

LEGION, AUXILIARY HAS DISTRICT MEET

HERMISTON PRAISED BY GUESTS FOR HOSPITALITY

Prominent Legionnaires, Auxiliary Officers Here; Guests Entertained at Banquets.

Hermiston, the Irrigation City, ably upheld her reputation for hospitality last Friday afternoon when she entertained some hundred and seventy-five guests who were here as delegates to the district convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary. Unpleasant weather conditions kept some away from the meeting but those who braved the storm joined in extravagant praise of the local post and unit as convention hosts.

Among those prominent in Legion and Auxiliary circles of the state who were in Hermiston for the conference were Ben S. Fisher of Marshfield, state commander; Carl Moser, of Portland, department state adjutant; Mrs. Jessie Kelly of Baker, president of the Auxiliary; Sid George of Eugene, executive committeeman from the third district; Neil Morfitt, of Astoria, Chef de Gare of the 40 et 8; Harry Nelson of Portland, state chairman of community service; Zack Taylor of the Veterans' Bureau, Portland; and Mrs. Harriet Gemmell of Heppner, committeeman of the second Auxiliary district.

Business Sessions Held

Beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a business meeting primarily for Legion post officers was held in the Legion hall. A report by state commander Fisher incorporating plans for the year's program was given as well as a report by state department adjutant Moser and a short address by Harry Nelson. A round table discussion occupied most of the afternoon session.

The business meeting of the Auxiliary was held in the Baptist church from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Speakers on the program there were Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McInturff and Mrs. Gemmell.

Banquets at 6 O'Clock

At 6 o'clock the Auxiliary members met in the church basement for a turkey banquet, prepared and served by the Baptist ladies' aid. At the same hour the Legionnaires were guests at a regular army mess in the Legion hall. Everything from mess kits to rough tables and benches were provided to impart the correct atmosphere. But according to all reports the quality of the food itself was just about the best that could be provided. Praise for its excellence goes to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Hallie) Halleyburton, who prepared and served the entire banquet. At the close of the meal smokes were passed around, the cigars being donated by Wm. Shaar and the cigarettes by Walter Hamm. It was authentically reported that the guests by this time were freely admitting Hermiston's unquestioned right to the name of "The Irrigation City."

Public Meeting

The public meeting in the auditorium in the evening was opened by H. W. Kelley, commander of the local post, who in turn introduced J. M. Biggs, state committeeman of the sixth district, as chairman of the evening's program. Dr. F. V. Prime gave an address of welcome on behalf of the city. Among those who were introduced from the platform were Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. McInturff, Mr. George, Mr. Morfitt, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. James Todd, president of the local Auxiliary unit, Mr. Taylor and rs. Gemmell.

Give Addresses

The principal addresses of the evening were given by Mr. Fisher on the subject of "The Principles and Ideals of the American Legion," and by Mrs. Kelley on the Relations of the Auxiliary to the Legion. Other speakers were Mrs. Gemmell, Mr. George and Mr. Nelson. A musical program consisting of a vocal duet by Miss Sansted and Dr. Prime and a violin solo by Miss Kern accompanied by Miss Thompson received much applause.

At the close of the program the crowd danced to the peppy music provided by the Rose Grey ballroom orchestra of Pendleton. A large representation of townspeople and business men of Hermiston was in attendance at the open meeting and dance. Festivities ended early Saturday morning with the local jail empty and no serious casualties reported.

CUP DONATED FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN DEBATE

Hermiston High in Ninth District; To Compete With Other Schools.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 21-(Special)-Greater interest is predicted in the high school debating contests this year, in which Hermiston high school is taking part, because there will be three cups awarded instead of one, it is announced by Dr. Dan E. Clark, assistant director of the university extension division, who is secretary of the league.

Mr. E. E. DeCou, head of the mathematics department here, has donated another state championship cup, the last DeCou cup having gone permanently last year to Ashland high school. In addition Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the university, and one of the founders of Delta Sigma Rho, national debating fraternity, has offered two sectional championship cups, one going to the winner in Eastern Oregon, and one to the winner in Western Oregon.

As in past years inter-school debates within the eleven districts will continue until late in March or early in April, when the district debates will be held. When these are over, the winners in the sections will come to the University of Oregon sometime in May, to argue it out for the state trophy.

Hermiston high school is in district number nine which includes high schools in Heppner, Milton and Pendleton. Harold G. Brownson, McLoughlin high school in Milton, is director of the district, and the question for debate is "Resolved that Oregon should adopt an integrated system of executive and administrative reorganization along the lines of the MacPherson plan."

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

M. I. McRae was transacting business in La. Grande Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Buell, who for the past year have been living on the old Sellers place, recently purchased the Otto Heini ranch. The deal was closed a few days ago and Mr. and Mrs. Buell and family have already moved to the new home.

Local farmers have been scattering large quantities of wheat for the birds the past week. The ducks seem to be suffering the most from the cold. As many as 15 mallards have been taken from under a single tree.

Mrs. Leon Norquist and baby returned Thursday from Pendleton. Last week's notes stated the baby was a girl—we must retract that statement as it was a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lindner were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Rubers of Stanfield.

R. L. Addleman spent Sunday at his home.

Marda Hannan is suffering from an attack of the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers entertained a large circle of friends Saturday night at a very delightful dancing and card party held at their home. Part of the evening was spent in old fashioned dances and at 12 o'clock a delicious supper was served. Everyone departed with high spirits and declared the party a huge success.

Mr. Joseph Harr from Northern Idaho is here visiting his twin brother Jack Harr. The latter Mr. Harr has been critically ill with influenza but at this writing he is able to sit up.

Mrs. J. H. DeMoss, teacher in the Minnehaha district, spent the week end at home with her family.

Mr. Calhoun who has leased the Tabor ranch for the coming year, will move here from Minnehaha soon.

OVERHEATED CHIMNEY DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE TO HOUSE

An overheated chimney at the Mumma residence on Main street resulted in the roof of the building catching fire last Thursday evening about six o'clock. The blaze was extinguished promptly by a volunteer bucket brigade, only slight damage resulting from the flames.

SPECIALISTS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

PLANS SHAPING UP WELL FOR FARM MEETING

Preliminary Committee Meetings in Session Now; Conference Begins Wednesday.

Agricultural specialists from Oregon state college will be in Hermiston for the series of farm conferences scheduled for next week and beginning February 27.

Among those who will attend are H. A. Lindgren, livestock field man with the extension service; Professor A. G. Lunn, head of the poultry department at O. S. C.; Professor G. R. Hyslop, head of agronomy; N. C. Jameson, extension dairy specialist; R. S. Besse, specialist in farm management work; and H. D. Scudder, H. K. Dean, superintendent of the local experiment station will be in attendance at the meetings and will probably aid especially with the farm crops conference.

Each committee for the conference is meeting this week end for the purpose of making final arrangements for next week's meeting. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate in activities of the conference. Those having special problems for consideration are advised to bring them before the preliminary meetings in order that sufficient time may be had for getting materials on the subject.

Following is the schedule for the conference next week: Wednesday, Livestock day; Thursday, poultry; Friday, farm crops and bees; Saturday, dairy and farm management. All sessions will be held in the Methodist church building and will probably commence each day about 9 o'clock.

LOCAL ODD FELLOWS TO ATTEND MEET SATURDAY

Some twenty-five members of lodge No. 206, I. O. O. F., Hermiston, will be in Freewater Saturday, February 23, to participate in the annual convention of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The local lodge will send a second degree drill team to compete with teams from other lodges. At the convention last year, Hermiston's representatives won first in this competition. The convention will consist of an all day session, a banquet at 6 o'clock, and an evening meeting for the degree work.

LOCAL GIRLS LOSE TO ADAMS IN SECOND GAME

The local high school girls team lost the game with the Adams girls last Saturday 18 to 22. Hermiston defeated the Adams girls earlier in the season but was unable to repeat the performance the second time. The locals maintained the lead until the third quarter when one of the first string guards was taken out of the game because of an injury.

BENEFIT DANCE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2 IN AUDITORIUM

A benefit dance given under the auspices of the high school girls basketball team will be an event of Saturday, March 2 in the Hermiston auditorium.

The music for the dancing will be furnished by the Columbians, a five piece orchestra of The Dalles. Tickets will be sold for one dollar and lunch will be served in the hall for a nominal fee.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

B. S. Kingsley underwent a serious operation at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Tuesday evening of this week. According to the latest word received from the hospital he was resting fairly well. Mrs. Kingsley, who accompanied him to Pendleton, returned to Hermiston Wednesday evening.

The City of Hermiston has recently purchased a new electrical thawing machine from a firm in Walla Walla and pipes will be thawed for a nominal charge. The machine is expected to arrive here in a day or two.

W. T. Solvester and daughter, Mrs. S. F. Walters, of Blalock, were visiting at the Frank Little home Wednesday.

SCOUTS RESPOND TO FAKE EMERGENCY

QUICK MOBILIZATION MADE LAST SATURDAY

Call Issued for Local Scouts To Form Searching Party in Middle of Night.

As a practical illustration of scout work, local scouts were mobilized on a fake emergency call last Saturday night. The first scout to report was Dick Hitt who arrived at headquarters 15 minutes after the call had been issued. Fifteen scouts and two officers were on the scene within an hour and several scouts from the country reported within a short time.

The purpose of the call was to form a searching party to find Clark Paul who, according to available information, had not been seen since 7 o'clock in the evening. The first clue was that he had been seen going toward the Cox home earlier in the evening. Information secured there was to the effect that he had started home about 9 o'clock. The searchers finally discovered along the highway a place in the snow where it appeared that someone had been knocked down by a passing car. Drops of blood on the snow led to George Jenkins' garage where the boy was found at 12.30 o'clock. He was immediately taken to scout headquarters and given first aid treatment.

The fake call brought to the attention of the public the practicality of scout work along such lines.

ELK PLENTIFUL ALONG ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY NOW

It is no uncommon occurrence for travelers along the Roosevelt highway to see anywhere from one to a hundred elk when they pass between Seaside and Cannon Beach, according to the state game commission. Several years ago 49,000 acres of logged off land near and on Tillamook Head was set aside for a game preserve. Since that time a small herd of elk has increased to more than 500 and there has been an even greater increase of deer on the big tract.

Deputy Game Warden Chas. Smith whose district is in Clatsop county, notified Harold Clifford, state game warden, a few days ago that he saw 70 elk in one herd grazing near the highway, and that this band constituted but a small part of the animals to be found in the reserve.

BASKETBALL GIRLS HAVE BANQUET LAST WEDNESDAY

The high school basketball girls had their annual banquet at the Hermiston hotel last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. Mrs. Harold Dean and Miss Donovan were guests of honor. Jane Warner presided as toastmistress. Several interesting speeches were given by Shirlee Brownson, Ina Lenhart, Ruth Bessel and the coach, Miss Donovan.

The table was decorated in red and white with a basketball for a centerpiece and there were little favors in the form of baskets and valentine place cards. After the banquet there was dancing in the hotel grill and a lovely time was reported by all.

HERMISTON SPLITS WITH HEPPNER IN FIRST DEBATE

Hermiston high school's affirmative team won a 3 to 0 decision over the Heppner negative duo in the first debate of the season at the local high school last night in a discussion of the question, "Resolved: that Oregon should adopt an integrated system of executive and administrative reorganization along the lines of the McPherson plan." Judges were Supt. Kelly of Stanfield, Mr. Skeen of Umatilla and Mr. Marchas of Boardman.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN INSTALLS MODERN X-RAY EQUIPMENT

\$1500 Machine to do All Kinds of Fluoroscopic, Radiographic Work.

The installation of a new, up-to-date X-ray machine representing an investment of some fifteen hundred dollars has recently been made in the office of J. L. Sears, local physician.

With this equipment all kinds of fluoroscopic and radiographic work may be done in the local office. This will alleviate any necessity for sending patients away for examination, the new equipment providing the necessary means for completeness and thoroughness in such work.

The installation of this equipment, representing the latest developments in the X-ray, will provide a service to local people that would ordinarily be available to them only in a larger city.

FARM INCOME FOR OREGON TO REMAIN ABOUT SAME

Farmers of Oregon may expect little change in 1929 either in average production costs or average cash income, according to the agricultural outlook report prepared by extension specialists of Oregon State college during a recent conference. Although the total cash income from Oregon farms is expected to exceed in 1929 the \$120,000,000 estimated for 1928, farms are also increasing in about the same proportion, says the report, which is compiled from the Federal outlook report, but modified by direct information obtained through a sample census and individual observation of conditions by specialists in every county of this state. Although demand for agricultural products consumed largely on the Pacific coast is expected to continue good, products which depend for their market upon eastern states where prices are easily changed by business conditions may meet a less satisfactory demand late in 1929 and early in 1930.

The report discusses the present status, probable production and market demand, and probable future trend, barring war or other unforeseen events, of every principal farm enterprise in Oregon. The poultry industry, says the report, depends for a 1929 market upon the economical production of high quality products to meet competition. Increased chick production is expected. Further increase in turkeys is in prospect, but better marketing facilities are being developed.

Markets for Oregon dairy products depend primarily upon national conditions with the slight exception that a better market for dairy cattle exists on the coast and a slightly higher level for products in the western region. The increase in population in 11 western states is expected to care for the present increase in the rate of production.

Discussing the general fruit outlook, the report says that transportation costs are unfavorable to Oregon orchardists, and standardization of fruit for market is becoming more important. Increased plantings of apples in this state appears to be justified only when needed for replacement or when especially favorable conditions of production and marketing are enjoyed. A general curtailment of planting of pears on the coast seems desirable, and any increase in cherry plantings is expected to be in canning cherries for western Oregon and shipping cherries for eastern Oregon.

MRS. H. E. YOUNG

Mrs. H. E. Young, 38, resident of Pine City, Oregon, died at her home there February 13 after a long illness. Funeral services were held in Heppner Friday afternoon, February 15 with interment in the Heppner cemetery.

WORK ON NEW BAKERY PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Work on the new bakery to be opened in Hermiston March 1 has been progressing rapidly during the past week. Approximately all of the equipment with the exception of the large oven has arrived from Portland and is installed in the building. Counters and show cases have also been installed and the building itself is undergoing renovation.

ADAMS DEFEATED BY LOCAL QUINTET

YELLOWJACKETS TURN IN CLOSE SCORE OF 23 TO 22

Chances for Good Showing at District Tournament Loom Up For Locals.

The Hermiston high school basketball team defeated the Adams team in a game packed with thrills and excitement last Saturday on the local court. Although the odds were in favor of Adams the Yellowjackets turned the trick and won 23 to 22.

Hermiston started out by scoring a basket with some nice team work in the first minute of play. The Yellowjackets obtained the lead and held it through the first three quarters only to let the Wheat Ranchers overtake them in the last two minutes. The fans held their breath as the ball was worked back and forth. The Adams five were shooting two times to the Yellowjackets one but they were not able to connect with the "dead eye" precision that the locals were displaying. It looked as though Adams was going to take home the bacon when they gained a three point lead in the final minute. But the Yellowjackets came back in one final spurt and sunk two nice shots to gain a one point lead just as the whistle ended the game.

Smith and Felthouse were "on" Saturday night if they ever were for each turned in a fine game, both making some phenomenal shots. Harrah and Hammond certainly deserve credit for stopping the Adams scoring attack. Martin and Klages also played a fine game both on the offense and defense.

Larabee and Braden were Adams main threats, each doing some nice shooting.

By defeating the Adams five the Yellowjackets made the record of winning every game on their home floor and turning in a victory over every team played. The local record is marred by only two defeats, one at the hands of Umatilla and the other by Adams.

Adams is considered one of the strongest teams in the conference so the Yellowjackets have more than a fair chance of turning in some victories in the district tournament which is to take place March 1-3. The Yellowjackets have up until now been playing only haphazard ball but now that a fine system of team work has been developed they ought to go strong at the tournament.

There is only one more scheduled game remaining on the local's list this season and that is to be played at Echo with the Echo quintet this Thursday.

ASSOCIATION OF COLUMBIA BASIN INTERESTS TO MEET

Delegates From Communities Interested in Development to Confer in Portland.

To coordinate the activities of the various communities adjacent to the Columbia river, a committee of the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Rate conference and the Portland Chamber of Commerce have formed an organization committee which is to hold a meeting of delegates from all communities interested in the development of the Columbia river for navigation, reclamation or hydro-electric power. The delegates will meet at the Multnomah hotel, Portland, February 25, at nine A. M.

Mr. H. R. Richards, president of the Pacific Northwest Agricultural rate conference, has requested each chamber of commerce, agricultural cooperative organization, warehouse association, in fact, all groups and individuals affected by the development of the Columbia River to send delegations to this meeting.

It is planned to organize the Columbia Valley association, some what on the lines of the Mississippi valley association which, in past years has accomplished many developments on the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

The temporary headquarters of the organization committee of the Columbia Valley association is at the Portland chamber of commerce, Multnomah hotel building, Portland.

Organizations sending delegates and individuals planning to attend the first meeting of the Columbia Valley association are requested to forward to headquarters the names and addresses of delegates.