

**Irrigon News Notes**

By MRS. J. A. SHOUN

Don Miller, 5 1/2 has gone to the place of embarkation, his mother, Mrs. Henry Miller hears.

Mrs. Tom Caldwell went to Portland Monday with her son-in-law, Robert Smith. She plans to stay for a few days with a son and family there. Smith is making a business trip.

Mrs. Mary Smith and daughter Patricia went to La Grande Sunday to witness her daughter, Lois Markham, receive her nurse's cap.

A. W. Nelson, the roving reporter for the Walla Walla Union Bulletin visited the Irrigon school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy and June Goodwin of Hermiston went deer hunting Sunday.

Don Kenny took a load of cattle to the Portland stockyards Tuesday.

Mrs. Milton Easley took Hazel Osborn and Tylenea Dike to Umatilla Saturday where they will hold service for a few weeks. They finished two weeks services here Friday evening in the Presbyterian church by having a program by the small children.

Little Milton Bailey Jr. has been quite ill and his mother took him to Hermiston Saturday to consult a physician.

G. E. Aldrich is improving his house some.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller went to Yakima to attend a pep meet of the grange. They visited her son Robert Myers and family and the Chester Castles, her daughter, at Grandview. They got home Sunday evening.

Roy Minnick returned from Conroy where he has operated a gravel pit which has been closed down until spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders of The Dalles and daughter Verna Mae spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Paul Hablerlein and family.

Prin. Edward Elliott and the Irrigon football squad went to Walla Walla Saturday where they were treated royally by the Booster club sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and Whitman college. Mrs. Elliott accompanied the group.

The Hugh Glasgow family have moved out of the Chas. McFall house to Ordinance where they are employed. The McFalls bought the place of Frank Brace and are moving in this week. Both Mr. and Mrs. McFall are employed at Ordinance.

G. E. Aldrich moved the Glasgows to Ordinance Friday.

**Lexington News**

Mrs. Mary Edwards

One of the old historic landmarks of Lexington will soon be a thing of the past. This week Joe Devine started dismantling the old Juniper grange hall located down in the sands north of town in what is known as Juniper canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Breeding and Mrs. Oscar Breeding were visitors in Spray Saturday. Mrs. Oscar Breeding went over to consult a physician.

Ben Grant is spending a few days at home from his station at Farragut. He was called home on account of the serious illness of his sister, Phyllis. At the last report she was somewhat improved.

Vernon Scott came up from Portland Saturday and he and Carl Whillock went hunting over Sunday.

A. M. Edwards was a Portland visitor Monday and Tuesday. He was accompanied by Ben Grant and Bert Thornburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Eubanks of Portland are visiting relatives and friends in Lexington and vicinity.

Mrs. Nettie Davis and son Jimmie have returned home after spending the past two weeks visiting relatives in Yakima and vicinity.

Bill Kennedy went to Portland and Corvallis last Friday to try to get some more carpenters so as to complete the contracts he has started before winter sets in.

Mrs. Gene Majeske returned home Tuesday from Tacoma where she visited her husband.

Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and Mrs. Colleen Wallace left Sunday for California to visit their husbands who are stationed at Camp Roberts.

Mrs. Clarence Hayes and baby daughter returned home from Hermiston Friday.

**Pomona Grange Hears Expert on Electric Power Rates**

Morrow county Pomona grange met Oct. 7 at the Lexington grange hall. Dr. Carl D. Thompson of the Bonneville administration was present during the afternoon and met with those interested in local R. E. A. He explained the full page ad by the P. P. & L. which appeared recently in the Gazette Times and other papers giving a comparison of P. P. & L. rates with various P. U. D. rates. He explained how these comparisons are very misleading in that the P. P. & L. serves in nearly all cases the more populated areas and industries while the P.U.D.'s and R. E. A.'s serve in most cases the rural areas. The distribution cost in the more populated areas naturally is much less than in the rural areas. He stated that in every case where a comparison is made between rates in a given area under private power and after it has been acquired by a public agency the rates have been less.

Later in the afternoon during the lecturer's program, Dr. Thompson spoke on "The Possibilities of Public Power." He gave examples of the great savings made by industries when buying Bonneville power. He stated that public power is not only to save a few dollars on our electric bill, not only to heat our homes, to electrify our farms, to build industries, but to lay the foundation for a higher and a nobler civilization, to give the boys and girls a better civilization than we have enjoyed.

Paul Hach, an engineer from the branch office of the Bonneville administration in Walla Walla, showed colored pictures of the Skagit power development which were very greatly enjoyed by the audience. Other numbers on the program included a piano solo by Mildred Carlson; talk on agriculture by Henry Baker; vocal duet by Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Troedson; talk on the grange attitude on the Sales tax by Chas. iWcklander; and the closing song, "God Bless America."

In the talk on the Sales tax, Brother Wicklander brought out that the Sales tax is based on the necessity to spend while the income tax is based on the ability to pay. If we vote a sales tax, during the good times no doubt it will not be hard to pay and yet when times get hard we will still have the sales tax to pay and perhaps then we'll find it pretty hard to pay while with the income tax when times are hard and the income small the tax is reduced accordingly. The sales tax is sponsored by the money interests who wish to have their income tax reduced. He also stated that in the states which have a sales tax there is not one where it was enacted by a vote of the people but in every case was enacted by the legislature.

The following resolution was passed by the Pomona grange: Whereas the Hood River P. U. D.

is considering purchasing certain private power facilities in the State of Oregon, and

Whereas these facilities extend into Morrow county and Whereas the farmers of Morrow county have plans prepared for building a R. E. A. line, and Whereas the construction of this R. E. A. line was delayed prior to

the war for lack of a proper power connection, and Whereas it is expected that the people of Morrow county would be better able to cooperate with the Hood River P. U. D. than with the present power company, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that Morrow count Pomona grange in session

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