

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS CONDUCT COMMERCIAL CLUB

PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT OF PUBLIC MATTERS.

Brief on Road Oiling Presented by Committee; Roads Serve Large Adjacent Territory.

The new president and secretary of the Hermiston Commercial club conducted their first meeting Tuesday evening at the Hermiston Hotel before an attendance of 20 members in a very capable manner, which inspired confidence in club activities for the ensuing year. President Herbert Hedwall outlined a policy full of suggestions and appealed to the general membership for a good attendance. Secretary Walter Pearson read his report of the previous meeting in good voice.

President Hedwall asked that support be given to the Umatilla roads program; to the extension of roads; to the completion of the new city park; to the proposed oiling of about a mile of streets in the main part of town, and to all other public matters pertaining to the welfare of Hermiston and its surrounding localities.

The committee appointed last October by the special meeting in the interest of oiling the Diagonal-Hermiston-Butter Creek-Lexington highway, reported in a five page brief, which was read before the club. This committee was re-appointed and asked to carry out this program. The committee is E. P. Dodd, F. C. McKenzie and H. M. Sommerer of Hermiston, Ralph Saylor of Butter Creek, Frank Saling of Lexington and L. E. Dick of Heppner. Copies of the brief will be sent to all members of the county court of both Morrow and Umatilla counties and to the members of the state highway commission, and the subject will be discussed by the two county delegations before the highway commission at an early date.

N. R. Mueller, chairman of the city streets committee of the City of Hermiston, reported the proposed oiling in the vicinity of the school building, library, and farmers' co-operatives, on First and Second streets, Gladys, Ridgeway and Hurlburt streets and connections, and from the railroad crossing near the Farm Bureau plant to Hermiston Avenue. The cost was established at less than \$1500, which would be borne by the city and adjoining property owners, the latter of which are reported favorable by a majority, as the cost per 50 foot lot would be less than \$10, depending on the width of the oil surfacing.

After the club discussed a few other matters it adjourned to meet regularly every second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. A brief outline of the argument suggested by the road committee follows:

Road Brief Presented.

In the matter of the Diagonal Road-Hermiston-Butter Creek-Lexington highway which needs oiling, the committee appointed last November, submitted a brief setting forth the argument for the immediate necessity of this work by the state highway commission. This brief will be supported by the county courts of Umatilla and Morrow counties and will be presented in person by the courts and committee at an early date.

This road is divided by the highway engineers in two sections, divided at the junction of the Echo road on Butter Creek. The part between the Echo road junction and through Hermiston to Wallula cut-off is 18 miles in length, of which 1.1 miles through Hermiston is oiled. The remaining 16.9 miles is estimated, oiling cost, the sum of \$40,000. The other section is between the Echo road junction and Lexington, and is 19.8 miles and is estimated to cost \$45,000.

The brief states that the road bed is being destroyed by heavy traffic and winds and that it will not last through another year without heavy losses to the state. That during the past year the road was heavily washed and rutted and had been cut by heavy traffic, through the gravel base. That the maintenance costs to the state were heavy because of frequent gradings and the wearing out

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Student enjoyed an interesting motion picture, "Cougar, the King Killer," with Edwin C. Hill as narrator, in the assembly Thursday afternoon, February 13th. The movie is the second held in the high school this year and both have proved very successful. The show was presented by Eldon Brickell, representative of the Victor Animatograph Corporation of Davenport, Iowa.

The class of '36 held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon to discuss the order of graduation announcements and cards, as well as dress to be worn at graduation. The costume committee, including Charlotte Ralph, Guy Jeppe, Jo Ellen Mopps and Richard Cox, as appointed to present a report in the near future as to possible graduation costumes.

The regular attendance in both grade and high school has been better this week. Only 25 were absent from high school Monday, and that number decreased to 17 by Wednesday. The grade school, however, had a few more absences later in the week than it did Monday and Tuesday. The Stanfield schools closed again Monday for the second time because of illness among pupils.

The senior class annual production, "The Brat" a three act comedy by Maud Fulton, which was scheduled for the evening of February 6th, will be presented on Thursday, February 20th, at 8:00 o'clock at the Oasis theatre. A matinee will be given on the same day for grade school people. The presentation is being directed by Miss Margaret Elliott.

Practice debate with Pendleton will be held Friday afternoon in the high school. Regular members of the debate squad are Bill Jackson, Wayne Powers, Bill Harris and Nina Rae McCulley. Harold Throop will act as alternate in the debate Friday, for Nina Rae McCulley who is quarantined at home.

Norma Blahn, who came here this week from the Heppner schools, has enrolled as a sophomore. Norma, with her parents has moved to the Wilson place in the Columbia district. She has two brothers in the Columbia grade school.

Coach Hal Hatton has been confined to his home due to illness. Supt. McAtee took charge of the science classes this week in place of Mr. Hatton, whose condition is reported better.

Work has not yet been resumed on the new high school building because of continuation of snow and cold weather.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. ROSE WRITE FROM IOWA CITY.

"It was with real interest that we read the copies of your live little paper," write Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rose from Iowa City, Iowa, formerly of Hermiston.

"It has been about twenty-five years since we invested in land on the Umatilla river near Hermiston, and spent four years there doing a little dentistry on the side while planting orchards with visions of an income for the "rainy day." We are happy to see the names of a few of the old settlers who shared our ambitions and who have survived the pioneering years of the Umatilla project.

"While our dreams haven't all come true we are pleased to learn that the Hermiston community is progressive. Your Farm Bureau, 4-H clubs, Commercial club, Union High school, General hospital, etc., tells us of your progress.

"After eleven years in Portland, we returned to our home land, where the "tall corn grows" and in winter where the cold snow blows.

"Your seeding wheat in January, with "soil conditions ideal for seeding" sounds far away to us. Iowa hasn't seen and likely will not see her soil for some time. So far we have coal here in Iowa City, but can buy only one ton at a time. We are having another blizzard this morning and motorists are driving with difficulty. Low record-breaking temperatures promised for tomorrow morning. We will look forward to, and enjoy the spring time the more for having such a severe winter."

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
February 6	43	25
February 7	25	3
February 8	14	-3
February 9	22	10
February 10	24	8
February 11	21	3
February 12	24	18

Precipitation for the week was .47 of an inch.

GEORGE BLAYDENS RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blayden of Boardman returned recently from a seven weeks trip into California. The Blaydens covered more than 2000 miles on their side trips from San Diego which took them into Nevada and Mexico. They have a daughter living in the Imperial Valley and Mr. Blayden has a brother at San Diego, and two sisters in southern California whom he had not seen for 30 years.

Mr. Blayden was the first mayor of Boardman, where he came the first year of its existence, in 1916. Mr. Blayden, upon his return, says he is again going to deal in real estate in his home city and also that in all his travels on this trip he did not see a more desirable place to live than Boardman.

VETERAN BONUS APPLICATIONS MADE THRU HERMISTON POST

World War veterans seeking assistance in filling out applications for compensation under their adjusted service certificates are asked to apply at Amberry's store in Hermiston where Guy Amberry, commander of the local post of the American Legion, or another official of that organization will help them.

Applicants must be equipped with their discharge papers and adjusted service certificate or the pink receipt given them when they received a loan on the certificate.

Since "bonus" payments are to be paid in the order that applications are made for them, it is pointed out by Legion members here that veterans should make their applications as early as possible in order to be among the first to be paid under the new law.

Some 55 ex-service men have made application through the local Legion post to date. The total money to be received by these veterans will aggregate nearly \$30,000, an average of approximately \$550 for each man. The estimated average for veterans over the nation as a whole is \$900, so local applicants are running considerably under national figures.

The application service rendered by Hermiston Legion post members is without charge to veterans and they are asked to take advantage of it at an early date.

DOROTHY MILDRED DAVIS.

Dorothy Mildred Davis, fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis of Echo, Ore., passed away last Thursday morning, February 6th, after a short illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Echo Methodist church, and interment was in the Pendleton cemetery. Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner of the local Methodist church conducted the service. Dorothy was a freshman in the Echo high school, a member of the Girl Scouts, and of the Epworth League. Her father, D. W. Davis, will be remembered as the assistant county assessor of Umatilla county.

INLAND EMPIRE WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION MAY BE DISCONTINUED; SUPPORT URGED

The Inland Empire Waterways association has called a meeting at Walla Walla for Saturday afternoon February 15th, to discuss the Umatilla dam and the improvement of the Snake, according to announcement made this week in the Walla Walla Union by Herbert G. West, secretary.

Additional matters to be discussed the call states, is that of "continuation of the waterways association." It is stated that the "finances of the association will not permit carrying through to conclusion the program that is essential if we are to be successful at the forthcoming hearings to be held in Washington, D. C."

The association has now been in existence almost two years. At the annual meeting held in Walla Walla last October 18th, it reported the previous raising of funds amounting to over \$12,000, of which all had been spent except \$124 remaining in the treasury. A budget was submitted at that meeting requiring additional funds for the succeeding year of \$15,000.

The important matter at this time is argument before the army board of engineers at Washington which must be presented in a brief against the Robins report, according to the association. The Robins report was made last April, but a hearing was

MRS. NEIL BOYNTON BURIED AT McMinnville Tuesday.

Mrs. Neil Boynton passed away at her home in McMinnville, Ore., Saturday, February 8th, following an illness of more than three years. Funeral services were held in McMinnville Tuesday afternoon and interment made in the cemetery there.

More than a year ago Mrs. Boynton joined her husband at McMinnville where they had purchased a small farm, after having made her home in Hermiston for several years. Up to that time they had lived here since 1927.

She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. W. O. Sutherland of Portland, three sisters, Mrs. Arnold Auspos, Portland; Mrs. John May, Merrill, Ore.; Mrs. Edward Fish, Toledo, Ore.; three brothers, V. Rudolph, of Wisconsin; Lester Hood, Portland; and Thyron Hood of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Boynton was well known in Hermiston and her many friends join in offering condolence to the family.

FIRE DESTROYS 800 LAYING HENS AND CHICKEN HOUSE

A fire which broke out about 4:30 last Saturday morning in the chicken house on the E. H. Dunning farm north of town destroyed the building and 800 White Leghorn laying hens. The source of the fire is undetermined since there were both coal stoves and lanterns used in the building. Insurance was carried but a great loss was reported.

When discovered the fire had progressed to such a stage that it was impossible to save any of the chickens or any part of the building. Mr. and Mrs. Dunning had built up one of the finest flocks of laying hens on the project and the loss was felt keenly.

DATES OF COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST.

Coming events of particular interest, some of them postponed because of the necessity for closing the schools for ten days, are listed below giving proper dates set for the events.

Annual Farm Bureau Cooperative Meeting, Union Church, Feb. 14
Senior Class Play, "The Brat", Oasis Theatre, Feb. 20
Annual Meeting Umatilla Co-operative Creamery, at the Union church, Feb. 19
Annual Meeting Co-op Store, Feb. 21

Post Office Closed February 22.

Since February 22 is a legal holiday, the Hermiston post office will be closed on that day and no mail will be delivered on the route by the carriers. Sunday hours will be observed at the window, states Harvey DeMoss, acting postmaster.

Townsend Club Meeting.

The public is invited to attend the regular meeting of the Hermiston Townsend club, Tuesday, February 18, in the Union church. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Astron of Umatilla announce the arrival of a baby daughter, born Sunday, February 9th, at the Hermiston General hospital.

Geo. Wagner of Hermiston underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital last Friday and is reported as getting along nicely.

F. R. Hadley of Boardman is a medical patient this week.

Miss Alice Dunn, nurse at the hospital, is recuperating from a recent attack of appendicitis, and left for her home in Wallula Wednesday.

Harold Beckman from the CCC company at Stanfield, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, is reported doing nicely.

J. L. COLEMAN FUNERAL HELD HERE MONDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for James Louis Coleman were conducted Monday morning, February 10, at 11:00 o'clock from the Prann Funeral Parlors, by Rev. C. R. Moore, minister of the Hermiston Union church. Mr. Coleman passed away Friday, February 7th, at the age of 68. Interment was in the Hermiston cemetery.

James Louis Coleman was born in Iowa, December 15, 1868. He lived in Morrow county for 37 years, but recently had made his home near Hermiston.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Walter Rood, Hermiston, and Mrs. Sherman Long, Pomeroy, Wn.; and nine grandchildren.

W. J. Reece Passes Away.

W. J. Reece, formerly of Hermiston, passed away Tuesday, February 11, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Bonner, at Weiser, Idaho. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 14, in Enterprise, Ore., and interment made beside his widow who preceded him in death 18 months ago. Mr. Reece was 66 years of age. He had visited his daughter in Hermiston less than a week ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Floyd Laird, Hermiston; Mrs. Bonner, Weiser, Idaho; Mrs. Willard Phillips, Yakima, Wn.; and seven sons, Lacy, Wilbur, Floyd, Emerson, Wayne, Homer, all of Enterprise; and Amos of Grandview, Wn.

Herbert French Dies Saturday.

Herbert French, aged 36, of Lena, died Saturday night at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton after a lingering illness of two years. He is survived by his widow; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard French; three children, Raymond, Joe and Dorothy; a brother, John French of Long Creek and a sister, Mrs. Cleve Walton of Ritter.

He was born in Morrow county and had lived the greater part of his life at Lena, where he was in the stock business. Prominent in the Heppner and Ukiah rodeos, he had taken part in the bucking contests at both shows and had acted as a judge also.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 9:00 a. m. from the Catholic church of which he was a member. Interment was in Vinson at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday. Pall bearers were John Brosnan, Joe Brosnan, Joseph Doherty, Charles McDevitt, Tony Vey and Barney Doherty. Folsom's had charge of the body.

Will Teach at Duncan.

Miss Marian Henderson this week accepted a position as teacher in the school at Duncan, Ore. She takes over her duties Monday, February 17. Marian is a graduate of the Eastern Oregon Normal and has taught in the Pine City and Boardman schools.

Meeting at Methodist Church.

Protracted meetings are expected to begin at the Methodist church next Sunday night. A series of studies on the modern church as revealed in the second and third chapters of Revelations will be discussed. It is planned that this will be the first in a series extending over several weeks.

Columbians Resume Dances.

The Columbians orchestra has resumed activities following the cancellation of all public gatherings during the past two weeks. A dance will be given at Irrigon Saturday, February 22.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rood and family and Mrs. Sherman Long and family wish to express their thanks for the many kindnesses shown them during the illness and death of their father, J. L. Coleman.

SECOND DRIVE ERADICATES 3000 JACK RABBITS

LARGE HARES RACE BEFORE MARCHING FEET.

Hunters Slaughter 1000 Rabbits in Morning Drive; Stage Gulch Scene of Drive Next Sunday.

With temperatures hovering around 16 above zero Sunday afternoon, approximately 400 people gathered at the Sloan Thomson ranch on Butter Creek to participate, in one way or another, in the jack rabbit drive which resulted in the extinction of 3000 of the one of several species of large hares, remarkable for the length of ears and legs. Because of the two previous open winters an unusually large number of these long-eared hares are found on the western prairie.

The group gathered about bonfires, with clubs in their hands, waiting for the hunt to begin, and the ranks were soon increased by the arrival of four trucks loaded with boys from the CCC camp at Stanfield. Then the line of hunters filed out across the prairie to a distance of one mile before it closed in to form a semi-circle. The unsuspecting jack rabbits scurried to shelter under a distant sage brush, believing himself safely out of range of the approaching enemy.

Another group of men, equipped with shot guns, were stationed along the side line of march and were given orders to shoot each erring rabbit that tried to make a break for freedom. Many attempts were futile but others were successful, and each such long eared hare is still roaming the prairie, free as the air it breathes. But undoubtedly not without the memory of that mad dash to-and-fro before that army of marching feet, and shouting voices.

Those who witness the drive find it hard to believe that so many rabbits could be found in a space less than a mile long and a half mile wide. But there they were, running swiftly, first toward the corral and then back toward the marching feet and finally running around and around in the corral—and could not come out here.

The final slaughter was merciful because the end came quickly. Many of the rabbits were caught alive and taken home. Five crates were filled with live rabbits that were to be sent to Portland to be used in training grey hounds, it is said.

Cameras clicked as the rabbits dashed and then all was quiet as the hunters filed back toward the camp fires where a hot cup of coffee awaited them.

Sunday morning a group of 17 men made a drive with shot guns, killing approximately 1000 rabbits. Guns were permitted used in the afternoon only when it seemed apparent that a small group of people had gathered for the drive. The CCC boys arrived after the order had been given, but there were no casualties.

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ALONG THE CONCRETE

It would take more than zero weather, or a rabbit drive, to cause H. T. Fraser to wear a hat.

Mrs. F. N. Clark came into our office Tuesday clucking with pride over her old setting hen who presented her with a fine brood of 12 chicks Monday. The nest was on the frozen ground and the hen had a light covering of boards over her head, but she sat faithfully, and Mrs. Clark says her reward will be living quarters in the house.

Now they tell us that the Clyde Helberts have a brood of nine baby chicks at their ranch.

James Todd tried to rest the piano on his toe while in the process of moving it—consequently the limp.

Tales are being told about the present weather that is nothing like it was 20 years ago. Neither is it like it was six months ago.

When asked if his neighbors return the tools they borrow, Henry Sommerer, replied, "They have to. I won't lend them the lawnmower in the spring until they bring back the snowshovel they borrowed in the winter."

This must be one winter out of the 21 when the ground hog prediction was correct. Weather bureau records show that out of a total of 21 winters the Groundy has predicted what was to come in only 10.