

NEW POWER LINE ORDERS TO START

80 MILES STAKED BY ENGINEERS

Umatilla Electric Cooperative Association, Hermiston, Oregon.

Construction contract, Oregon 14, approved. You are authorized to notify contractors to begin construction.

J. M. Carmody, Administrator REA.

This telegram was received by the board of directors for the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association Tuesday morning from Washington, D. C.

This action, which has been awaited for some time, cleared the way for early work on the new power system which is expected to begin before the year closes.

Newport, Kern & Kibbie have, in the meantime, been preparing equipment for the job. They will move in soon with trucks and pole handling machinery, and will employ 40 to 50 men in the construction of the lines. Eighty miles of the lines have been staked and the remaining 40 miles will be completed within two or three weeks.

Two crews of staking engineers have been in the field for three weeks, and right of way easements have been secured along the lines for the greater part of the distance.

For the past two months the board of directors, superintendent, attorney, easement man and engineers have been very active in completing the plans for the final construction of the system, which is now assured by the telegram from the head of the Rural Electrification Administration.

The cooperation of the farmers throughout the district has been beneficial in locating lines with practically no opposition having been encountered to granting right of way.

A few farmers along the lines have not, as yet, signed membership blanks. This is necessary if they wish to secure the service under the regulations of the REA. Service lines cannot be directed, or transformers and meters installed to any farm home unless this is done. Work is being done to complete this important feature in the system. It is expected that approximately 500 users will be served.

The lines and equipment will be one of the most modern in power construction. The poles will be well seasoned and treated with creosote which will be carefully inspected at the plant as to heat and saturation. The weight of each pole is estimated at 1000 pounds. The wires will be of the best copper and sufficient transformer service will be given each user to meet present and early, future needs.

The wiring of houses is one of the next important steps. The REA, or the board of directors, will not undertake this work but will leave it to the individual farmer to secure the best service and contract possible. A number of capable electricians will be available and each farmer may secure the services of anyone who is qualified to do the work. State inspection rules must be complied with.

The contractors will open headquarters in Hermiston in a few days and will begin to arrange crews for construction work. They will employ local men of which a large number have signed up for employment at the district office in the reclamation building.

Bests at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Best are now at St. Petersburg, Fla., according to news of them this week. They write: "We will be here four weeks or more; will make some side trips out from here to points along the west coast then go east and south as far as Miami. We have been well and of course are enjoying ourselves; the climate is not so hot, found plenty of frost at Mobile and two very heavy frosts only 30 miles north of where I stopped for a week to do some fishing; got my fill of fish for once."

RALPH STANFIELD, 69, DIES AT ECHO

ECHO, Dec. 15 (Special)—Funeral services for Ralph Stanfield, 69, postmaster at Echo, were held here Monday afternoon with Rev. F. C. Wissenbach, Pendleton Episcopal rector, officiating.

Mr. Stanfield, postmaster since 1935, died of a heart attack Saturday night at his home. Barking of the family dog aroused Mrs. Stanfield at midnight and she found him dead in his chair, where he had been reading.

He was a son of the late Robert Nelson Stanfield, pioneer of Umatilla county. He organized and was cashier of the Bank of Echo from 1905 to 1921. A son, Jack B. Stanfield, lives in Portland and a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Jones, at Boardman.

He is survived by the following half brothers and half sisters: Robert N. Stanfield, Ontario; Gerald Stanfield, Payette; Mrs. Art Means, Seattle; Mrs. Asa Thomson, San Francisco; Mrs. Daisy Frasier, Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Carl Helm, La Grande, and Miss Kate Stanfield, Echo.

TOWNSEND PEP PROGRAM

An excellent program was rendered at the Townsend club at the last meeting night in November. Orchestra and quartet numbers seemed to be prevailing entertainment enjoyed by the usual sized attendance.

A group of boys from the CCC camp played and sang several popular Hillbilly numbers. The Columbia school harmonica players rendered Christmas carols, and the W. G. Dyer family furnished entertainment by singing. Mrs. C. R. Moore read an old love letter of one of the Townsends, written to his wife many years ago, furnished great merriment. C. R. Moore gave a dramatic reading. Mrs. Victoria Churchman gave an appropriate recipe to the men of the club.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, when a Christmas program will be given. A turkey and an Aladdin lamp will be raffled at a Dutch auction.

The public is invited to attend all meetings.

ADEQUATE WIRING NECESSARY

John M. Carmody, REA Administrator, in announcing the beginning of construction on the Umatilla Electric lines, sends out the statement that the story of safe and adequate wiring should be told again and again. You must have adequate wiring in order to get fullest benefit from your power.

The R. E. A. has worked out suggestions and specifications for good wiring, and these may be had upon application to the local office of the REA in the reclamation building. Complete information is given in this literature and all users of the new system are asked to come and help themselves. The administrator urges the users not to cheat themselves with skimmed wiring but to give electricity a chance to work for you.

Meetings Will Open.

Harry Johnson of Harper, Ore., will begin a series of meetings on December 26th at the Columbia school house, for the Church of Christ. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Everybody Buys and uses Christmas Seals

The POSTMAN



1 MORE WEEK TO SHOP

CHRISTMAS TURKEY POOL BILLED

The final Christmas turkey pool was shipped early this week by the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association, and consisted of five full cars, billed to Los Angeles.

The shipment consisted of 8435 birds with a total weight of 139,491 pounds. They filled 1570 cases and the average weight was slightly in excess of 16.5 pounds per bird. The percentage of prime birds was 91.7.

In the shipment were 7736 prime birds, with a weight of 128,365 pounds; 555 choice birds with a weight of 8787 pounds, and 144 commercial with a weight of 2339 pounds.

The choice and commercial lots were increased by several of the larger growers cleaning up their entire flock.

HENDERSON TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, December 16 (Special)—Bob Henderson of Hermiston, president of the Associated Students of Oregon State college, will represent OSC at the annual convention of the National Student Federation of America, to be held in Albuquerque, N. M., December 28 to January 1.

John Gallagher, former student body president and member of the executive council of NSFA, will also attend the convention, and will return to Oregon State with Henderson via Denver, Salt Lake, Reno and Sacramento. The men will be back on this campus by January 5.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT BENEFIT PROGRAM

A program for the benefit of a fund which will be used to buy treats for children in Columbia district will be given at the Columbia school house, Friday, December 17, at 8:00 o'clock.

Emery Cox, master of Columbia Grange, is in charge of the program and issues an invitation to the public to attend.

The program will be in the form of a radio broadcast with all local talent appearing over the hook-up. Admission will be ten and fifteen cents.

TAYLOR AUTHORIZED LICENSE GIVER

Chas. Taylor, city recorder, has been appointed to act officially for the city in the capacity of issuing temporary licenses for cars and trucks. Heretofore there has been no local representative for the city or state. A fee of 25 cents is charged to issue each license and this will go into a city fund.

LEGION NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Hermiston Post of the American Legion will sponsor a dance on New Year's eve in the Community hall to which the public is invited. Services of the Carson's orchestra of Pendleton, have been secured. It is headed by Ernest Carson, formerly of Hermiston. The local committee promises fun makers such as balloons and squawkers, with a prize to the person keeping his or her balloon the longest without being broken.

Echo Man Injured.

Otis McCarty, Jr., narrowly escaped serious injury to his eyes Wednesday when anti-freeze solution in a radiator he was working on ignited from a match and blazed in his face. His eyelashes, eyebrows and some of his hair were singed, but his eyes were not harmed.

Golf Greens in Good Shape.

Due to the recent rains the golf course and greens on the Hermiston Community park are in fine shape for play, it was announced this week by those who have been in charge of cleanup work on the grounds. All weeds and debris have been cleared away.

LOCAL STUDENTS LISTED IN BOOK

Oregon State College, Corvallis—Several Hermiston students at Oregon State college will be listed in the "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges," when the fourth edition of that book comes off the press next February. They are Dick Martin, yell leader and chairman of the rally committee; Walter Jendrzejewski, president of Independent student council; and Bob Henderson, president of the Associated Student body.

To be included in Who's Who, a student must have a combination of character, scholarship, leadership in extra-curricular activities including athletics, society, religion and politics, and be considered to have a great possibility of future usefulness to business and society.

CCC VARIETIES CHRISTMAS DAY

Once again CCC Camp Stanfield invites the public to an open house and entertainment at the camp on Christmas day, starting at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The boys will present "CCC Varieties" at 3:00 o'clock, which is an amusing sketch put on by camp talent. The boys state that this program will exceed former programs in variety.

"CCC Varieties" will be staged in the dining hall, and refreshments will be served.

LEGION-AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Hermiston Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will hold a joint meeting Saturday night, December 18th, at 6:30 in the Legion hall, at which time a pot luck supper will be served. The affair is for Legion and Auxiliary members and their families.

The Christmas party is an annual affair to which participants bring a toy, later used to make up Christmas cheer boxes distributed by the Auxiliary in this district. Many homes are brightened each year by the work of the community welfare committee of the Unit, not only at Christmas time but throughout the year.

STANFIELD GRANGE PROGRAM

Monday evening an enjoyable program was presented at the conclusion of the Grange meeting, under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Chapin, lecturer. Poems were read by Mrs. Dena Wooster and Mrs. J. M. Richards. J. M. Richards talked on pending legislation. R. G. Penney gave high lights of the Sino-Japanese conflict. Christmas cards and games concluded the program. On the evening of December 28, grangers and their guests will enjoy a social evening.

Al Quiring Ill.

Al Quiring was stricken with a severe attack of appendicitis Wednesday night, and was taken by train to Portland Thursday night. There he and Mrs. Quiring were met by his father and taken by automobile to the Deaconess hospital in Salem for an operation.

Low Dealer's License Number.

Rohrman Motor company was the first bidder for the number of three for a license plate number, issued out of 700 in the state of Oregon. This low number will appear on the dealer's license plate during the year 1938.

OREGON DAIRYMEN PLAN BIG MEET AT COQUILLE.

CARLTON—The Oregon Dairymen's association, one of the oldest farm organizations in the state, will hold its forty-fifth annual meeting at Coquille January 21 and 22, announced George Fullenwider, of Carlton, president of the association.

A complete program has not yet been announced, but among speakers already arranged for will be C. T. Conklin, secretary of the Weyer-shire Beeders' association. Other features of the program will be announced soon, says Roger Morse, extension dairyman at O.S.C. and association secretary.

OFFICERS ASSIST AT INSTALLATION

Officers of other granges assisted Mrs. A. E. McFarland, Pomona Master, with installation of officers for Greenfield and Irrigon granges last Saturday night before an audience of approximately 100 people. Don Sherwood, master of Westland grange at Hermiston, assisted Mrs. McFarland, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Minnick of Irrigon served as emblem and regalia bearers.

A very effective and beautiful tableau was presented by Greenfield Grange following the various charges.

A social time was enjoyed following the business session during which the Irrigon high school orchestra furnished the music, with Mrs. Hugh Grimm at the piano.

OPERETTA INCLUDES HUGE CAST OF 56

The first four grades of the Hermiston schools presented "Santa's Vacation" at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, December 9th. The play was well presented by a cast of 56 children and the attendance was large. The cast of characters was as follows:

Characters in the operetta are:
Mr. Santa Jack Bell
Mrs. Santa Lucy Hollomon
Sandman Francis Clarke
Mother Goose Kay Logan
BoPeep Rosemary Doyle
Little Boy Blue Billy Hibbard
Jack and Jill Leo
Keller and Louise Hammer
First Fairy Barbara Todd
First Elf Donald Harper
Soldiers Larry Dyer, Teddy Hammer, Richard Borthwick, Stanley Pierce and Frank Seely
Elves Fred Gimble, Bobby Putnam, Rodney Middlesdorf, Gilbert Finkbeiner, Paul Pierson, Donald Holman, Leon Elwood, Bobby Yeager

Dolls Patricia Wilcox, Marilyn Hughes, Shirley Simons, Diane O'Dell, Delores Jackman, Carolyn Barlow, Bonnie Montgomery, Joan Yeager, Dorothy Olsen
Moonbeams Marjorie Hughes, Audrey Phelps, Nancy Jo Wines, Neva Edwards, Jerry Rogers, Iris Morris, Ann Piersol, Verla Knapp, Delores Carr, Emily Finkbeiner
Christmas Trees Earl Miller, Dell Parker, Billie Barlow, Vernon Bowman, Kenneth Dean, Bobby Allstott

Fairies Dena Casper, Betty June Hord, Mary Doherty, Barbara Todd, Lella Hooker, Georgia Sneade, Peggy Smith, Veronica Furrer

Farmers who have not filed work sheets with the Umatilla County Agricultural Conservation association, and who desire to participate in the 1938 program of that organization, have until January first to make such filing.

SIGNING WORK SHEET DEAD LINE JAN. 1

Farmers who have not previously signed work sheets should do so now at the office of Assistant County agent Jay T. Pierson. At such time they should bring the legal description of all lands included in their farm and know what portion is in the various crops.

It is recommended by the officers of the county Conservation association that persons already having filed work sheets should delay until after the first of the year any definite action regarding the 1938 program. This request is made for the reason that complete information regarding all details of the program has not yet been made available to the county committee, and, too, the time between now and the first of the year will be needed in assisting new signers and otherwise making preparations for meeting the terms of the 1938 Agricultural Conservation work.

Christmas Bazaar.

The Methodist Ladies Aid will sponsor a Christmas bazaar next Saturday, December 18, at Burnham's store, when they will also feature cooked food. The sale will continue through the day.

LOCAL BASKETEERS GET SWEEPSTAKES

BUCKAROOS THROWN HELIX PUT DOWN

The Hermiston basketeers went to town over the week end and did not stop until they had everything their own way, including the reins of the Pendleton Buckaroos in an overtime game. Helix and Pendleton met the Bulldogs on successive nights, Friday and Saturday, to give Hermiston basketball fans the best there is in the game.

The Helix high school girls team met their first defeat in three years Friday night at the hands of the fast improving Hermiston girls' team. Hermiston annexed their third victory this season. By getting two baskets in the closing minutes of the first half the Hermiston girls squeezed out with a one point lead, 11 to 10, increasing this lead to 20 to 15 at the final whistle.

The same night the Bulldogs outclassed the Helix quintet in every position. With the score 26 to 10 in their favor, the locals added fourteen more points in the third quarter while holding Helix team to two baskets, making the score 40 to 14 when Coach O'Neil substituted his entire second string. The final game ended 46 to 17. Rankin led the local team with 16 markers, followed closely by Keller with fourteen.

Bulldogs Take Buckaroos.
In a preliminary Saturday night, with the new gymnasium packed to the last seat, the Hermiston freshmen team outplayed the grade school team.

The final struggle of the week end faced the Bulldogs with the Pendleton Buckaroos for the first time in a number of years. The score was tied eight times during the four quarters, and was still tied as the game ended. But in the three minute overtime period, Shaw and Rankin dropped in two field goals, and by holding the Buckaroos scoreless cinched the game for the Bulldogs.

Marble started the scoring for Hermiston with a foul shot, followed immediately by Young of Pendleton for the first goal. Young fouled but Keller missed his shots. The Bulldogs again jumped into the lead as Knapp made a beautiful shot from the side for two points, followed by another for Shaw. Young again sunk one for Pendleton, as also did Ganger, giving Pendleton a slight lead at the quarter, 5 to 6.

Marble again scored on a foul, to tie the score. McKee fouled Knapp but he missed. Keller dribbled down the length of the floor and sunk the ball for two points. A pass from Keller to Rankin netted another goal, but this four point lead was not long lived as Farrior and Beam each netted a goal to tie the score at half time at ten all.

With both teams fighting to get the lead, the last half was a repetition of the first half. Keller heaved a long one from the middle of the floor that swished through the hoop without hitting the rim. Pendleton evened the score and got a two point lead. Rankin and Shaw again put the locals in the lead. Young again tied the score at 16, but two seconds before the gun popped for the third quarter, Knapp tipped the ball in to give the Bulldogs the coveted lead, 16 to 18. The score was again tied three times in the closing minutes of play, standing 22 all at the end of the fourth quarter.

After a short time out, Shaw and Rankin garnered the two baskets that gave the Bulldogs their victory over Pendleton, 26 to 22.

Young of Pendleton netted high honors of the evening with 12 points, with Rankin leading the Hermiston team with 10 points.

Keller (14)	F	(5)	Tullis
Rankin (16)	F	(6)	Kononen
Knapp (8)	C	(4)	Eldridge
Shaw (2)	G		Thorne
Marble (2)	G		Schuening
Substitutions — Her., Cox (4);			
Gettman, Shipp, Crampton, Helix—			
Harget (1), Haukin (1), Rohe,			
Hermiston (26) Pendleton (22)			
Keller (6)	F		McKee
Rankin (10)	F	(2)	Ganger
Knapp (4)	C	(2)	Farrior
Shaw (4)	C	(2)	Mumm
Marble (2)	G	(12)	Young