

POLES TO RISE WITH NEW YEAR POWER LINE BUILDING SOON

The contractors of the new power line have leased the old Chezik building west of the Hermiston Creamery from the city council for storage purposes, and are expected any day with equipment for beginning work. Part of the apartment house across the street may be used for offices.

Over 100 miles of lines have been staked ready for construction and the crews are now working west of Irrigon on the way to the completion of this work at Boardman.

Applications for membership in the association have been coming in more rapidly since assurances of the construction of the lines have been made known. Nearly every home within reach of the lines expects to use the electricity and owners are making preparation for wiring their places. Literature on wiring, and the uses of electrical appliances is available at the association's offices in the reclamation building and is being called for daily. Electrical wiring engineers are in the field seeking the business of wiring houses. Customers who do not sign up will not be connected with the system. The fee of five dollars entitles all members to transformer service, line to the house and meter.

Throughout the distances of more than 100 miles only three objections to easements have been made and the land owners have cooperated very generously to enable the engineers to place the lines in the proper places. In the construction of such a system, trees, existing power and telephone lines, roads and highways, railroad and river crossings, convenience to customers and savings in lines and cost of construction, must all be considered. If the system is properly constructed, better service can be assured and the costs of maintenance greatly reduced. As an instance: the wires and poles have been shifted from tree lines to avoid the heavy cost of trimming and damages to the system from storms and limb interference. The task may be better explained when it is known that the system, if stretched end to end would extend from Hermiston to Hood River. After several months of very busy days, the work of placement of lines has been about completed and the engineers regard the system as one of the best possible, under all varying conditions, that can be laid out.

The contractors state that practically all local help will be employed and preference will be given to those who have made their home in, and are citizens of the districts to be served by the system.

It is expected that, unless unfavorable weather prevents, the work will be in full swing by New Years.

Engagement Announced.

The betrothal of Miss Margaret Clarke of Hermiston to Mr. Jack Malette of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, was announced Monday night at an informal party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clarke. Miss Clarke graduated from the Hermiston Union high school with honors and attended the University of Oregon this last term. Mr. Malette is a senior at Western States Teacher's college at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Miss Clarke will leave Monday, December 27th, for Michigan to make her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Royce. The wedding will be an event of early summer or fall.

Merle Phelps returned to Hermiston last Monday to spend the holidays with his family. He has been employed with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads during the summer and winter.

Lighted Christmas Tree

A lighted Christmas tree growing in anyone's yard is an asset. The Chas. Taylor residence boasts of the one lighted tree and you should not fail to see it as you drive or walk south from town.

New Office Space.

F. E. Pierson is having an 8x16 foot room added as office space on the south side of his auto wrecking house building, in which he will install an oil heater. Lee E. Elwood is doing the carpenter work.

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER REQUESTED

The Umatilla Project Farm Bureau held its annual meeting at the Union church Tuesday evening and officers were elected for the ensuing year. All officers were re-elected as follows: H. J. Ott, president, A. E. Bense, vice president, C. M. Jackson, secretary-treasurer.

Project leaders were chosen as follows: L. C. Dyer, dairying; Dr. Theo. Beletski, disease control; J. Jendrzejewski, rodent control; J. W. Rodda, bees and fair executive; C. L. Upham, park; E. H. Dunning, legislative; H. K. Dean, farm management; J. W. McMullen, poultry and marketing; 4-H club, A. E. Rugg; Henry Sommerer, finance; Jay T. Pierson, farm organization; A. E. Bense, recreation.

One of the most important actions taken by the organization will be an effort to secure a government trapper for work in this territory. Coyotes and skunks are increasing in number and have become a serious damage to animals and poultry on the farms.

Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, stated that the program for 4-H club work would be varied somewhat from that of last year and that he would begin soon after the first of the year to organize the plans for 1938.

BOARDMAN

By Maryetta Thomas

T. Hendricks and J. Alt motored to Bonneville last Friday on business.

Ed Barlow and Ray Brown, who have served on the city council over a long period, have given notice of their resignation.

Harlan Lundell of Pendleton was here Friday on business.

Victor, Jessie and Dante Petrezelle of Bridal Veil visited their aunt Mrs. V. Colossal of Castle Rock, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bottemiller and children of Arlington were visiting in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. B. Barthodie of Umatilla were visitors here Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peck and children and Mr. and Mrs. L. Uthe, and Norine Olsen spent Saturday in Walla Walla shopping.

E. W. Peck and Mr. and Mrs. L. Uthe and Shirley Peck left Sunday for Yakima where they will visit for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Bond and Joe Anderson of Corvallis were visitors at the home of J. G. Fisher Friday.

The Arlington Honkers defeated the Boardman team 27 to 17 on the home floor, last week. The B squad also lost to Arlington, 23 to 9.

Simon Gent, who has been visiting at the home of W. A. Baker, left this week for Longview, Wn., where he will visit for some time.

Mrs. Leo Root was hostess to the Ladies Aid last Wednesday.

L. Lay purchased a new '38 V-8 from Rohman Motor Co. at Hermiston Saturday.

The school board held a special election of officers last week with Neil Bleakney elected. W. A. Strobel is the retiring officer.

Mildred Ayers spent Monday at Arlington where she took the driver's test.

Barbara Norkoskie, who is attending school at La Grande spent the week end visiting Gene Sundstun. She left Sunday for Lankorn where she will visit her parents over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Awilda Bleakney entertained informally Sunday evening honoring the Misses Norine Alsen and Mildred Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown and Kathryn Rake and baby Reo, returned to their home in La Grande Thursday.

Virginia Compton spent Saturday in Pendleton.

W. A. Strobel, who is now employed at Athena, spent the week end visiting at his home.

Seed Loan Expert Coming.

C. A. Riley, field supervisor for the feed and seed loan, will be at the office of Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, Wednesday, December 29th, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

With greater use of artificial light and heat in flower growing, an electrical company predicts that greenhouses will take a skyscraper turn.

GERALD MCKENZIE VISITS PARENTS

Gerald McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McKenzie, arrived from Baltimore, Md., Tuesday, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. Miss Florence Dove of Portland, will also be a house guest at the McKenzie home during the holidays.

Miss Dove is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dove of Portland, and on January 4th, at 10:00 a. m. will become the bride of Mr. McKenzie at the St. Philip Neri church in Portland. A reception will be held in the evening at the home of the bride's parents, the young couple leaving later for Baltimore.

McKenzie, junior clerk in the Social Security Service, graduated from the local high school and from Oregon State college with honors. He spent some time as an instructor in the college working on his master's degree. He is a member of several honorary societies.

H. B. Darling Returns

H. B. Darling returned early this week from a trip to Montpelier, Vermont, where he visited his sister and his old home in Morrisville which he had not seen for 38 years. En route he visited in Chicago, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Boston, New York, and Montreal, Canada. Mr. Darling states that at Burlington, Vermont, and other large cities there seemed to be considerable unemployment and people seeking the bread lines.

Eastern Star Celebrates.

The Eastern Star, consisting of members from Stanfield, Echo and Hermiston, held its 28th anniversary Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall in Hermiston. A banquet was served in honor of the occasion and a special program of entertainment was given.

Operator Examiner Coming

The Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Hermiston, Wednesday, January 5, 1938, at the City Library, between the hours of 1 and 5, respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Morrow County Pomona.

Morrow County Pomona Grange will be held in the hall at Cecil, January 8th. Installation of Pomona officers and officers of some of the subordinate granges will be held on that day. Willows Grange will confer the fifth degree in the evening.

Bert Martins Leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Martin left this week for Walla Walla where they will make their home. They have been farming the Lee Savely place on Butter Creek which is being purchased by Harry Andrews. The Martins will go into the poultry business near Walla Walla.

WADE TALKS TO TOWNSENDITES

Glenn C. Wade, district organizer for the Townsend club, and former president of the local club, talked to Townsendites at their regular meeting Tuesday night in the Union church. After the address, a Dutch auction of an Aladdin lamp and a dressed turkey was held.

Entertainment was supplied by the CCC boys, consisting of singing and string instrument music. Refreshments were served of coffee and cake, and Christmas bags of candy were given to all the children present.

A delegation from the Pendleton club attended the meeting. It was announced that radio programs will now appear over Bakersfield regularly Monday evening at 8:45, and over KWJJ of Portland every morning at 9:00 o'clock.

NOTED STAR IN SPARKLING COMEDY

Barbara Stanwyck and Herbert Marshall are teamed for the first time in the stellar roles of "Breakfast for Two," RKO Radio comedy romance which starts Sunday at the Oasis theatre.

Cast as a wilful heiress from the South, Barbara Stanwyck falls in love with a lazy ne'er-do-well, portrayed by Herbert Marshall, and tries to straighten him out by taking away his resources of income and putting him "on his own." How their determined wills clash, but eventually fuse them in romance, involves the pair in innumerable laugh-provoking situations.

Hineline Established.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hineline are now established in their new home on Ridgeway and Fourth which they purchased recently. They were forced to give up their 60 acre farm in the Minnehaha district because of Mr. Hineline's health. They are operating a rooming and boarding house. The farm has been leased to Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanArsdale.

Townsend Auxiliary.

The Townsend Auxiliary ladies met Friday, December 17th, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Jackman. They tacked two quilts and made candy bags for Christmas candy. The next meeting will be held December 31 at the home of Mrs. Perry Arthur. All ladies are urged to be present, and to come early in the afternoon.

Elected to Honorary.

Miss Edith Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clarke of Hermiston, has been elected to Pi Lambda Theta, women's educational honorary, from the University of Oregon. Edith is majoring in physical education at the university. She graduated from Hermiston high with honors and first attended Pacific University at Forest Grove for two years before going to the university.

STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Many students are home for the Christmas holidays from the various institutions of higher learning in the state. Betty Ralph, who is a senior in home economics at O. S. C. arrived last week. Helen and Walter Jendrzejewski, students at O. S. Kay Turnblad from Northwest Christian college at Eugene. Edith and Margaret Clarke from University of Oregon. Edith is a senior in physical education, but Margaret will not return to school. Margaret McMullen from Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande; Harold Marble arrived Saturday from O. S. C. where he is enrolled in Mechanical Engineering. Marnie Smith from E. O. N. at La Grande; Bill Jackson from Pacific University at Forest Grove. Robert Mullins arrived Thursday from Mt. Angel college near Silverton. Dick and Jack Martin, seniors at O. S. C.

AL QUIRING IMPROVING

Al Quiring is reported as improving satisfactorily following an operation for appendicitis last Friday in the Deaconess hospital at Salem. Word received here states that he was in a wheel chair Wednesday, and was expected to leave the hospital for the home of his parents in Dallas today.

Quiring became ill on Wednesday of last week and by Thursday was advised to go to Salem for an appendicitis operation. The operation was performed immediately upon arrival at Salem Friday noon.

The Quirings may be reached through their parents, H. J. Quiring, Dallas, Oregon.

Claude Upham is assisting in the Herald office while Mr. Quiring is away.

HOME EXTENSION UNIT MEETING

The Home Extension Unit will meet at the American Legion hall at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 28. Miss Frances Clinton, County Home Demonstration Agent, will be present to discuss meal planning.

The meeting is open to anyone interested and everybody is welcome to come and bring friends.

HARRIS SOWERS DIES

Harris Sowers, husband of Mrs. Mary Sowers, mother of O. L. Barlow, who visited here this summer, passed away Friday, December 17, following a stroke. He was a Civil War veteran and was in the veterans' hospital at Leavenworth, Kansas, at the time of his death. Mrs. Sowers will come to Oregon to make her home as soon as her business affairs are cleaned up. Mrs. A. M. Tillson, mother of Mrs. Barlow, who has been in Kansas City for some time, will return with Mrs. Sowers some time after Christmas.

BULLDOGS WIN ONE POINT MARGIN TWO GAMES LOST TO HELIX

The Grant Union high school Prospectors came to our fair village in search of a basketball victory, Wednesday, December 22. This date is one long to live in the annals of basketball history, so paste December 22, 1937, in your scrap books.

The melee itself was the wildest, weirdest, wooliest and worst in the history of the casaba sport. The Hermiston Bulldogs had ulcerated teeth and the Prospectors' powder was damp. Occasionally the Bulldog would emit a low growl and take a dainty nibble of ye old prospector but never a good bite, while the Prospector could seldom even ignite the fuse let alone get any hoisting power out of the blasting equipment. In short the forwards were terrible, the guards were horrible, the centers were poisonous

and the substitutes were impossible, and the spectators were bewildered. The end of the first quarter was Grant Union 1, Hermiston 0, the half ended Grant Union 4, Hermiston 0. The game ended, Grant Union 10, Hermiston 10.

In the overtime play-off Hermiston connected with its one foul try in eleven fouls, called on the visitors and sank its sixth field goal out of an astronomical number of easy shots, while the Prospectors found one lone shot in the locker and sank a field goal. So the score board finally read, Grand Union 12, Hermiston 13.

A team composed of inmates of an old ladies' home could have doubled the score on either team. There was much sound and fury, but no noticeable results.

All in all it could not be said it was an off night but rather a granddaddy of all off nights so far as the two teams were concerned. Anyway, it could have been worse, the Bulldogs might have missed one more shot. The jittery condition of both teams was probably due to the players staying up late nights composing letters to Santa Claus.

Lose to Helix

The high school basketeers broke even on the courts last week end, winning two and losing the same number. Last Friday evening the Athena first and second teams furnished the opposition for the Bulldogs and it proved to be just a trifle too much.

The Athena team was a shade better in all departments, they out shot, out maneuvered, out ran, out jumped and out roughed the locals throughout the game and emerged on the long end of the 38 to 30 count.

The game was marred by exceedingly rough play, which was indulged in by both teams. Both teams have played games without using such tactics and the conclusion seems to be that the referee lost control of the game. This is the first loss of the season for the Bulldogs and they are putting in their best liks to even the count on the return game at Athena.

The second teams of each school played the curtain raiser and appeared evenly matched with about the same respective amounts of jitters and occasional flashes of good work. One excited player heaved the casaba at the wrong basket but missed so no murder was committed. With three minutes to play they permitted Athena four baskets almost as fast as they could be run and the final whistle found the score, Athena 19, Hermiston 13.

Take Echo Game.

Earlier in the week the Bulldogs took a pair of games from Echo. The boys game was close the first half but the Echo defense cracked badly in the third and fourth quarters to allow the gold team to win 39 to 24. The girl's team continued its un-

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Present Christmas Cantata. The high school glee clubs presented a Christmas cantata to a large audience at the high school auditorium last Thursday evening. The presentation was a part of the program of the Parent Teachers' association. The glee clubs were under the direction of Miss Helen Peterson of the high school faculty. About fifty-five voices were included in the choruses. The twenty-one piece high school orchestra made its initial appearance on the same program.



A personal Christmas Greeting to our patrons and subscribers --- for the best of everything throughout the coming year . . .