

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE SIGNS UP MANY COOPERATORS

The Soil Conservation Service CCC camp has signed 76 cooperative agreements covering 239,650 acres during its year and one half at Stanfield.

Fences totaling 25 miles have been built for the purpose of controlling grazing and to permit rotating stock from one pasture to another. Moving stock from one pasture to another several times during a season increases the vigor and production of pasture plants resulting in better erosion control and increased livestock production.

A total of 145,000 trees have been planted in windbreak to aid in controlling wind erosion. Most of the windbreaks consist of two rows, one a tall growing trees such as black locust, the other a shrub such as Russian Olive, Caragana and others. These are planted on the west and south field.

Gully control work on Butter Creek channel for the purpose of stabilizing the channel has been done on two farms. Eight loose rock structures have been built and the stream banks sloped preparatory to seeding permanent vegetation.

Over a mile of stream bank protection work has been accomplished on the Umatilla river. Dikes have been built in places and the dikes and banks protected with rock or willow rip-rap and in addition trees were planted on one section of the dike to give added protection during flood season.

Sandblow stabilization affecting 485 acres has been accomplished. Sand fences constructed of willows and brush have been built on the more severe blows to aid in establishing rye or grasses as a more permanent control.

Seeding rye with and without the aid of straw mulching is giving satisfactory control this year on less severe blows. Where irrigation water is available woodlot plantings on severe blows are giving good protection and have the advantage of being permanent and in a few years will yield fence posts and fire wood.

Aid is being given to improve irrigation systems and establish methods of applying water which result in the minimum of soil washing. By spacing ditch at intervals 150 to 200 feet and installing proper structures irrigating can be done with a minimum of water and labor. Excess use of water results in erosion, reduction of soil fertility and reduced crop yields. Forty-six irrigation structures have been constructed with CCC labor and many by the cooperators themselves. Both concrete and loose rock structures are being used.

HORSES WANTED BY GOVERNMENT

Announcement has been made by F. W. Koester, Major (Cavalry) QMC., that the Remount Service plans to resume purchasing horses for the army in the near future. Definite plans have not yet been completed but information is now available at the assistant county agent's office as to some of the specifications.

The average price to be paid will be \$165.00, but the horses must meet special specifications, be gentle and capable of being handled and ridden and must be sound. As far as possible, horses will be purchased direct from breeders. Inspections will be held in all localities where advance information indicates there is a sufficient number of horses of suitable type available to justify holding the inspections.

COOKERY CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE

A Happy Hour Camp Cookery club has been organized recently with Irene Borthwick as leader and Lois Casper, assistant leader. Officers elected were Donna Saylor, president; Elamae Casper, vice president; Johanna Casper, secretary-treasurer; Virginia Borthwick, social leader and Laureli Saylor, news reporter.

A one-meal hike is being planned for Wednesday, June 26. Delightful refreshments were served at the last meeting.

Rev. C. Warner To Remain

Rev. C. Warner, pastor of the Central Church of Christ of Hermiston for the past four years, was called as pastor for the year 1940-41 at an official board meeting held here last Sunday. Rev. Warner is beginning his fifth consecutive year as pastor of the local church.

JULY 4 CELEBRATION PROMISES TO BE COLORFUL EVENT

MANY FEATURES ON DAY'S PROGRAM

Plans are rapidly shaping for the Fourth of July celebration in Hermiston with the program practically completed for the day. Considerable interest is being shown by both local businessmen and outside merchants who will probably put up booths for the day. Towns who will celebrate here are Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla, Boardman and Irrigon. A large contingent is expected from Pendleton who will come to see their pride, Dean Groth, perform in the evening smoker.

The morning program of children's sports and pet parade will be under the general supervision of Stearns Cushing and will be aided by other individuals from various clubs. Several youngsters are already preparing their pets for the parade, one mother reporting that her youngster had cut most of the hair of their dog.

Will Peterson of Pendleton has been asked to make a short speech to open the afternoon program. A 25c admission charge will be made for the entertainment at the park grounds in the afternoon which will include a short patriotic program, saddle horse races and a baseball game between the Hermiston Red Sox and Helix. The latter will be a playoff as each team has defeated the other during the past season.

The saddle horse races are creating considerable interest among the various owners about the country. Only horses from nearby cities and surrounding communities will be eligible for entry. Included on the program will be several races, a shetland pony race and a stake race. Several cash and merchandise prizes will be given.

The fight card for the evening has now been completed and appears to be a first class show with several excellent fighters scheduled to appear. (Continued on page 2)

Anniversary Club Meets

A meeting of the Anniversary club was held Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Holloman. A pot luck dinner was served following which a party was held. Present were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis and daughter Eleanor and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Meyers of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers of Echo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rohde.

Mrs. Daugherty Improving

Mrs. Bud Daugherty, who was recently injured in an auto wreck near Drain, is reported as somewhat improved but still rather weak from the experience. She suffered severe cuts about one ear, a leg injury and a severe shaking up. She was brought home from the hospital Tuesday. The Daughertys formerly resided in the Butter Creek district.

Miss Helen Ralph Honored.

Mrs. William J. Warner and her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Schofield, entertained at a bridge dessert and shower Thursday night in honor of Miss Helen Ralph whose marriage to Mr. Gerald Keller will take place Sunday morning. The bride's table was attractive with a center piece of flowers and candles. The rooms were decorated with flowers and each of the eight tables had a small bouquet. High honors went to Mrs. Walt Pearson, Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Mrs. Gwynn Hughes and Mrs. F. B. Swayze. Cut prizes went to Mrs. J. W. Ralph and Mrs. H. K. Dean.

Miss Jackson Entertains

Miss Jane Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson, was hostess Monday night at a kitchen shower for Miss Helen Ralph whose marriage to Gerald Keller will take place Sunday. Approximately 20 guests were present during the evening. After some time spent in games, Miss Ralph opened a large number of gifts, following which refreshments were served.

FINAL CONTESTS SCHEDULED FOR UMATILLA LEAGUE

	W	L	Per.
Helix	7	2	.778
Hermiston	6	3	.667
Reservation	6	3	.667
Stanfield	5	4	.556
Umatilla	3	6	.333
Pilot Rock	0	9	.000

Scores Sunday's Games
Reservation Reg. 12, Umatilla 6.
Hermiston 16, Stanfield 6.
Helix vs. Pilot Rock.

Games Sunday
Hermiston at Pilot Rock, Stanfield at Reservation and Helix at Umatilla.

The final round of games in the Umatilla County Baseball league will be played Sunday. The most important clashes are slated for Umatilla where Bob McKenzie's team will attempt to stop the high flying Helix team. Should the latter team win the contest it will win the league and a silver trophy. The other main event will be played at the Reservation with Philip Guyer's outfit defending its chances for second place with Hermiston which will meet the cellar champions at Pilot Rock.

Games played Sunday brought out some fine baseball with the boys improving as the season advances. Merle Berry, on the mound for Hermiston, pitched a stellar game for the Red Sox to defeat Stanfield on the CCC diamond. Berry had his famous "upper" ball working to perfection and held the hard-hitting Stanfield boys to eight scattered hits. On the other hand, the Red Sox unloosed a batting attack which netted 12 runs. Berry got the longest hit of the day, a terrific drive into left field good for three bases.

The Reservation Regulars kept pace with the Red Sox by defeating Umatilla 12 to 6, getting 14 hits to 11 for Umatilla. Each team made three errors in the field.

SCHEDULE GIVEN FOR POST OFFICE AFTER JULY 1

The Hermiston post office will be under a new schedule after July 1 when the local office will enter into the second class division. Not many drastic changes will be noted with only one mail other than local arriving during the night. The business hours will be from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. on week days and from 8:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. on Saturdays. No money orders, bond or postal savings business will be transacted after 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

Box service will be maintained on Sundays and holidays but no money order, stamp sales or general delivery will be available on those days. Rural carriers will leave the office at 9:30 a. m. on days when mail is being carried.

Out-going mail will close at 7:45 p. m. The lobby will be locked at the same hour as the mail is closed. A slot in the entrance may be used for late mail.

HOME RANKS HIGH FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS VACATION TRIP THROUGH SIXTEEN STATES

By Al Quiring

"Home Sweet Home. There's No Place Like Home." That's what we had to say early Monday morning when we arrived home after a three weeks 7,365 mile vacation trip that took us through 16 states of the vast central and western United States. Making the trip on the newly improved air-conditioned train lines of the Union Pacific, Illinois Central and Southern Pacific, we had a most enjoyable and comfortable trip.

Some of the towns and states visited on our trip included, after leaving Pendleton, Oregon, Friday morning, May 24, Pocatello, Idaho; Julesburg, Colorado; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Omaha, Nebraska; Chicago, Illinois; Dubuque, Iowa; Albert Lea, Minnesota; Fulton, Kentucky; Memphis, Tennessee; Jackson, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana; Houston, Texas; Lordsburg, New Mexico; Tucson, Arizona; and Los Angeles, California.

The first highlight of our trip was the privilege of having a six minute visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Harger and family of three bright looking boys who met us at the sta-

SCHOOL DIRECTOR AND CLERK CHOSEN FOR GRADE SCHOOL

The annual election for school district 14 was held Monday with a record of 127 votes cast. This was the largest turnout at a school election in Hermiston for some time. R. A. Brownson, clerk, was re-elected to office for another term without opposition. Mrs. Russell Piersol was chosen director for a three year term. The latter vote turned out to be interesting with Mrs. Piersol winning by a large majority over A. E. Marble and E. D. Martin. The latter had refused to submit his name for election but several friends entered it at the last minute.

The Union High School district No. 9 election will be held in the school house Monday, June 24, from 2:00 to 7:00 p. m. One director for a five year term and one director for a two year term will be elected as well as the usual business. The name of Ralph Richards appears on the ballot for the first office and the name of George Liebe for the latter job. In each case a blank line is provided for write-in candidates.

MISS RALPH TO WED G. KELLER

Of particular interest to their many friends in Hermiston and vicinity is the forthcoming marriage of Miss Helen Ralph, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Ralph, and Gerald Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keller. The ceremony will take place Sunday at 11:30 a. m. at the local Catholic Our Lady of Angels church, with Father Alban Cullen officiating.

The couple will leave immediately following the ceremony for a short wedding trip, following which they will reside for the time being on the Keller ranch.

PEARSON BEGINS NEW DWELLING

Work was started this week on the new residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson at the corner of Gladys avenue and Second street, directly across the street from the Methodist church. Considerable landscaping will be necessary to bring the lots level with the sidewalk with a retaining wall planned on the south end of the property.

City water has been piped to the new location and concrete work will commence as soon as leveling operations have been completed.

FOUR-H STUDENTS ARRIVE FRIDAY

The large contingent of 4-H summer school students will arrive home Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, the train arriving at Stanfield at that time. Parents are urged to be present so that the youngsters will not be left stranded.

They have spent the past two weeks attending the 4-H sessions at Oregon State college.

HERMISTON CENSUS COUNT IS SURPRISE TO MANY HERE

The continued suspense of several months standing in regards to the official census count for Hermiston is finally ended. Announcement was made this week from the office of Wilford W. Serrine, supervisor of census stationed at Pendleton, that the population of Hermiston at the present time is 802 as compared to 608 ten years ago. This shows a gain of 194 residents in the past ten years. The official figure for Umatilla showed 367 as compared to 345 in 1930, a net gain of 22 residents. Stanfield had a gain of 26, for a total of 230.

Although the 1940 figures are preliminary and subject to correction, it is not expected that a great error will be found. Other figures released to The Herald showed the population of Umatilla county to be 25,983. Total number of farms in the county at the present time is 2,315, as compared to 2,265 in 1930 and 2,602 in 1935.

Speculation as to the number of residents in Hermiston has been keen during the past month. Figures suggested by sidewalk politicians ranged all the way from 600 to 1000, the latter group banking strongly on the oil operations in Umatilla and a general growth of the community. Although the number of houses has not increased greatly during the time since the last census was taken, numerous improvements and enlargements have been noted.

Another reason for the suggested higher count is the number of Saturday night shoppers on the streets of Hermiston. A stranger, passing through the town at such a time, might easily guess the city to be much larger. During the past three or four years many farms in the Hermiston vicinity have been re-occupied by farmers coming from the dust bowl and other sections of the country.

Census enumerators in this district were: Hermiston, Lillie Ann Bengel; precinct 32 outside Hermiston, Grace W. Smith; precinct 33 outside Hermiston, Donald W. Serrell; Stanfield and precinct outside, Thomas W. Lenhart; Umatilla and 34, Lieualen Brownell.

SWIMMING POOL IS DISCUSSED

Prospects of a swimming pool for Hermiston were discussed by a group of businessmen at a meeting held Tuesday night. It was brought up that Dr. M. S. Kern has agreed to furnish \$5000 for the project at 3 per cent interest during the duration of the life of himself and Mrs. Kern. Various types of pools and their specifications were presented with the location expected to be on the Hermiston park ground. Water for the pool will be obtained either from the artesian well west of the lake or the spring on the Chas. Lynch property.

Although there is no chance that the pool will be available this year, work will be started this fall if the plans materialize. Pools about the country will be inspected in order to find one suitable for this community.

HERMISTON MEN TAKE COURSE

Claude Wilcox, Harry Connor Jr., John Dunning and Al Shipp are in the class of 75 in training for aviation mechanics. The school is open eight hours a day and will last from six weeks to two months, according to Superintendent Austin Landreth of Pendleton. At the completion of the course the students will be given an examination covering the work.

A good percentage of the class will then be sent to points in California where they will be employed in airplane building.

WATTENBURG-WATSON

Alma Ruth Wattenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wattenburg of Umatilla, and Neal Watson of Spokane, Wn., son of Mrs. Lena Watson of Crane, Ore., were married at a pretty church wedding Sunday afternoon in the local Central Church of Christ. C. Warner was in charge.

Miss Orion Wattenburg, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and R. O. Watson, brother of the groom, was best man.

The couple will make their home in Spokane. Mr. Watson is a railway mail clerk.

PERRY RELEASED ON OPEN CHARGE FOLLOWING DEATH

LOUIS WOOD DIES IN FIST FIGHT

Considerable excitement reigned on the streets of Hermiston Saturday night when a fist fight ended in the death of Louis Wood, aged about 60, followed by the holding of J. B. Perry, farmer residing in the Westland district, on an open charge. The latter was taken to Pendleton that night but was exonerated of blame and released following an official coroner's inquest held Monday night at Prann's Funeral Parlor in Hermiston.

Wood, who was a Union Pacific section employee near Messner, and Perry were engaged in a heated argument concerning a statement allegedly made by Perry that an Italian section boss had caused him to lose his job on the railroad. Wood, who was defending his boss, invited Perry into the alley to fight it out. The latter at first refused, but when Wood continued the argument the men were ordered out.

Several blows were struck in the ensuing few minutes, with Perry getting the best of the battle. Wood, however, did not appear to be hurt after being knocked down, and got up to wipe the perspiration from his face. Soon afterwards he staggered and collapsed. Artificial respiration was resorted to but to no avail, the man being dead when Dr. F. B. Belt arrived on the scene.

Although testimony of several witnesses differed somewhat as to detail, it was the consensus of opinion that none of the blows delivered by Perry were sufficient to cause serious damage. A post mortem was conducted with the report that no evidence was available of an injury which could have caused death. Wood presumably died from a heart attack caused by excitement of the argument and fight.

A formal coroner's inquest was held Monday night with John Clarke, Russel Piersol, R. L. Woolley, Geo. Harkenrider, H. T. Fraser and Otto Pierce serving on the jury. Present were Coroner Allen Folsom, C. C. Proebstel, Sheriff Bob Goad and Charles Hoskins. Following a hearing at which several witnesses testified, the jury agreed that Wood met his death from a heart attack brought on from excitement and a fist fight and not from blows struck by Perry. The latter was released following the hearing.

Although no definite information is available as to Woods' relatives it is known that he has two sons in the east, a brother in Spokane and an aunt, Mrs. Annabelle Sayre, residing in Spokane.

WARM WEATHER IS DIET PAST WEEK

The thermometer only rose above 100 degrees once during the past week but remained steadily in the 90 bracket with the nights remaining fairly warm. The highest recorded was 101 on Tuesday, but a stiff breeze somewhat cooled the atmosphere Wednesday.

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

Date	Max.	Min.
June 13	90	58
June 14	89	46
June 15	97	46
June 16	90	50
June 17	95	52
June 18	101	52
June 19	98	64

WESTLAND GRANGE PREPARES PROGRAM

The Home Economics club of the Westland Grange will present a varied program at the I.O.O.F. hall Thursday evening, June 27, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Several entertainment features are being prepared including special music, a humorous skit and other numbers. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Wicklander and Mr. and Mrs. Hanscom will be present for the meeting.

Grange will begin promptly and the committee in charge urges that members do not allow a little warm weather to interfere with the attendance. Other Grangers are also invited to attend, according to J. D. Corliis.