

UMATILLA RANKS SECOND

Umatilla county stood in second place in its division in the traffic accident improvement contest among counties of the state for the first six months of 1939, secretary of state, revealed this week.

Leaders in the three divisions were Yamhill, group I; Jackson in group H, and Wasco, in group III. Umatilla county was listed in the latter group. Standings are based on the percentage of improvement made each month in number of accidents, injuries and deaths. Counties were segregated into the three groups on a basis of population density.

BUTTER CREEK FIRE IS UNDER CONTROL

The Butter Creek forest fire, still being watched by a large crew of men—CCC employees and forest service employees—extended over approximately 1,050 acres before it was controlled, according to Carl Ewing, Umatilla national forest superintendent. This was more territory than at first believed and was determined after a close check of the burned area.

Some commercial timber was lost, perhaps 310 acres altogether, including about 30 acres of Umatilla national forest timber. The fire mostly was on cutover land, however, adjacent to the forest boundaries.

The present force will remain on hand for the remainder of the week and a smaller force will remain until every spark is extinguished.

OLD PIONEERS PASS AWAY DURING WEEK

PURL BOWMAN

Purl Bowman, prominent pioneer of Umatilla county and well known throughout this section of the state, passed away at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Saturday, August 5, after an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Bowman was born February 15, 1862, at Oseola, Ia., and when a baby of only six weeks left St. Louis, Mo., with his parents for the west. His family had resided at Oseola before starting the long trek across the plains in a train of 105 wagons.

JOHN THOMAS LAMBIRTH

John Thomas Lambirth, 73, leader among two generations of boys in Pendleton, died, as he had lived, as the companion and guide of youth, this week.

Mr. Lambirth had gone, as was his custom, for a Sunday afternoon outing, and had gone to a spot on the Umatilla river near the Green Acres dairy at Riverside.

Two boys, Clifford Murray and Byron Bender, were with him and the thought was to build a diving board on the bank of the river. During the course of construction Mr. Lambirth slipped while carrying a large rock and struck his head. He never regained consciousness.

County Gets Unemployment Pay—

Salem, Ore., Aug. 10—Cumulative distribution of unemployment compensation in Oregon reached \$8,902,833 as footings were totaled by the commission for July, central office records here revealed.

The monthly total was \$253,973, a decrease of 17 per cent from June. Pendleton, covering Umatilla and Morrow counties, accounted for \$2417, or 1 per cent of the state total.

The Portland metropolitan area received 51 per cent of the July job insurance money. Salem got 6 per cent; Oregon City, 5 per cent, and Marshfield, 4 per cent.

Agricultural Men Re-appointed—

E. A. Geary of Klamath Falls and Fred Cockell of Milwaukie were re-appointed this week by Governor C. Sprague to six-year terms on the state board of agriculture. Geary represents farmers, while Cockell is a representative of poultrymen.

Sprague Insists on Stokers —

Salem, Aug. 9—A proposal by Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State hospital at Pendleton, that installation of coal stokers at the hospital be eliminated from the hospital improvement project, was rejected by the state board of control at a hearing this week.

LARGE ATTENDANCE PRESENT AT DAILY BIBLE SCHOOL

PROGRAM LISTED FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 13

The Daily Vacation Bible School which is being held during this week and next is being attended by a large group of children from this community. The interest has been kept at the high pitch set by the parade last Saturday evening and an enrollment of 130 has been reached.

Besides the various classes in Bible instruction, there are several projects that the pupils are doing. The public is invited to view this work next Thursday, August 17, at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. At this time the handwork will be on display. A program will feature the activities of the past weeks and numbers will be furnished by members from each department.

A short play will be given by the Intermediate class. The whole evening will be taken up by the children under the supervision of Rev. R. W. Tindall of Eugene.

In order to help take care of some of the necessary expenses which have been cared for largely by the cooperating churches, a free will offering will be taken. The public, whether having children in the school or not, is urged to see this fine demonstration of how religion can successfully work together for the betterment of the community.

CHRISTLEY SELLS HOGS IN PORTLAND

Del Christley returned Tuesday from Portland where he shipped and sold 31 hogs. The total weight of the hogs was 6,500 pounds and the type was such that he sprung the market a quarter of a cent and received seven cents per pound or a total of \$462.00. The hogs were six days less than six months old and the average weight was 213 pounds. They were all pure bred Poland China and of the breed which he is handling exclusively on his farm 3 miles east of Hermiston.

Mr. Christley runs a large dairy and plants a considerable acreage of corn each year. His farm consists of 120 acres and is classed as one of the best on this project.

Roberts-Watson

The marriage of Miss Crystal Roberts and Earl S. Watson, both of Hermiston, came as a surprise recently to local friends. They were married at Dayton, Wn., April 15 in the Methodist church. Mr. Watson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Watson and Mrs. Watson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Roberts.

They are making their home in Pendleton for the present. He is employed at Rieth in the railroad yards and she has part time employment at the Oregon Cafe in Pendleton.

HERMISTON GARDEN CLUB ENJOYS HELPFUL TALKS AT MEETING HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON

Although only a quorum of Hermiston Garden club members were present at Monday's afternoon meeting, a most enjoyable session was held. Mr. Forshaw from Pendleton's Florist shop spoke on "Flower Judging"; and Miss Marilla Dunning, a sister of Mrs. Bard, Stanfield, gave her impressions of the lovely flower gardens viewed in two trips to the Golden Gate Fair; Mrs. Walter Hamm read an interesting paper written by Mrs. H. K. Dean, horticultural chairman, citing many helpful bulletins for flower gardeners available from Superintendent of Documents office, Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Vera Doyle, chairman of the Fall Flower Show to be held in the high school gym on Friday, September 8, named committee chairman and outlined their committee work. Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. J. Todd have given much time and effort in formulating plans for this elaborate fall flower display. Let us make sure we are loyal workers, "fifty-four strong" in lending our support and aiding both by word and deed.

Mr. Forshaw told of visiting immense flower gardens in England, France and the Netherlands. He had visited fairs and flower shows in these same countries and told many interesting things in connection with the commercial selling on large scales. Some years ago Mr. Forshaw had the honor of being a judge on flowers at our state fair in Salem. He pointed out that judges who have had wide experience will almost always cite a winning flower immediately, yet each judge may have proclaimed it such for a different reason.

SCHOOL OPENING DATE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 5

Always welcome news for the younger folk about this time of the year is the school opening date which this year has been set for the day after Labor Day, September 5, according to W. G. Kersbergen, city superintendent. The buildings have been given a thorough cleaning and the floors waxed and polished.

Students who plan to attend high school this year are asked to register prior to school opening. Supt. Kersbergen will be in his office each day of the week except Saturday from 8:30 to 12:00 and will assist students in the arrangement of studies.

Several changes are slated in the teaching personnel and will be published next week.

NORTH MORROW TO HAVE FAIR SEPT. 8-9 AT BOARDMAN

R. K. Miller, secretary of North Morrow county fair board, was in Hermiston Thursday arranging for the annual fair held in Boardman of North Morrow products. The dates this year are Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9. Plans are now underway for the various exhibits.

Elmer Sullivan is president of the board and Florence Root, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. A. C. Houghton, Paul Smith and E. M. Souders. The different superintendents of the exhibit divisions have been appointed and are now busy arranging details.

WEATHER RECORDS HAVE UPS-DOWNS

The temperatures in the Hermiston area were in a somewhat jittery stage the past week and varied all the way from 103 to 88 maximums and 71 to 41 minimums. The low 41 was hit Monday night and local residents were beginning to think of unpacking winter clothing and bedding.

The following is the report for the past week according to Charles Taylor, local weather man.

August 3	103	55
August 4	100	71
August 5	95	67
August 6	88	53
August 7	88	41
August 8	94	44
August 9	100	49

SCHOOL TEACHERS HIT PARKED AUTO

Mrs. Guy Williams, Miss Marlon Williams and Miss Harriet Watts, school teachers of Iowa and Wisconsin who were en route home from the San Francisco exposition, collided with a parked car near Boardman Monday morning. The three ladies escaped with eye and leg injuries, and other minor cuts and bruises. They were treated at the Hermiston General hospital.

Both cars were badly damaged.

HODGEN RESIGNS TO ACCEPT POST AT HONOLULU SCHOOL

RAY E. CRITCHFIELD HIRED AS COACH

Jack Hodgen, who has been athletic coach of Hermiston Union high school the past year, has resigned to accept a position as coach at Kamehameha boys' school in Honolulu during the coming year. In addition to his coaching duties he will have charge of a dormitory.

He plans to leave San Francisco for the islands on August 15 and will begin his duties shortly afterwards. He has received word that he must take a football squad to a nearby island and begin training work on August 26.

Mr. Hodgen had a fairly successful year at Hermiston and was well liked in the community.

Ray E. Critchfield, who has coached at Forest Grove the past year, will take Hodgen's position here. Mr. Critchfield has coached at Wasco, Sherwood and Forest Grove, and has a commendable record. In addition to athletics he will teach manual training.

He is a graduate of Pacific university where he made quite an athletic record, winning letters in several sports. Frank O'Neill, formerly coach here, and Critchfield played the two halfback positions when they were in college.

Mr. Critchfield comes to Hermiston well recommended by such men as Anson B. Cornell, athletic director at Pacific, J. P. McGlasson, principal of Forest Grove, and from other school authorities where he has taught.

At the present time he is a single man but indicated over the telephone earlier in the week that he intended to be married before coming to Hermiston.

LOCAL YOUTHS IN STANFIELD MELEE

Several Hermiston boys were involved in a free-for-all in which approximately 50 took part following the dance at Stanfield Saturday night. Welden Eberle, 18, is in jail at Pendleton charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and Joseph Marzona, CCC enrollee of the Stanfield camp, was taken to St. Anthony's hospital suffering from several knife wounds.

Marzona lost considerable blood, mostly from a cut in the arm, and had one cut on the back of his neck almost stretching from ear to ear, and other cuts elsewhere of minor nature. Eberle was the only person arrested by officers of the sheriff's office.

The fracas is said to have started following the dance and increased in volume after being started by just a few.

ELECTION OF REA BOARD POSTPONED

The meeting today (Thursday) of the membership of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association for election of a board of directors for the ensuing year was adjourned until September 12 because the required quorum was not present.

In order to conduct the meeting legally at least 65 members would be required in answer to roll call.

Oddfellows To Install Officers.

The Hermiston Oddfellows lodge will hold an installation of officers Monday evening, August 14. All offices except the vice presidency will be filled. Local members and all visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.

Worthley Resigns at Umatilla.

Norman Worthley, who taught the 7th and 8th grades and coached in the high school at Umatilla last year, has resigned his position. He has accepted a teaching post at the McMinnville Junior High. Mr. and Mrs. Worthley have spent the past two years at Umatilla.

Mrs. Rodda Has Unique Flowers

Mrs. W. G. Rodda of the Minnehaha district brought a bouquet of double tiger lilies to the Herald office this week. They had just double the amount of petals ordinarily found in this variety.

TURKEY GROWERS PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19

LOCAL MEN ESCAPE GAS FUMES WHILE IN BASEMENT

What might have been a very serious accident was narrowly averted last Thursday when Tom Fraser and Paul Bracher were pumping water from the Columbia school basement. They were overtaken by gas fumes from their running truck which they were using to run a water pump. Mr. Fraser has not as yet returned to work at the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. while Mr. Bracher is working but is decidedly under the weather from the experience.

The men had jacked up the rear of the truck in order to run one of the pumps in use. Bracher was holding the pump in position to finish the job and had just turned off the ignition when he was overcome by the fumes. Fraser attempted to come to his aid and with the help of several buckets of water revived Bracher.

The men attempted to finish their job and re-entered the basement but were unable to withstand the fumes. They were taken to Hermiston by a farmer residing near there and placed under a doctor's care. Both men were suffering from the gas effects and were unable to describe their escape clearly.

PHELPS FARM HAS NEW OWNERSHIP

Earl Reed and Ed O'Donnell of The Dalles have taken over the old Phelps place recently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark in the southeast part of Hermiston. The men will make Hermiston the general headquarters for handling livestock. They expect to buy and sell livestock in the territory between Enterprise and The Dalles, operating from here as a central point.

Mrs. O'Donnell and four children will move here to make their home.

UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR NOTES

If you haven't received a premium list and are interested in making an exhibit, call at the Herald office, the assistant county agent's office or write for a booklet.

Only 18 days until the opening date of the County Fair. Time now to get your exhibits ready. Pick out your farm products, your chickens, your cattle, your turkeys, your pigs, corn, vegetables of all kinds, and your flowers and needle work.

In addition to the work of the board of directors of 15 members, nearly 75 members of committees are doing things toward making the county fair a success. Besides these, 16 Granges are planning on booths or other exhibits and floats for the parade.

The 4-H club members have been sent 300 premium lists and this big feature of the county fair promises to be the best ever shown at the Hermiston grounds. They will come from all over the county, and future farmers at the pavilion will be numerous.

Two thousand ribbons representing premiums to be awarded at the county fair have arrived, and farmers and townsmen, and boys and girls, who make a try will take home the prizes. Those persons who think they can't win, and then go to the fair and see they had just as good at home, will not get a ribbon.

Don't forget to tune up your old tin lizzie for the derby on August 29 and 30.

Pulley Released Under Bond.

Elvis Earl Pulley, 41, arrested by state police at Hermiston last week on a charge of drunken driving and sentenced by Judge Manuel Friedly of Pendleton to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$100, was released from the county jail Monday upon posting \$750 bond. He is wanted in Clackamas county to answer a charge of larceny by bailer.

SPEAKERS, BAND, PICNIC FEATURES OF DAY'S PROGRAM

The annual picnic of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association has been scheduled for Saturday, August 19, at the Hermiston experiment station. This annual gathering of turkey growers and their families is a popular event and many attend from all parts of the county. No tour will be held this year which departs somewhat from the usual custom.

The group will assemble at the farm at 10:00 under the shade trees. H. K. Dean, farm superintendent, will be the principal speaker in the morning. He will talk on feeds, feeding and turkey production. Mr. Dean will also be in general charge of activities in the afternoon.

A picnic lunch will be served at noon on the farm lawn. The Turkey Growers' association will furnish roast turkey, coffee and ice cream. All are asked to bring a picnic basket and just a little extra in order to care for those who are coming from longer distances and who are on the program. All turkey growers, regardless of whether they belong to the association or not, are invited to attend the picnic.

Herbert Beyers, general manager of the Northwestern Turkey Growers' association, world's largest turkey cooperative, and E. M. Dickinson, poultry veterinarian at Oregon State college, will be the main speakers in the afternoon. They will discuss various phases of the turkey world.

A musical program is planned to add spice to the activities. It is expected that the high school band will participate. Group singing and an original song by the DeMoss family will also be enjoyed.

EOININE SLEEPING SICKNESS FOUND IN HERMISTON AREA

Dr. H. F. Derflinger and Dr. M. J. Belton of the State Department of Agriculture were in the Hermiston territory last week. While here they found several cases of sleeping sickness in horses. The disease is not expected to reach epidemic proportions this late in the season. Since the disease is already in the area control measures should be directed towards treatment of animals afflicted with the disease rather than by vaccination, Dr. Derflinger believes.

He cautions that people should see their horses every day and if any show symptoms of sleepiness or paralysis of the legs, Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker should be notified. Treatment of affected horses with serum has proven very effective.

TOWNSEND FLASHES.

All members are urged to be at their club Friday at 8:00 p.m., August 11, at the Legion hall, to decide on some very important business and hear latest reports.

A report came from the Portland office that a Townsend day is to be observed at the Gresham Fair and 25 per cent of the gate receipts is to be sent to our national office. All the Washington and Oregon senators and representatives will be speakers, besides Col. Horton of California, who is a Townsend representative.

The public is always invited to attend all our meetings. Everyone is also invited to take part in the big Townsend picnic at Boardman. Bring your own basket. Mr. Despain will give more of his report of our convention.

Burk Makes Two-Day Jaunt

Charles Burk returned Wednesday from a short trip to Weiser, Payette, Nyssa, LaGrande and other eastern Oregon and Idaho cities. He found Weiser in a prosperous state and Nyssa booming with sugar activities. The beet growing there is proving quite profitable. He also visited for a short time with Mr. Mack, druggist at Huntington. The trip was made by car.