

Mrs. Catherine DeMoss spoke on her recently published book of Oregon history, "Blue Bucket Nuggets." The Auxiliary members wish to thank merchants and others who aided on the program.

The next meeting will be held Friday, August 4. Mrs. Edith Cable will be in charge of the program with the refreshment committee consisting of Mrs. Grace Foster, Mrs. Catherine Sommerer and Mrs. Edna Baragar.

Hermiston Gets New Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Al Shaw, proprietors of the Hermiston Bakery, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Saturday evening at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He has been named William Arthur.

FINAL PLANS ARE NEARING COMPLETION FOR COUNTY FAIR

INTEREST IN SHOW IS COUNTY WIDE

In the east and south ends and all about the county, in addition to the usual annual interest in the west end of Umatilla county and northern Morrow, much interest is being taken in the county fair to be held at the fair grounds in Hermiston August 28, 29 and 30.

The premium lists, which have been rearranged to suit county-wide products, are now in the hands of the printers and will be ready for circulation in the near future. They will be sent to farmers throughout the entire Umatilla county and parts of Morrow.

Arrangements have been made for Model T auto races, which will consist of 24 guaranteed entries. Elimination races will be held Tuesday, August 29, and the main events will take place the afternoon of Wednesday, August 30.

Dances will be given at Community Hall Saturday evening, August 26, and Wednesday evening, August 30. L. A. Moore has agreed to install his loudspeaking service for the fair days and all announcements will be made clearly in the hearing of visitors on all parts of the fairgrounds.

The fair board has been enlarged to include all parts of the county and committees who have been appointed are at work. They are urging all farmers to collect suitable exhibits during the harvest season, including sheaves of grains, and to select and prepare their products as much as possible for the coming events.

WEATHER BUREAU ISSUES SUMMARY

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, in connection with the weather bureau, each week issues a summary of weather and crop conditions in Oregon. The summary includes districts from all sections of Oregon and gives the various maximum and minimum temperatures, crop conditions and the advancement of the different harvests.

This week's report contained a report from Pilot Rock stating: Harvest now general. Second crop of alfalfa good. Cattle being shipped in good condition.

In the future this weekly summary will be placed in The Herald window for the inspection of those interested. This arrangement has been made with the cooperation of Charles Taylor, local weather man.

UMATILLA AIRPORT SEEMS DOOMED

The airport two miles east of Umatilla is being dismantled entirely and will be abandoned. An effort was made to prevent this through the Washington office but without avail. The signal station at Boardman is slated to be moved south into the sage plains about eight miles. The signal at Irrigon is reported ordered moved to a hill top west of the Allen Thomson ranch on Butter Creek and power will be secured from the Umatilla Electric Cooperative at the Thomson place.

The signal between Stage and Despain gulches about 15 miles east of Hermiston will be moved south to a point on the hills above Yoakum on the north side of the Umatilla river and will be connected with the Umatilla Electric Cooperative system near Nolin. These changes in signals is in accordance with changes in air routes to a direct line between The Dalles and Pendleton.

FIVE GENERATIONS PRESENT AT ANNUAL CONRAD REUNION

HERMISTON CO-OP LAUNDRY-CANNERY HAS ANNIVERSARY

This week marks the 11th anniversary of the Hermiston Co-op Laundry and Cannery. The firm was organized on July 23, 1928, and has been in business continuously since that date.

Although the original laundry had considerable difficulty in starting because of lack of interest, the plan proved so successful that in a month 40 members were listed. An interesting fact is that seven of the original 14 are still washing at the present time.

All the washing was done with one machine at the outset but the increase in membership soon necessitated two more and at the present time six machines are in use. The cooperative plan has proved a decided success.

During the year ended December 31, receipts from the laundry totaled \$2,269.69, while receipts from the cannery totaled \$4,136.79. Many improvements have been made since 1911 when the creamery donated the building still in use today.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANS ARE NEARLY COMPLETE

The plans for the Daily Vacation Bible School which is being sponsored jointly by the local churches are beginning to reach their final stage. A very good interest has been shown. The heads of the departments are to meet at the C. Warner home on Gladys Avenue Friday evening.

The dates of the school are August 7 to 24.

R. H. ELWOOD

R. H. Elwood, 72, passed away at his home 2 1/2 miles north of Hermiston Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Mr. Elwood had been confined to his bed for six weeks and had been ailing for some time.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Odesa Elwood; three children, Lee Elwood, Clarence Elwood and Mrs. D. C. Keller, all of Hermiston, nine grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mr. Elwood was born in Iowa on March 23, 1867, and had been an ardent church worker most of his life. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Prann Funeral Parlors with Rev. C. Warner in charge. Burial will take place in the Echo cemetery.

RUNAWAY TEAM CAUSES INJURIES

Jasper Templeton of the Columbia district was quite seriously injured Saturday when his team ran away at his ranch throwing him to the ground and dragging him for a distance of approximately 100 feet. He was discovered in the field by Mrs. Templeton who called a physician.

Although Mr. Templeton dislocated three vertebrae in his neck, his condition is not serious and is able to get about.

Young People Sell Ice Cream.

The young people of the Hermiston Union church held a sale of home made ice cream on the streets Saturday. Another sale will be held Saturday. The proceeds will be used to send a group to the annual summer conference at Cove, Ore.

Mrs. Dyer Reports on Trip.

Word has been received from Mrs. L. C. Dyer stating that she had a very enjoyable boat trip from Seattle to Fairbanks, Alaska. She plans to visit a daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bloom, during the summer months.

PROGRAM, PICTURES AND DINNER GONG FEATURES OF DAY

The fourth annual re-union of the Conrad family was held in Columbia park Sunday, July 23, with approximately 200 members present.

Five generations of the family were present, and were represented by the following members: Great-great-grandmother, Louisa Conrad, great-grandmother Adaline Dickerson, grandmother Grace Kinney, mother Dorothy George, twin daughters Sheila and Sharon. Mrs. Conrad is 84 years old and the only living member of the first generation.

Members of the annual re-union started gathering in the park by 8:00 o'clock, some coming 500 miles for the occasion. After the members were registered, the following program was held:

"It's Great to Meet a Friend," song, group of grandchildren, accompanied by Gloria Hammer; "Beautiful Ohio," "Old Spinning Wheel," songs, Viola, Rosalie, Louise Hammer, and Alice Dudley, accompanied by Gloria Hammer, piano and Zana Dudley, violin; "Oh Gentle Presence," song, Charity Vincent; "God Bless America," song, Cherie Vincent; "Tisket-A-Tasket," song, Richard Graham; "Sing a Song of Sixpence," song, Carole Hammer, accompanied by Alice Hammer; "Indiana Moonlight," duet, Rosalie Hammer and Alice Dudley, accompanied by Gloria Hammer; History of Conrad Clan, read by Georgia Shaver and written by Rovilla Thomas.

When the program was finished, the crowd got together for group photographs. The five generations were taken in one group, a picture of Mrs. Conrad and her twelve living children comprised another group, and finally one of the whole group was taken.

By 12:30 the members were summoned by a dinner gong (pie tin and spoon) to the big, long picnic table, lavishly provided with salads, sandwiches, chicken, hot dishes, pies and cakes galore. This was all served, cafeteria style, with a place of honor. (Continued on page 6)

HALE ROBBER GETS TWO YEAR SENTENCE

Jack Davis, 21, Clymer, Pa., who was arrested here June 28 for the robbery of Hale's Confectionery and Sporting Goods Store was sentenced this week to two years in the Salem penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Circuit Judge C. L. Sweek.

His loot, including several guns, ammunition and money, was taken at the time of his arrest.

LIBRARY TO HAVE CONGRESS RECORD

Word has been received by the Hermiston Library that a copy of the Congressional Record will be sent here for use in the library. The gift will be made from the quota of Rufus C. Holman.

The Record was requested by local friends of the library.

FAMOUS HORSEMEN TAKE TO STEEDS SUNDAY NIGHT

The shades of yesteryear were seen on the Hermiston streets Sunday evening when Jarvis Durfey and Willard Felthouse paraded down Main street astride their mounts. Some concern was felt among anxious friends when Willard's mount bogged in the middle due to the excessive weight and fell. Willard escaped unscathed except for pride.

The owner, however, soon recovered the horses and prevented any further damage. It seems the steeds were "bored" from their tethering place under the trees at the end of Main street.