

The Home Economics club met at the Columbia club rooms Tuesday afternoon with Miss Frances Clinton, home demonstration agent, in charge of the discussion. The topic titled "Mrs. Consumer's Questions" was on the order of a buying guide for farm kitchen utensils, with a display of various types of utensils. The next meeting in May will be the last for this season, with a new series of meetings beginning in the fall.

The F.B.A. ladies held their regular meeting at the club rooms last Friday. It had been scheduled as "clean-up" day, but so many were unable to attend that it was postponed and those present worked on a comforter for Mrs. Lathrop.

In behalf of the Blahm family, whose home was destroyed by fire Sunday noon, the Farm Bureau Auxiliary sponsored an emergency fund, which was solicited by Mrs. Buell and Mrs. Weeks. The district responded in a very kind and neighborly fashion and it was sincerely appreciated by the Blahms. The fire, of undetermined origin, started in the roof or attic of the house, and much of the furnishings in the upper part was burned, but most of the furniture on the first floor was saved as well as some things from the basement. Insurance on the house will partially cover the loss.

The Cold Springs reservoir was a mecca for boating enthusiasts last Sunday, fourteen boats of various styles and sizes being counted on the lake at one time. It is reported that plans have been made to build a boat landing there in the near future. Because of the gradual fall of the water during the irrigation season, it seems advisable that a landing of the floating type be constructed.

Mrs. Clyde Hearing, sister of Mrs. Joe Udey, visited at the Udey home on Friday of last week from Wasco, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Nishem and baby of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown of The Dalles. Mr. and Mrs. Brown spent part of the day in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hutchison and daughter, Nadine, of Pilot Rock, were Sunday visitors at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means of Portland came last Thursday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Duff Knight. On Sunday the Knights and their guests motored to Blalock Island and spent the day visiting a brother, Clarence Powell and family Mr. and Mrs. Means returning to Portland from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey, who are living in one of the DeMoss houses, went to Bremerton over the week end.

The new tenants moved into the Carl Hammer house last Sunday.

Sunday guests at the R. B. Wilcox home were Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle, sister of Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. George Peck and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice, all of Lexington.

Miss Eva Wilcox went to Pendleton Sunday to ride with the Mustangs, a riding club of which she is a member. They were practicing for a forthcoming show. She was accompanied to Pendleton by Lester Wilcox and David Middlesdorf, who spent the afternoon there playing tennis.

Burt Stolaas is now staying at the Baxter Hutchison home. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Stolaas and children who remained over the week end at the Hutchison place before returning to their home in Washington.

Vaughn Caldwell of The Dalles was a visitor at the Bob Woodward home Monday.

Mrs. Anna Hoof of Walla Walla spent Sunday here visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ryland. Mrs. Rod Garrett of La Grande who spent the week end at the Ryland home returned to Walla Walla with Mrs. Hoof.

Mrs. Opal Hassey is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Duane Lathrop.

The Columbia division of the Women's Council of the Central Church of Christ met at the home of Mrs. Forrest Moore Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hollings, who live west of Hermiston, visited in this district Sunday at the Henry Garberding home, and also with Mr. and Mrs. George Liebe.

Mrs. B. B. Kahle and daughter Julie of Denver, Colo., arrived Sunday to spend the summer here with Mrs. Kahle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilson.

Mrs. Joe Udey and mother, Mrs. Sink, visited at the Bill Kik home near Umatilla Monday.

Miss Maxine Blinset and Miss Peggy Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Jendziewski. Other callers Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Nash and son who have recently moved from the Jendziewski house, and now reside in Stanfield.

Saturday visitors at the John Peck home were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Knox of Pendleton.

Doris and Norma Gatchell spent Sunday in Boardman visiting with the farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hood.

Lenore Hunt left Wednesday for Portland where she will be employed on a wedding job.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rurd of East. To meet the next week end at the U. B. Hall home. Mrs. Rurd was in town from San Francisco and will be in Hermiston to visit the James U. B. Hall family. Dr. Rurd is a member of the faculty of the University of Washington.

## PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY REDUCES RATES

### NEW SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MAY 22

Rate savings to electric customers of Pacific Power & Light company from reductions made in the past five years now total more than \$1,000,000 a year as a result of a new \$410,000 reduction just announced, according to John A. Clarke, local manager for the company.

The new rates go into effect May 22 throughout the entire Pacific system. This is the third system-wide reduction made by the company since 1935. The new schedules were termed by Clarke as another step in the company's program of simplification and reduction of rates as fast as increased use and savings in cost of operation make it possible.

This new step in the company's rate program further standardizes schedules so that now the cost of rural service is the same as for city service after the first 60 kilowatt-hours per month. Savings under the new schedules will go to customers in residential, rural, commercial, commercial light and power, and industrial classifications.

Minimum charges are reduced by the new set-up to 85 cents for city service and 95 cents for rural service. Residential rates for Hermiston, Umatilla, Echo and Stanfield will be: First 12 kilowatt-hours or less per month, 85c; next 48 kwh at 4.2c; next 140 kwh at 2.5c; excess at 1.5c per kwh. In addition, an optional block of 500 kwh at only 7 mills per kwh is available for automatic water heating under single-meter service. The present 8-mill rate for separately-metered heaters also will continue to be available.

The new commercial rate is \$1 for the first 14 kwh or less per month; next 386 kwh at 4.6c; next 600 kwh at 3.5c; next 1000 kwh at 2.5c; all excess at 2c per kwh. In addition, changes have been made in the schedule to benefit power users, including combination commercial light and power service.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT SHOWS FINANCES OF CITY EXCELLENT

An examination of the books and records of the city recorder and city treasurer was made by Piepenbrink and Kron, accountants of Portland, several weeks ago, and a report was received here this week showing that the finances of the city are in excellent condition.

According to the report, the total 1940 budget allotment was overdrawn in the amount of \$998.23. However, this overdraft was due entirely to the retirement of \$1,000 of Water Bonds in excess of the amount provided in the 1940 budget. The retirement of \$4,500 of water bonds during the year, reduced the bonded indebtedness of the city to \$5,000.

Fund cash balances were \$3,938.56 greater at December 31, 1940, than at January 1, 1940. The year 1940 ended with balances in all funds amounting to \$10,409.33. Outstanding warrants amounted to \$986.67, and with the outstanding water bonds of \$5,000, makes the total indebtedness of the City of Hermiston of only \$5,986.67.

A complete report made by the auditors is on file at the Herald office and anyone interested is welcome to examine the same.

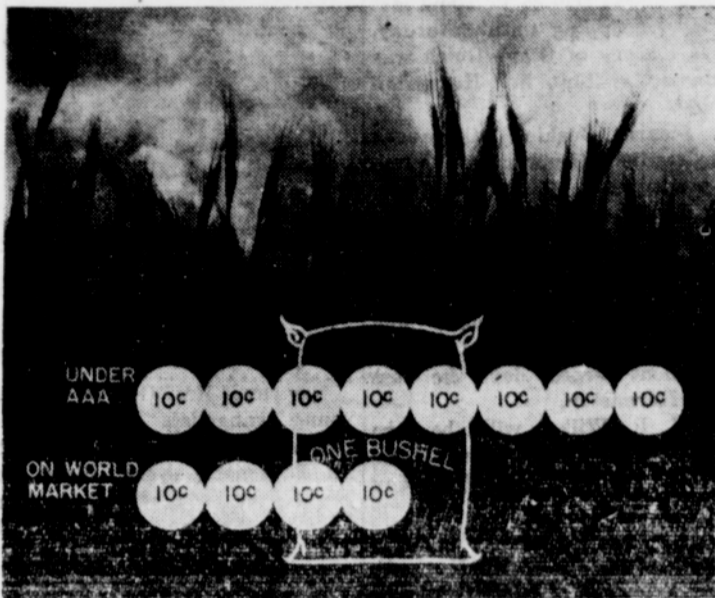
## TURKEY BREEDER POOL ANNOUNCED

C. A. Flanagan, manager of the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers, announced this week that the annual breeders' pool will be held May 1, 2 and 3 in Hermiston. It is expected that about 3000 birds will be packed at this time.

Pickers are urged to be present on those dates.

**Music Recital May 4**  
In honor of National Music week, May 4 to 11, Miss Golda E. Mumma will present a number of pupils in her annual recital at the Methodist church Sunday night, May 4 at 8 p. m. Ensemble work using two pianos will be one of the features of this program.

## AAA Boosts Wheat Income



The U. S. Department of Agriculture says that American farmers who cooperated in the 1940 AAA program received a net return of nearly 80 cents a bushel for their wheat. Compared with a probable return of 40 cents a bushel or less had they been dependent entirely upon the world market. The national farm program aids wheat growers with crop loans, parity and conservation payments, crop insurance, and an export program.

## ANNUAL P. E. X. PROGRAM SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 2

The annual Physical Education Exhibition (P.E.X.) program, sponsored by the combined high school girls' and boys' physical education classes, will be presented next Friday, May 2, at the high school auditorium, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

The program will be presented in five different sections. The first will be a performance by the high school band. This will be followed by a drill by the freshman and sophomore girls' gym classes. Next will be a pageant in pantomime and accompanied by music depicting the stages of a girl's life, from babyhood to old age.

The next section will consist of a performance by the boys' gym classes. The performance will be concluded by the coronation of Queen Marie Hinkle. The entire performance is under the direction of Miss Constance Luehrs and Ray E. Critchfield.

## A CAPPELLA CHOIR TO SING FRIDAY

The Pacific university A Capella choir will present a concert in the Hermiston Methodist church Friday evening, April 25. The stop in Hermiston will be one of the few on a tour which takes the group through eastern Oregon and western Idaho.

There are 36 voices in the choir which is under the direction of B. Ellsworth Harris. Twenty of the members are girls. The group presents a concert that is well balanced between sacred, semi-classical and spirituals. No admission will be charged but a free-will offering will be taken.

## HERMISTON RED SOX TAKE FIRST CONTEST SUNDAY

Standing Umatilla County

Baseball League

	W	L	Pct.
Hermiston	1	0	1.000
Walla	1	0	1.000
Texaco Chiefs	1	0	1.000
Helix	0	1	.000
Umatilla	0	1	.000
Mission	0	1	.000

Games Next Sunday—Mission at Helix, Wallula at Texaco Chiefs, and Hermiston at Umatilla.

The war whoops of the Mission Indians were somewhat silenced Sunday afternoon when the Hermiston Red Sox eked out a narrow 4-3 victory on the local diamond. The Red Sox had a 4-0 lead going into the last stanza when the Indians suddenly came to life and, with the aid of three costly errors, almost pulled one out of the fire.

Courtney Morehouse, Hermiston pitcher, kept the visitors well in hand throughout most of the contest and was never in serious trouble until the fateful ninth. Joe Beetles started on the hill for the Indians but gave way to Carl Webb in the second.

Don Brandon led the attack for the locals, hitting three for four during the contest.

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**Softball Meeting Scheduled**  
Any organization interested in entering a team in the local softball league is asked to have a representative at the Hermiston Herald office Wednesday evening, April 30, at 7 p. m. If the interest and cooperation warrants it, there will be an effort made to equip the local field with lights so that games can be played later in the evening.

## LOCAL CONTRACTOR POURS FOUNDATION FOR JAIL BUILDING

Actual construction of the first unit of the new city hall began this week when W. E. Kennedy, local contractor, poured the concrete foundation for the city jail. It was decided at the regular council meeting Friday night to build only the first unit at this time. This will consist of a building 14 feet wide facing Main street, and 34 feet long, facing third street. This building includes only an office for the police officers, and three cells.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to hire Mr. Kennedy to do the work. No contract price will be used, but Mr. Kennedy estimated that the building at this time would cost approximately \$4,000.00. The blue print specifications of the architect, C. B. Miller of Pendleton, will be used, but Mr. Kennedy asked the permission of the council that he would not have to follow the exact specifications and requirements as presented by the architect. After consideration it was deemed advisable to grant Mr. Kennedy this privilege since some of the specifications were not thought necessary and applicable to this section, and in order to stay within the means of the allotted cost for this building.

The building will have only one entrance on the left hand side of the building facing Third street, with three more barred windows on the same side. There will be two larger windows for the office, facing Main street.

A steel cot will be in each of the two smaller cells, and as many other steel cots will be installed in the larger cell or "bull pen", if thought necessary.

It is expected to have the building completed within the next two months.

## N. Y. A. PROJECT APPROVED HERE

The "go ahead" signal has been given on a new shop building project at the Hermiston Union high school, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen. The new building will be an addition to the present quarters and will add 1800 square feet of shop space, the building being 30x60 feet. A concrete floor will be poured and the outside finished with stucco to match the present building.

The project is being sponsored in cooperation with the N.Y.A. setup which utilizes labor of young men. Work is expected to start in a short time if sufficient labor is available. Any young man who is interested in working on the project is urged to get in touch with Mr. Kersbergen.

**Dance Review Scheduled Wednesday**  
Hermiston high school students and interested townspeople will be guests at a dance review to be staged in the local high school auditorium next Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. The performance is sponsored by the dancing school at Pendleton.

## WORK SPEEDS UP AT DEPOT SITE DURING PAST WEEK

### DEPOT COMMANDER ARRIVES MONDAY

Captain J. M. Piercy, from the office of the chief of ordnance at Washington, D. C., arrived here Monday to acquaint himself with the Umatilla Ordnance Depot now under construction. As soon as the buildings and igloos are completed under the direction of Captain R. C. Williams, constructing quartermaster, they will be turned over to Captain Piercy. Capt. Piercy is accompanied by Mrs. Piercy and are at present making their home in Pendleton until living quarters are available here.

The arrival of Captain Piercy makes the third member of the permanent personnel of the army depot. First to arrive was Master Sergeant Ronald A. McLain. The third member is Leighton C. Smith. He is a civilian and is administrative assistant.

Work at the site of the ordnance depot is gradually gaining momentum following considerable delay during the past month. All preliminaries appear to have been ironed out and the full speed ahead signal is expected in a few weeks. A total of 28 barracks buildings are nearing completion at the site for the housing of unmarried men employed on the project. In addition three administration buildings are under construction.

Tests are now being made of water supply at the site. It is reported that drillers struck water at 1:35 p. m. Thursday afternoon at a depth of 327 feet and by 6:00 was still averaging an estimated 600 gallons per minute.

The highway which encircles the depot has now been graded the full distance of about 22 miles. Oiling and graveling operations are next in line. Ties for railroads are stacked in numerous piles about the acreage and construction work will be pushed with all possible speed.

No admittance orders have been issued and permits are now required to gain admission to the grounds. Sentinels have been placed at intervals to stop all visitors without the proper permits.

As has been the case in the past, numerous rumors have been circulated during the past week. One stated that the number of igloos had been doubled while another stated that all work would be held up for the period of one month. However, no foundation for either rumor has been found.

## BLAHM RESIDENCE DESTROYED SUNDAY

The Adam Blahm residence in the Columbia district was completely destroyed by fire Sunday noon. The fire apparently started from a defective flue somewhere in the attic and rapidly burned downward. Helpful neighbors and Hermiston firemen, saved much of the household belongings although a considerable amount was also destroyed.

So fierce were the flames that even the flue toppled into the basement. The dry weather and a slight breeze made the fire difficult to stop. Water from an irrigation ditch nearby was utilized to save other buildings. A fair amount of insurance was carried.

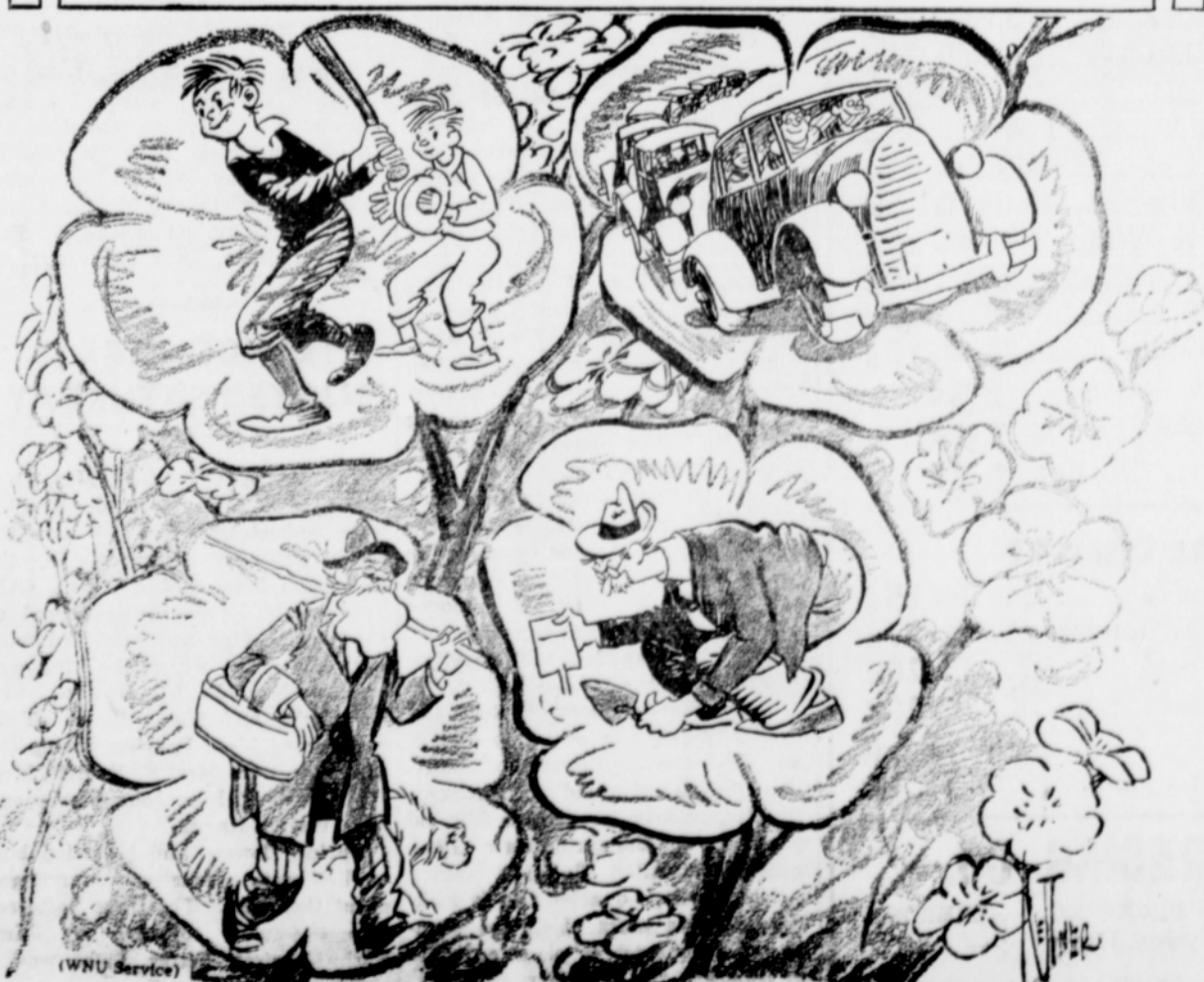
Mr. and Mrs. Blahm wish to thank those who assisted in battling the flames and in rescuing the furniture.

## EMPLOYMENT OFFICE KEEPS STEADY PACE

The local office of the Oregon State Employment Agency is an extremely popular place these days. From early morning until late in the evening many men are gathered about waiting for word to begin work at the site of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. In order to accommodate the contractors, J. A. Terteling & Sons, and to speed up operation, the office will be open hereafter from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m., according to Lynne Black, senior employment officer.

To date a total of 376 men have been "cleared" through the local office, according to Mr. Black. This total includes 192 laborers, 100 carpenters, 87 truck drivers and the remainder made up of minor jobs.

## Blossom Time



(WNU Service)