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HOW IT HAS BEEN DONE

When the problem of housing 3000 to 5000 workers and their families was presented eight months ago to Hermiston and vicinity it seemed a momentous task. At present various means of shelter have been provided for approximately 4500 men and 2500 families, and aside from a few men who spent the night in bed rolls and a few persons who have searched in vain for a room overnight, no emergency has arisen. The crowd of nearly 10,000 men, women and children seems contentedly adapted to the plan of good wages and the general living conditions provided.

In brief and with reasonable accuracy how the job of housing has been done may be summarized. In the beginning the government erected 83 houses in Hermiston and 17 at the Ordnance Depot. Since then private capital has built about the same number of comfortable housing units in Hermiston and an additional number of camp cabins, single room lumber "shacks" or apartments making a total of 250 or more in Hermiston. The government has provided barracks at the Depot for 750 single men and army tents for a like number. In and near about Hermiston are 23 trailer and tent house camps under friendly shade trees. These camps have from ten to 50 units in each, with water, electricity and approved sanitary conditions. Within a radius of five miles of Hermiston are a dozen more such camps, one with 92 units, and under many trees on farms are scattered scores of trailers and tents and tent houses. Not less than 1000 of these are set up within two to ten miles of the Ordnance Depot. At Stanfield are about 30 new houses and 40 or 50 trailer and tent houses, and in Umatilla and Irrigon and Echo similar provisions have been made for living quarters. The farthest distances commuted are to Lexington, Heppner, Pendleton, Pasco and Walla Walla, where a few workers have found houses. Within the territory strictly known as the west end of Umatilla county and northern Morrow county are 1800 homes, town and rural, and all houses are occupied and many rooms rented from which workers drive daily to the Ordnance field.

A tour over the territory shows that about 75 to 80 per cent of this working population resides within the Hermiston Union High school district and that school busses will have heavy loads from every direction when the school doors are opened, which is only another problem this community is meeting with care and precision.

Not until colder weather sets in, which steps up by slow and warning degrees of frosty mornings, will there be need of concern as to the welfare of any of our new neighbors, and perhaps greater provisions be made. Today the contract for oiling the access road to the depot is to be let and a comfort to 3000 cars will be added. And all the while the work of constructing igloos is progressing with wonderful speed.

After all it's surprising what has been done by such small communities, in such scattered areas, working so cooperatively with the government. "It do beat all" what Americans, through democratic spirit and impulses, can do for the defense program to protect our American way of life. Right now, in this small world of ours, we can see over the top of one of the biggest defense jobs in the West, and the story is now ready for some big magazine writer to tell how the task has been accomplished.

4-H MEMBERS GET MARKETING LESSON FROM LAMB SALES

BAKER—The Danish system of judging livestock was used for the first time at a lamb show in Oregon here recently at the annual 4-H club fat lamb show sponsored by the O.S.C. extension service. The new method of judging combined with other features to make this year's fat lamb show an effective method of education in the fundamentals of livestock marketing, said P. T. Fortner, county agricultural agent.

More than 100 fat lambs were separated into several market grades by Harry Lindgren, extension animal husbandman. The Danish method of judging provides for the grading of animals into groups according to their value for the use intended. In the case of fat lambs usual grades are choice, good and medium with segregations made according to confirmation, finish and weight. Outstanding lambs were selected from the choice group for special recognition as extra choice lambs.

The extension service officials believe that this method of judging livestock will gain in popularity and use and that this type of show has outstanding educational value since the club members can observe how well their lambs meet present market demands.

At the end of the show a lamb sale was held at which the best 49 lambs were sold individually at auction, while the remainder were sold according to grade, affording club members a chance to observe the usual commercial practices. A second lot of lambs owned by Baker county 4-H club members will be sold three or four weeks after the first show, when they have reached proper market quality.

Livestock authorities compare the marketing of meat animals with the marketing of strawberries. They say that certain lambs are ready to sell at a certain time, just as some strawberries are ready to be picked. If green or over ripe berries are offered for sale the grower loses, and, similarly, if lambs are sold that are not ready for market the producer pays for the error.

EXPORT CAOPS IN OREGON SHARPLY REDUCED LATELY

Oregon's agriculture has suffered severe losses through the gradual but almost total elimination of export outlets for some of the principal crops of this state, even though the growers have gone far in reducing the acreage of export-type crops, the Oregon state land use planning committee points out in its summary of present conditions and recommendations for the immediate future.

Wheat, prunes, apples and pears are the principal export crops of this state. During the past decade wheat acreage has been reduced approximately 24 per cent, prunes 26 per cent, apples 55 per cent, and pears 10 per cent. This means that Oregon's export crops, which formerly accounted for approximately 30 per cent of the total farm acreage, now occupy only approximately 20 per cent.

There remain approximately 800,000 acres of wheat, 41,400 acres of prunes, 14,100 acres of apples, and 19,000 acres of pears. Under normal conditions, approximately one-third of the production of this total acreage would go to foreign markets, with two-thirds used in the United States.

The state committee considered each one of these crops as to the problems involved and possible action to be taken. Much of the Columbia basin is ideally suited to continue wheat production and unsuited to diversified crops, the committee points out. A number of its recommendations for 1942 concerning wheat have already been put into effect by the AAA, including close correlation of acreage reduction with soil conservation, increase in loan values to nearer parity, and reduction of acreage allotment for 1942 to the minimum provided by law. Numerous other recommendations were made looking to the future.

Further reduction in apple acreage through the elimination of varieties not now in demand is recommended, while change in pear acreage might be limited to removal of diseased trees. Immediate and drastic improvement in prune quality is necessary to save the prune industry, the committee reported.

UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Mr. and Mrs. John Bray and family of Ukiah were Saturday visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bray.

James Byrnes and daughter, Joan, Mrs. Ray Brandon and two daughters, Barbara and Myrna Rae spent Thursday in Pendleton shopping.

Glenn Miller of Kennewick returned to his home Sunday after a few days spent here visiting Allan Hiatt.

Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and son, Gary Dean, were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rankin in Hermiston.

James Byrnes and daughter, Joan, and Mildred Smith were visitors at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Don Harryman and family in Kennewick Friday.

Mrs. Alma Bowman returned to her home in Arlington Thursday after spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Smith and family. Mrs. Smith and son, Donald, and daughter, Donna, took her to Arlington, going on to Portland where she spent until Sunday at the home of her brother and family. She was accompanied to Gresham by a sister, Miss Alma Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shane and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winstwin of Galesburg, Illinois, left for their home Sunday after spending a few days here visiting at the homes of their sisters, Mrs. Edna Slattery and Mrs. Ernest Reeves. Their mother, Mrs. Ed Winder, also of Galesburg, who had arrived before the girls is remaining to visit with her daughters for some time.

Jim Sharp of Pendleton was a business visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McNabb of Boardman were in Umatilla visiting Friday.

Dan Ford spent Saturday and Sunday in The Dalles visiting his father, Al Ford and family.

Leta Myers of Pendleton was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Peter Farley attended the Heppner Rodeo in Heppner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenbough and son, Keith, spent Monday in Pendleton.

James Byrnes and daughter, Joan, spent Sunday and Monday in The Dalles visiting his wife and daughter at the daughter's Mrs. Paul Walsh's home. Joan remained and will accompany her mother to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark left last week for a two weeks' vacation in California. Mr. Clark is away from his duties at the Western Union.

Rex Moses and Ray Brandon spent Saturday evening and Sunday fishing in a lake near Lostine.

Mrs. Earl Shaw received word of a son born to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lane in Spokane.

Faye Gardner and Everett Ervin spent Sunday fishing in the mountains near Ukiah.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and daughter, Jo Ann, of Salem are spending a few days here visiting at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spencer, Edyth Anne Spencer, who has been visiting her aunt in Salem for the past two weeks returned with them to her home.

Harold Regele returned last week from Portland where he and his family had been spending a week. Mrs. Regele and son remained at the home of her parents for another week in Portland where she and the little boy are receiving medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Eddy and children of Lookout Mountain, near Heppner, came Sunday and are visiting at the Roscoe Williams home. Mr. Eddy returned to his work but Mrs. Eddy remained for a longer visit.

Emol Peterson, cook on the Captain Al James, is here visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hugh Van Schoiack.

Mrs. John O'Gorham and son,

How to become A SKILLED DRIVER

By RAY W. SHERMAN

Courtesy of the

FORD GOOD DRIVERS LEAGUE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We believe many motorists in this community would drive better if they knew better how to drive. In the interest of safety, we will publish from time to time excerpts from the book, "How to Become a Skilled Driver," written for the Ford Good Drivers League by Ray W. Sherman, noted authority on driving. These excerpts are reprinted through courtesy of the Ford Motor Company.)



BE A GOOD SPORT

A good driver has to be a good sport. When he notices another car trying to pass him in traffic, he lessens his speed and lets the other fellow in. Why not let him pass? It's evident he is driving faster than you care to. But that's his business, not yours. Safety requires that you give a little.

If the light turns green, you theoretically have the right of way, but don't take it for granted. Maybe that fellow coming up the street has poor brakes. Maybe his eyesight is bad. In any event, make sure he's going to stop.

If a pedestrian decides to cross the street in the flow of traffic, the driver must know how to handle the emergency. To a skilled driver, only one person has the "right of way" and that is the "other fellow." Be a good sport.

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John Michael, have left the Pendleton hospital and are staying a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Swaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Justinson of Kent stopped here to visit friends Wednesday from Freewater where they had been visiting a few days with his brother, Harry Justinson and family.

David Lavender, of Longview, Washington, is here visiting a few days at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mustard.

Robert French, of Klamath Falls, is here for two weeks to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Blakely while his mother is camp manager at the Klamath Falls Camp Fire Girls camp at Lake of Woods.

The Beulah Chapter of Eastern Star held a picnic at Pasco Wednesday afternoon. There were around 150 present at the affair which was held at Volunteer Park.

Leonard DeFord was driving a mower which belongs to Bert Wattenberg from the lower Wattenberg field to the John Blair residence, when a car, driven by a Mr. McDougall, went to pass another car and side-swiped the mower. The mower was overturned, one horse received a broken leg, making it necessary to shoot it, and Mr. De Ford was somewhat bruised. The car was also damaged to some extent.

Bessie Dexter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dexter and Floyd Hubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbs of Weiser, Idaho, were married August 11 in Weiser, Idaho. Mrs. Hubbs is to teach at North Powder again this fall and Mr. Hubbs is working at the munitions depot.

A group of friends here and of Pasco and Kennewick gathered at the Sacajawea State Park on the Snake river Sunday and helped Mrs. H. B. Hull and O. P. Miller, whose birthdays were Monday, and Nancy Olson, whose birthday was Sunday, celebrate their anniversaries with a potluck picnic. Friends going from here were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Max Graybeal and son, Max, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tucker, Mrs. E. McKenzie, Mrs. Art Bouquet, Mrs. Ervin Chapman and daughter, Frances.

Teddy Keith of Kennewick is here visiting a week at the John Kinney home. He accompanied Frank Kinney home, who had been visiting the past week at Kennewick.

Virgil Johnson, Herbert Johnson and Ervin Chapman spent Saturday evening and Sunday near Baker fishing.

Mrs. Claudia Gahn of Palo Alto, California, is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gahn and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Salkeld and daughters, Joan, Sandra and Sylvia left Friday for Portland where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Eller's have taken their house.

SMART MONEY

KNOWS WHERE TO GO AFTER READING THE ADS IN THIS NEWSPAPER.



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John Deere now has a smaller chopper and feed mill, built just the same as our 114 roughage mill which has proved so popular. This new mill is known as the 110 roughage mill, just the mill for the smaller type tractors. We will endeavor to have one of these mills in operation at the fair. Be sure to stop and look it over.

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