

RADIO INTERFERENCE ELIMINATION SOUGHT

CITIZENS ASKED TO COOPERATE

Elimination of radio interference was discussed at the meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club Tuesday night where the support of the citizens of Hermiston was asked in doing away with this disturbance in radio reception by requesting that their electrical appliances be checked.

The worst offenders of radio reception are small electrical appliances used in the average home and the difficulty causing this interference is usually small and easily removed. These are man-made causes which must be eliminated, while causes from natural elements must be endured to a certain extent.

Some of these household appliances which often cause disturbances are sewing machines, hair driers, electric pads, vacuum sweepers or any device that is operated by a brush type motor. Sometimes it is a loose connection, floor lamp or electric iron.

These disturbances may be stopped if the head of each household and each business house and repair shop will cooperate by asking that a test be made of their equipment for radio interference to locate any possible leak and then do what they can to eliminate that interference. Then, and only then, can a clean up of man created radio interference in Hermiston be possible.

Some of the best equipment for locating and centralizing radio interference is now available for use in the community through the Hermiston Light & Power company which has offered a courtesy service in this line to anyone who will call and request that a check be made on the electrical appliances in their home, office or shop.

J. A. Clarke, manager of the company, has stated that this courtesy service will be given to anyone requesting it. A list of the appliances will be kept on record and calls will be made as early as possible by the company employees. The instrument used is installed in the company car and determines the general locality in which the interference appears and then may be taken out and used to centralize the cause in individual appliances.

L. A. Moore of the Mor-Tone Sound Service has cooperated with the light company by reparing all equipment and will continue to do so in the future. Also L. M. White, who operates the Radio Louie Service & Supply shop here, has offered his services in making checks. This has indicated the desire of business houses to assist in every way in this campaign.

All causes of interference may not be eliminated by filters but may be easily stopped. Filters may be used on more than one electrical appliance.

Local officials are doing everything possible to check radio interference and are asking first of all for the cooperation of local citizens in requesting that a test be made and then doing everything to stop any noise from this source. If your radio is noisy when you are using your vacuum sweeper then it is bothering your neighbor's radio, and switching it off will not stop the noise.

COUNTY SNOW PLOW CLEARS ROADS

County rotary snow plow equipment was used on the roads in this section Thursday night of last week to clear the roads making it quite possible for farmers to reach town without much difficulty. All school bus routes were cleared and all points of connection were made by the busses Friday, according to O. O. Felthouse and J. M. Pace.

High winds had caused the snow to drift making some side roads impassable for a short time. The day following the first heavy snow three weeks ago, County Judge Chambers sent road equipment to the west end of the county to clear roads, and school busses for the local school were not forced to cease operation altogether, but made the route practically on scheduled time.

Townsend Meeting Again. There will be a meeting of the Hermiston Townsend Club No. 1 Tuesday, February 16 at 8:00 P. M., regardless of weather, in the Union Church. All members are urged to be present as important matters are to be discussed and the new constitution adopted. Every member please bring a small gift for the Fish Pond. The quilt will be given away and refreshments served.

Date	Max.	Min.
February 4	40	15
February 5	45	25
February 6	36	11
February 7	41	21
February 8	35	20
February 9	24	4
February 10	24	11

Precipitation was .01, and no snow.

COMMERCIAL CLUB NAMES COMMITTEES

The Hermiston Commercial club at a live meeting Tuesday evening at the Hermiston Hotel laid out its plans for the coming year. The meeting was opened at the dinner table at 7:00 P. M., and was continued until 10:00 o'clock, with thirty active members present.

President Hedwall submitted a list of committees and appointments for approval, which was accepted by the club without a single objection. All members appointed agreed to serve and carry out the purposes of their respective committees. In addition to committee work, other matters were discussed.

As a feature of the club meeting Tuesday, February 23, the Boy Scout troop of Hermiston will be guest of honor, and will be presented in a Court of Honor following the dinner hour. Other entertainment will be furnished by the scouts. It is hoped that a representative of the Blue Mountain Council of Walla Walla will be present to take part in the program.

The matter of an exhibit at the state fair this fall was brought up by William Rodda, representative of the Farm Bureau. The matter of a display at the state fair will be presented to the county agent, the two assistant county agents and various organized bodies. Tom Fraser was again appointed as a member of the Umatilla Project Fair board to represent the club.

The club endorsed the movement to correct interference in radio service. The club also approved the suggestion of Supt. W. G. Kersbergen that the business houses dress their windows with appropriate displays during the three day sub-district basketball tournament here February 25, 26 and 27.

Committees and appointments are as follows:
Road Committee—F. C. McKenzie, R. G. Saylor, N. R. Mueller, W. W. Felthouse and J. H. Reid.

Finance Committee—Roy Hale, Lloyd Moore and Vane Boynton.
Membership Committee—Wm. Shaar, O. O. Felthouse, A. F. Rohrman, R. A. Brownson and Dr. Willcutt.

Calendar Committee—Al Quiring, Walt Pearson and W. G. Kersbergen.
Annual Commercial Club Dance Committee—Sam Moore, Harry Kelley, H. A. Pankow and M. G. Hedwall.

Budget Committee—Chas. Taylor, Thos. Fraser and Wm. Warner.
River Development—E. P. Dodd, Enos Martin, Walter Smith, F. B. Swayze, Harvey DeMoss and Roy Penney.

Boy Scout Committee—F. B. Belt, Guy Amsterry, Thos. Fraser, H. A. Pankow, Melvin Follett and Harold Thompson.

Tree Planting Committee—E. P. Dodd, Harold Dean, J. T. Pierson, Jim Pearson and Dr. Marble.

Entertainment Committee—Geo. Harkenrider, Curtis Simons, John Clarke and Walter Hamm. A new entertainment committee will be appointed every two weeks.

SAWYER LEAVES FOR BURNS

W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent here for the past two years, left Saturday for Burns, Ore., where he took over his duties as county agent in Harney county. Mr. Sawyer expects to return to Hermiston February 20th to spend a few days.

J. T. Pierson, recently with the Resettlement Administration, at York, Nebraska, will succeed Mr. Sawyer here. He has not arrived in Hermiston but is expected within a short time. Mr. Pierson is a graduate in dairy husbandry from the University of Nebraska and has had extensive public service experience. Prior to being in the rural rehabilitation work Mr. Pierson was assistant market milk administrator at Omaha, and before that had a long connection with the cow testing association work of the Nebraska Extension Service.

The office in the reclamation building will be open during week days and Miss Florene Brace will give all information possible until Mr. Pierson arrives.

TRIANGULAR DEBATE SOON

The Umatilla, Hermiston and Pendleton high school debate teams will hold a triangular debate at the Hermiston school house Saturday afternoon, February 27th. Mr. Mosherberger has charge of the local debate squad and is preparing to defend last year's county championship. The debates are open to the public and there will be no charge.

School Boy Injured. Jimmy Allen, grade school boy, suffered injuries to his leg Monday while coasting on a snow slide on the school grounds. Another boy received a slight cut on the lip but returned to school following treatment by City Health Officer Dr. F. B. Belt. Superintendent Kersbergen has discontinued the use of the snow slide due to the fact that two other boys were slightly bruised last week in a pile-up.

AMUSEMENTS MANY AT P.T.A. BENEFIT

The amusements to be offered by the Parent Teachers' association for a hot lunch benefit party Thursday, February 18, are many, and of sufficient variety to furnish anyone attending with a good time. The entertainment will start at 8:00 o'clock in the evening in the high school gym.

Other than a program will be games, anagrams, horse show, monopoly, bridge, pinocle and ping pong tables for those who wish to participate. Prizes will be given for the various activities and refreshments will be served at the close of the evening.

All money taken in will be used to furnish hot lunches to children who are unable to have lunch at home. Admission will be twenty-five cents per person.

The program will consist of two phases on this occasion. The first part will be discussion of what constitutes a good high school according to present day standards. The work of the high school consists of curricular and extra curricular work. There would not be sufficient time to explain the offerings in both fields in the one program so members of high school extra-curricular bodies will explain what each organization tries to accomplish and the history of the activities in this school.

The second phase of the meeting will be a card party and other entertainment as mentioned above.

Committee members include Mrs. Geo. Harkenrider, Mrs. Guy Amsterry, Mrs. O. L. Barlow, Mrs. David Middlesdorf and Mrs. G. W. Ripley. Mrs. E. D. Martin is chairman of the refreshment committee.

BLUE KEY HONORS HERMISTON BOY

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 8 (Special)—Bob Henderson, son of Mrs. Georgia Henderson of Hermiston and senior in agriculture at Oregon State college, was pledged to the Blue Key, senior men's honor society Thursday, January 21. Election to this society is considered one of the highest honors available to senior men.

Henderson graduated from the Hermiston Union high school with the class of '32. His activities were listed as vice president of the student body and president of the Associated Men's club.

Union Church Fellowship Meeting.

An all day fellowship and business meeting will be held at the Union church Sunday, February 14. A basket dinner will be served immediately following the morning service and the business meeting will be called to order around the dinner table. Regular meetings have not been held for the past two months due to unusual weather conditions which prohibited members from attending.

Flood Relief Offering.

The local Methodist church will take up an offering Sunday, February 14th, for the 200 flood-stricken churches of the Methodist in the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys. Friends in the community who do not have an opportunity to aid the work of the church rehabilitation program are invited to present their sacrifice through the local M. E. church.

DOUBTS FORGOTTEN IN SPRING FLOWER GARDENING AS ABSORBING ENTERPRISE

By PAULINE M. STOOP
I should be the last one to minimize in any way the pleasure of garden making. Or get the feel of the soft earth as the first crocuses peek through the ground at the first hint of spring. Soon the soft chinook winds and the slant of the sun's rays will dry the wet earth to a moist warmth.

The garden lover will forget the doubts, delays and disappointments of this absorbing enterprise as the seed catalogue is leafed through with intent to select new varieties of flowers to increase the color and charm of that flower bed on the east slope, to replace the Shasta Daisy border that went out with the unusually cold winter, to use a rich and brilliant velvet blood red or crimson color Flaming Velvet Penunia with the Dainty Lady of large flowering single fringed, semi-dwarf and free flowering, as the background for the window boxes on the north porch. It might be well to try the new miniature type Rose Gem Penunia as the box border, contrasting in color and variety with the larger and more brilliant blooms. Yes, that plan is intriguing and the seed should be placed in a box near the window soon if the plants are to be large enough to transplant when the soft, warm winds come.

Here are those Dwarf Double Golden Globe Nasturtiums that do so well here. Ideal for that bare corner near the Double Pinks, where the sun's rays reach them. They are without runners, too, we reflect, uniformly dwarf and compact, and of deep golden yellow. It says that they are deliciously sweet scented.

The Cosmos bloom early and freely in a profusion of flowers. Why couldn't that plot where they were last year south of the house at the edge of the garden plot, be made into a profusion of tall blooming flower. The Delphinium is a beautiful hardy plant and could be moved from the corner space by the tool shed to add its handsome blue flowers to the picture. The Gallardia produces a beautiful flower on long strong leafless stems and colors vary from clear yellow to crimson and yellow tipped petals. It blooms continuously and makes a fine cut flower. The Larkspur is a splendid free-flowering plant with large blossoms set closely on the spike. I recall seeing it grow voluntarily among the rocks and Blue Lupin in the gully between our home place and Dry Creek.

The wide range of charming colors found among the Hollyhocks cannot be passed by, because they make such an unusual picture against the woodshed and garage to hide its bareness. Neither can Golden Rod be overlooked. And the Marigolds so bright and interestingly marked, held out proudly on strong stems. Let's see, it will never do to hide them so they will be placed at the edge of this profusion of blooming flowers far enough away not to be shaded from the warm sun, because they love sunlight.

There are many more that are better known here by flower lovers but here we have mentioned the stronger, more hardy varieties that I love to see growing in profusion.

FIRE DESTROYS MILK HOUSE

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the milk house and the north end of the barn on the John Conrad ranch in Columbia district early Tuesday morning of this week. Neighbors came to the assistance of the Conrads after the alarm was given and the fire was checked, but not before it had destroyed the milk house and part of the barn. The school bus arrived on the scene just as the fire was gotten under control. Considerable damage was done to equipment.

MARY HARKENRIDER PASSES HERE

Mrs. Mary Harkenrider, mother of Mrs. Ralph Richards and George Harkenrider of Hermiston, who has been visiting here since the first of December, passed away suddenly Wednesday morning of heart disease. She was 76 years of age and had made her home in Estacada, Ore., for the past 57 years, since coming from Elbing, Germany.

Funeral services and interment will probably be held in Portland the last of the week but arrangements had not yet been made.

Surviving are the husband, Frank Harkenrider of Estacada, Ore., who was also visiting here; seven daughters, Mrs. Julius Paulson, Estacada; Mrs. A. A. Paulson and Mrs. W. J. Paulson of Portland; Mrs. Honneger of Multnomah, Ore.; Mrs. Ralph Richards of Hermiston; Mrs. R. H. O'Neil of Bucoda, Wn.; and Edith Harkenrider, also of Bucoda; and one son, George Harkenrider of Hermiston.

ROBERT TOWNSEND NEW HERD TESTER

Robert Townsend of Oregon City arrived Sunday to take over the duties as tester for the Umatilla Herd Improvement association to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Al Kennings who is now employed at Davis, Cal.

Mr. Townsend has had four years experience in Smith-Hughes work in the Oregon City schools and has been employed as herdsman for the large dairy farm at Dufur, Ore.

L. C. Dyer is secretary for the local association and has taken an active interest in dairy-herd improvement work on the project for a number of years.

Three Trucks in Wreck.

Three oil trucks were involved in a wreck near Umatilla early Tuesday morning without any of the drivers being injured, but with considerable damage to one of the trucks. C. A. Moll of Pendleton was driving the vehicle going east when it crashed into another truck which was being towed onto the highway by a third truck with a trailer. Fred Wiley was driving the towing truck and Arnold Lambert the other truck. Neither Moll nor a passenger riding with him were injured even though the motor was pushed back under the cab of the vehicle.

C. E. Heard, co-publisher of the Umatilla County Chronicle, a weekly paper in Pendleton, was a business visitor in Hermiston Thursday.

UMATILLA WINS THREE GAMES FRIDAY

The Hermiston Hi Bulldogs won their second tilt with the Mac Hi B squad Monday night on the local floor with the score 16 to 6. Keller of the Hermiston team scored 9 of the 16 points against Mac Hi. Playing with a new ball that was hard to handle, accounted for the low score in the tangle of Hermiston B squad with Stanfield high school. Stanfield won the game 3 to 7.

Heppner, ancient rival of the Bulldogs, will clash with Hermiston Saturday night for the last home game of the season, except for the sub-district tournament which will be held here February 25-26-27. The large gymnasium is again expected to be packed to capacity for the tournament games.

Umatilla Wins.

Friday night Umatilla brought three basketball teams to Hermiston. The grade school team, an high school girls' and boys' teams won from the three respective teams from the Hermiston schools. The largest crowd of fans ever to witness a basketball game in the new gymnasium was present when the local high school squad took its first defeat in the new gym. Each high school team game was lost by one point.

The Hermiston Bull Pups lost the first preliminary game 11 to 22. Davis of Umatilla marked up as many points as all of the Hermiston boys' scoring put together. In the second game the local high school girls lost a thriller by one point margin after leading throughout the game. The first half ended 11 to 10 for Hermiston, and were leading by one point a few seconds before the end of the game when McMullen fouled. Cooney for Umatilla then dropped both shots through the hoop for two points, and to win the game.

After winning 63 to 7 from Stanfield earlier in the week, the Bulldogs encountered strong competition from the Umatilla boys. The boys' game was a repetition of the girls game. The Bulldogs led 11 to 3 in the first quarter, 12 to 7 at halftime, 17 to 14 at the end of the third quarter—to lose the game 20 to 21.

In the boys' game, Keller intercepted a pass under his own basket and dropped it through for the first goal. He fouled and Hiatt made the point. Keller made three more points with a goal and free throw. Cramp-ton was charged with hacking and Davis of Umatilla added two more points. Macken then heaved a long one to Crampton who dropped it in from under the basket. The score stood 11 to 3 making it look good for the Hermiston boys as the quarter ended.

As the second quarter started neither team could get underway. The Bulldogs added only one point in this quarter with Shaw dropping in a foul shot. Umatilla added two field goals.

T. Cooney dropped in a one handed flip from the side after the half-time rest. Montgomery fouled and Rankin made the point, following it up immediately with a basket to give the locals a six point lead. W. Roberts and Cooney followed with a goal each, while Barbouletos made good a foul shot.

The last quarter was the heart-breaker for the Bulldogs. A foul shot by Hiatt and a basket each by Barbouletos and W. Roberts tied the score at 19. Keller pulled the team into the lead again by making good a foul shot, only to have Barbouletos again sink the ball for the one point lead and game as the whistle blew.

Lineups for Friday's games:

Herm.	Grade School	Uma.
Hinkle (3)	F (3)	Cooney
Martin (1)	F (11)	Davis
Knerr (6)	C (3)	E. Rugg
Smith (5)	G (1)	Priddy
Madden (2)	G	Moran
Substitutions—Her.	Grade, Hamm, Hinkle, Martin, Wilcox (2), Smith; Uma., R. Rugg (2), Lane.	

Herm.	Girls	Uma.
Swaner	F	Cooney
Sisson	F	Byrnes
Dawson	C	T. Shepherd
Wells	C	Vanslyke
McMullen	G	M. Shepherd
Skovbo	G	Priddy

Herm.	Boys	Uma.
Keller (3)	F (2)	Hiatt
Rankin (7)	F (5)	Barbouletos
Crampton (2)	C	(4) Davis
Macken (2)	G	C. Roberts
Knapp (2)	G	G. Montgomery
Her. Hi. Boys—Rainwater, Shaw (1); Uma., W. Roberts (6), T. Cooney (4).		

PURCHASE WEST UMATILLA RANCH

McKinney and Blairs who have farmed in the Columbia district for the past year and a half, have bought the 102-acre Wm. Switzer place west of Umatilla. They expect to move onto the place as soon as the weather permits.

The farm is known as the old Turner place. McKinney and Blair plan to plant alfalfa and some of the acreage to cherry and apricot orchard. E. P. Dodd of Hermiston was the real estate agent in transacting the deal.

HERMISTON HOST TO BASKETBALL TOURNEY

TITLE CONTENDERS CLASH FEB. 25-27

The sub-district basketball tournament for the west district of Umatilla county and Irrigon will be held in Hermiston, February 25-26-27, in the new high school gym. Teams competing in this tournament will be from schools at Irrigon, Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo and the winner will compete in the district tournament at Arlington to be held March 5th and 6th. From there the winning team will carry on at the state tournament at Salem, March 17-18-19.

The tournament committee met at Hermiston, Thursday of last week, at which time Hermiston officially accepted the invitation to be host to the tournament. Supt. W. G. Kersbergen was appointed manager.

Until this year Hermiston has not been in a position to ask for the tournament but the construction of a new gymnasium, one of the largest and best in the southern Inland Empire, has made that possible. Incidentally it is also credited with the sudden wave of basketball interest among students and townpeople after being out of the game altogether last year.

Present records would indicate that Umatilla, Echo and Hermiston are the most likely candidates for the coveted first place with Stanfield and Irrigon forced to lower ratings. However, either team may get "hot" and push a more highly touted neighbor into the ditch.

As a preliminary to the championship game, the two girls' teams with the best season records will battle for the valley championship in their class.

After the last game has been played there will be a dance in the gym for students of the competing high schools and patrons of the tournament.

Stan Atkin, superintendent at Irrigon has volunteered to install a public address system for the duration of the tournament which will enable officials to announce scores, and substitutions as they occur. Gerwyn Jones of Walla Walla has been secured as referee.

The High School Bulldog will appear in a special tournament edition with pictures of teams and names of players, just before the tournament opens.

COMMISSIONER HALES PASSES

J. O. Hales, Umatilla county commissioner since 1922, died Sunday at 2:45 a. m., at his home in Pendleton, after an illness of one month. Mr. Hales was known in the west end of Umatilla county as friendly in his interest in its welfare.

Mr. Hales was born in Taylor county, Iowa, in 1869 and came to Oregon at the age of six. His father, Americus Hales, was the first Umatilla county homesteader who began wheat farming and continued it despite discouragement. John Hales, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hales, still farms the land on which Americus Hales homesteaded near Adams.

Mr. Hales married Miss Grace Morrison, also of a pioneer family, in 1892, and they lived on the Hales ranch until they moved to Pendleton. They first resided at Douglas Court and shortly after, in their residence which they built on River-drive.

Besides his widow, Mr. Hales is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Elmer McCormack, and a son, John. Another son, Orval, died in infancy. He leaves three brothers, P. T. Hales and E. E. Hales of Adams and A. N. Hales of Seattle; a half-brother, Bert Kirby of Adams and a half-sister, Mrs. Alma Hunt of Madison, Wisconsin. He leaves, also five grandchildren, Allegra, Orval and Marshall McCormack, and Robert and Jacqueline Hales.

COMMUNITY DATE CALENDAR

Community activities which are scheduled for the next few weeks will be listed in the column below. This column will be a regular feature each week and individuals are asked to turn in date schedules in order that it may be kept up to date to prevent any conflict in activities.

- February 12—Annual meeting Farm Bureau Co-op.
- February 12—Grange Co-op. annual meeting in the evening.
- February 13—Heppner B. B. here.
- February 18—P.T.A. Hot Lunch Benefit Entertainment.
- February 23—Combined Commercial Club and Boy Scout Banquet at Hermiston Hotel.
- February 25-26-27—Sub-District Basketball Tournament.
- February 26—Freshman Class party.
- March 5—Senior Class play.
- March 19—Portland Bible Institute Concert, M. E. church.

Basketball-Bulldogs vs. Heppner Here Saturday