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REA CONTRACTOR COMING JAN. 1 EQUIPMENT AND CREWS EXPECTED

Newport, Kern and Kibbie will be here January 1st to begin work on the new power line. The contractors will arrive with a large outfit of equipment which it has been preparing for the job. The administrator of Rural Electrification has asked the firm to proceed with all possible haste to complete the work as soon as possible. If the weather permits, it is hoped that the lines will be built within three months.

Carloads of poles and wire are expected to arrive very soon. The total of the shipments will exceed any job of construction ever carried out in Umatilla county. It is estimated that 40 car loads of poles, wire, transformers and meters will be used. The equipment of the contracting firm will consist of numerous heavy trucks, pole vaulting and setting machinery, camp equipment and shop machinery for fast work.

This is one of the largest jobs of the kind in the northwest and the company is making special efforts to make a record of good work. The company is under bonds of over \$100,000. Mr. Carmody, administrator of REA, has written them approval of the set-up and urges that the work be done without delays customary to such undertakings. Only adverse weather conditions can hinder operations.

The preliminary work in the field is being continued vigorously. The crew of staking engineers are now following the lines to Boardman and the system will be staked out within ten days. Most of the right of way easements have been secured, and prospective users all along the lines are signing applications for membership in the association. Over 500 customers are expected to be listed by the time construction begins, or when pole setting reaches their home places. No service can be supplied under REA rules unless application is formally made.

Wiring of houses should be commenced as soon as possible. This may be done by the owners provided that they conform to state inspection laws and each home must be inspected by the state officers before juice is turned on. If the owner is unable to do his work, he may hire any electrical engineer he chooses with whom he can make the best price for his job, and who holds a state certificate. A number of such workmen or contractors will be in the field soliciting this business and competition will be sufficient to guarantee fair prices.

At the office of the association can be secured literature on how to do the work, and any user can inform himself as to his needs and methods of wiring. It has also been arranged, through Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, and the state college extension service, for a series of meetings on the use of electric appliances, which will be announced in the near future.

Under the original plan, for which funds were granted by the REA for the work, only 120 miles were included. Since that time other users have applied for service and the board of directors are now endeavoring to secure additional funds for such extension. Two months ago the REA service in Washington found that the lines laid out on the preliminary maps included 18 miles more than funds had been provided and ordered the engineers to cut off the 18 miles, which eliminated a number of prospective users on the ends of lines where service required a half mile or more to one user.

If funds are made available, these are hoped to be included by the board of directors and engineers before the system is completed. It is important at this time that any farmer who desires service, make his wants known at the local office immediately and every effort possible will be made to supply him with the necessary lines and equipment.

It is the desire of the board of directors to reach every farmer but it likewise must have the cooperation of the rural districts in every way in its efforts.

Evangelist Coming.

Evangelist Harry E. Johnson will preach at the Columbia school house next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock on the subject of "The Battle of Armageddon." Services will be conducted later as announced.

THOMPSON CLAN ENJOYS REUNION

The children of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Thompson gathered for a family reunion at the Thompson home north of Hermiston during the holidays, the first of such occasions in a period of ten years.

Members of the family present included Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thompson of Waldport, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gordon and two sons of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. George Memis of Yakima, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Thompson of Pendleton and Miss Ruth Thompson of St. Anthony's hospital; Herbert Thompson, who makes his home with his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Logan and children of Hermiston, and W. J. Logan, father of Wm. Logan.

Christmas eve and festivities were enjoyed until a late hour at the Logan home and then the clan gathered the next day at the Logan home for Christmas dinner. Bud Hiatt of Pendleton was also a Christmas day guest. The younger members of the party attended the dance in Stanfield that evening.

The sons and daughters plan on staying this week, visiting friends and relatives.

BETTY RALPH CHRISTMAS BRIDE

The wedding of Miss Betty Ralph and Mr. Frederick Hensel was a lovely event of Christmas morning at Our Lady of Angels church. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Father O'Leary. Miss Mary Helene Pierson played the wedding march.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Ralph, was attended by her sister, Miss Charlotte Ralph. Mr. Hensel, son of Mrs. R. W. Armstrong and Mr. R. L. Hensel of College Station, Texas, had for his best man Gerald Keller. Little Patricia Jane Schiefel, cousin of the bride, was flower girl and John Mueller was ring bearer.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, William J. Warner, was charming in a gown of white satin with short train and floor length veil; she carried an arm bouquet of gardenias. The maid of honor wore a light blue frock and carried an arm bouquet of pink rose buds. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother immediately following the ceremony. For going away the bride wore a blue wool suit trimmed in gray squirrel with blue accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Hensel is a senior at Oregon state college and is affiliated with Chi Omega sorority. Mr. Hensel also went to Oregon State college and is a Beta Theta Pi. The couple left for a short trip to Spokane and plan to make their home in Hermiston.

Dr. A. E. Marble Away.

Dr. A. E. Marble announced this week that he will not be in his office on January 7, 8 and 9. He plans to be in Portland taking a post graduate course at the Western States college.

MANY BOARDMAN ACTIVITIES

H.B. Thomas and children Maryetta and Lee went to Halfway to spend the Christmas holidays where Lee will stay for an indefinite time.

A community Christmas program was given in the high school auditorium last week with treats presented the children at the close.

A Christmas program was given at the church Sunday by members of the Sunday school. The kiddies were given treats.

Herb Parsons left this week for Pendleton where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Share returned to their home in Spokane this week.

Ray Barlow and family visited relatives here over the week end from their home in Eugene.

Norval Shannon of Condon visited his parents here over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCutchen of Yacolt, Wn., Mrs. Harry Harper and family of Farger Lake, Wn., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCutchen and family of Pendleton visited the McCutchen and Fisher families here during the Christmas holidays.

Naomi, Ralph and Billy Black are visiting friends here over the holidays.

Arlida Bleakney went to Walla Walla where she is visiting over the holidays.

HUGH NEILL BUYS WESTON SHOP

Hugh Neill, who for more than a year has been assisting Wm. Shaar in his barber shop, left this week for Weston where he has purchased a shop. The shop was formerly owned and operated by Morris C. Graves, who died three weeks ago. It is a two chair shop but Mr. Neill will operate it alone for the present.

Neill is an experienced operator and a graduate of a barber college in Portland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Neill of Pine City.

GUERNSEY BULL SOLD TO SEELIGER

Peterborough, N. H.—A purebred Guernsey bull, Lad's Valiant of Middle 246674, was sold recently by Arthur S. Moulton of Ridgefield, Wn., to Frank Seeliger of Hermiston, according to the American Guernsey Cattle club, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Oil for Diagonal.

Recent newspaper reports have stated the state highway commission was advertising for bids for oil construction of the diagonal road for a distance of 3.67 miles. This is about the distance from the end of the macadam in Hermiston to the Columbia school house. Last fall the entire distance between Hermiston and the Wallula cutoff was promised by state engineers and the members of the state highway commission. Why only half the distance is now included in the order has not been explained.

Three Land Transfers.

G. J. Casper has bought the Dan McKenty place in the Minnehaha district which he has been renting for the past year.

Carl Schachermeyer has sold his 20 acre place in the fourth unit to Charles Shawn. Mr. Schachermeyer homesteaded the tract in 1910.

Orval Morris, who bought five acres on the Butter Creek road west of town, has moved his buildings from his ten acre tract adjoining on the east to the new location.

Honor Roll Students.

Marnie Smith and Margaret McMullen, two Hermiston girls, were included in the honor roll list of seven Umatilla county students at Eastern Oregon Normal school at La Grande. Other students listed were Joan Banister, Pendleton, Mrs. Hazel Bertelsen, Freewater, Rose Hoosier, Stanfield, Arthur Smith, Helix, Pauline Christiansen, Freewater.

STANFIELD ALUMNI MEET IN ANNUAL BASKETBALL TILT

The annual alumni and high school basketball game was played Tuesday evening in the gym as one of the outstanding events of the holiday season. The alumni boys won but the girls were defeated by the high school girls. A pot luck supper was served and social time enjoyed later in the Hi-Way cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller of Portland spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Greathouse.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hoskins were in Richland, Wn., for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waterman. Mr. Waterman underwent a major operation on December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Richards, Patricia Richards and Alfred Lantz were guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Chapin in Hermiston. Home for the Christmas holidays are Claudia Gabriel and Rose Hoosier, Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande; Florence Lewis, Kinman Business college, Spokane; Nadine Rueber, O.S.C.; Bytha Hoskins, N. W. Business college, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Trumbull have moved to Pendleton. Mr. Trumbull is dispatcher at Reith.

Paul Baker, who is employed in Sterling, Colorado, is vacationing in Stanfield and Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lane had as their guests for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sturdivant of Parkdale, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Quimby of Pendleton, J. B. Runyon, John Heckman, Johnnie Quimby and Bob Quimby.

Mrs. Margaret Daughtry spent the week end with her son and family in Portland.

Mrs. W. G. Wallace is visiting relatives in Parkdale.

The county road crew is grading the market road east of town.

Mrs. Guy Gabriel and two daughters of Portland spent several days last week at the Kenneth and Vern Gabriel homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans have moved into the Cotant house for the

TOWN TEAM WINS HOOP GAME

The town basketball team took a game from the Jack Allen's team of Pendleton Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium, 22 to 26. This is the first game of the season for the locals and was a fast and interesting tussle.

The boys will play the Domestic Laundry team Thursday night and from reports the game will be one long to be remembered. Cecil Warner was high point man in the contest Tuesday evening. Other players were V. Epperson, Fred Rankin, Harold Thompson, Fred Reeves, on the main string, and Ed Bensele, D. Harris, Estle, G. Hammond and W. Casseday on the reserve string.

PARENT EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 4

Mrs. Maude Morse, home extension specialist in parent education from Oregon State college, will conduct a meeting in the high school Tuesday evening, January 4th, at 8:00 o'clock. Her subject will be "Living Together in the Family."

This meeting will be the second one held here by Mrs. Morse under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher's association. Mrs. Morse is an unusually interesting speaker and always has fine audiences. The public is invited to attend.

"THE LIFE OF THE PARTY"

BLENDS STORY TWISTS,

MELODY AND ROMANCE

He couldn't marry until he was thirty without losing three million dollars. She didn't want to marry because it would halt her singing career. But a few hours later, she claimed to be a bride—he announced himself as the happy husband and then comes the riotous climax of the sparkling new comedy musical, "The Life of the Party," opening Friday at the Oasis theatre.

Gene Raymond and Harriett Hilliard comprise the romantic team of this tuneful riot, with Joe Penner, Parkyakarkus, Billy Gilbert, Franklin Pangborn, Helen Broderick and Victor Moore as a sextette of funsters who keep the hilarity of the offering at the boiling point.

Weaving half a dozen catchy songs and three dance presentations into the complications of its plot and offering picture patrons a steady flow of laughs and suspense as the romance spins from one obstacle to the next, "The Life of the Party," brings entertaining film novelties galore.

HEAVY RAINFALL FILLS RESERVOIR

Cold Springs reservoir on December 20, contained 12,900 acre feet of water. Last year at the same date the storage was 3125 acre feet. The feed canal is running full with over 300 second feet and the prospects are very bright for a full storage early in the 1938 season.

This year the rainfall is the heaviest since 1916, which was the greatest on record in the history of the local office. The amount of moisture that year was 12.23 inches. So far during 1937 the total has exceeded 10 inches. In 1925 the fall was 6.18 inches; 1934, 4.96 inches; and 5.35 in 1935. Other years ranged from 7 to 9 inches with an average of about 8.

The continued flow of the supply in the feed canal will depend upon further rains and snows in the mountains. No snow has fallen in the mountains to date but heavy rains are reported to have produced an unusual ground storage.

MISS KENNINGS BRIDE C. WILCOX

The marriage vows for Miss Irene Kennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kennings, of Hermiston, and Mr. Claude E. Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilcox, were exchanged Sunday morning at 11 o'clock before a decorated Christmas tree in the home of the bride's parents. The vows were read by C. Warner, pastor of the Union church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Albert Kennings, of Sacramento, Calif., wore a soft gray wool suit with a rust colored blouse and wore a corsage of white carnations.

Miss Bonnie Jean Follett, who was bridesmaid, was attired in a dark rose colored two-piece suit and wore a corsage of white carnations. Ray Higgins of Salem was best man.

Mrs. J. S. Burnham and daughter Mary sang "Sweetest Story Ever Told" accompanied at the piano by Miss Marjorie Burnham.

Miss Golda Mumma of Hermiston played the wedding march.

A reception was held and dinner served at the home of the groom's parents immediately following the ceremony at which the bride's cake was cut and served.

The couple left in the early afternoon on a short trip into Walla Walla county, returning Tuesday to make their home in Hermiston.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Dan Richards, Vernonia; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinet, Beaver; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lenhart, Hermiston, Albert Kennings, Sacramento, Calif.; Jeannine Montera-telli, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox, Miss Eva Wilcox, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Graves, Heppner; Miss Florence Fredericksen, Frances Ely, Ray Higgins, Salem; Bonnie Jean Follett, Miss Julia Colpitts, Golda Mumma, Mrs. J. S. Burnham, Miss Margie Burnham and Miss Mary Burnham.

GLEN WADE SPEAKS TO TOWNSENDITES

Glen C. Wade, district manager for the Townsend organization, visited the local club December 21, when a large crowd was present for the Christmas program and entertainment. Mr. Wade talked on matters pertaining to new suggestions for headquarters, also local matters, which were helpful and instructive to members.

A turkey donated by Mrs. Churchman was raffled off, also an Aladdin lamp, won by Barney Anderson, president of the Pendleton club. There were also other club members from Pendleton present.

After the program, bags of candy were distributed to the children, and a lunch served.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 4, at which election of officers will be held. Nominations for office will still be open if coming from the floor.

All club members are urged to be present. The public is invited to attend.

Wool Growers' Auxiliary.

The Wool Growers' Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Marian George at Echo at 1:30 p. m. on January 7th. A special program is being arranged and all members are asked to be present.

PASTURE GRASSES ARE CONSIDERED

DATA ON PASTURE IN PAMPHLET

The seeding of pasture grasses will be one of the important subjects considered during the coming year throughout this area. Data on returns in feed and milk production from different kinds of pastures have been gathered and will be submitted to the farmers for guidance in building up this important feature of diversified farming. The work may also be done to conform with and secure the benefits under the agricultural conservation program.

From recent surveys made on pastures in this area, it is evident that sweet clover seeded alone will carry more cattle per acre than the average pasture now being used. On sub-irrigated land or land that seeps, it has been found that a mixture of grasses does exceptionally well.

During the next two weeks a pasture grass and legume pamphlet will be prepared for use in this particular area, and will take into consideration the different types of soil best suited to a mixed grass pasture and sweet clover seeded alone. This pamphlet will be prepared under the supervision of the Umatilla Field Station and the assistant county agent's office.

This pamphlet will be prepared from a study of pasture grasses at the farm and from observations taken throughout the irrigated districts during the past few years.

The Umatilla Project Farm Bureau has recommended that a copy of this pamphlet be given to the Farm Bureau Cooperative for use in recommending pastures to those obtaining seed this spring and will be mailed out to farmers in this territory. In addition, the Herald will contain further information in following issues regarding the pounds per acre to be seeded and dates and methods of seeding.

MISS PEVEY BRIDE HERMISTON BOY

A pretty wedding of Sunday afternoon was that of Miss Eva Pevey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pevey, of Pendleton, and Merlin Earnheart, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Earnheart, of Hermiston, at 3 P. M., at the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. A. F. Van Slyke, pastor of the Christian church, officiating.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Frances Robertson sang "At Dawning" and "Because," with Miss Mary Elizabeth Penland of Helix as accompanist.

The bride was very attractive in a gown of wine colored velvet, with corsage of white gardenias. Her only attendant was Miss Cathryn Friedly, who wore a blue moire frock and corsage of pink rosebuds. Jack Pevey, brother of the bride, was best man.

The rite was performed before candelabra of burning tapers, surrounding a large holly wreath.

Presiding at the bride's table were Mrs. Roy Penland, Mrs. Viola Kellems, Mrs. Emanuel Friedly, Mrs. R. O. Earnheart, aunt of the groom, cut the wedding cake. Assisting were Mrs. R. A. Turner, Miss Grace Strong, Miss Margaret Wagoner, Mrs. Cathryn Friedly, Miss Doris Turner.

For traveling the bride wore a two piece tulle in hunter's green wool with green accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnheart are spending their honeymoon in Seattle. They will be at home in Yakima, Wash., after the first of the year.

Among the out of town guests were the bride's brothers, Claude Pevey of Hoquim, Wash., and Harold Pevey, of Fort Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutchison of Yakima, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Penland and daughter Mary Elizabeth of Helix, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Earnheart of Holdman, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Earnheart and daughter Margaret, Leo E. Earnheart of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Miller of Corvallis, Miss Ruth LaHue of Portland, Miss Freda Hendrickson of Spokane.