

HISTORY

Area touted for food processing opportunities tied to OSU research, watermelon industry

25 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 8, 1992

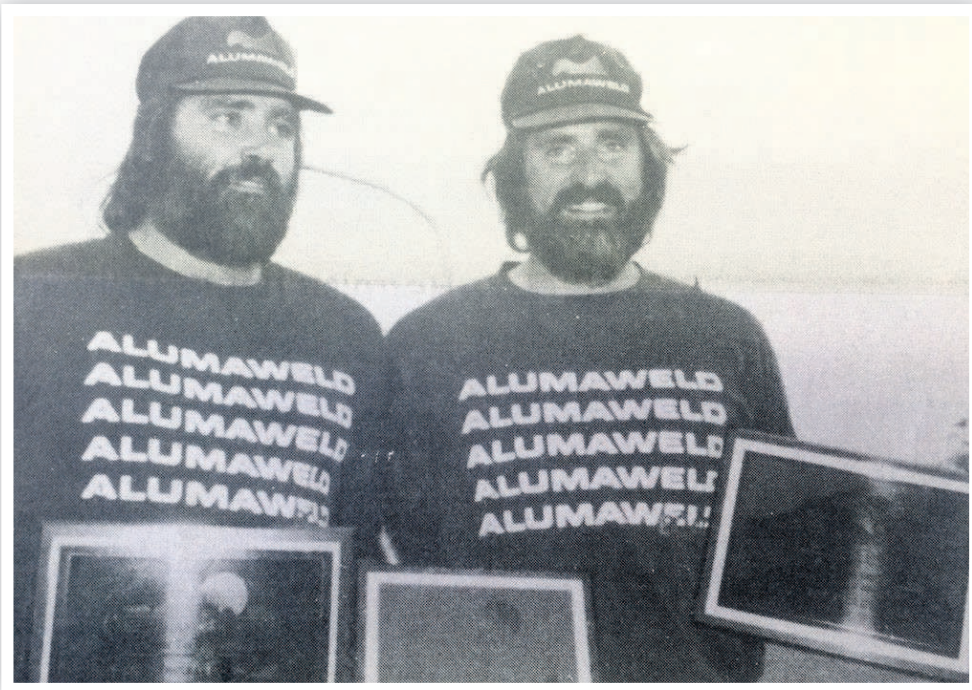
• A group of researchers from Oregon State University and the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station in Hermiston have gathered all the components necessary for a new multi-million dollar food processing industry in Oregon. The components include a mechanized melon ball maker invented by OSU assistant professor Ezra Tice. The only problem is, no company has been willing to begin production. "This is an immediate opportunity that should be taken advantage of by someone in Oregon," says Gary Reed, superintendent of the Hermiston Ag and Research and Extension Center. "The research was mostly paid for by the people of Oregon, but if no one takes advantage of it here, the patent on Tice's machine will probably be purchased by one of two California firms that already wholesale melon ball."

• For the first time since its construction several months ago, aerial applicators are now able to use the rinsate facility at the Hermiston Airport. The facility sat unused while the city brought the concrete pad up to federal codes by applying a sealant required by the Department of Environmental Quality. Last week, Gene Mahhs, director of the rinsate facility for the city, told members of the airport advisory committee that although growing season is almost over he and the other operators are ready to get on the pad.

50 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 7, 1967

• A visitor in the Herald office last week was William "Bill" Donovan, now 81, who said that he and his brother John and brother in law CK Bland founded the Hermiston Mercantile Company, located a short distance west of the railroad tracks on what is now Hermiston Avenue. The building later was known as McHale's and now is the site of Bosso Moving and Storage and Terrill Linoleum. "In 1907, the town was just starting up (Hermiston was incorporated in 1907) and had a boxcar for a depot," he said. The original town was platted along the west side of the railroad track. Then Col. Horace Greely Newport filed on a homestead on the east side of the railroad tracks and with William Skinner platted the east side of town, Donovan recalled. Skinner and Newport were the first



HERALD ARCHIVES

Identical twins Stan Romig of Umatilla and Steve Romig of Battle Ground, Washington had a total catch of 22.87 pounds of Walleye to win first place and the \$3,000 prize in the 1991 Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. The pair were expected to return in defense of their title in 1992.

publishers of The Hermiston Herald, established in September 1906.

• Four employees of Marlette Homes, Inc., were among 12 persons rescued with assistance of the Coast Guard Saturday when three small pleasure boats capsized almost simultaneously in the choppy surf of the Columbia River Bar near Astoria. The four were Wayne Vannett, who suffered a broken arm, Dale Wittig, Jerry Hoffman and Robby Robinson. They were aboard the Padre, a 28-foot pleasure craft owned by John Coffey of Astoria, carrying five persons. They floated in with life preservers and were rescued by Coast Guard shore personnel who waded into the rough surf. The Padre was demolished by the surf and the other two boats were beached and were to be salvaged by their owners.

75 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 10, 1942

• Coach Lee Weber was all grins Wednesday afternoon while watching his football charges go through their tactics on the practice field. Although he is not promising wonders or another unbeaten season, he is not losing any sleepless nights due to the lack of promising material. Should he be able to find a couple of capable tackles from the group of enthusiastic youngsters, his worry would be slight indeed. When the entire squad reports next week (some of the boys are still working) Coach Weber will have quite a workable group and should be ready to go September 25 or 26 when Kennewick comes here for an



One of the most spectacular events of the McNary Yacht Club Ski Show on Labor Day in 1967 was this "group skiing using ramp" as it was called. The photo shows 13 people skiing at once, but the captions said maybe there were more.

opener date.

• According to Mrs. RG Penney and NR Mueller of the Hermiston rationing board, it is quite essential that the fuel rationing recently ordered by the Fuel Administration be observed by all citizens. The purpose of this registration is to learn the extent of the actual shortage of fuel for householders so that all agencies concerned, both public and private, can know more accurately the nature of the fuel shortage problem. Difficulties which exist in the fuel situation are due to war conditions and citizens can contribute to the solution by economizing on fuel in every way possible. Registration dates are September 9, 10, 11 and 12. According to the local rationing board it is quite essential that all citizens register, even though it is voluntary. The results may have quite a bearing on the fuel situation here. Rationing hours will be in the afternoon only.

100 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 8, 1917

• As a request has gone forth from the national

government to have all women in every state in the union register as a patriotic duty so that they may help if called upon in the hour of their country's peril, arrangements have been made locally by ladies of the Civic Center Club to fulfill this request by keeping the restroom open from 1 to 6 every day next week in order that all women may call and fill out registration cards which will be furnished them by those in charge. This is a duty that no woman of this community should neglect. The registration cards must be fill out and forwarded to Washington DC, by the 15th of this month, and to facilitate the work each and every woman should attend to this matter by registering as quickly as possible.

• Dr. RG Gale, a physician who comes well recommended has decided to locate permanently in Hermiston, having arrived Tuesday and taken up his quarters in the Hotel Oregon. The gentleman is a graduate of the college of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, and has had a number of years in general practice and surgery.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
HERMISTON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m. Hermiston Airport lounge, 1600 Airport Way, Hermiston (541-567-5521).

WALLOWAS MANAGEMENT UNIT PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department will hold a public meeting to begin the planning process for the Wallowas Management Unit. Oxford Suites, 1050 N. First St., Hermiston (Ian Matthews 503-986-0744).

UMATILLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 7 p.m. Umatilla Fire Department, 305 Willamette St., Umatilla (541-922-2770).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m. EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston (541-289-9800).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT, 7 a.m. Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon (541-922-3133).

STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m. Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon (Karen 541-922-3137).

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m. district office, 502 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston

(541-667-6000).
HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m. Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston (541-567-5521).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
PORT OF UMATILLA COMMISSION, 1 p.m. Port of Umatilla offices, 505 Willamette Ave., Umatilla (541-922-3224).

HERMISTON CEMETERY DISTRICT, 4 p.m. Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m. Irrigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon (541-676-9061).

PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m. Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman (Dori Drago 541-481-7678).

RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m. Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman (541-676-9128).

HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m. Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston (541-567-5521).

STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m. Stanfield School District office, 1120 N. Main St., Stanfield (541-449-3305).

UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, 7 p.m. Fire Station 21, 320 S. First St., Hermiston (Reta Larson 541-567-8822).

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THREE MINUTES WITH ...



JACKIE KOPPANY

Co-owner, Feelingstone Gifts

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I met my husband here 40 years ago. I'm originally from California.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
La Palma.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I have no spare time. If I had it, I'd be out rock hunting.

What was the last book you read?
I read crime novels.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Probably the growth. And, I ask myself the question, what brings people to Hermiston?

What app or website do you use most often, other than Facebook?
To be honest, none. I do my business, and I just don't have time to play around with those things.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Madagascar, and hunt for rocks. I once got to metal-detect in London, which was cool. I turned up a few coins.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I'd have to say mice running up my leg, and my husband sitting there sleeping while I was screaming my head off. I still laugh about that one.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
To grow the store.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
The store. My husband owned the truck stop in Umatilla since 1975, but this store is something I've always wanted to do. This is the biggest accomplishment for me.

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