

Old Graves.

A pioneer settler by the name of Maurice (initials not known) lies buried on an acre plot reserved by will, from the homestead on upper Butter Creek. Another strange grave is along the highway at Echo. The emigrant there was named Koontz, but not related to the founder of Echo. Several unmarked graves are also at Umatilla.

The first graduates of the Hermiston high school, 1909, were Catherine Skinner and Mona Irvin. In 1936 the high school graduated 36.

O. P. Morton and E. S. Taylor were the two attorneys for the reclamation project while building.

J. W. Williams, who built the Hermiston Hotel, lives at Melrose, Oregon.

Legion Auxiliary Chartered Second Time, 1925.

The Auxiliary Unit to the Hermiston Post No. 37, of the American Legion, was chartered originally on June 26, 1922, with the late Mrs. R. C. Todd as president. It was rechartered permanently June 16, 1925, with Mrs. J. M. Biggs as president.

The first charter members were Mrs. R. C. Todd, Maude Voven, Vera Morfitt, Erva Kingsley, Edna Sneed, Bernice Aimes, Mattie Kingsley, Leah Longhorn and Carrie Tilden.

The charter members of the reorganized auxiliary in 1925 were: Marie Todd, Helen Biggs, Maude Voven, Mildred Tilden, Hattie Hamm, Belle Shesely, Lily Crowder, Rena Waterman, Mazie Boynton, Myrtle Boynton, Clara Mumford, Dorothy Todd, Tressie Hiatt and Stella Shaar.

The Legion Auxiliary is an organization of women consisting of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Legionnaires. It is organized for the purpose of supporting the aims and purposes of the Legion.

The local unit has carried on a program of community service, maintaining a first aid room in the school; assisted the T. P. A. in its activities and sponsored a Girl Scout troop. Recently it conducted a membership drive for dues for the Community Park association.

The Hermiston Unit has had two district presidents, Belle Shesely and Beatrice Christopherson; two department chairmen, Helen Biggs and Marie Todd; and two delegates to national convention, Helen Biggs and Marie Todd.

Mrs. Nellie Tucker is a Gold Star Mother and made a trip to France in 1930, to visit the grave of her son. Two other Gold Star Mothers are Mrs. Adora West and Mrs. Mary Morrow. All were members of this Auxiliary, and two Gold Star sisters, Beatrice Christopherson and Doris Panages.

"Stay More" at Nugents.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nugent have lived in Umatilla 20 years. Mr. Nugent was formerly a railroad man, and they are prominent in lodge and civic circles. Mrs. Nugent is also well known in political affairs of the county and state. They operate the Stay More camp grounds.

Pioneer Personals.

C. M. Jackson came to Hermiston in 1909. He married Bessie McPherson in 1918. They have two boys, William and Robert. They farm 40 acres and have cows and chickens and melons, and know melons expertly. C. M. Jackson has served as director of the Project Farm Bureau, secretary of the Jersey breeders association and in various other civic and agricultural capacities.

H. J. Stillings came here from Garfield, Wash., in 1910, located on a homestead of 40 acres. He developed four ranches amounting to 167 acres; has served on the district board for nine years; was delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Roosevelt. He became Hermiston postmaster and resigned later to accept a position with the C. C. C.

Cleve Clark came here with his father, G. Lee Clark, in 1910, and owns 20 acres. He married Edith Frann and they have two daughters. He follows dairying and turkey growing.

Chas. Burk came here in 1915. He developed 20 acres and is now a Hermiston merchant, the past 15 years.

Frank and Levi Reeder arrived in Hermiston in 1907, from Yakima. Their father homesteaded in Horse Heaven in 1902.

William Shaar has operated a barber shop here 22 years. He married Stella Bains of Colfax, Wash., 17 years ago. They have two main street buildings and a fine home on Hermiston Heights.

George Beddow bought 40 acres in Columbia district in 1917, and leveled and seeded the tract to alfalfa. He and Mrs. Beddow live in Hermiston.

Ed Parrish came here in 1916, from Vageville, Canada.

Bert Nation arrived in this region in 1906. He married Bertha C. Ross, who had located a 160 acre homestead in Westland district, which they developed and lived on until 14 years ago, and where he served as superintendent of the irrigation district. Later they moved to a farm near Hermiston, which they sold. He has been city police here eight years.

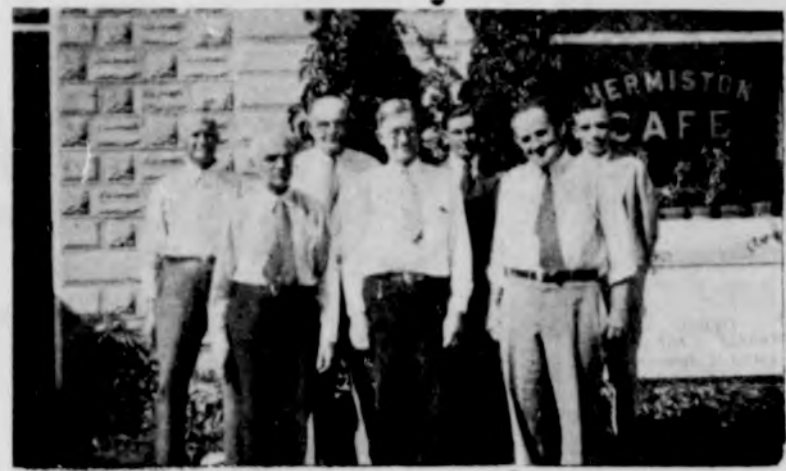
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stockard arrived here in 1908 from Lexington and located a 40 acre homestead. They have seven children of whom Victor Stockard and Tresa Davis live here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Swanner came here in 1914 from Dolores, Colorado. They have 45 acres near town. They have educated six sons and daughters through high school and college.

Mr. and Mrs. George Genn arrived here from Portland in 1918. They have 20 acres and 1200 hens and have demonstrated the possibilities here in egg production.

William Mikesell came here in 1905 from Missouri. He married Dora Jordan, and they have a son, Oscar, and daughter, Mrs. Alfred H. Cable. Mr. Mikesell has been superintendent at Cold Springs dam for

SIX COMMERCIAL CLUB VETERANS.



The five older men in the cut, including F. B. Swayze, who was out of town when the picture was taken, have served as active members of the Hermiston Commercial club for 25 years or more. They have given liberally of their time and money to all public causes and are the only members of the old club of 60 members who are still on the job.

Left to right—Thos. Campbell, retired merchant; F. C. McKenzie, mayor and merchant; W. J. Warner, attorney; E. P. Dodd, real estate business; W. M. Pearson, service station, present club secretary; H. T. Fraser, merchant; and Herbert Hedwall, merchant and present president. Pearson and Hedwall are of the younger group.

Other present members who have served actively 15 or 20 years are W. W. Felthouse, Wm. Shaar, B. S. Kingsley, Chas. Taylor, R. A. Brownson, W. L. Hamm, H. M. Sommerer and J. H. Reid. These, with the above, compose the number of 100 or more who served during the first 20 years of Hermiston. The new membership represented by the two officers above are a much younger crowd.

Hermiston Masonic Lodge.

The first regular meeting of the Masons was held August 28, 1908. A charter was granted June 17, 1909. H. D. Newell was the first candidate for membership.

Masters of the lodge since that time in chronological order have been C. J. Jackson, W. H. Skinner, F. J. Thomas, H. D. Newell, Chas. Skinner, M. D. Scroggs, J. H. Young, A. W. Prann, T. D. Worster, A. F. Beise, F. C. Woughter, H. M. Schilling, W. A. Leathers, W. W. Felthouse, O. O. Felthouse, A. W. Agnew, V. V. Lewis, R. A. Brownson, Herbert Shesely, A. Bancroft, A. W. Christopherson and Curtis Simons.

The lodge has been strong throughout the years. It owns 75 feet of land on Main street, including the store building on the corner of Main and Second streets.

Umatilla City Officials.

The present officials of Umatilla are J. C. Tucker, mayor; J. B. Springer, W. H. Switzler, Ursel Hiatt, Albert Vieg, H. B. Hull and H. E. Rodenbach. City treasurer, Zella Yoder; Recorder, E. McKenzie, and W. J. Warner, attorney.

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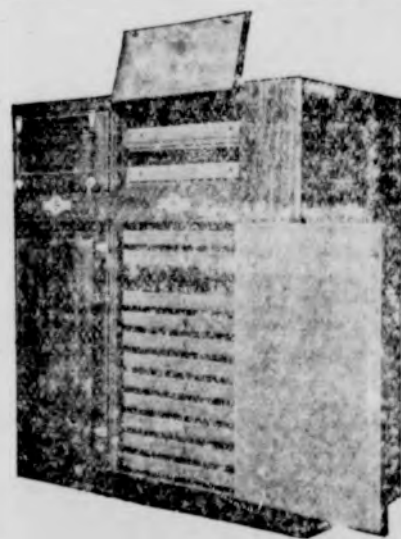
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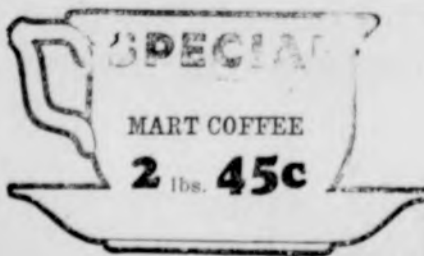
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