

## DAIRYMEN ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Umatilla-Morrow Dairy Herd Improvement association will be held Wednesday, January 31, at 1:30 p. m., in Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker's offices, announces L. C. Dyer, secretary. The annual report for 1939 for the association will be presented by H. R. Hartley, tester. Election of officers will be led by Mr. Knickerbocker and a report of the recent testers' conference held in Corvallis will be given by Mr. Hartley. All members of the association as well as those interested in dairying are urged to attend.

The association report for December follows:

The number of herds on test during the month was 22, consisting of 397 cows, 65 of which were dry. The total production of these herds was 167,507 pounds of milk and 8994.9 pounds of fat and the average production per cow, including both cows in milk and cows dry, was 421.9 pounds of milk and 22.65 pounds of fat.

The high herd of over 20 cows was owned by the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, producing 31.92 average pounds of fat. High herd of 12 to 20 cows was owned by Nels Kristensen, which produced 39.15 average pounds of fat. The high herd of under 12 cows was owned by W. V. Grider whose herd produced 30.02 average pounds of fat.

Members having cows completing lactation records with the minimum requirements were Frank Seeliger, Del Christley, W. D. Neill and Eastern Oregon State Hospital.

## TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

By MRS. JOE UDEY

This is to notify all the newly elected club council to be present at the club meeting this week, as well as club members, and to bring their 1939 amended Townsend club manuals. This is the instruction sent by our newly elected president, L. W. Dixon, who returned from California and expects to be at the next meeting and wants to finish out the election of officers.

This is a very important year for our movement so we are asking very kindly your continued help. With unity and cooperation we will go on to greater victories, and as we do so, we will make sure the certain and future success of the Townsend movement, and the welfare of all the people in America. With your active and unflinching help and cooperation we will surely win.

Due to illness of the serving committee, refreshment for the meeting will not be served this time. This being the last meeting of the month, all Townsend banks are to be turned over to the finance committee.

It has been announced that the play sponsored by the Pendleton Townsend club has been postponed from January 27 to Wednesday, January 31.

## F. B. A. Meets February 2.

The Farm Bureau Auxiliary will meet Friday, February 2, with Mrs. Mabel Reid in charge of the program and Mrs. Dora Mikesell, Mrs. Emma Christley and Mrs. Mary Harr as the refreshment committee.

## Ten Years Ago

A new long distance cold weather record for Hermiston and vicinity has been established this week, when Hermiston went into its 10th consecutive day of below zero weather. According to Charles Taylor, local weather man, the thermometer slipped to 35 below zero, January 21. Snowfall in Hermiston and Umatilla county varies from 18 to 20 inches.

Herbert Hedwall, who is employed at Burnham's, is staying at the Pace home until this cold spell subsides.

Miss Georgiana Briggs and Mrs. Gerald White, teachers at Pine City, are visiting at their homes.

Beginning February 1, a new local hospital will begin operation, according to Dr. A. W. Christopher. The exact location of the hospital has not yet been determined.

Oscar Payne is employed at Echo, working for the George & Miller Co. during their sale.

## STANFIELD SCS CAMP MAKES PROGRESS DURING PAST YEAR

### SAND BLOW NEAR IRRIGON IMPROVED

By J. R. CHENAULT  
CCC Camp Superintendent  
Soil Conservation Service

STANFIELD—A mid-winter check reveals that definite progress is being made by irrigation district farmers and operators of adjacent rangeland who are using the cooperative facilities of the Stanfield Soil Conservation Service CCC camp in their battle against wind and irrigation water erosion in the Stanfield, Hermiston, Boardman and Irrigon areas.

An immediate problem facing the camp when it was located here in the fall of 1938 was what to do about 25,000 acres of range land south of Irrigon that had been burned over that summer and already was blowing badly. A valuable main irrigation canal winding through the burned area was being filled with wind-blown sand, and dunes were threatening to move over adjacent productive irrigated land.

The CCC crews cut hundreds of loads of willow brush along the Columbia and Umatilla rivers and used the material in building miles of brush fence to hold the soil drifts out of the canal. They then seeded rye between the brush barriers, with the view to holding the soil down temporarily, and the operators kept their stock off of the entire area to give the native grass and other plants a chance to come back.

The effectiveness of these measures has been noted this past season, particularly. Sand movement along the canal has been slowed down, and vegetation is returning and forming a protective cover over extensive areas of the formerly nearly barren burn. It is believed that continued protection from grazing will give the rest of the burned-off territory a chance to stabilize itself similarly with grass.

Helping farmers to set out new windbreaks on the windward sides of their irrigated fields has been

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### Examiner Here February 1.

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Thursday, February 1, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 11 a. m. to 5 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.

## EXTENSION SPECIALIST DISCUSSES HOG FEEDING PROBLEMS AT MEETING HERE

Pork prices might be depressed for a period of one or even two years, said H. A. Lindgren, extension specialist in Animal Husbandry from Oregon State college, at a meeting in Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker's office last Friday afternoon. Approximately 35 farmers attended the session.

Whenever the price of pork is such that 100 pounds can be sold for as much as 616 pounds of grain, hog production remains fairly constant. When 100 pounds pork rises above that figure (approximately \$8.00 at present grain prices) there is a rapid increase in production and when as now, 616 pounds grain will bring more than 100 pounds of pork, there is a decline in production, he continued. Any decline at the present time may be retarded by the fact that there are enormous supplies of feed grain in storage.

In order to counteract low prices, Mr. Lindgren suggested that growers use pig brooders in order to save a higher percentage of small pigs. Artichokes as a feed came in for considerable attention and it was stated that they have approximately the

## Hermiston Union High School Basketball Squad



Pictured are members of the Bulldog basketball squad: from left to right, front, Gettmann, Clarke, Corpe and Pierson. Back row, Crampton, Rugg, Holloman, Tiller and Coach Critchfield. —Picture by Gale Felthouse

## BULLDOGS LIST TWO GAMES FOR THIS WEEK END

The Hermiston high school Bulldogs face a busy week end when they tackle Irrigon and Helix on the local floor Friday and Saturday respectively. In each case the grade school will play a preliminary. The first games begin at 7:30 with the feature contests commencing immediately after. Boardman will play here next Tuesday, January 30.

The contests here this week end are both expected to be interesting affairs. Irrigon won a one point thriller at Irrigon early in the season while Helix was defeated 17 to 13. Lyle Eddy has developed a strong club at Irrigon and will come to Hermiston to prove that the first game was no fluke.

Coach Critchfield indicated Wednesday that his second team men were due to see some action against Irrigon and Helix. This step is not being taken because the games are considered as setups but because the second stringers have been out-scoring the regulars in practice and may be boosted to starting positions.

President's Dance at Irrigon  
President Roosevelt's birthday dance is sponsored by the Boardman and Irrigon Granges Saturday, January 27, in the Irrigon gymnasium. Benefits will go for prevention and cure of infantile paralysis.

## EDWARD SCHELL LOSES EYE SIGHT

Edward Schell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Schell and a first grader in the local schools, lost the sight of an eye following an accident which occurred recently when a rubber band which he was stretching backfired and struck him directly in the eye. He was rushed to the Doernbecker hospital in Portland where two operations were performed to no avail.

In a letter received by his parents Thursday it was stated that 24 hours after the first operation it was thought that the eye could be saved, but complications occurred, which necessitated the second operation. The increased pressure and the severe pain made it necessary to remove the eye.

Edward stood the operation nicely and he is reported as getting along fine.

## CONNOR'S STORE TO HAVE NEW HOME

The Oregon Hardware & Implement building on Main street, formerly occupied by Safeway, will be the new quarters for Connor's Cash Store. The moving date has not been set but will probably be arranged by Saturday, February 3. The interior of the building is being repainted and generally revamped. Guy Cronk is doing the work.

The change is being made by Mr. Connor to increase his floor space and also to give more room to his produce department. He is discontinuing his store at Umatilla and will concentrate his efforts with the one concern.

## DISTRICT MANAGER TO TAKE OFFICE

Frank M. Caverhill of Milton has been appointed as district manager of the Westland Irrigation district, replacing J. W. Messner who has been manager since 1925. The latter retired last week, effective February 1 at which time Mr. Caverhill will take over his new duties.

Mr. Caverhill has been connected with the state water commission for the past two years and has been associated with the distribution of water at Butter Creek. He has studied civil engineering and comes well qualified for the job.

He is married and will make his home in Hermiston.

## Stillings in Portland Hospital.

Pressley Stillings, son of H. J. Stillings, is confined in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland with illness. He was taken there this week by his father. Vester Shaw is substituting for Mr. Stillings in the local post office where he is employed as night dispatcher.

## SNOW REMAINS ON GROUND THIS WEEK WITH COLD SPELL

The entire vicinity has been snow blanketed during most of the week. Although the fall has been comparatively light, the cold temperatures kept the snow from melting. Snow in the mountains has not been heavy to date although it has been falling steadily during the most of the week.

The following is the report for the past eight days, according to Charles Taylor, weather man.

January 17	46	32
January 18	42	26
January 19	31	26
January 20	35	27
January 21	30	22
January 22	31	25
January 23	31	25
January 24	30	23

Precipitation for the week was 1.5 in.

## POWER RATE CUT DUE HERMISTON

Rate reductions by the Hermiston Light & Power company, aggregating \$4000 annually, were announced here Tuesday by State Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean.

The residential schedules are reduced \$1980 annually and the commercial schedules \$1450 annually. Street lighting schedules, to be announced soon, will result in a saving of \$530 a year.

## MORE R.E.A. LINES ARE PLANNED

News reports from Washington gives the information that the national REA is contemplating an additional extension of 100 miles of its lines in Umatilla and Morrow counties. The present system of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association contains 250 miles now completed and it is thought that the REA has made an estimate of short additions and extensions from the present system.

The local system is approximately a year and a half old and is adding new customers regularly.

## Former Editor Visits Here

Mrs. H. R. Smith (Pauline Stoop) of Enterprise, formerly co-editor of The Herald, is visiting in Hermiston this week. She is staying at the Levi Reeder home. She was accompanied here by Mrs. J. H. Lindley who is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stoop, at Umatilla.

## F.D.R.'S BIRTHDAY TO BE OBSERVED WITH CARD PARTY

### PROCEEDS TO GO FOR 'MARCH OF DIMES'

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "March of Dimes" birthday party will be celebrated in Hermiston next Monday, January 29, with a public card party at the Hermiston high school gymnasium. Due to short notice the annual dance will not be held this year. The entertainment Monday night will be sponsored by the local American Legion auxiliary, assisted by the Rebekahs and the Hermiston Garden club.

A general admission price of 25c will be charged, with door prizes and prizes for bridge, pinochle, Chinese checkers and monopoly. Arrangements are also being made for tables for high school students with separate prizes for them. The committee in charge urges that anyone who does not play cards but who wishes to join the March of Dimes to send the money to the Legion auxiliary and proper credit will be given.

Infantile paralysis is becoming a serious menace in the United States, according to latest reports from the National Medical association. Statistics show that 50 per cent of all the cases in the world are listed in the United States. The annual united effort to stem the spread of this dreaded disease is headed by President Roosevelt. Money taken in by this large project is used in furthering research to actually combat the paralysis.

## MC NARY VOICES CONCERN OVER DAM

The following telegram was received this week by E. P. Dodd from Senator McNary: "Am in accord with content of your letter of the 20th which reached me this morning. At the first opportunity I am going to submit your statement to President Roosevelt. I am greatly concerned over the Umatilla project and hope that we shall be able to obtain congressional recognition at this session. Chas. L. McNary."

The letter referred to above was concerning the recent statements by the President on the development of the Grand Coulee and Columbia Basin project and the benefits that would accrue to that project from navigation above Umatilla rapids. It also outlined the recent developments at Umatilla and the assured use of the Columbia to that point, and other more recent arguments for the early construction of the Umatilla rapids dam.

## TODD ENJOYS 75TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

R. C. Todd of Hermiston celebrated his 75th anniversary Wednesday night. The occasion was honored with a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Todd. Mr. Todd is still in fair health and is a daily figure on the streets of Hermiston.

Present Wednesday night were Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Holt and son of Pendleton, Mrs. Roberta Gunn of Lexington, Ky., but formerly of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Todd and families. A letter was read from Harry Todd of Bend.

## JOE COONEY WINS DAIRY ESSAY PRIZE

Young Joe Cooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cooney of North Hill, was awarded first prize in the recent essay contest sponsored by the Happy Thot Jersey Farm, H. R. Hartley, owner. The award consisted of a purebred Jersey bull calf.

The subject of the essay was "Why Dairymen Should Use a Purebred Sire." The story will be printed in next week's issue of The Herald.

In judging the papers, the judges were given only the numbers of the essays with no names attached. The papers were turned in at the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery.

**Irrigon Friday, January 26 - BASKETBALL - Helix Saturday, January 27**