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HENRY E. HITT VICTIM GUNSHOT WOUND; WEDNESDAY

CORONER'S JURY DECLARED DEATH ACCIDENTAL

Body Found On South Slope of Hermiston Butte; No Funeral Arrangements Made Today.

The body of Henry E. Hitt, 45, prominent Hermiston business man and sportsman, was found late Wednesday night on the south slope of the Butte one mile northwest of town, with a bullet wound through his head.

Mr. Hitt left his place of business about mid-afternoon on a hunting and target shooting expedition saying he would return late in the day to relieve the man in the store. When he failed to return at the expected time a small searching party was sent out but were unsuccessful in locating him. The party returned and a general alarm was given which sent many of his friends and associates on the search that lasted for several hours.

The body was found some time between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock p. m. near a fence on the south slope of the Butte, with a rifle by its side.

A coroner's jury this morning declared death accidental. The inquest was held at the Prann Funeral Parlors where the body had been taken after Bob Folsom, coroner's deputy from Pendleton, had arrived at the scene. The jury was composed of Grant Walker, Floyd Knerr, J. M. Norton, H. T. Fraser, N. R. Mueller, and Earl Carson, all of Hermiston.

Mr. Hitt came to Hermiston from Jefferson, Oregon, more than 20 years ago, and has been one of the town's most outstanding citizens. He has taken a leading part in all civic affairs and directed Red Cross work whenever his services were needed. He has represented this community in all game interests and has always planted fish and game on the project. He is known throughout the state as a great sportsman, and his pool hall and confectionery has served as a sportsman's headquarters at all times.

As a Mason, Mr. Hitt was a good member, and transferred his membership from the Jefferson order to Hermiston February 24, 1923. He was also a member of the Elk lodge.

His widow, a daughter, Dorothy of Portland, and a son, Dick, of Lebanon, survive him. Funeral arrangements had not been made today.

STANFIELD NEWS NOTES

A large and appreciative audience witnessed the presentation of the Ladies Aid play, "The Family Failing" which was given Friday night. Mrs. Cora Olday directed the production. She was assisted behind the scenes by Mildred Peregine, Catherine Olday, Bob Rogers, and Fredrick Olday. Vivian Croner as Mrs. Dale succeeded in having a heart attack whenever convenient or when she chose to outwit her spinster sister, Irene. Billy Hedrick, who was her ambitious guest. The parts of Betty and Dean, her lover, were ably taken by Myrta Martin and Frank Laird. Nora, the aged maid, who limped about the house carrying Betty's wedding gifts, and Peter, her faithful lover, were impersonated by Elva Berry and Joe Meyers. Their appearance on the stage never failed to bring a ripple of laughter. Cecile, Betty's friend, was played by Sophronia Rhea and Philip Craig. Mrs. Dale, favorite enemy, by Harry Laird. The acting was cleverly done and each part fitted well.

Preceding the play several musical numbers were received. The Harry Dunn ranch on the Meadows will be farmed by Frank Walker of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are now living on the place. An hour of music will take the place of the regular Sunday morning sermon at the Presbyterian church February 5. Chorus numbers vocal solos, violin and piano selections will be given.

Saturday evening, the W. G. Wallace home was the scene of the third of a series of bridge dinners given by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Starkweather and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wallace. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sires, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hood, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Harle Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Miles C. Barager, Mrs. Harry Rees, and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hayden.

On Friday evening the farm home of Earl Rugg, three miles northeast of Stanfield was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Rugg had gone to town early in the evening. Neighbors discovered the blaze and succeeded in removing household goods from the lower floor, but nothing was saved from the upper floor. The place is better known as the Severance of Knapp farm. The Ruggs moved here from Pendleton last fall.

Miss Berry was hostess to the Monday Bridge club at the home of her sister Mrs. M. Refvem. Mrs. James Lane scored high and Mrs. Adolph Hayden second high. Besides the members the following guests were present: Mrs. Cora Olday, Mrs. James Lane, Mrs. Adolph Hayden, and Ernest Sires.

Harry Rees, who was taken to St. Anthony's hospital last week, is reported to be slowly improving. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Martin and family of Ukiah have moved into the Lane house east of Hoosier's garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sherry will leave Thursday for Enterprise where they will make their home.

W. P. Trumbull and son Bobbie went to Portland Friday, returning Friday afternoon.

Friday, Monday because of the death of Mr. Parsley's mother. Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw have taken apartments above Kinney's confectionery.

The regular Grange meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 6. Several candidates will be obligated. Motion pictures, program numbers, and refreshments will be special features.

E. L. Sewell of Elgin, Or., will farm that portion of the Dunning ranch known as the hillside acreage. The board of directors of the Grange of Stanfield-Hermiston held a meeting Saturday night at the home of the chairman J. M. Richards. Members of the board include L. L. Mossie, A. S. Power, C. M. McCall, F. B. Stuart, and Mr. Richards.

The H. E. club is sponsoring a benefit card party in the Grange hall Friday evening. Bridge, "500", pinocle, and other games will be in play. Door prizes as well as high and low score prizes will be given. The main door prize is a quilted applique spread. This affair is open to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rugg are temporarily located on the S. R. Archer place. They plan to rebuild on their farm to replace the house recently burned.

The study club met at the E. A. Hoosier home Thursday. Mrs. W. G. Wallace presided during the business meeting. Mrs. J. M. Richards had charge of the literary program continuing the study of Oregon writers. Mrs. Richards gave a short sketch of the life and writings of James Stevens.

Mrs. Roy Wright of Portland was a club guest. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Stuart with Mrs. T. A. O'Grady as program chairman.

Umatilla town team won the basketball game over Stanfield town team Saturday night, in the score of 21-31.

Senior Play Postponed. As a tribute of respect to the late Henry Hitt, the senior class play which was to have been presented Friday night, has been cancelled. This announcement was given out by Supt. McAtee.

WIFE OF MISSING MAN FORMER TEACHER HERE.

Henry J. Hasbrouck of Petersburg, Alaska, who has been missing since December, was the husband of the former Miss Ellen Hill, instructor in Latin and girl's basketball coach in the Hermiston schools several years ago. The story in detail follows:

"Word received here from Alaska indicates that hope has been abandoned for finding Henry J. Hasbrouck, 41, of Petersburg, Alaska, alive. Mr. Hasbrouck was a former resident Portland. He left Petersburg December 27 to trap on Petersburg lake, and no trace has been found since.

"He was a veteran of the World war, serving in France for 10 months with the 111th engineers, 36th division. He has a wife, Ellen, and two small daughters, Mary Ellen and Ruth Christine; five brothers, Edwin and Leon of Petersburg, Fred of Grayland, Jack of Simpson's camp and Harold of Elma; a sister, Angie Carter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hasbrouck, of Olympia."—The Journal.

Build New Residence.

A new California bungalow is being constructed on the A. W. Purdy ranch in Columbia district. Construction started last week with Julian Morfitt, son-in-law to Mr. Purdy, and Otto Miller and Emil Bettlinger, all of Portland doing the carpenter work. When completed the house will have 5 rooms; a living room, bedroom, kitchen, breakfast nook, bath, sleeping porch, with a basement and furnace room. The Purdy's have been living in a temporarily constructed building which will now be used for a garage.

Auto License Exams Again.

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Hermiston, Tuesday, February 7th, at the city library, between the hours of 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley during these hours.

Co-op. Meetings Scheduled.

The annual meeting for the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston has been scheduled in the afternoon of Friday, February 10, and the annual meeting of the Grange Co-operative will be held in the evening on that same day in Stanfield.

Purchase Farm Home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McPherson have purchased the farm known as the old Fred Prann place west of town and will move there in the near future. The farm has 5-acres and is located on Hermiston avenue.

As soon as house renovations are completed the McPhersons will move.

ENTHUSIASM WAXES HOT IN ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Upper Columbia League Standing

Team	W	L	Per.
Umatilla	3	0	1.000
Irrigon	2	1	.666
Boardman	1	1	.500
Stanfield	1	2	.333
Hermiston	0	3	.000

The Upper Columbia Athletic League pennant race tightened this week when Umatilla came to first place with wins over Boardman and Stanfield. Irrigon slipped to second place registering a win over the local Black Hawks and losing to Stanfield. Although the Black Hawks are in the cellar at the present time they still have a chance to end the season near the top of the list.

Last Saturday night the Hermiston team journeyed to Boardman where an exciting rough house was held. Boardman's superior line baffled the Hermiston sharpshooters and won the game 25-8 for Boardman. Steelhammer starred for the winning team. Those playing for the Black Hawks were G. Hammon and Howard Klages, forwards; Hugh Roberts, center; Everett Hammon and Walt Jendrzelewski, guards. Substitutions included Al Quiring, Chas. Wells, Chester Johnson, and Bob Yearner.

Girl's Team Scores.

The local girl's town team scored its second victory of the season Wednesday night when it won from a Umatilla girl's team 20-18. This game was most exciting throughout, with the local girls forging into the lead to win the game at the last moment.

Bulldogs Shaping Up.

The Bulldog quintet is preparing to meet the Echo basketballers in the local auditorium tonight (Thursday). Earlier in the season Echo won over the Bulldogs 12-8. Both teams have developed considerably since that time and should be fairly even. Saturday evening Coach Cochran and his team will play lone at Iona.

Unable to hit their stride in either game played last week end the Bulldogs fell before the Umatilla five 21-5 and the Boardman team held the best of a 24-18 score at the end of a hard fought game.

Locomotive to World's Fair.

One of the first locomotive engines ever driven over the Northern Pacific railway by Ed Prann, father of Mrs. H. E. Shesely, will be taken to Chicago where it will be shown at the World's Fair, later to be placed in a museum. This information was sent to Mrs. Shesely recently. The engine was one of the first to cross the Rocky mountains and was constructed in 1873.

Benefit Dance Postponed.

The Masonic benefit dance set for Saturday night, February 4th, has been postponed. Dates will be announced in the future.

FRESHMEN LEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The freshmen of the Hermiston Union high school figure in the honor roll for the third six weeks, having the largest number of members named on the list. The names of those appearing on the roll are as follows:

Seniors—Glen Pierson and Mary Ward.

Juniors—Edith Clarke, Anna Ray Martin, Marjorie Shafer, Betty Ralph, Dale Wells.

Sophomores—Florence Lewis, Neva Richards, Mary Rodda, Edna Turnbull.

Freshmen—Eleanor Dawson, Bill Jackson, Roella Matott, Wanda Needles, Barbara Reid, June Richards.

DEBATE ON TAXATION WILL BE HEARD AT LIBERTY MEETING

A public discussion of taxation will be held at the Liberty party meeting Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Hermiston Union church. Members of the high school debate team, which is under the direction of Henry Harger, will discuss the subject. "Resolved that more than one-half of all state and local revenue should be derived from sources other than tangible property."

Annual Creamery Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery will be held Saturday, February 4, in the Methodist church starting in the morning and continuing all day. A free lunch will be served at noon in the basement of the church by the ladies of the Methodist Ladies Aid.

Baby Chick Pool Uncertain.

No definite plans were made at a poultry meeting held last Friday afternoon in the library for a baby chick pool. Sufficient orders were pooled, however, to make a 10,000 order to the local "Vigorbilt" Hatchery.

Elected to National Honorary.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Jan. 31—Walther Ott of Hermiston, junior in agriculture at Oregon State college, recently was elected to membership in Alpha Zeta, national professional agriculture fraternity. The annual initiation will be held February 1.

Members of Alpha Zeta are elected from the junior and senior classes on a basis of scholarship, leadership and character.

Americans Read Newspapers.

The American people spend twice as much time reading newspapers as they do magazines, says the American Newspaper Publisher's association after a survey. They peruse newspapers five times as much as they do books. We read newspapers on the average of forty-five minutes a day.

LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS Unit No. 37

At the regular meeting of the Unit last Thursday night six candidates were initiated. The new members include Mrs. Anna Carson, Mrs. Clara Stone, Mrs. Adelpa Kelley, Mrs. Lota Kelley, Mrs. Anita Moore, and Miss Myrnie Clayton.

Various interesting standing committee reports were given including an announcement by Mrs. Marie Todd that the history is now complete, to date. A letter on legislation was read by Mrs. Stella Shaar, legislative chairman. Mrs. Joan Sage was appointed by the president as chairman of the committee for "sick call and relief" and Mrs. Leah Longhorn as sewing chairman.

An essay contest on Americanism and National Defense is being conducted among the students of the freshmen history class and the winner will receive an award given by the Unit.

Poppies have started blooming in the Veterans' hospital according to the secretary. Poppy making is looked forward to by the boys, especially those who have to remain there month after month. It is their one way of earning a few pennies.

The next meeting on Thursday, February 9, will be a joint meeting with the Legion at the Masonic hall with a "pot luck" supper of sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee served after a short program. Cards are not being sent out, but come.

MYSTERY NOVEL BECOMES MYSTERY PICTURE.

"The Old Dark House", which has been adapted from J. P. Priestley's famous mystery novel by the same name, will be on the Oasis screen Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The picture is filled with thrills and suspense. No one can tell just what is going to happen. As a result there is illusion, which gives one an opportunity to exercise the imagination. Unlike some other mysteries of the breath taking variety the tragedy is always threatening but never eventuates.

The atmosphere of eerie mystery centered in an isolated old English farm house, is maintained in every character, some of whom look capable of most fiendish crimes. Just what happens in this foreboding house on that wild night when a group of strangely assorted men and women are marooned there by a terrific storm is sufficient to raise the hair on one's head. However, in spite of its grim setting, there is a contrasting of comedy and lightness.

This mystery proves to be different from many of its predecessors in the fact that though weird from start to finish it is without a single murder even though there are many occasions when sudden death looks like the only thing that can happen.

Boris Karloff as a mute mad servant is said to give one of the best portrayals of his screen career. Members in the excellent supporting cast are Gloria Stuart, Melvyn Douglas, Lillian Bond and Charles Laughlin.

Included in the supplementary program are "Call of the North," a comedy, and a Krazy Kat cartoon.

Athletic Director Appointed.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Feb. 2.—Although the board of control has taken no action so far this week toward getting a new football coach, it recently appointed Carl Lodell, graduate manager here for the last ten years, to take up Paul Schissler's duties as director of athletics. Lodell's official title will be chairman of athletics which office he will hold for the balance of the school year. Appointment of a head football coach to succeed Coach Schissler, recently resigned, is not expected for some time.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
January 26	45	20
January 27	52	33
January 28	44	22
January 29	43	29
January 30	48	27
January 31	49	32
February 1	41	31

Precipitation was .35.

Attend Conference.

Garnet D. Best, assistant county agent, W. Holt county agent, and Chas. Smith, county agent for Morrow county, left early this morning (Thursday) for The Dalles where they will attend a district conference for county agents.

TREE DESTRUCTION CONDEMNED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PROMOTE TREE PLANTING.

Club May Give Minstrel; \$15 Voted Toward Boy Scout Work; Paper on Trees Read by President.

The regular meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club was held Tuesday night in the Hermiston Hotel with nineteen members present.

The president, E. P. Dodd, announced that a tree committee would be appointed some time in the near future to try and prevent the willful destruction of trees on the project and to promote the planting of new trees.

A committee consisting of W. J. Warner, J. A. Clarke, and J. S. Burnham was appointed to look into the advisability of putting on a minstrel show in order to raise funds for the club treasury.

The membership voted \$15 toward the local Boy Scout troop.

Mr. Dodd's paper reads as follows: "On the south side of the old Maxwell field is a row of stumps, just a mile long. Just lately these yet bore splendid locust trees, towering 40 feet high and blending their branches in successful resistance to the southwesters that once so often wantonly swirled the dust into the doors and windows of homes and along the streets of our town. Shunting the forces of the wind skyward more and more year by year, since twenty years ago when McNaughts planted these monuments to human comfort and landscape beauty, these great trees lie a victim to depression and careless thought."

"And in many more spots where early-day spirited citizens planted trees the same wanton hands have been at work—work of destruction that ignorance and gross carelessness makes irreparable.

"It seems but yesterday when the winds swept in full blast across these desert plains. Sand was piled by eddies about our buildings. Dust filtered through every crevice in doors and windows. On Main street 40 mile gales zigzagged and slammed the doors of business houses. Let those of us who were here then and are here now compare the difference between the smoothness of floors and neatness and cleanliness of shelves and goods, now, and the gritty, sand strewn interiors of those early treeless days. How ditches were filled; crops destroyed; fence posts polished; young trees burned and highways filled. And recall if you will, when and how these changes were brought about.

"That long row of hedge trees just southwest of Main street was (Continued on last page)

ALONG THE CONCRETE

The Herald's worries would be over if every patron would pay his bill in advance on the very day it expires, the same as A. P. "Daddy" Bensen does. Mr. Bensen says that he makes it a "habit" to pay promptly. May more such habits be developed.

Can you beat it? Chas. McKenzie has a turkey hen, hatched in April, that had nine eggs to her credit on January 27th.

Some girls take up interior decorating and others (majority) specialize in exterior decorating. Grace Jackson has taken up the former and has been splashing paint and kalsomine all this week.

Chas. Burke has gotten a little behind on his seasons. He has been sledding all week as a means of transportation in moving to his new location.

What could be more embarrassing than to be a half hour late to work and then have to call the boss in order to tell him you have forgotten your key.

Someone was talking to H. F. Hanby about his car that was damaged by fire last week while young Hanby was driving it. The following conversation was overheard: "Didn't you have 'Pyrene' in there?"

"No," replied Mr. Hanby, "I believe her name was Irene."

One of our esteemed citizens handed City Chief of Police Pankow a book of Oregon Motorist's Laws Saturday. He left the motor of his parked car running while he dashed into the Oregon Hardware.

"Milt" Longhorn, the city's most eligible bachelor, thought he was shot when the exhaust on a passing car blew out directly behind him. From all appearances "Milt" would make a good pole vaulter.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Upper Columbia Athletic League 1933 Season

Date	Home Team	Score
JANUARY 24	Hermiston	22
JANUARY 24	Irrigon	32
JANUARY 25	Umatilla	49
JANUARY 25	Stanfield	27
JANUARY 26	Irrigon	at Hermiston
JANUARY 28	Umatilla	at Stanfield
JANUARY 28	Hermiston	at Boardman
JANUARY 31	Irrigon	at Stanfield
FEBRUARY 1	Boardman	at Umatilla
FEBRUARY 3	Umatilla	at Boardman
FEBRUARY 4	Stanfield	at Irrigon
FEBRUARY 7	Irrigon	at Umatilla
FEBRUARY 11	Boardman	at Hermiston
FEBRUARY 11	Umatilla	at Irrigon
FEBRUARY 14	Hermiston	at Stanfield
FEBRUARY 14	Boardman	at Irrigon
FEBRUARY 17	Stanfield	at Hermiston
FEBRUARY 17	Irrigon	at Boardman
FEBRUARY 21	Boardman	at Stanfield
FEBRUARY 21	Umatilla	at Hermiston
FEBRUARY 23	Hermiston	at Umatilla
FEBRUARY 24	Stanfield	at Boardman

Any of these dates may be changed by mutual consent of the two teams.



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