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INFLUENZA HITS COMMUNITY WITH WIDE EPIDEMIC

BOARD VOTES TO CLOSE SCHOOL TUESDAY P. M.

Health Officer Suggests Cancellation of All Planned Public Gatherings; Epidemic on Increase.

The Hermiston schools were closed Tuesday following the action of the board that afternoon. Seventy-two students were absent in the grade school Tuesday and 28 from high school, due to influenza, according to a report made by Supt. R. H. McAttee.

The spread of the influenza epidemic in this community is on the increase and Dr. A. W. Christopher, public health officer, makes the following statement: "All planned public gatherings for the next week should be dispensed with, in order to take all possible precaution against unnecessary spread of the influenza epidemic."

Christmas programs planned by the Methodist church for Friday has been cancelled. The regular Sunday school and church services will be held Sunday at the churches, according to announcements made today. Two of the churches are planning to substitute a "white gift Christmas" for the planned program. The idea is to bring gifts wrapped in white paper to the church for distribution to homes or to the relief committee. These gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree, labeled as to contents. The Christmas spirit will be spread to many homes in this way.

The influenza epidemic in Umatilla, Boardman, and Irrigon is now under control due to the closing of schools and dispensing with all public gatherings possible. The Umatilla schools have been closed for two weeks, and the Reith school, near Pendleton, closed this week, according to Harvey DeMoss, principal.

Influenza in probably the most virulent form since the plague of 1918, now is sweeping over Oregon and southwestern Washington, health officers in the two states said today. Schools have been closed and the sick list is estimated at several thousand. Three deaths were reported from The Dalles within one week.

Whole families have been stricken with the influenza here and some are quite severe. It has not reached the point where quarantine is necessary but everyone is requested to use every precaution in preventing the spread of the epidemic.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
December 15	23	-7
December 16	31	-5
December 17	27	-9
December 18	28	-20
December 19	47	-23
December 20	53	-27
December 21	49	-25

There was .16 precipitation.

LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS Unit No. 37

A short program was enjoyed by those attending the Legion-Auxiliary pot luck dinner last Friday night in the Odd Fellow hall. Following the dinner, Miss Myrtle Clayton and Mrs. J. M. Norton played a piano duet; and Paty Best and Virginia Todd entertained with the "Raindeer" clog dance. Members of the Legion failed to produce their number as promised but substituted by leading in a half hour of assembly singing.

At the regular business meeting of the Auxiliary a committee of three was appointed to see that the Christmas boxes were packed and delivered. Members appointed on the committee are: Mrs. Harry Kelley, child welfare chairman, Mrs. G. D. Best, and Mrs. Lyle Tilden.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be Wednesday, December 29, at the home of Mrs. Enos Martin.

The Legion and Auxiliary wish to express their thanks to the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co., and the Hermiston Drug Co., for the gifts of toys to be used in spreading Christmas cheer through the child-welfare department.

PROGRAM MARKS CLOSE OF EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

As the closing feature of a four weeks evangelistic campaign, a program was given Monday night at the Hermiston Union church by Miss Glenna Stevens, artist, song leader, and young peoples worker. Evangelist Teddy Leavitt closed his services for the Hermiston Union church Sunday night and assisted Miss Stevens in her program Monday before leaving on the midnight train for his home in Eugene.

Miss Stevens gave several readings, vocal solos, and drew two pictures. She was assisted in the program by Mrs. J. M. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark, Elwin Knapp, and Mr. Leavitt.

Miss Stevens left Monday night following the program for her home near Monmouth where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

FIRE MARSHAL URGES PRECAUTIONS AT CHRISTMAS.

Salem, Oregon, Dec. 17.—As the Christmas holidays draw near, State Fire Marshall A. H. Averill reminds us of precautions which should be taken to insure the fullest enjoyment of these festivities which so universally center about the home. Up to a few years ago, before the Fire Marshall Department inaugurated extensive campaigns against carelessness, Christmas casualties resulting from unsafe decoration and celebration practices were all too numerous and fatal.

First of all, the Christmas tree should be placed several feet away from any heating or lighting fixture and fastened securely so it cannot topple over. Lighted candles, even in this age of electricity, sometimes are used as ornaments on trees and in windows, but since this is a hazardous practice it never should be permitted. Many children and adults have been burned to death in fires originating in this way. Strings of miniature electric bulbs are far safer, but care should be exercised in their use, for short circuits and contacts of the hot bulbs with flimsy ornaments are likely to start fires, as are cheap cotton extension cords.

Ornaments that are either slow burning or incombustible are recommended for trees and room decorations instead of paper, cotton or other burnable materials. As an additional protection, costumes and decorations may be partially fire-proofed with the following solution: Two ounces of carbonate of soda; two ounces of amonia carbonate; two ounces of boric acid and five gallons of water. The mixture should be allowed to come to a boil and then be strained and sprayed upon the material to be protected.

DESCRIPTION OF WYANDOTTE CAVE GIVEN STUDENTS.

The following article was written for the high school paper "The Bulldog" but due to lack of adequate space in the paper, it was omitted. The description is vivid and interesting, consequently it is being printed in the Herald.

The article follows: "The following is a very brief description of part of Wyandotte Cave, located in the southern part of Indiana, about thirty miles from Louisville, Kentucky. This is by Rev. J. O. Sibert, who spoke on the subject before the Hermiston Union high school assembly just after Thanksgiving.

"With only a limited space it is impossible to describe in any detail many of the rooms of the cave, so I am going to tell you a few tight places I've been in, and which you, too, would encounter in a trip through the Wyandotte Cave.

"One of the first is Fat Man's Misery. Nearly all the different rooms of the cave have picturesque names—names which come either from the person discovering them, or are definitely descriptive of some characteristic of the place itself. In this last class comes Fat Man's Misery. Many of you, even, might find squeezing through it not so easy, but it will seem ample beside some of the other places, so I pass it hurriedly. Near the end of what is called the "Long Route" of the new cave there is what is really a test of one's avoirdupois. Here, at the entrance to Milroy's Temple, the guide weeds out, to some extent, the party. The passage of Worm Alley is one not at all easy, even impossible to some, and it would be extremely unwise to allow anyone, for instance, who has heart trouble to attempt it. Assuming that you are possessed of a strong heart, we begin. The mode of travel is creeping—back to babyhood you go.

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LOCAL STORES WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY.

Local merchants will close their stores on Monday following Christmas day. Sufficient supplies should be purchased to last over the two-day holiday. Stores will be open late both Friday and Saturday nights.

Seitz Home Burns.

The home of C. Seitz in Minnehaha district was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, December 14. A defective flu is said to have been the cause of the blaze which was not discovered until it had enveloped the inside of the house. Mr. Seitz was returning from milking when he noticed the flare about the chimney, and it had made such headway that he was unable to save a thing. The damage was not covered by insurance. Mr. Seitz is staying at the home of W. H. Starr.

STUDENT BODY ENTERTAINED BY EVANGELIST & HELPER.

(From "The Bulldog") "Teddy" Leavitt, state evangelist, and Miss Glenna Stevens, artist and young peoples worker, entertained the student body for half an hour Wednesday, December 14.

Mr. Leavitt gave an instructive talk, and Miss Stevens drew a picture of Mt. Hood, which was given to Mr. Knapp in appreciation for the help given by the music department during the meetings.

Debate Team Selected.

(From "The Bulldog") Tryouts for places on the debate team to represent Hermiston were held Friday, December 16. Students making the team are: Ed Bessel and Don Serell, affirmative; and Margaret Felthouse and Mary Ward, negative.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank everyone for their kindness to our wife and mother during her illness, and those who kindly helped us in our bereavement.
MR. AND MRS. GERALD WHITE
W. C. GROGAN
L. W. RUST

BULLDOG QUINTET OPENS SEASON BY SPLITTING GAMES

LOCAL TEAMS SPLIT DOUBLE HEADER AT ECHO.

Seconds Win 13-4 While Regulars Were Unable to Beat Echo in First Game of Season.

The Hermiston high basketball squad opened its schedule Wednesday evening on the Echo court by splitting a double-header 13-4 and 8-12. The opener, played between the Hermiston and Echo second teams, provided an abundance of thrills and showed that the Bulldog reserves have strength. The Bullpups, led by Morris Mullins and Burke Doyle, set tied down during the second half and sunk baskets in rapid succession much to the consternation of the Echoites. Good defensive games played by Clark Paul, Floyd Pierce, and Jack Reeves enabled the Bullpups to win 13-4.

In the game between the first teams which followed, the Echo quintet proved too strong for the Bulldog regulars by winning 12-8. Time after time the Hermiston team would get the ball under the basket but scoring weakness kept the ball from entering the hoop.

The Echo squad opened the scoring with a shot from under the Bulldog goal during the first quarter. Boyman, Bulldog center, then evened the count but the quarter ended 4-2 for Echo.

During the second quarter the Echo team gained a 10-4 lead which the Bulldogs were unable to overcome. The third quarter was fairly even although the Bulldogs had possession of the ball the majority of the time. With the score 10-6, at the opening of the fourth quarter, the Echo team took the ball on the tip-off and scored its first basket of the evening. The count at the final (Continued on last page.)

HERMISTON TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS LEAVE FOR HOME

The multitude of Hermiston school children are celebrating Christmas as never before. The reason perhaps, is that two-thirds of the public school teaching staff have packed their suitcases and left for extended visits over the holidays with mother and dad.

A few of the teachers will remain in town, however. Among those are Henry Harger, Wallace Cochran, Miss Jessie Brierly, Miss Eva Bartsch, and Supt. R. H. McAttee.

Among those going away are Miss Magdolene Buck, who will be at home in North Dakota; Catherine McBain, Vancouver, Wn.; Margaret Elliott, Knappa, Or.; Ingrid Boling, Portland; Esther Sibert, Colfax, Wn.; Mary Petri, Portland; Rachel Sloan, Stanfield; Minnie Holm, Minnesota; Clarence Henning, Rosalia, Wn.; and Elwin Knapp, Hood River, Or.

Dividend Paid by Creamery.

A dividend has been paid to members of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery for the first half of 1932, to the amount of \$3000. Checks were mailed to members this week in time for Christmas shopping. B. E. Sykes, manager, said.

FAKE CROP RACKETS MEET HARD SLEDDING IN OREGON.

Fake crop rackets have become increasingly unprofitable in Oregon in recent years as farmers have learned to seek unbiased information, usually available from the extension service or experiment station, before putting out good money for "miracle" crops, reports G. R. Hyslop, head of farm crops at Oregon State college.

"In the old days a promoter could get into a district and unload a lot of fake material and be gone before responsible agricultural authorities heard about it," says Hyslop. "Wider use of farm newspapers, the radio, and extension and research workers have done much in Oregon to prevent these rackets getting very far."

POST OFFICE WILL CLOSE CHRISTMAS DAY AND MONDAY.

It has been announced by Mrs. Leila Phelps, local postmistress, that "The Postmaster General has announced all city, village, and rural carrier deliveries and window service will be suspended on Christmas day and the following Monday."

Consequently, the public should make every effort toward having all Christmas matter mailed and delivered before that day. Special delivery parcels will be delivered and mail received on both days will be distributed in the post office boxes, as usual.

ANNIVERSARY OF STATE OF OREGON CELEBRATED.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the creation of the State of Oregon as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the City of Medford, will be fittingly celebrated in Medford, Oregon, during the second week in June, 1934, according to plans released here today by the Medford Chamber of Commerce, and an invitation to the citizens of this area to attend a celebration was also received.

Committees to prepare for the celebration have already been appointed by the Medford Chamber, and will begin at once to prepare plans for the big event, which has been announced at this time in order to insure the priority of the Peas City in staging the official Diamond Jubilee celebration for the State of Oregon.

Medford, and its neighboring city, Jacksonville, are admirably situated for the proposed jubilee, the former being a modern, well-equipped city, and the latter, one of Oregon's oldest and most historic communities. The combination of the old and the new will enable the thousands of visitors expected to attend the event to compare the advancement of Southern Oregon over a period of nearly a century.

In addition to the celebration itself, the city of Medford is planning on extending invitations to a large number of organizations to hold their 1934 conventions in that city, in the hope of making the entire year of 1934 a jubilee year in southern Oregon.

CAST OF ELEVEN CHOSEN FOR THREE-ACT FARCE.

(From "The Bulldog")

"If you are contemplating suicide, come to me for instruction. Don't be a bungler. Do it with dispatch." The seniors will tell you how in that hilarious farce "The Suicide Specialist" to be presented in the early part of February, under the direction of Miss Sibert, class adviser. Come and see Dr. Milton lead his patients to the very brink of death in all its horror.

Practice has already begun and the play promises to be a good representation of the last stand of '33.

The cast is as follows: Miss Randolph Juanita Wells
Miss Bedford Lottie Knapp
Dr. Chas. Milton Glenn Hamman
Inspector Nolan Eugene Hanby
Prof. S. Mansfield Charles Wells
Clara Kingston, Margaret Felthouse
Madame Natchel Mary Ward
Robert Wareham David Arnott
Ralph Norwell Glenn Pierson
Fannie Palmouth Rachel Buell
Lila Beverly Beryl Clark

Time to Poison Sparrows.

Now is the time to poison the Sparrow, according to Assistant County Agent Best. The formula for poisoning wheat which may be put out for the pests is available at the County Agent's office. The birds carry disease and are the most harmful in this way.

Subtly and Dramatic Action Mark Current Feature at Oasis Theatre

Two outstanding qualities of "Attorney for the Defense," picture showing at the Oasis Theatre Friday Saturday, and Sunday, contribute much of entertainment value that the film has—fine dramatic action and subtlety. The two strike a nice balance and the result is an attractive film for everyone.

Suspense is maintained throughout the picture and one is kept guessing as to the outcome until the last scene. Edmund Lowe, who heads the cast as the great attorney, is also great lover. He is true to character and gives the necessary touch of realism to the role. Other members who give especially good performances are Evelyn Brent and Constance Cummings.

On this same bill there is a good two-reel comedy and a Krazy Kat cartoon.

GRASS VALLEY WOMAN DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

MOTHER OF MRS. G. WHITE SUCCUMBS AFTER ILLNESS.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday at Prann's Funeral Parlors; Interment Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. L. W. Rust were held Tuesday, December 20, in the Prann Funeral Parlors at 10:00 A. M., with Rev. W. E. Jones conducting the service. The body was taken to Heppner where interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Rust passed to her last reward Sunday night, December 17, after a serious illness extending over a period of three years. She has spent the greater part of the last three years of illness in Hermiston with her daughter, Mrs. Gerald White, and passed away in the Hermiston hospital where she had been receiving care for the past three weeks.

Louise Rust was born in Springfield, Illinois, March 11, 1884, and was but 48 years, nine months, and six days old at the time of her death. She was married to Chas. Grogan, June, 1901, in Webb City, Montana, where she lived until August. She moved to Heppner, Or., in August, 1912, from Ava, Missouri, and then lived in Portland, Or., for a number of years. She was married to L. W. Rust of Grass Valley, Or., in March, 1928. She had spent the greater part of the last three years of illness at Hermiston, staying with her daughter, Mrs. Gerald White.

Mrs. Rust is survived by her husband, L. W. Rust of Grass Valley, Or.; one daughter, Mrs. Gerald White of Hermiston, Or.; one son, W. C. Grogan of Sequim, Wn.; her mother, Mrs. Louisa Currier of Kansas City, Montana; two brothers and sisters, all of Montana.

NUT ORCHARDS PROFITABLE BUT COSTLY TO ESTABLISH.

Walnut growing is one farming enterprise still showing fair profits even under present adverse conditions, general reports indicate, hence there is considerable interest in the business.

It is a long road and a fairly expensive one, however, from raw land to a 12-year old bearing walnut orchard, points out A. S. Burrier, farm management specialist at Oregon State college who is conducting in cooperation with the federal department of agriculture an economic study of walnut growing, started at the request of the organized growers.

To bring an orchard to profitable bearing, which is ordinarily 12 years of age, costs a total of \$341 per acre, according to records obtained from 41 growers. Of this amount \$151 per acre is the first year's operations, and \$14.19 per acre is the annual cost thereafter granting that other crops are grown between the trees to cut down the cost.

All of this is not cash cost, of course, particularly in the case of an orchard grown on a general farm. The average cash outlay for growing costs was found to be \$75 per acre, mostly accounted for in trees, taxes and hired labor. A preliminary report of the study is available free in mimeographed form.

ALONG THE CONCRETE

Well, we'll either have beer by Christmas or have beer as usual. Judging by the vote in the House on the Collier beer bill, we might suppose that it's wet enough for the lame ducks to take a real swim.

Technocracy, the latest thing in philosophies of government, has taken the nation by storm, but we're still hoping that Santa Claus beats it to Hermiston.

O. O. Felthouse and "Hesey" Wat son have been coming home all tired out every night this week. That is the story they tell their wives—How do they get by with it? All they do is sit in a school bus and drive it forward and then back up a few feet while the other men do the real work of putting in the summer's ice. We would say that their story is nothing but a "cullud" tale.

