

Normal Christmas giving will speed the return of business normalcy.

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SPECIAL MEETING ROUSES ENTHUSIASM IN COMMERCIAL CLUB

THIRTY-EIGHT MEMBERS ENTER INTO BUSINESS DISCUSSION.

Heated Discussion Closes With Decision to Hold Evening Meeting Once a Month.

A large group of about thirty-eight local business men responded to the request of the membership committee to attend the special meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club Thursday evening, December 17. The special meeting was called to see what could be done in order to get better attendance to the regular meetings and stimulate interest in the club.

It was a merry group that gathered in the dining room of the hotel promptly at seven o'clock for the dinner. The club was pleasantly surprised by an entertainment put on by the high school. Several numbers were presented by the school orchestra followed by the boys' glee club, singing three numbers. Bruce and Melvin Follett also pleased the club with special numbers on the guitar and mouth harp. After the entertainment, Sam Nye, chairman of the membership committee, thanked Mr. McAtee, superintendent of schools, and Miss Daily, supervisor of music, and the school organizations for their splendid cooperation in presenting the entertainment.

The meeting was called to order by the President, H. E. Hitt. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and a bill for \$5.53 for canned goods bought for the hot lunches served at school was allowed.

The question of whether the club should continue with their regular Tuesday noon luncheons or change to evening meetings, and the election of officers at this meeting was brought up by the president. After a discussion it was decided that the election of officers at this meeting was entirely out of order. A motion was made that the chair appoint the nominating committee for next year but this was also said to be out of order. According to the by-laws of the organization, the nominating committee was to be appointed and the election of officers was to be held at the first and second meeting in the new year.

In order to settle the question of whether the commercial club should continue to be in existence or to continue its regular Tuesday luncheons or change to evening meetings, it was suggested that a roll call be made of every member present to tell of their ideas on the subject. Many interesting things were brought out by these round-table speeches. Opinions on the Tuesday noon lunches or evening meeting was considerably divided, but all favored the continuance of the club. Many profitable suggestions were made that will help in making the new year most successful.

After a warm discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ben Gerking and seconded by Mr. H. K. Dean, that the club continue with their Tuesday noon lunches except that the next meeting in the month be made an evening, a committee be appointed by the chair to arrange for the time of the evening meeting that would be most suitable to all. The motion was passed. A motion was also made and seconded that the president appoint a nominating committee for the first meeting in January. A rising vote of thanks was also given for the efforts of the entertainment committee in arranging for the evening's entertainment.

The following members were present.

H. E. Hitt, president. A. W. Turnbull, B. S. Kingsley, R. H. McAtee, W. J. Warner, F. B. Swayze, Clark Paul, J. A. Clark, J. S. Burnham, Alfred Quiring, R. A. Brownson, H. K. Dean, H. L. Propst, E. P. Dodd, Thomas Campbell, Chas. Taylor, H. W. Sommers, Ben Gerking, F. V. Prime, A. W. Marble, O. O. Felt-house, A. F. Rohrman, W. W. Felt-house, Jim Pearson, W. L. Hamm, Bert Nation, Geo. Harkenrider, H. A. Pankow, Tom Fraser, Sam Nye, Joe Norton, F. C. McKenzie, Geo. Wagner, A. H. Norton, Raymond Walker, G. D. Best, and H. J. Ott.

CANDIDATES FOR NAVAL ACADEMY TO BE EXAMINED.

In accordance with commitments previously made, Robert R. Butler has arranged with the Civil Service Commission to conduct a competitive examination for appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis to fill one vacancy from the Second Congressional District which will occur in 1932. This examination will be conducted on Saturday, January 16, 1932, at 9 a. m. at the post offices in the following cities in the Second Congressional District: Baker, Bend, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Pendleton, and The Dalles.

Candidates for designation to Annapolis will be examined in Algebra, Plane Geometry, English Composition and Literature, United States History, Ancient History, and Physics. They must be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents of the Second Congressional District of Oregon, and must have reached their 16th birthday but not their 20th on April 1, 1932. Mr. Butler will appoint as midshipman the candidate receiving the highest rating in this test as determined by the Civil Service Commission, and the three ranking next highest will be appointed first, second, and third alternates respectively.

Those wishing to enter this competition should immediately write Mr. Butler that he can arrange for them to take the examination in the city in which they desire to be examined. He will also furnish sample questions of previous entrance examinations and a pamphlet giving entrance requirements to the Academy to all who request the same.

COMEDY ABOUND ROMANCE TOO, IN RIALTO'S NEW HIT.

Comedy—sparkling seeds of it—and drama, romance, pathos are the elements which get a thorough workout in the hands of a very capable and very large cast of stage and screen favorites in "Girls About Town," Paramount's lavish and brilliant talkie which comes to the Oasist theatre on Sunday and Monday.

The story is an original by Zoe Akins, the woman novelist and playwright who has achieved glory in a few years in the field of letters and of the stage and screen, with such opus as the scenarios of "Sarah and Son" and "Anybody's Woman"—and the stage original, "The Greeks Had a Word for It."

The Americans have a word for what the central characters of "Girls About Town" do. It is "gold-digging." Kay Francis and Lilyan Tashman play these parts as inveterate brunettes and blond dazdlers who prey upon the easy spenders who come to the big city for business and pleasure.

Eugene Pallette is one of these—a gold-encrusted industrialist, laden with lucre, who barges into the big town and runs against the siren witchery of Kay and Lilyan. Pallette has brought with him Joel McCrea, young and good-looking member of his firm. Kay falls for McCrea, and presently falls deeply in love with him. Lilyan gets to work on the doughty Pallette, and falls deeply in love with his dough. Complications arise which are both humorous and dramatic in their effect: Pallette's wife, Lucille Webster Gleason, arrives on the scene; Kay is discovered to have a husband-skeleton in the closet; McCrea learns of the girls' trickery. But it all comes out to a happy and serene finish, in which no one gets hurt.

Others who contribute to the general interest of this swiftly-paced and witty production are Allan Dinehart, Robert McWade, Judith Wood, George Barbier, Lucille Browne, Adrienne Ames, Anderson Lawler, Claire Dodd, Patricia Caron and Louise Beavers.

College Students Home. College students home for the holidays are: Shirley Brownson, Walter Ott, Albert Kennings, Dick Upham, Morris Pierson, and Herbert and Gladys Swarner, all from Oregon State college; Francis Sale, Frank Swayze, and Marlon Henderson, all from the University of Oregon; Billy Felthouse, from Whitman college at Walla Walla; and Ernest Cox from Albany college. Also Oscar Mikesell from O.S.C.

HERMISTON TURKEYS PLACE HIGH AT OAKLAND SHOW

HERMISTON TURKEY GROWERS DISPLAY ATTRACTS INTEREST

Young Hen Which Wins First and Champion Raised by Merrill Potter, Local Grower.

The Hermiston Commercial Club, the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau, and the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers association, all cooperating, sent a display of thirty dressed turkeys to the turkey show at Oakland, Oregon, December 17th to the 19th.

Thirteen of these birds were entered in competition, and the following prizes were won on them: First and Champion Young Hen; sixth Young Hen; tenth Young Hen; fourth Young Tom; and fifth Young Tom.

The largest old Tom entered in the dressed turkey show, was one from the flock of Emerald Tilden, of Hermiston.

This is an exceptionally good showing, considering the fact that these birds were killed several days before the show, and had to be boxed and expressed to Oakland.

After the show, all the dressed turkeys were sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Over 600 live turkeys, and more than 100 dressed birds were entered in competition, making this the largest turkey show in the world.

L. C. Todd, who was in charge of this display, says that the growers down there were very much interested. The Hermiston growers' display was a center of attraction at all times. The growers there being particularly interested in the type and cost of Hermiston feeds, and the low expense in marketing Hermiston birds.

OUR AD MANAGER EXPERIENCES VERY HORRIBLE NIGHT

(From the Bulldog)

Bob Henderson dashed into Kingsley's to get a package of rice and left his Light & Powerful roadster—a Ford—in front of the MacMarr store. "It's a little Warner today than usual, isn't it?" he said. I want a pair of Black & White Checked plus-fours. "I have a splendid pair here that will just fit you, and I'll Markham down to three-fifty for you," said the clerk. "Gosh," said Bob, "I almost hit a Jay-Walker on my way down. The hi-ways are so slippery these winter. He called me a big Hamm and a few other such things. Brakes sure are a blessing, but a fellow has to be careful not to Burnham up."

As Bob was eating lunch at the Hunter's Cafe he heard Stewart inquiring the Swift east way to Jack Allen's place. He told him that the Conley way he knew of was over the McKenzie pass and around the Oasist.

HERMISTON HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE IS COMPLETE.

(From the Bulldog)

At a meeting held at the school house Friday afternoon the school board decided to rent the old auditorium building for basketball. Therefore the problem of getting a place in which to play has been solved. The Bulldogs are practicing every night in preparation for the game with Irrigon which will be played January 8. The girls will play basketball, however, as the school board is not able to acquire a suitable place for a girl's dressing room.

The schedule is as follows: Boardman ..... Here ..... Dec. 19 Umatilla ..... There ..... Jan. 8 Stanfield ..... Here ..... Jan. 22 Stanfield ..... There ..... Jan. 23 Stanfield ..... There ..... Jan. 29 Irrigon ..... Here ..... Feb. 5 Boardman ..... There ..... Feb. 6 Umatilla ..... Here ..... Feb. 12 Pendleton ..... There ..... Feb. 19 Arlington ..... Here ..... Feb. 27

MORATORIUM ON FOREIGN DEBT RATIFIED BY U.S. SENATE

According to the Oregonian today the senate Tuesday approved the one-year intergovernmental debt moratorium.

The house resolution of ratification was adopted without change. This completed formal congressional approval of the debt holiday.

The senate accepted the house provision banning further revision of the war debts or their cancellation without even discussing it.

Several amendments proposed from the senate floor were voted down in rapid order prior to the final rollcall.

The vote was 69 for ratification and 12 against.

CROSS ENGLISH EXAMS FALL BEFORE SENIOR WISDOM

(From the Bulldog)

Hermiston high seniors are very intelligent judging from the results of a recent test given. The tests, the cross English entrance exams are given each year to over three thousand college entrants. The following is a comparison of the grades made by the college Freshmen and the Seniors:

College Freshmen:— 60 per cent. made, av. 125 or above 20 per cent. made, av. 145 or above Hermiston Seniors:— 80 per cent. made, av. 142 or above 50 per cent. made, av. 154 or above The Seniors are now boring into their Literature and Life books and have just finished killing Geoffrey Chaucer. Last week they wrote plays about "Canterbury Tales" placing the characters in modern and ancient settings. Several of these were read in class Friday and it is assured that all did Chaucer justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Logan left Tuesday for Everett, Wash., where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Logan's brother.

NEW HOPE SEEN IN COLUMBIA RIVER REPORT BY ENGINEERS

WARRENDALE PLAN GAINS IN REVISED PLAN.

Recommendation Believed to Apply to Present, but to Be Changeable at a Later Date.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Undismayed by the statement of the United States board of engineers for river and harbors in declining to approve the development of the huge project suggested in the report of the district and divisional engineers for the development of the Columbia river, leaders of the Portland Chamber of Commerce apparently were laying the ground yesterday for a constructive course of action which they hope may lead to ultimate procedure under the outlined comprehensive scheme.

Although they believe that the decision of the board removed the larger projects at The Dalles and Grand Coulee from immediate consideration, they affirmed their belief that the door had been left open for the urging of the lesser developments contained in the report. It was considered likely that the first step will be a request that the board entertain a proposal for a supplemental survey of the Warrendale site, with a view to making it an initial unit of the larger development program.

Time Found Unripe. They interpreted the language of the board as implying deferment of the proposed development rather than complete rejection and called particular attention to the fact that the findings of the local engineers had not been challenged, nor had the engineering feasibility of the plan been attacked. In effect, they believe that the board has simply said "not now." In arriving at this opinion they lay particular stress on the language of the statement:

"From the information presented, the board is not convinced of the advisability of the United States participating in the construction of either of these two projects at the present time."

The two projects referred to were the "series D" plan, with dams at Warrendale and The Dalles, and the Grand Coulee dam and reclamation project. Each of these projects would cost approximately \$400,000,000. Considering the magnitude of the two projects together with the present condition of the public treasury, it was pointed out that this action was essentially what might have been expected. In fact, the sponsors of "series D" locally had no intention of seeking an appropriation at this time for actual construction.

LOCAL THRIFT SHOP DOING EXCELLENT WORK

The local Thrift Shop, which is operated by the Baptist-Christian church Ladies Aid society, was moved Saturday, December 13, to the building owned by W. Leathers, across from the F. V. Prime home. The Thrift Shop has become a part of the community in serving those who need it.

The work was started several years ago by sponsoring a rummage sale. At least 500 garments were gathered at this time and the ladies spent most of the summer getting them in shape for the sale. Approximately \$60 was cleared at the first sale and the ladies were able to rent a building in which to put garments donated to them. These were sold at a very reasonable price to those in need of the service. Since the shop opened, nearly 1800 or 2000 garments have been given out.

One instance is told of a mother who bought a little coat for her son eight years ago. The boy wore the coat two years and then passed it on to his sister who wore it for a year and a half for two years. Later the coat was passed on to another member of the family who is still wearing the garment. Many families on the project have found the service the Thrift Shop offers, desirable. It is now open Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Donations are always welcomed and there is a great demand for shoes and undergarments.

Mr. Leathers wrote the following letter to the ladies regarding the renting of the building:

"Dear Thrift Shop Sponsors: I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting the use of Mr. Mack's little house across the street from Dr. Primes' residence for your Thrift Shop. Since the Boy Scouts are using the house no longer, you are perfectly welcome to it. Go right in and fix it up as you see fit. So far as I know you can have it indefinitely, rent free. You are doing a wonderful work and deserve all the assistance that any of us can render. By their works ye shall know them." Yours very truly, W. LEATHERS."

L. C. TODD BRINGS BREEDING STOCK FROM OAKLAND SHOW

Logan C. Todd brought some fine breeding stock home from the Oakland Turkey Show held at Oakland, Oregon, December 17th to 19th. A yearling Tom that placed fourth in a class of sixty birds is now numbered among Todd's flock of birds.

This bird is a pure bred Bird Brother's strain Tom and is to be mated with ten Bird Brother pullets shipped in by Mr. Todd earlier in the year. This mating should produce some exceptional breeding stock.

Mr. Todd says he held the winning Bronze pullet during judging, owned by Mrs. Willard Hermeston which she valued at \$200.

BULLDOGS DEFEAT BOARDMAN 24-16 IN FIRST GAME FRIDAY

(From the Bulldog)

The Bulldog hoopers surged forward Friday, December 19, at the auditorium to defeat the Boardman quintet 24-16.

Playing throughout the game was very rugged. The Hermiston team started the play with a swift rush down the floor, which resulted in a basket.

The Bulldogs were able to keep the lead throughout the game. At the end of the second and fourth quarter Coach Cochran replaced the regulars with the second string.

The lineup follows: L. F. Martin R. F. Pierce C. Bowman R. G. Klages Substitutes: Neary, Hunt, Cox, Harris, and Reeves.

RUTH BENSEL EMPLOYED AT HERALD OFFICE THIS WEEK

The Hermiston Herald staff will spend the Christmas vacation their separate ways. Miss Ruth Benseal will work in the office during the absence of Miss Stoop who left Wednesday afternoon for Soda Springs, Idaho, where she will spend part of the holidays. Enroute home Miss Stoop will stop a few days in Elgin, Oregon, to visit friends and relatives, and will return to Hermiston January 3. Alfred Quiring will visit with his parents in Dallas, Ore., returning Sunday evening. Miss Benseal will be in charge of the office during his absence.

OFFICERS INSTALLED IN EASTERN STAR TUESDAY DEC. 22

POT LUCK LUNCH AND PROGRAM ENJOYED BY MANY.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, honor guests, to Celebrate Golden Wedding Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell were honor guests at the regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star held Tuesday evening at the Masonic Hall, and will celebrate their golden wedding December 28. Mrs. Story sang "Love's Old Sweet Song," and Mrs. Fredericks gave a reading. On behalf of the Chapter, Mrs. Waterman presented a bouquet of yellow roses, snapdragons and chrysanthemums.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Mrs. Nettie Sloan, Worthy Matron; Claude McCall, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Edith Clark, Associate Matron; Frank Sloan, Associate Patron; Mrs. Hattie Hann, Conductress; Miss Elva Berry, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Kathryn Carner, Secretary; Mrs. Winifred Norton, Treasurer; Mrs. Florence Connor, Chaplin; Mrs. Belle Sheesley, Marshal; Mrs. Edith Hoggart, Adah; Mrs. Nadine Hills, Ruth; Mrs. Cloe Refvem, Esther; Mrs. Edna Barrager, Martha; Mrs. Rena Waterman, Electa; Mrs. Beatrice Christopherson, Warden; and Miles Barrager, Sentinel.

After the installation of officers, Mrs. Bada Sloan Seaton, retiring Worthy Matron, was presented with a Past Matron's ring. Mrs. Seaton also received congratulations on her marriage that day to Robert Seaton. The marriage came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Seaton's many friends.

A pot luck lunch and Christmas tree concluded the evening.

ALONG THE CONCRETE

Our Frank Swayze adorning our streets once more during the Christmas holidays and greeting his friends with a cheery smile. We must not disallow our University students by not returning their accustomed "hello."

Swayze, Norton, and Deeter at the first National Bank are working under difficulties this week, so they say. We would say "perilous" difficulties as the kaismine-slingers work furiously above their heads. Its a lucky break that they are not mud-slingers.

A number of delicate operations were being performed this week in Dr. A. W. Christopherson's office which will eventually turn out successfully. The office is a cluttered-up mess at present, but as soon as the carpenter-surgeons have finished in the surgery, everything will be tranquil again.

It has been rumored that Bert Jon's attention has been arrested by a delegation of three local matrons who are workers on the relief committee. Later they met in the Hermiston Light & Power office and drew J. A. Clark into the controversy. The last to arrive was Rev. Wallace Jones. The latter arrival on the scene makes it sound bad for Nation.

The Reeves family unloading along the concrete, each going his separate way. Dad Reeves has been on the sick list but is able to chauffeur his family about again.

Spring surely is not far away now that Tom Fraser has waylaid several old cronies in front of the Oregon Hardware and instantly becomes the center in making conversation.

Our prospective candidate for Senator from the second congressional district trying to locate R. G. Penney Tuesday to bowl him out for not being present at Grange Monday night. R. G. needs a secretary to "make a not of it" for these important meetings.

The editor of this column wishes all the victims of "along the concrete" a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. During our absence over the Christmas holidays we hope everything goes O. K. with our many friends. We will be gone over the first of the year so you never can tell what will happen.

