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ALL-STAR CAST PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

SCENES ACTUALLY FEATURED IN "THE HAUNTED HOUSE"

Clever Lines Aid in Comedy Parts; Characters Well Portrayed; Proceeds Net Treasurer \$85

The play presented by the high school student body last Friday night at the Oasis theatre, "The Haunted House" was produced by an all-star cast under the direction of Miss Margaret Elliott. The theatre was filled to capacity and the three-act farce comedy was well received.

The story centered around a newly married couple Emogene Paul and Donald Jackson, who had come to the country home of the bride's father, Howard Klages, in Cedar Bluff, N. Y. They had been warned that the house was haunted. The lights go out and the tramp, Harold Marble, emerges from the closet and disappears out the window with the bride's summer furs, at the same time the groom's gun disappears and there is a shot. Gruesome noises are heard and even the milkman, Dayton Harris, leaves on the table is gone. The girl, Barbara Root, who was formerly engaged to the groom arrives and is persuaded to leave only when he promises to meet her at the car.

The city constable, Jimmy Neary, is summoned after the shot is heard and it is believed there has been a murder. Evidence points to every member of the group who seem to have known the murdered girl at one time, but the author takes things in his own hands until the detective, Floyd Mullens, arrives from a nearby town. He tries to solve the mystery by scientific methods, which results in more complications. Before the affair is cleared up after the arrival of the bride's father and his chauffeur, Robert Henderson, who had been the source of all the weird noises, every member of the cast had followed his own clue but to no avail. The author confesses that he is the originator of the unheard-of happenings in order to create material for writing his novels. The bloodstains were from the murdered victim, the milk man's best cow, Nellie.

Music was furnished between acts by the school orchestra and the boy's quartet under the supervision of Miss Daily.

Proceeds from the play will net the treasurer \$85 which will be used to finance student activities.

HAY BARN AT STANFIELD BURNS WITHOUT ALARM GIVEN

The origin of the fire that burned a hay barn containing approximately 425 tons of hay last Wednesday night is not known. The fire was discovered about 1:30 this morning when the barn and hay were practically extinct. The barn was the old Stanfield sheep barn and has been owned by Leathers & Little of Hermiston for the past four years. The loss was practically covered by insurance.

RED CROSS DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT LOCAL OFFICE

Donations to the Red Cross for relief of drought-sufferers in the south will be received at Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company office or the bank. National Chairman Robinson declined an appropriation of \$25,000, 000 made by the government, saying that the Red Cross "is in a position to complete adequately the task it has undertaken in the drought-stricken areas and it hereby assumes the responsibility of completing said task without public appropriations." Sam Nye, local manager of the Standard Oil Co., announces that his company has subscribed \$5000 to the Pacific coast quota which is an established policy of over 50 year's standing, to subscribe to any worthy cause.

J. M. Biggs arrived home Tuesday night and remained until Thursday when he left for The Dalles, Morrow and Bend to continue his schedule for state Legion conferences and local meetings, as department commander. Mrs. Biggs accompanied him.

WHITE LEGHORN PULLETS PRODUCE FREAK EGGS

An egg weighing 4 ounces and measuring 8 1/4 inches in circumference was produced by pullets from the Warner and Taylor poultry farm in Hermiston. Another egg of unusual size and one in the shape of a Humpty-Dumpty were also produced by the flock. A total of 800 chickens, produce 500 eggs a day. The pullets average 75 per cent in production and the hens 30 per cent.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS INCREASES ATTENDANCE AND INTEREST

A special meeting of the Men's Bible study class was held in the Methodist church Tuesday night with President Dr. W. L. Morgan presiding. Membership and interest are increasing in this non-denominational class. The following committees were appointed by the president: Membership, A. H. Rohman; Social service, Joe Norton; Sick, M. L. Watson.

Farm Bureau to Meet

A meeting of the Farm Bureau Cooperative will be held at the Methodist church in Hermiston Tuesday, February 3. At this time club pins will be awarded to the 4-H club boys and girls who completed last year's work. H. C. Seymour, state club leader, will give a talk on club work. Other Farm Bureau affairs will be discussed.

Irrigon Band to Present Concert

The Irrigon band will present a concert here in the Oasis theatre February 7. They are well known for their talent and are ready to give support to any social function in surrounding communities. A benefit dance will be given at the Irrigon school Saturday, January 31, to obtain funds whereby they may attend the state band contest at Corvallis.

Turkey Grower Visits

Chester Martin, turkey grower from McMinnville, Yamhill county, was in Hermiston this week looking over the county as a prospective community for turkey growing. He had visited at Athena and Pendleton and inquired about the general conditions for the production of turkeys. Mr. Martin states that a total of 6000 turkeys were produced in his locality east of the river this year.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ross of Reno, Nevada, who has been visiting Mrs. Ben Jones of Columbia district returned to her home Monday. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Jones are sisters and this is the first time in eight years they have been privileged to enjoy a visit together.

Mr. O. H. Wells is confined to her home on account of illness.

Spring is showing signs of her early appearance to the extent that quite a number of home folks are planting early garden.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lynch are home from Portland where they spent several weeks on account of Mr. Lynch's health.

Mrs. Tom Stewart was a dinner guest at the Jasper Templeton home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Luttrell visited Sunday at the C. A. Lynch home.

Mrs. Laura Morris attended a meeting of principals, relative to county declamatory and track meet held at the office of County Superintendent Yeaker, Saturday.

John Conrad, Jr., and Lena Savage have been absent from school for a few days on account of bad colds.

Mrs. P. Nordquist returned recently from Walla Walla where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. C. A. Keller was an afternoon visitor at school Wednesday.

Miss Fannie Todd visited with her sister Mrs. Holt in Pendleton Saturday.

Quite a number of our young people are preparing to take part in the coming declamatory contest.

Mrs. John Paxton and daughter Elsie visited the Belcampers Tuesday afternoon.

HERMISTON JERSEY BREEDERS ASS'N. PURCHASE SIRE

CROWN SYBILL WARDER IS PROVEN SIRE

Rosebanks Crown Placed on Farm of A. W. Hinehine; Third Animal of Tiddlewinks Breeding

The Hermiston Jersey Breeders association have just received a young bull which they purchased from M. J. Gibson of Gresham. This bull was purchased to take the place of an old animal the association disposed of. The new addition should be a valuable asset to the dairymen of the community, as he has excellent records back of him. His granddam is Quality Girl, a world champion cow that produced over 1000 pounds of butterfat on official test. The sire of this granddam is Imported Double Volunteer, from the Danmeire importation. The grandsire of the bull, Crown Sybill Warder, is now owned by the Hermiston Jersey Breeders association, being purchased about a year ago from Mrs. Gail Nell of Oregon City. Crown Sybill Warder is a proven sire, as the majority of his daughters have outstanding records of production.

The new bull, Rosebanks Crown, will be placed at the farm of W. A. Hinehine to take the place of Crown Sybill Warder, the proven sire that has been moved to the farm of P. P. Sullivan.

This new bull is the third animal of Tiddlewinks breeding to be owned by the local association, according to L. C. Dyer, president of the organization.

The action of the local breeders in securing such high-class herd sires has been a big influence in building up the dairy stock of the community to its present high level.

Disolve Partnership

George Wagoner and H. A. Pankow who have operated the Hermiston Transfer for the past year have dissolved partnership. The transfer took place this week due to the fact that Mr. Pankow will devote full time to his work as city water superintendent. The office will remain in the Consolidated Truck Lines building.

Mrs. A. W. Christopherson entertained with a bridge party Saturday night. Three tables of bridge were in play and Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Morgan won first prize. Decorations were carried out with the valentine idea.

STANFIELD MAN TAKES OWN LIFE EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Levi M. Hills, Stanfield Service station operator, and for many years identified with reclamation work in the west end of Umatilla county, committed suicide by taking poison at his home about 1 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Hills was 61 years of age and has been in ill health for several years. Upon returning home from Hermiston where she had spent the evening, his wife found him dead in his bed, apparently passing without a struggle.

Mr. Hills was active in reclamation work on the project for many years until he was transferred to Stanfield where he was employed until a few years ago. Since that time he has been connected with the Stanfield service station.

Funeral services were held in Stanfield Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. S. Gilson, and interment was made in the Echo cemetery.

PINE CITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Neill made a business trip to Hermiston Wednesday.

Mrs. Herman Young's parents and brothers, made a short visit at the Young home last week. They are enroute to Aryora where they will visit a son.

Hynds Brothers of Sand Hollow have been feeding sheep at the Roy Neill ranch but left Monday for the home ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lindsey of Alpine spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Morehead.

The Pine City high school has begun work on a high school play to be given sometime in February. The exact date has not yet been decided.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Finley of Alpine.

The Christian church of Heppner gave a reception for their new minister last Wednesday night.

Burvil Corbin formerly employed by Tom Boylen, left Thursday for Richland, Ore., where he will work for Clarence Neill.

Oleta Neill spent Tuesday night at the home of Elsie Strain.

A number of the Pine City young folks attended a party at the Swagart home near Lena, last Friday night. The party was given by Merle Swagart and Raymond Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Marly from Athena are now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morehead. Mrs. Morehead is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morey.

HERMISTON HIGH HOOPERS WIN-LOSE EXCITING GAMES

TWO OF FASTEST GAMES THIS SEASON PLAYED SATURDAY

Girls Game Surprise to Spectators; Boys to Play Umatilla There January 30.

The Hermiston high school boys' and girls' basketball teams met the Helix teams in a double header game here Saturday night in two of the fastest games of the season. It is the second game won by the girls and the first lost by their opponents.

The Helix boys were unable to break through he local boys interference during the first period of play and did not make a field goal until the beginning of the second half. The half ended with an 11 to 5 score in favor of Hermiston.

The local quintet went into the second half with plenty of speed and accuracy putting over some good passing through their opponent's barrage. Excessive fouls were called and at the final whistle the Hermiston boys came out at the short end of the 17 to 18 score.

Although the Helix girls won by an enormous margin when they met there earlier in the season, the Hermiston girls took their opponents for a clean, fast game, in which they came out with the score of 14 to 16 in their favor. Miss Gehmert has worked up some fine material in the high school girls and the remainder of the season should be better than at the beginning with some steady, regular training.

The lineups follow:

Hermiston Boys	Helix Boys	
Hammou	RF	Karstens
D. Martin	LF	Boylan
E. Martin	C	Kupens
Briggs	RG	Planting
Whitsett	IG	Person

Hermiston Girls	Helix Girls	
Hemphill	RF	Tucker
Nordquist	LF	McOly
Swanner	C	Cupper
Rodda	C	Gummell
Mullins	RG	Hatton
Pearson	LG	Molstrom

Club Celebrates Members' Birthday

The birthday club which consists of nine members, and their guests, met at the home of Mrs. Henry Hilt last Saturday to celebrate one members' birthday. The date that falls on a birthday of a member is celebrated with a birthday cake and gathering of friends. Bridge was played and Mrs. C. C. Deurfey won high score.

HOME MANUFACTURED MOTOR BOAT STANDS TEST

Merl Potter made a successful try-out Sunday of a motor boat made on his farm north of town on the Hermiston project reservoir. The boat is 20 feet long, painted grey, is equipped with a Ford motor, and has been christened the question mark. Mr. Potter plans to use the boat for his own pleasure in fishing on the Columbia and was testing its durability Sunday in making a number of trips out over the reservoir. On two trips he carried passengers.

JANE WARNER ANNOUNCED ON WOMAN'S DEBATING TEAM

Miss Jane Warner, graduate of Hermiston high school and a freshman at the University of Oregon, has received the distinction of being announced a member of the women's debating team at the University. It is the first time since 1924 that women have met in a dual contest.

Miss Warner will debate with the Oregon State team at Eugene on March 13th and the Washington State team on February 10th. When a senior in high school Jane was a member of the debating team that won the state championship and the first freshman girl ever to appear in a dual contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warner.

Honored at Shower

The home of Mrs. George Harkenrider was the scene of a gathering Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Curtis Simons was honored with a miscellaneous shower. Mrs. Gerald White, Mrs. F. L. Kelley and Mrs. Harkenrider acted as joint hostesses. The afternoon was spent playing games and general conversation. Mrs. Simons received many beautiful and useful gifts. Refreshments were served to 39 guests.

UMATILLA NEWS ITEMS

Bill Switzler has tied up the fair boat for the winter in order to have repair work done, which will amount to approximately \$1000.

Louise Byrnes visited in The Dalles over the week end.

Louis Klendall of Portland visited Miss Rosa Ricca here.

The Umatilla town teams met Hermiston town teams Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark entertained the following guests at a dinner Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bullard, Miss Ricca and Louise Kendall, Miss Roth, Mrs. Cherry, Earl Cherry and Agnes Kendler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Springer motored to Pendleton to the show last Saturday night.

The Women's town team are going to Lexington to play basketball tonight.

Wm. Bloom spent the week end visiting his brother in Athena.

Al Kenney motored to Pendleton Sunday.

Erma and Myrie Byrnes spent Sunday visiting at Naomi Chapman.

The Umatilla high school team met Hot Rock team on the floor there last Friday night. The girls' team won by a score of 18 to 9 and the boys lost by a score of 22 to 14.

Dorothy Lash visited in Pendleton over the week end.

Tiny Caldwell, who burned his foot quite badly several weeks ago, has returned to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Tamet have returned to Seattle after a short visit here with Mrs. Tamis' folks Mr. and Mrs. J. Stephens.

Walter Bullard visited here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Hyatt visited at the Jim Todd home in Hermiston Sunday.

Mrs. Hyatt attended a party last Saturday night in Hermiston.

Velma Diziter of The Dalles is visiting here.

Mr. Hill is recovering from an attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Logan have returned from a visit in Seattle and Portland.

Mrs. Berwick was called to Condon Monday morning because of the illness of her husband. Mr. Henry accompanied her.

THRILLING BYRD ADVENTURE SEEN IN REAL DETAIL

COLORFUL PICTORIAL RECORDS SPREAD ON SCREEN

Daring South Pole Flight One of The Wonders of True-Life Feature

The daring flight of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd across the South Pole is only one of the feats of daring and heroism captured by the Paramount cameraman who brought "With Byrd at the South Pole," a thrilling picture of adventure, to the United States. The feature film, which will show at the Oasis theatre, starting Thursday, for three days, is a continuous drama, filled with adventure, humor, thrills and romance.

Never before has such a colorful pictorial record been spread on the screen. More than 30 miles of film were required to perfect it. From the moment Rear Admiral Byrd and his intrepid band of explorers landed in the unknown region at the bottom of the world, until they started the final trek for home, the life they led, the sights they saw, the thrills they experienced are in this film for everybody to wonder and marvel at.

Byrd's race to the South Pole was a race against time, the terrific cold and the appalling terrors of the Antarctic winter. For seven weeks the adventurers waited while cloud and fog blanketed the sky. Then came twenty hours of clear weather, and, in this twenty-hours, Byrd, with three companions, made the daring flight across the pole and back to the comparatively safe base. They covered a distance of 1,680 miles and, during the flight, faced dangers such as few men have lived through.

Even before this thrilling race started, the Byrd men had to win a race against terrific cold. The plane had to be made ready. Engine oil, always removed at the end of a flight to keep it from congealing in the crankcases, had to be heated to a boiling point in one of the houses. The airplane motors, covered with thick canvas hoods, were heated by means of gasoline torches placed under them. It took two hours to bring the engines to the proper degree of heat to take the boiling oil. The temperature was 65 degrees below zero.

When the motors were warmed, a shout was sent for the oil man.

Such incidents, exciting and real, are parts of the picture Paramount has captured, "With Byrd at the South Pole." Willard Vanderveer, Paramount cameraman with the exception, says "It was an amazing experience to live through. Now, when I see it on the screen, it is more amazing than ever."

Weather Report

Reports of "lingering" signs of spring are heard from all corners of the state bringing honeybees, corn-cob pipes, bench warmers and marble games to Hermiston. In 1928, on February 28, the maximum temperature was 35 degrees, on the same date in 1929, 14 degrees, in 1930, 19 degrees and in 1931 61 degrees.

Date	Max. Min.
January 22	39.....51
January 23	54.....36
January 24	54.....28
January 25	48.....30
January 26	55.....32
January 27	55.....35
January 28	61.....31

Precipitation was .41 of an inch.

LEVI M. HILLS

Levi M. Hills was born in Yale, Michigan, September, 1869, and died in Stanfield January 24, 1931. He moved to Ione, Oregon, when 14 years of age. He was married to Agnes Connor in 1901.

Mr. Hills lived in Hermiston for 18 years where he was in the employ of the reclamation service. The family have resided in Stanfield for the past 15 years. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday by Rev. J. F. Gilson at the Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the Echo cemetery.

F. E. Shaw, superintendent of the Hermiston Union high school, and Frank Swayze planto go to Portland Friday on business.

Time For Everybody to Lend a Hand

By Albert T. Reid

