

MR. AND MRS. BERT A. M'DONALD

of McDonald School of Music will be at Hermiston High School Monday, September 8, at 9 o'clock to interview prospective pupils of Violin, Voice and Piano. Both are accredited teachers and hold music degrees from nationally known colleges of music. They will teach in Hermiston one day each week. Beginners and advanced pupils accepted.

ROAD ALLOTMENT WORD RECEIVED

County officials have been informed by Senator Rufus C. Holman in Washington, D. C., that the Work Projects Administration has approved allotment of \$140,459 to improve and construct public roads in Umatilla county.

The statement also informed local officers that operation of this project is within the discretion of the state Work Projects Administrator.

EARL THOMPSON IS SUICIDE VICTIM

Earl Thompson, 48, rancher and farmer field man for the AAA, was found dead in his car about a mile from his ranch 12 miles southeast of Pendleton Tuesday night. County Coroner Allen Folsom and Assistant Dis-

trict Attorney C. C. Proebstel announced the tragedy as suicide, Thompson having shot himself with a .22 rifle.

A note in his pocket was addressed to his wife and gave despondency over ill health as reason for his act. Mr. Thompson was well known in this locality.

LICENSE EXAMINER SLATED SEPT. 11TH

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Thursday, September 11, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., according to an announcement received here this week from Secretary of State Snell's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

LARGE PORKERS BRING BIG PRICE

B. I. Whitney, buyer for the Grandview Packing Co., recently reported a sale which dealt in small numbers but in large figures. He purchased two large hogs which had a combined weight of 1335 pounds. He disposed of them for a price of \$1.15 per pound, or a total of \$113.47 for the two porkers.

When they grow bigger and better hogs, they will be raised in this vicinity.

LOCAL YOUTHS TO JUDGE AT FAIR

M. E. Knickerbocker and three of his proteges are spending this week at the state fair in Salem. The boys going were David Dufur, Gordon Shown and Preston Buzzard who won first place at the Umatilla county fair in the judging contest.

No information has been received as to their luck in the contest at the state fair.

RAINS PLAY HAVOC IN THIS TERRITORY

The rains of the past week have caused considerable anxiety to farmers and especially hop men in this district. Considerable grain and hay was still out in the fields with damage inevitable if rain continues. Fear for the remainder of the hops at the L. W. Dixon ranch was felt early in the week. Although the hops were not damaged, picking was very difficult with many Indians and others leaving for their homes.

The report for the week, according to Chas. Taylor, weather man, follows:

August 27	77	49
August 28	77	52
August 29	80	46
August 30	80	59
August 31	80	50
September 1	73	57
September 2	68	55

A total of exactly an inch of rainfall was recorded during the seven-day period. Tuesday established some sort of a record when a total of .87 was noted.



Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 2.—Candidate for queen of the American Beauty contest at the Pendleton Round-Up, Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13, is Dolores Stephens, dark-eyed, smiling, 17 year old Indian maiden. Only at the Round-Up is held this contest to choose the most beautiful Indian girl. There will be some 50 entries this year and girls will be judged not only for beauty but for their costumes. Dolores is shown wearing a gorgeous costume of soft white buckskin, intricately beaded and ornamented with fringe; she made it herself and it took several years to complete. In her long black braids she has entwined otter fur, and as a final flourish, has stuck a feather in her beaded head band.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"CHRIST JESUS" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, August 31.

The Golden Text was, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thee hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles" (Isa. 42:1, 6).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christ expresses God's spiritual, eternal nature. The name is synonymous with Messiah, and alludes to the spirituality which is taught, illustrated, and demonstrated in the life of which Christ Jesus was the embodiment" (p. 333).

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LANDOWNERS URGE ORGANIZATION OF SOIL DISTRICTS

Referendums on the formation of two soil conservation districts in western Oregon will be called soon as the result of favorable sentiment for such organization expressed at two hearings recently by the state Soil Conservation committee, according to Chairman Robert H. Warren, Forest Grove.

More than 100 landowners signed a petition for organization of the district for the Nehalem river watershed, which would include parts of Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Tillamook counties. Farmers at the hearing held in Vernonia stated that the major problems in the Nehalem area are soil erosion on hill lands, river and stream bank erosion, soil fertility maintenance, drainage, weed control, timber growing and fire protection, and the development of grazing on burned-over lands.

More than 60 farmers and business people in western Lane county attended a hearing at Florence and urged the creation of a district in the lower Siuslaw river valley. Major problems mentioned were the stabilizing of shifting sand dunes that are encroaching upon agricultural and forest lands and impairing navigation on the Siuslaw river, soil erosion on hill lands, river and stream bank erosion, weed control, drainage, and maintenance of soil fertility.

Soil conservation districts are governed by five farmer supervisors who develop their own district program and plan of work. Any 25 or more landowners or owners of 70 per cent of the land in any proposed area may petition the state committee for the organization of a district.

Other members of the state committee are C. E. Stricklin, state engineer; William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, and William L. Teutsch, assistant director of extension at Oregon State college, and Walker Franklin of Enterprise.

FARM PRICES AND COSTS MOVE UP AS BIG CROPS STORED

Material increases in both farm prices and farm costs and further indications of a total U. S. output of

farm products approaching record proportions are outstanding among the facts included in a review of the agricultural situation and outlook just issued by the Oregon State college extension service. The report gives particular attention to the market outlook for wheat from the crop to be planted this fall and next spring.

While the government index of prices was advancing seven points from mid-June to mid-July, the index of prices paid by farmers went up three points, the report shows. The prices-paid index omits farm wages, which have been advancing quite rapidly. While both farm prices and farm costs apparently have gone up further since mid-July, data are not yet ready to show which is advancing the faster at present.

Owing to the more rapid increase in farm prices than in costs during the past year, however, the exchange value of farm products has increased from an index of 75 in July, 1940, to 94 per cent of the 1910-1914 average in July this year. This places the general exchange value of farm products slightly above the 1926-1930 average for the first time in years. The exchange value of some farm products is even above the 1910-1914 "parity" level, while other items are materially below parity in exchange value.

The sharp uptrend in prices for farm products is attributed to strong consumer purchasing power and other factors associated with the war and the defense program. Owing to these forces, farm prices have gone up despite prospects for agricultural production of record proportions. Production of nearly all farm products is expected to be above average and the supply of wheat, including carry-over stocks, will be exceptionally large.

With carry-over estimated at nearly 400 million bushels and 1941 production at 951 million, the United States has enough wheat for about two years. Storage is one problem, and what to plant this fall or next spring on surplus wheat acres is another. The government wheat acreage quota is 11 per cent less than last year, representing a cut of 7 million acres in the whole country and 70,000 acres in Oregon.

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defense program calls for increased production of pork, milk, eggs, and some kinds of vegetables. The short-time market outlook, at least, also looks favorable for beef, veal, lambs and wool, while consumer purchasing power remains high, the report states.



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