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TORCH HONOR HOST TO CONFERENCE

SEVENTY DELEGATES ATTEND MEET

The second Torch Honor conference for this part of the state was held at Hermiston last Saturday with the local society acting as host to delegates from The Dalles, Baker, Pendleton, Heilix and Hermiston. Margaret Clarke, president of the local society, acted as master of ceremonies throughout the conference and worked with committees on arrangements.

Miss Thelma Mills, dean of women for Whitman college, was the guest speaker for the conference and dwelt upon the topic of "Foundations for Future Success," at both morning and afternoon sessions.

The conference opened Saturday morning with group singing led by Nina Rae McCulley, accompanied by Opal Stockard on the piano. The welcome address was given by Margaret Clarke, president of the Hermiston society, and by Bill Harris, president of the associated students of the Hermiston high school. Marshall Pound of The Dalles responded to the welcome message.

Garth Clarke, president of the Pendleton society, gave an interesting talk on "New Honor Society Organization." This was followed by musical numbers in the form of a duet by Mrs. J. S. Burnham and Mary Burnham, and a piano solo by Mrs. Frank O'Neil.

Discussion groups were held between eleven o'clock and noon, and these included groups for advisers and presidents led by Miss Jessie Briley; "Future Torch Honor Members," led by Bill Harris; and "How the Society Can Help the School," led by Jane Jackson.

A recreational period was held at 11:50 in the gymnasium directed by Opal Stockard.

During the noon hour a luncheon was served by the ladies of the Methodist church at which time an enjoyable program was given. This included two pianolozes by Mrs. Walter Smith; numbers by the male quartet composed of E. D. Martin, J. A. Clarke, W. L. Hamm and Al Quiring, accompanied by Mrs. Al Quiring.

At the close of the luncheon hour Miss Clarke, in behalf of the society, expressed appreciation to the ladies for their part in making the conference a success, and also to all persons assisting in any way.

The afternoon session opened with Supt. W. G. Kersbergen of Hermiston giving an address on "Educational Foundations." Miss Mills continued her discussion opened during the morning session and at the conclusion of her talk a short business session was held. At this time the group accepted the invitation of The Dalles delegates to hold the 1938 conference in that city.

Other numbers on the afternoon program included a violin solo by K. M. Mayer accompanied by Mrs. Mayer; a skit "Hanging Out the Wash," by Mrs. P. A. Power and Mrs. Chas. Seeliger; a one-act play by the dramatic club directed by Miss Esther Sibert, entitled "My Cousin From Sweden;" and a reading by Jean Wrighten of The Dalles.

A total of seventy delegates registered for the conference and they attributed it a success in every detail.

JUNIOR HIGH GIVES ENTERTAINMENT

The operetta "Sunny of Sunnyside" was a clever bit of entertainment presented by members of the junior high school under the direction of Miss Nora Johnston and Mrs. Alma Greaves. An interested and pleased audience witnessed the presentation in the high school auditorium last Friday night.

The story plot was about Sunny, a lovely little orphan girl, the favorite of all the orphans at the Sunnyside home, as she follows a life of helplessness which leads into various unwieldy situations.

Billy, the tomboy, played by Eloise Tilden, brought out a real actress as she portrayed the part.

Sunny, the favorite of all the orphans, provided a favorite for her audience as the part was played by Barbara Follett.

The chorus was dressed in pastel shades to lend color and beauty to the outdoor scene. The songs were blended well and the directors as well as those who took part deserve praise for the pleasing production.

Each character part was played well by the following cast:

Lois Laughlin, was the vainest orphan; Harry Lewis the tough guy; Leonard Mopps, the fat boy on a diet; Janice Madden, a fat lady; Wanda Dunning, the pet; Rebecca Lotspeich, the fiery Italian; Sonny Walker, the new boy; Julius Gimble, the bookworm; Lewis Holloman, a near-do-well; Kenneth Elwood, the Italian boy; Carl Longhorn, one of Reddy's gang; Marjorie Knapp, a helper; Gilbert Dyer, one of the gang.

Proceeds from the operetta will be used to purchase music for assembly singing.

The songs will again be presented at the Parent-Teacher's meeting tonight.

Boost your community — Buy a stock certificate in the park.

UMATILLA STAR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Umatilla chapter of the Eastern Star celebrated its 25th anniversary Tuesday evening with seven of the charter members present. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knudson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Butterwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stephens and Mrs. Helen Turnbow who now lives in Arizona and is here on a visit. Mrs. W. P. Folsom of the Pendleton chapter and Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Folsom, Past Grand Patron, were among the visitors, as was Frank Sloan of Stanfield, district deputy grand master of the A.F. & A.M. Visitors were also present from the Hermiston and Pasco chapters.

Gifts were presented in the form of a white satin altar cloth and kneeling cushion used in presenting the obligation, and this came from Mrs. Helen Turnbow, charter member. A huge birthday cake came from Queen Esther Chapter of Hermiston, and flowers from the Pasco chapter. The Umatilla chapter birthday cake was brought in and presented by two small girls. Ninety members and guests were present to enjoy the celebration and the following program was presented: A vocal solo by David Slattery; a vocal duet by J. Tucker and Keith Rodenbaugh; a piano duet by Doris Rodenbaugh and Betty McKenzie and the second number by Doris Rodenbaugh and May Wurster; readings were given by Jean McKenzie and Alva Stephens; two numbers were played by Frances Chapman on the violin and Miss Marguerita Cox on the cello.

Among those attending from Hermiston chapters were Mrs. A. W. Frann, Mrs. Cleve Clark, Mrs. Alice Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan, Mrs. David Mittleldorf, Mrs. O. K. Mudge, Mrs. Gerald White, Mrs. Curtis Simons, Mrs. G. W. Ripley, Mrs. W. L. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Villermore, Mrs. M. Refvem, Miss Elva Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomson, and Mrs. A. H. Norton.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE VACATION

Students in the Hermiston schools will enjoy a spring vacation this year while the Inland Empire Teachers' Conference is in session at Spokane, Wn., April 7th to 9th. All the teachers of the local school will attend the conference. Supt. W. G. Kersbergen explained that in the fall none of the teaching staff attended the county institute held at Baker, and expressed the preference of attending the spring institute. Attendance at the county institute is required except that this year the meet was held two counties distant instead of in Union county, and teachers from this county did not attend.

Baseball practice is now in full swing for all departments, and the high school boys are lining up for all spring sports. Coach O'Neil has announced a full schedule of between ten and twelve baseball games for the boys this spring. Track is also a popular spring sport.

A meeting of all coaches and superintendents of the schools between Boardman and Echo will be held in the near future at which time a spring sports program will be worked out.

The grade school track meet will be held at Echo Saturday, May 1st, this year and work is going forward in preparation for the meet. There are many promising stars in the field and competition will be keen.

Tennis is a most popular spring sport and students whose grades warrant may get permission from the superintendent's office to play during any study period in the day. Miss Lavina May Lynch and Coach O'Neil have charge of the tennis activity. The courts have been finished and are in great demand.

High school faculty members have been presented with contracts for another year and have accepted with an increase in salary. Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen received an increase of \$400 a year, Coach Frank O'Neil \$15 a month increase, and the other teachers an increase of \$10 per month. The teaching staff includes Lavina May Lynch, Ruth Morrison, Jessie Briley, Ladrew Moshberger, Coach Frank O'Neil and Supt. Kersbergen.

Supt. Kersbergen will attend a state superintendents' conference at Salem Friday, March 19th.

Only students who bring orders from their parents will receive immunization serum at the diphtheria clinic to be held Friday, March 19, at the Hermiston school. This service is also available to pre-school children and parents may arrange for this at the school. The clinic will be conducted by the county health nurse, Miss Margaret Portman of Pendleton, and Dr. F. B. Belt of Hermiston.

CARD OF THANKS.
We express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement.

A. D. KEPPLER,
MR. AND MRS. DONAVON DECKER.

Notice to the Public.
I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any one but myself.

FLOYD LAIRD.



PROF. HALLMAN TO CONDUCT CHOIR

Announcement is made that the Epworth League of the Methodist church will present the capella choir of Portland Bible Institute in a sacred concert here Friday night of this week at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The choir will be conducted by Professor Willard R. Hallman, head of the School of Music at the Institute. Professor Hallman, who is a graduate of the Westminster Choir School of Princeton, New Jersey, is said to be one of the leading choral directors in the northwest. During the National Preaching Mission held in Portland last fall he was chosen as song director for the huge mass meetings which crowded the civic auditorium, and was also baritone soloist in the 500-voice choir which during the Christmas season presented Handel's "The Messiah," conducted by Dr. William Von Hoogstraten, director of Portland's symphony orchestra.

The School of Music which Professor Hallman heads is a department of Portland Bible Institute, an interdenominational training school for Christian workers located in Portland, Oregon. The capella choir which will give a full program of sacred music in Hermiston March 19th is a group of thirty-five carefully selected voices chosen out of the student body.

PORTLAND WOMAN ACCIDENT VICTIM

Mrs. P. G. Onstad, 58-year-old Portland matron, was instantly killed last Friday when the Plymouth coupe in which she was riding left the road skidding into a telephone pole on the west side grade crossing here in the early morning. Another occupant of the car, Mrs. Esther Mohr, suffered a fractured pelvic, but her son, Allan Mohr, Gresham, Ore., who was driving the car, escaped with minor cuts and bruises. The party was enroute to Medical Lake, Ore., to visit a brother of Allan Mohr, and a daughter of Mrs. Onstad. The brother and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Mohr, were notified of the accident and arrived as soon as possible.

The injured parties were treated at the Hermiston General hospital.

CAPTAIN RIGGS' LOG OF NAVIGATING UPPER COLUMBIA TELLS OF ECONOMIC HAZARDS

The Herald is fortunate in receiving a long written description of attempts to navigate the Columbia around 50 years ago by Captain Arthur Riggs, who kept this log of daily movements of boats he captained in 1908, 1909 and 1910. The boats were the Inland Empire, Umatilla and the Twin Cities.

On December 24th, 1908, he left Celilo with Pasco as destination on the Inland Empire with Captain E. W. Baughman as pilot, on its maiden trip, with the U. S. steamer Umatilla under Captain V. S. Winslow and Captain W. P. Gray as pilot. At John Day rapids the Inland Empire turned completely around and struck a rock on the starboard side and a plug blew out, forcing a landing. On Christmas day the steamer reached the entrance of Umatilla rapids where two holes were knocked in the port side. These were fixed and the boat was moved up stream, but was grounded on a rock at the entrance to the upper rapids. The Umatilla then moved up and pulled the Inland Empire off the rocks, with five more holes in its hull, and all the crew worked all night at Guses Bar patching holes. She laid over the next day installing a hydrolic steering gear. The cargo was 85 tons and 9 passengers. They reached Wallula December 27 with the hull badly bumped up. The weather was heavy with rain and a strong west wind. That morning they were met by a delegation from Pasco consisting of R. A. Kling, R. F. Norton, J. W. Hunt and John Schimrhorst, who came on board and the boat steamed on up to Homly rapids where they were wind-bound.

Here they were defeated in the first attempt and had to drop back. The officers of the Umatilla decided that the water was too low. In the second attempt of the Inland Empire, Captain Riggs took the wheel in a determined effort to make the

SEYMOUR HERE FOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY

H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader from Oregon State college, will be one of the main speakers at the achievement day program for 4-H club members March 25th when they meet in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. Supt. W. G. Kersbergen will preside at the meeting.

Scholarships and awards will be presented to club members and Mr. Seymour will present an outstanding club member with a scholarship from the First National Bank of Hermiston.

Other speakers will be County Agent Walter A. Holt of Pendleton, J. A. Yeager, county school superintendent, Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent of Hermiston, and club leaders.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and to enjoy a musical program of entertainment.

MRS. A. D. KEPPLER BURIED SUNDAY

Mrs. A. D. Kepple passed away at her home near Stanfield Friday, March 12th, following an attack of heart disease. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from Prann's Funeral parlors in Hermiston with Rev. Jesse Griffiths, pastor of the Stanfield Presbyterian church, officiating.

Mrs. A. D. Kepple, nee Harriet E. Livens, was born in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, August 5, 1883. Most of the years of her early life, however, were spent in Lancaster, Wisconsin where she graduated from high school.

In February, 1903, she married Braman C. Decker and their home was made in Hopkins, Minnesota, where her first husband died in March, 1928. From this union a child, Donovan J., was born, who now teaches school at Umapine, Oregon.

In October, 1929, she deceased married Arthur D. Kepple who survives her. Her mother, Mrs. Henry Belscamper, living here, also survives her. Mr. and Mrs. Kepple came to the Oregon country in the fall of 1933, taking a Burnham ranch near Stanfield.

Mrs. Kepple had been very active in lodge work, belonging to the Eastern Star, Degree of Honor, and Yeoman chapters in Hopkins, Minn. She was also particularly active and interested in amateur theatricals, having coached numerous plays under the auspices of various organizations. For two years, prior to partial incapacitation due to arthritis, she staged and directed plays professionally in many of the small towns of Minnesota.

Tigard Wins Albany Tourney.

Coaches who are graduates of Albany college brought their various basketball teams back to Albany last week end to compete in the invitational alumni coaches tournament. Tigard high school squad, coached by Thurlo Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Hermiston came out on top of the heap defeating Nehalem 14 to 12 in the finals. Newport took third place with a 17 to 15 victory over Jewell. Nustucca won the consolation game from Turner, 17 to 14. Thirteen teams were entered.

ASPARAGUS CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

Kay Yamahiro of Portland, who has handled the cooperative marketing of asparagus for growers on the project for several years, met with a small group of growers last Saturday to give quite an optimistic outlook for the asparagus market this season. Among his reasons were the fact that the California grass is late this season tending to make the price go upward. Mr. Yamahiro stated that high water had been reported in the Sacramento Valley where grass is grown extensively and a shortage in the crop there will also be favorable to market price conditions.

Canneries are reported to be opening two weeks earlier than usual which is favorable to growers here where the grass is ready to cut after the first of April.

Grass here is just beginning to bud and will be through within the next two weeks.

O'CONNOR OPENS BUSINESS HERE

B. E. O'Connor plans to open a confectionery and complete cafe Friday, March 19th, in the building formerly occupied by Cochran's confectionery. Connor comes from Euton and until recently was with the state police department, at one time working out of Pendleton for a year.

The interior of the building has been re-finished and new equipment added. A club room will be maintained but additional changes will be made in the near future. Mr. O'Connor states, Miss Fay Buckman of Heppner will operate the cafe for Mr. O'Connor. Mrs. O'Connor will be in the business later but is in Eugene at present.

H. E. UNIT WILL MEET MARCH 23RD

The Hermiston Home Extension Unit will meet in the Legion hall at 1:30 in the afternoon on Tuesday, March 23rd, with Mrs. A. W. Turnblad and Mrs. H. J. Ott acting as hostesses. Mrs. O. O. Felthouse and Mrs. Al Quiring will have charge of the meeting as project leaders. All ladies attending are asked to bring sewing materials and also sample pieces of silk, wool and cotton.

The instruction will be on garment finishes and will be conducted by Miss Frances Clinton, county home demonstration agent, and the project committee members.

MC REYNOLDS PLAN MODERN HOME

The R. C. McReynolds home will be one of the most modern dwellings in the city when all improvements are completed according to present plans. All available space is being utilized.

A small screened-in porch is being constructed on the north side of the house which leads into the roomy kitchen. To the west of the kitchen is a linen and storage closet and leading from that to the east is the bathroom. Stairs lead from the hall closet to two upstairs bedrooms. The living room extends full width of the house with French doors leading onto a boxed-in sun porch of equal width.

An inconspicuous stairway leads from the kitchen into a full basement where a pipe furnace will be installed.

Shingles are being used as a covering for the house and these will be painted silver grey, trimmed in white, with a green paint on the roof and black lining the screens.

Carpentry work is being done by W. R. Longhorn and Milton Longhorn, and the plastering by Childs Barham.

TOWNSEND CLUB CELEBRATES

The Hermiston Townsend club celebrated the birthday of the Townsend movement at its regular meeting Tuesday night at the Union church. Glen C. Wade, president of the club, called for a vote to dispense with the regular business of the club to make way for the program and an evening of entertainment.

The minutes of the first meeting of the club were read by the secretary F. E. Earnhart and the program followed. Numbers included a piano solo by Magdolene Jackman, a vocal solo by Wanda Moore, a reading by Mrs. Walter Smith, a Townsend song by Rev. C. R. Moore, and a reading by Mrs. Waldo Dyer.

Mrs. Hartman Long, secretary and treasurer for this district, from Milton was present and reported on a recent meeting held in Milton. Another speaker was Senator Rex Ellis who told members something of his work in the legislature at Salem. After the program members enjoyed a basket dinner.

Work on Community Park.

A crew of 15 men are working on the Hermiston Community park clearing golf greens and planting trees. Lloyd Williams is acting as foreman of the work and hopes to have the golf course in shape by the time players are ready to use the course. Work on the half mile race track will be completed this spring and leveling and seeding work finished.

PENDLETON CANNERY WANTS VEGETABLES

FIELD MAN WILL DIRECT PLAN

A new phase of agriculture in the west end of Umatilla and Northern Morrow is in progress of development through the recent establishment of a cannery in Pendleton. The cannery was built chiefly for peas raised on the wheat lands, but other products are needed that must be grown on irrigated lands.

The management of the cannery wants carrots, beets, beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, squash, asparagus, spinach, and other vegetables that can be grown on the land of the several projects. The new highway shortens the distance about seven miles, which would greatly reduce transportation costs. If sufficient volume can be secured, assembling plants will be opened where the company will receive products from the grower near home, and take care of the trucking costs from here to Pendleton.

Wednesday evening a meeting was called by cannery officials and was held in the assistant county agent's office. It was attended by Mr. Ramsey, manager of the Smith Packing Co.; Walter Holt, county agent; J. T. Pierson, assistant county agent; Harold Dean of the U. S. Field Station, and about 20 farmers.

The cannery asked for 200 tons of carrots, or production from about 20 acres. Nine acres were signed up, and others are expected to fill out the order. A field man will visit farmers and try to arrange for other vegetables needed. If sufficient amounts can be secured the company will assist in superintending growing, and the experiment station will advise as to varieties.

In the case of tomatoes, care must be taken in selecting the best blight resistant varieties, and in the location in planting for protection of plants. This also is true to a less degree as to beans. Sweet corn will need some protection from worms. Every effort possible will be made by the cannery people and local officials in directing the farmers in the new work of growing vegetables which is regarded as full of profitable possibilities for the irrigated lands.

HERD ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

Fourteen dairy herd achievement certificates were issued to dairymen in this district last week by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., to herds averaging 300 and more pounds butterfat production per year. These cows are listed on the national honor roll for 1935.

Certificates were given out last week by L. C. Dyer, secretary of the Umatilla Herd Improvement association. They were issued to A. L. Christley, 38 cows, 322.3 lbs. production; L. C. Dyer, 8 cows, 320.8 lbs. production; C. A. Lynch, 44 cows, 373.0 lbs. production; Edna Mulkins, 5 cows, 314.8 lbs. production; H. G. Moore, 14 cows, 334.7 lbs. production; C. M. Berry, 8 cows, 308.3 lbs. production; T. G. Gregory, 76 cows, 343.3 lbs. production; F. A. Baker, 19 cows, 318.5 lbs. production; E. L. Jackson, 5 cows, 305.3 lbs. production; W. P. Luttrell, 12 cows, 402.4 lbs. production; Frank Seeliger, 12 cows, 394.7 production; H. M. Sommerer, 8 cows, 366.7 production; B. B. Eastridge, 19 cows, 338.9 lbs. production; and N. G. Robertson, 11 cows, 341.1 lbs. production.

The report on the average production for the herds is made each year by the Umatilla Herd Improvement association and filed with the federal department. Members of the testing association are given this service and is not available to dairymen outside the association. Robert Townsend of Oregon City is the association tester.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES OPEN SUNDAY

A week of pre-Easter services will open at the Union church Sunday, March 21st, with special services each evening, conducted by Rev. C. Warner, pastor, assisted by Lawrence Baird, an artist with the violin and member of the University of Oregon symphony orchestra. Miss Grace Palmer will take part with chalk drawing and pantomime work. Miss Palmer is also a student at the Northwest Christian college.

The meeting will open Sunday with a basket dinner following the morning service.

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.

March 19—Portland Bible Institute Concert, M. E. church.
March 25—4-H Club Activity Day program.
April 2—Senior class play.
April 7-8-9—Inland Empire Teachers' association meeting, No school.