

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.—Henry Ward Beecher

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## HERMISTON HI WINS DISTRICT DEBATE TOURNEY

AWARDED 11 OUT OF POSSIBLE 12 POINTS.

Pendleton Wins Second Place; Last Year's Team Participated In State Finals.

The Hermiston Union high school debating squad is again headed toward the state championship finals after winning the district tournament held in Pendleton, Saturday, March 15. Last year the local team defeated all teams in state except Medford, in the final tournament which was broadcast over station KOAC at Corvallis. Members of the team were Edith Clarke and Don Serell.

Hermiston high school with eleven points out of a possible twelve, won first, while Pendleton, with six points, won second, Umatilla, with three points, was third, and Heppner with one point, fourth. Hermiston's wins in the two rounds were four; Pendleton's, two; Umatilla's, one; and Heppner's, none.

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## STANFIELD NEWS

By Sophronia Rhea

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Amel of Fairbanks, Alaska, spent a few days of last week at the home of Mrs. Amel's brother, Theo. Martin. Mr. Amel is an excursion bus driver and is now on his vacation.

Miss Bytha Hoskins returned home from Salem Thursday where she has been serving as a page in the legislature for the past eight weeks.

A surprise birthday party was given Friday evening honoring Tom McCormick. The evening was spent playing games. The invited guests were: Cleo, Doris and Walter Greene, Bytha Hoskins, Dorothy Shelton, Margaret and Mary Johnson, Floyd Wood, Jim Kirby, Patricia Richards, Arlie Ann Perry, Grady Christopher, Edna Vaid, Bill and Tom McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick.

Mrs. J. D. McKay and nephew Gilbert McKay of Scappoose, Ore., visited at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. E. K. McCown over the week end.

F. F. Foster was taken quite ill at his home and was removed to Pendleton to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Guye of Salt Lake City, Utah, visited their daughter Barbara Thursday and Friday. Miss Guye accompanied her parents to Pendleton where they spent the week end with Mrs. Guye's mother.

Miss Elva Berry has rented her ranch to J. F. Meade. Jess Meade and family will reside on the ranch. The question involved was the matter of federal aid to elementary and secondary schools by means of annual grants. The negative of each team and the affirmative of each team debating twice.

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## MYSTERY SHROUDS HIGH SCHOOL PLOT, MARCH 28.

The time draws near for the high school all student body play, "I Will! I Won't!", which will be presented by members of the student body March 28th, in the Oasis theatre. The director is Miss Jessie B. Brierley. The cast, which consists of lower classmen, shows great promise along the line of play acting. The plot—just read it!

This farce-comedy in three acts, occurs in the evening. The action takes place in the living room of a girls' dormitory. Anthony calls himself a "chocolate-fudge doctor" because his work as medical attendant to a group of health college girls seems idiotic as contrasted with his ambition to establish a hospital for crippled children. But Anthony finds his job more interesting when he stumbles on a mystery. He is called to attend Lucile, and he recognizes that the injured girl is not Lucile but a stranger impersonating her.

He learns that she is Lucile's cousin, Joan, who has consented to the masquerade to earn money for lessons, and that Lucile is off attending a forbidden party. Caught by Joan's pluck and charm, Anthony assists in the impersonating, thereby jeopardizing both his beloved dream of a hospital and his immediate livelihood. For, hoping to win Anthony, one of the co-eds has persuaded her father to help finance the hospital, and she has no intention of feathering a nest for Joan.

There's the dual role of Lucile and Joan. George, the colored maid, is the maid ordinary and the diplomat extraordinary. There are two smart co-ed roles, loyal, lovely and temperamental Glad. Other roles are: the majestic grandame, Mrs. Stevens; the dignified dean of women; an impressive lawyer; a genial man-about-town; a lah-dah-dah man-about-college; and there's Anthony.

Although it was outstanding both in plot and acting, the high school thinks that this play, "I Will! I Won't!", which illustrates so truthfully human nature will equal the one, Jimmie Johnson, given by them two years ago. The sturdiest and best way to prove this is to attend this production which will be held in the Oasis theatre on March 28, at 8:00 P. M.

The high school orchestra, directed by Miss Dalley, will make its debut at this performance.

## TOWNSEND CLUB FORMED; OFFICERS ELECTED

L. C. Dyer was elected president of the Townsend club formed at a meeting in Hermiston, Friday, March 15, with Dr. A. E. Marble named vice president and Mrs. F. M. Gullwitz, secretary. Another meeting has been called for Tuesday, March 26, at 8:00 p. m. in the Hermiston Union church, at which H. Stallard will be the main speaker. Mr. Stallard spoke at a similar meeting last Friday but will explain further questions on the plan.

Other meetings are scheduled for the week at Stanfield, March 22; Pilot Rock, March 25; Helix, March 29.

## CLIFFORD E. JONES

Clifford E. Jones, 71, father of R. V. Jones of Irrigon, and resident of Newberg for 15 years, died at his home Saturday, March 16. He is also survived by Mrs. C. E. Adkins and Ivan T. Newberg; LeRoy, Montesano, Wash.; Elton B. Portland, and Vane E. Jones, Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. J. C. Forther, Multnomah.

## Isaac Jay Dies.

Isaac Jay of Echo, died Sunday. He was born in Ohio, September 26, 1855 and his marriage to Elizabeth Ann Branson was in 1881. They came to Oregon in 1890 and lived in Pendleton until 1917, going from there to Hermiston and Echo to make their home. Besides his widow he is survived by the following children, Mrs. Nell Gillette, Echo; Orin Jay, Portland; Ray Jay, Echo. Edgar Jay died in 1913. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m., from the Folsom chapel in Pendleton under the auspices of the Christian Science church, with Masons, Odd-fellows and Woodmen assisting.

## PIERCE CONFIDENT OF UMATILLA DAM CONSTRUCTION

E. P. Dodd of Hermiston received encouraging news from Congressman O. C. Pierce this week in which he states that in a recent conference with the president he learned that the \$15,000,000 dam at Umatilla rapids is favored, and he believes that after the final estimate is made the \$25,000,000 dam will be earmarked as soon as the five billion dollar public works relief bill passes congress. Pierce also stated that he and Congressman Knute Hill of Washington state expect to hold a conference with the president soon after the bill passes.

Senator Steiwer also says that he believes there never was a time when the chances for construction of the Umatilla dam were greater than at the present. He states that the Oregon delegation is watching every turn closely and will ask for allocation of funds immediately upon the passage of the public works bill.

## CONTOUR MAP MADE OF COMMUNITY PARK SITE

The survey and ground work for the Hermiston Community park was completed last week and a contour map made which suggests position for golf course lake, athletic field, fair buildings and other proposed park projects. Blueprints will be made and sent to the landscape engineer who will draw up plans for the park.

Work on individual projects will be applied for through SERA headquarters, and not as a one unit park project, F. C. McKenzie said.

## GLADYS SWARNER ACTIVE IN SPORTS AT O.S.C.

Gladys Swarner, senior in education at Oregon State college, was recently initiated into Orange "O", athletic club for girls on that campus. She was also awarded an Orange "O" sweater.

"To be eligible for Orange 'O' a girl must have been on 10 class or house teams in any of the various sports which include basketball, volleyball, archery, badminton, tennis, baseball, hockey, swimming, horseback and golf. She must not have missed more than three practices and must have played in at least half of the games in which her team took part.

Besides activities in sports a girl must have a posture grade of at least seven and possess the quality of sportsmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan arrived Wednesday night from Corvallis and are at the home of Mrs. Morgan's father, J. A. Reeves. Mr. Morgan has been attending O.S.C. the past two terms and will now be employed by the state highway department.

## LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES WILL HOLD SESSION.

Topics that will range from city planning to city budgets, civil service, fire dispatch systems and many other phases of government, all of interest to city officials, will be on the program for the tenth annual session of the League of Oregon Cities, to which officials of Hermiston have been invited. It was announced today. The session, which will be part of the annual Commonwealth conference, will be held at the University of Oregon March 25 and 26. Governor Martin, E. S. Draper, director of land planning for the Tennessee Valley Authority; Earl Snell, secretary of state for Oregon; C. W. Ham, director of the field service for the American Municipal Association; Marshall N. Dana, district chairman of the National Resources Board; and other nationally known authorities will speak to the city officials.

Officials of this city who have been invited to attend include: Mayor F. C. McKenzie, Recorder Chas. Taylor, Attorney W. J. Warner, Treasurer O. C. Pierce, Police Chief H. A. Fankow, Fire Chief Geo. Wagner, Health Officer A. W. Christopherson, and Councilmen B. S. Kingsley, N. R. Mueller, F. F. Knerr, B. Haneline and M. L. Watson.

The convention will open Monday, March 25, with a Program of Cooperation in Liquor Law Enforcement," as the topic. O. R. Bean, Portland, president of the League of Oregon Cities, will preside.

## JOHN BIGGS MEMBER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

John Biggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Biggs of La Grande, Ore., was signed as one of the 27 charter members of the National Honor society instituted in the La Grande high school which was organized Wednesday, March 14. John was the only junior boy eligible for membership which is based on character, service, leadership and scholarship. The membership represented 25 per cent of the senior class and five per cent of the junior class.

The National Honor society was first founded in 1921 by principals of secondary schools of the North Central organization. Since then it has grown to 100,000 members. There is a chapter at Pendleton, and a delegation from their high school attended the meeting and installed the chapter.

## "TRANSIENT LADY" TO PLAY AT OASIS SUNDAY & MONDAY.

"Transient Lady", the famous Octavus Roy Cohen story which ran serially in Liberty magazine, is coming to the Oasis theatre Sunday and Monday. Starting with a great author and a great story, Universal Pictures decided to complete the greatness of this production with a cast that is unequalled. Gene Raymond, Henry Hull, Frances Drake and June Clayworth are seen in the featured roles. And what a performance they give!

The story of this picture is laid in a sleepy, little Alabama town. A wandering trio of promoters, Miss Drake, Edward Ellis and Clark Williams, arrive in town for the purpose of setting up a temporary roller skating rink. They run afoul of a gang of crooked relatives of a crooked politician and a murder results. The crooks try to pin the guilt on one of the promoters and then the thrills begin. Through it all runs one of the most beautiful love stories of the age.

## IRRIGON NEWS

By Mrs. W. C. Isom

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Minnick were called to Pendleton Tuesday by the serious illness of Mrs. Minnick's father who passed away later and was laid to rest in the Pendleton cemetery. Friends here extend their sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Dill from The Dalles, who has been visiting her brother Frank Brace and family for some time returned to her home Saturday.

Rosecoe Williams and son Bryant have both been ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bedwell moved to their new home west of town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills have purchased the Daring place northwest of town and have taken up their residence. We are glad to welcome them to our community.

Mrs. Alma Grieves of Arlington visited her cousin Mrs. Bessie Wisdom Sunday.

Friends here were grieved to hear of the death of Kenneth Alquist at his home at Vale, Ore., Wednesday after a three weeks illness as the result of a recent injury. Kenneth was an only son and passed away at the age of 19 years. He lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Reiks one year while attending the Irigon high school. Mrs. Reiks returned Sunday evening after attending the funeral. Friends of the family here extend their sympathy to the family.

Laurence Markham left for California Monday.

Mrs. George and Batie Rand visited Mrs. A. R. Boulware Monday afternoon.

A number of people motored to Heppner Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Blanche Watkins who passed away at the Heppner hospital Monday. Mrs. Watkins was a resident of this community many years and taught several terms in the local school.

Rev. Wybal of Pendleton was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Coryell received a pleasant surprise Monday when Mr. Coryell's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Havner of Tarpin Springs, Florida, came to visit them. This was their first visit in eleven years, and the Havner family was enroute to Hood River to make their home.

Rev. Farrens, who has been hiding meetings at the Pentecostal church for two weeks, gave his farewell address Thursday night and has now gone to Ione to hold a series of meetings.

Mrs. Coryell's mother, Mrs. Laurenson, has gone to The Dalles for a visit with relatives.

Clair Caldwell and Robt. Smith have gone to Grants Pass, Ore., on a prospecting trip.

Rev. Crawford has arrived and taken charge of his pastorate in the Pentecostal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leicht and son Frankie left Friday for a week end visit with their daughter, Nellie at Spokane.

Lola Berry of Umatilla visited her cousin Verna Bell Graybeal over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berry spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Emmet McCoy.

Chase McCoy of Imbler, Or., came down Friday for a few day's visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chaney are guests of Mr. Chaney's father.

Mrs. Virginia Chaney entertained twenty guests at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Russell McCoy at her home Thursday afternoon. The honoree received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kendler and little daughter Yvonne of Umatilla were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom Sunday.

## O. F. ARTHUR PROMOTED TO RANK OF SERGEANT

O. F. Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Arthur of Hermiston, who has been in the U. S. Marines for four years, was promoted to the rank of sergeant recently. The following announcement appeared in the "Texas Steer" printed on the U.S.S. Texas. "Corporal O. F. Arthur, U.S.M.C. was observed Monday stitching sergeant's chevrons on his sleeve, having already passed the cigars. Sergeant Arthur has served on board the Texas for three years. The 'Steer' speaks for his shipmates as well as for itself in extending best wishes."

## THOUSANDS PAID IN TAXES BY TELEPHONE COMPANY.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company this week turned over to the tax collector \$16,064.15 in payment of its real and personal property tax in Umatilla county. The tax in this county, before discount for prompt payment, was \$16,560.98. Total real and personal property taxes of the company now being paid throughout the state amount to \$750,950, according to J. A. Murray, district manager.

When other taxes—federal, franchise and miscellaneous—are included, the 1934 tax bill for the company in Oregon totals \$966,571, or \$5.67 per telephone based on the average number of telephones in service in 1934. This tax per telephone is \$1.30 higher for Oregon than the tax per telephone of \$7.37 for the company as a whole.

## DEPT. COMMANDER CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS TO LEGIONNAIRES

REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT COMPENSATION FIGHT REVEALED.

Jerry Owen Pays Tribute to Chamberlain: District Commander Bob Taylor Present.

Members of the Hermiston American Legion Post No. 37 were hosts to Commander Joseph Chamberlain, Department of Oregon, at a district meeting Friday night, March 15, at which Legionnaires were present from Heppner, Ione, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo and other nearby towns.

After opening the meeting Commander Sam Moore of the local post turned the meeting over to District Commander Bob Taylor of Milton who addressed the assembly on work being done in the district. He, in turn, introduced Jerry Owen, editor of the Legionnaire, who gave an outline of the Legion's activities during the last session of the legislature at Salem. The states department interested itself in bills pertaining to child welfare, world war veterans state aid commission funds and policies, and other legislation affecting veterans of the state. Owen paid a tribute to Department Commander Chamberlain who was in the aviation corps for the United States forces in France during the World War, when he said, "Chamberlain took part in one of the longest flights made by American fliers over enemy lines, coming down on the occasion just back of the French lines with part of his plane shot away by enemy anti-aircraft fire."

In an absorbing talk lasting well over an hour, Commander Chamberlain outlined the birth of the American Legion and gave a historical review of the Legion's fight for adjusted compensation. He told how, on a February day in 1913, three officers, chatting over their wine glasses in Paris, decided an organization should be formed of veterans to carry on the work of the G.A.R. These officers broadcast a call for representatives from military organizations in A.E.F. to meet in caucus and this meeting was held in Paris on March 15 of that year. Some 1500 veterans were granted leave to attend this caucus but only 500 took the matter seriously enough to attend. However, at that meeting was born the greatest organization of veterans the world has known.

The speaker told many interesting facts concerning the veteran's fight (Continued on last page)

## ALONG THE CONCRETE

At the American Legion conclave last Friday night Jerry Owen paid a tribute to Department Commander Chamberlain by saying it was brought down the plans during the World War. Three American planes in crack-ups!

A Carnegie medal should be given Mrs. Bert Nation since she braved the broken glass on the concrete on the west side forcing it before a broom and saving many a reputation by breaking the habit of adding words to the vocabulary.

Someone made use of Roy Penny's permit which permits him to punch the spirits. He lost it for a day or so and it was finally returned to him by a lady who really did not know what she might have used it for. But who cares—they can be purchased for fifty cents now.

Looking for gloves in a coat that does not belong to you would indicate that the gloves are not likely to be found. That's what happened to Enos Martin when he slipped in another man's coat at Bill Shaar's barber shop and then came looking for his gloves. The man who helped him look for them didn't know that he would lose both a coat and gloves if they were found.

Ralph Saylor and J. A. Clarke topped the evening off with two cups of black coffee Tuesday, and as a result J. A. found himself up at 4:45 A. M. sawing tops out of Logans trees. And that's no dream.

## CARS NOW RUMBLE OVER THEIR GRAVES.

(From the Lewis Bulletin)

The school board at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1928, refused to permit the school hours to be used for the discussion of the question as to whether railroads were practical or not, and the matter was recently called to mind by an old document that reads as follows:

"You are welcome to use the school house to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the Word of God about them. If God had designated that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of a million an hour, by steam, He would have clearly forced it through His Holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."

Many other kinds of "Bards" are talking about efficiency in the same way.

