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PLAY OUTSTANDING FOR BASIC THEME

COLLEGE LIFE DEPICTED

The senior class play "Spring Fever" presented at the high school auditorium last Friday night was outstanding for the basic theme of the story and its presentation. The play which was enjoyed by a large audience was directed by Ladrew Moshberger.

Chosen as the outstanding one among several comedies, the play carried character parts portraying college life in its most hectic state. Bill Hamm as Ed Burns, a chemistry student, was a natural, and with the added feature of the continuous explosions in his chemistry lab, he wowed the show. Nina Rae McCulley took the part of a capable, very independent journalism student, who, despite the fact that she became very exasperated with Ed, liked him a little.

The Henry Purcell character, portrayed by Bob Follett, was not a natural but he carried it very well. Also the part of Maud Corey, played by Frances Lewis, as the modern "bachelor girl" aunt of the young college student, Edward Brant. Professor Virgil Bean was also capably carried by Albert Shipp as the devoted professor to his textbooks and the nature study in zoology. Gerald Keller as Vic Lewis, the art student, got Ed and himself in a jam by tying Mr. Purcell to a hall tree thinking he was a model come to pose as a Bolshevik.

Jim Jackson took the lead as Howard Brant, who is the nephew of Maud Corey. He very ably carried the part of the worried young man who was refused a credit by Prof. Bean because he failed to get his term paper in on time. Here is where the "bachelor girl" aunt comes to the fore and poses as a zoologist to captivate the fancy of Prof. Bean to secure acceptance of her nephew's term paper and assure graduation.

Helen Ralph plays the part of Ann Purcell, the pampered daughter of Helen Purcell, the doting father who gives in to his daughter's every whim. She gained her purpose by staging a death-bed scene and also provoked much laughter from the audience.

Lois White took the part of the poised and lovely Vivian George, who was very much in love with Vic Lewis.

Dr. Dixon, the irate prexy, was portrayed by Stuart Rankin. Dr. Dixon's appearances on the scene were always stormy because he thought the college had lost an endowment of a quarter of a million dollars for a new science building because of the treatment the students had dealt out to Mr. Purcell, the donor.

Ann Sommerer played the part of the domineering wife of Henry Purcell and was always acting her striking and attractive self when she appeared on the scene. She was unable to find her husband and was positive someone had kidnapped him, while he was merely keeping out of her way.

Vera Sisson very ably portrayed the part of the landlady, Mrs. Spangler, and was always apologizing for her interruptions in conversation or for her appearance. She, of course, was interested in knowing if Howard Brant would want his room for another term if he did not graduate.

The closing scenes of the play found all the romances ending as they should and all students graduating. Even the professor and Miss Corey got on nicely and were enroute to Europe to study "bugs." Ed finally started to the graduation ball with Lou but had to dash back into his laboratory as another explosion occurred.

POULTRY BROODERS TO BE DISCUSSED

A combined poultry and turkey meeting for the purpose of discussing brooders is being sponsored by the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau Friday evening, March 18, at 8:00 P. M. in the Union church. J. W. McMullen, project leader in poultry together with John Jendrzewski, project leader in turkeys, and assisted by Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, will act as co-chairmen of the meeting.

The meeting will be held in open form so that it will be possible for poultrymen in this area to discuss problems from their own experience. H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla Field Station, will demonstrate the use of the electric brooder, which has been in operation at the experiment station for a number of years. A brooder will be on display at the meeting so that people can actually see how it works.

Dr. Theo. Beletski, project leader in poultry diseases, will discuss the best kinds of litter to be used for baby chicks and poults. This will also be thrown open for general discussion. N. J. Vanskike will also be present to give the highlights of his experience with brooders. This is the first time that a meeting of this type has been sponsored in this area, and all poultrymen are urged to come prepared to enter into the discussion.

First Turkeys Hatched

The first turkey poults reported hatched this season are from the De-Moss turkey flock and are owned by Mrs. Clyde Hebert in Columbia district. The hatch came off March 1st, with a good percentage.

GIRL BASKETEERS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

(From the Bulldog) The Hermiston Hi girls' basketeers closed their hoop season when they met the Walla Walla Y.W.C.A. girls in a preliminary game before the tournament play-off between the Hermiston Bulldogs and the Mac-Hi Pioneers in the local gym Tuesday, February 22.

The girls have had a most successful season, having lost only two out of twelve games played. They dropped the ball in the hoop for a total of 341 points to the opponents' 157 points.

Margie Estle, ace forward for the local girls, scored 163 points, thus making her own individual score 6 points more than all the scores of the other teams combined.

Vera Sisson piled up her share of the score by sinking 91 counters during the season, with Frances Dawson dropping in 56 points and Thelma Swarner 31.

In the two games lost the girls were defeated by small margins both times, the first loss being at Helix by a score of 18 to 12. In this game Margie Estle received an eye injury and was unable to play in more than the opening few minutes of the game.

The second defeat was by the Walla Walla "Y" team, February 22, to the tune of 17 to 13. The game was not officially scheduled until February 21, which gave the girls time for only one practice period in two weeks because their last scheduled game of the season was with Umatilla, February 8. However, 10 points of defeat in two games seemed scarcely a drop in the bucket in comparison to an average of 18 points a game better than the opponents in each of the 10 games won.

All except two of the first string girls are seniors and the team will suffer the loss of all its forwards, Frances Dawson, Margie Estle, Vera Sisson, and Thelma Swarner; its fast center, Wanda Roberts; and its two close-checking guards, Esther McMullen and Marie Skovbo. Claudine Hale, guard, and Georgia Rae Neal, side center, are juniors and have another year of basketball.

Games played this season, with scores are as follows:

- Nov. 30—Hermiston 30, Irrigon 4
- Dec. 4—Hermiston 46, Umatilla 17
- Dec. 10—Hermiston 20, Helix 15
- Dec. 15—Hermiston 47, Echo 13
- Jan. 8—Hermiston 22, Stanfield 9
- Jan. 22—Hermiston 24, Stanfield 8
- Jan. 28—Hermiston 12, Helix 18
- Jan. 29—Hermiston 37, Irrigon 4
- Feb. 1—Hermiston 38, Echo 14
- Feb. 2—Hermiston 26, Y.W.C.A. 17
- Feb. 26—Hermiston 26, Umatilla 21
- Feb. 22—Hermiston 13, Y.W.C.A. 17

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BONNIE LAMBERSON BECOMES BRIDE

Miss Bonnie Jean Lamberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamberson of Enterprise, Ore., became the bride of Willard Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Joseph, Ore., at a ceremony performed by Rev. E. A. Pollock of Wallowa, Ore., Sunday, March 6. The vows were exchanged before an altar of spring flowers in the home of the bride's parents. Members of the immediate families were present.

The bride was lovely in a pale green organza dress with bolero of the same material, and carried a bouquet of pink rose buds and lilies. Miss Dorothy Wilson, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid and wore a dress of rose moire silk and a corsage of rose buds and sweet peas.

Bruce Wilson, brother of the groom, was best man. A reception was held following the ceremony at which a beautiful wedding cake was cut and served, together with punch.

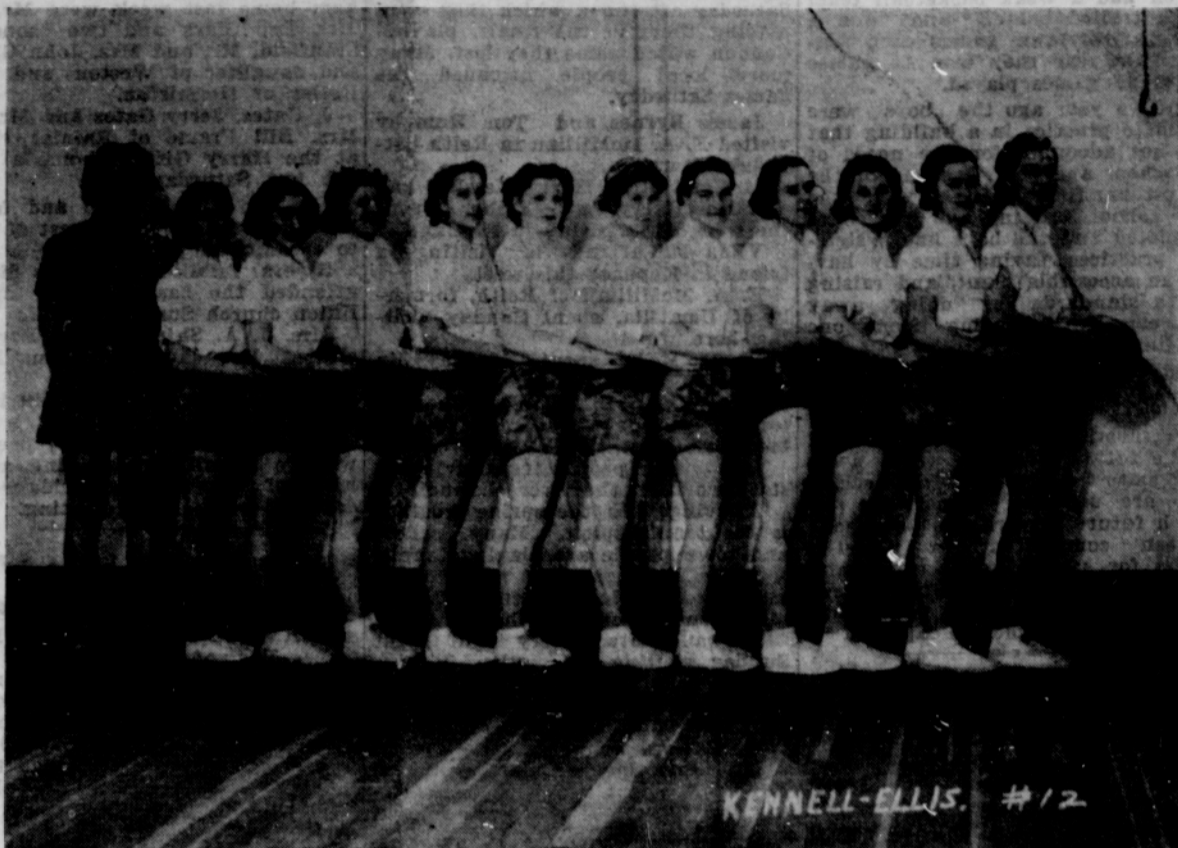
The couple left immediately for Portland and Seattle and upon their return will make their home on the Hendricks place on upper Prairie Creek.

Out-of-town guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson and son Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, Miss Lois Gilsinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gray, all of Joseph, Ore.; Mrs. E. A. Pollock of Wallowa, Ore.; Mrs. A. E. Carruthers of Eugene, Ore.; Wayne and Kermit Wilson of Paradise, Ore.

MOTHER OF 12 PASSES AT AGE OF 94

Mrs. R. M. Dugger, grandmother of Mrs. J. R. Harding and O. M. Clark of Hermiston, passed away February 28 at her home in White Hall, Illinois, at the age of 94. She was the mother of 12 children, 10 of whom are still living, who are between the ages of 51 and 76. She is the mother of Mrs. M. L. Clark of Scottville, Illinois, who less than two years ago lived near Hermiston with her daughter, Mrs. Harding, for two years.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SQUAD



The Hermiston Hi girl basketeers lost only two out of twelve games played this season. They are from left to right: Miss Lynch, coach, Georgia Rae Neal, Vera Sisson, Frances Dawson, Claudine Hale, Virginia Wells, Gladys Williams, Thelma Swarner, Margie Estle, Wanda Roberts, Esther McMullen and Marie Skovbo.

PROJECT FAIR BOARD ELECTS PRESIDENT

The Umatilla Project Fair board held a meeting at the assistant county agent's office today and elected Gerald White as president to succeed J. Jendrzewski. H. R. Hartley was elected vice president and E. D. Martin, secretary. Another meeting will be held within two weeks. Various organizations represented on the board are expected to elect or re-elect annual directors in the near future.

Fair dates were set for September 22, 23 and 24. The board had made investigations as to dates of other fairs and the dates selected have no conflicts.

NCC MALE QUARTET COMING SATURDAY

The male quartet of Northwest Christian college of Eugene, Ore., will give a concert of sacred songs Saturday evening, March 12, at the Union church at 8:00 o'clock. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

K. E. Burke, president of the college, will accompany the boys on a week end tour which takes them to Dufur, Walla Walla and Hermiston. The quartet personnel is Roger Carstenson, Fred Towne, Gene Robinson and Gilbert Kistler.

SPORTS CLUB BENEFIT DANCE

The Hermiston Rod & Gun club is sponsoring a benefit dance at the Hermiston Community Park hall Saturday, March 12. The proceeds from the dance will be used to further the annual predatory animal and magpie and crow contest, the purpose of which is to keep the number of destructive birds and animals at a minimum. The results from former contests is noticeable in the west end of Umatilla county where crows and magpies are at a marked decrease.

During the past three years a total of 20,857 birds and animals have been killed in the contest, 8,317 in 1935; 6,597 in 1936; and 6,439 in 1937.

CO-OP. LAUNDRY REMODELING

The cooperative laundry is being remodeled this week and will have a new flush street front and a four inch concrete floor, according to O. L. Barlow, manager. A change is being made in the drain system which will make for better sanitation.

A contract for the work has been let to L. E. Elwood who is making an effort to have the work completed in the west room by Monday but it is not probable that operations will be carried on in that wash room on that day. Concrete will be poured at the earliest possible time but it must set 48 hours before being used to insure no damage.

Wash periods over Friday and Saturday have been shifted to the east room but if any occur on Monday, Mr. Barlow announces, it may be necessary to cancel them for that day, in order to insure proper drying time. The east room concrete floor will be poured the next week end.

Walker's Station Improved.

Walker's Service Station now has a new Associated oil pump and 1000 gallon storage tank, installed this week, making a total of three gas pumps. The pump is one of the most modern showing the number of gallons of gas purchased and the cost. Grant Walker is manager of the station.

4-CCC CREWS IMPROVE SYSTEM

Three crews composed of CCC boys have been working in different sections of the project under the supervision of H. O. Thompson, reclamation superintendent at the camp, and Al Hlatt as general foreman.

One crew is operating a caterpillar cleaning ditches and leveling roads and making fills. Another crew of 16 men is poisoning gophers in the district making a thorough and complete job. This work is being done under expert supervision. The carrots are furnished by the district and the poison by the CCC camp authorities.

A crew of 25 men is cleaning ditches and a dump truck crew is graveling roads along irrigation ditches and in putting in rip-rapping at the intake of the Cold Springs reservoir.

DISTRICT LEAGUE MEET FRIDAY

The district Epworth League meet will be held in Hermiston this week end, starting Friday with a banquet at 6:00 p. m., followed by an inspirational address by Rev. W. N. Byars. The Hermiston Methodist church League group will be host to delegates of the Eastern Oregon District Epworth League mid-year institute, at which approximately 100 delegates are expected.

Entertainment will be furnished on the Harvard plan by which delegates are furnished lodging and breakfast free.

Some interesting sessions are planned and the general public is invited to attend.

Season Moisture Assured.

Moisture for maturing crops for the coming season on the irrigation districts in west Umatilla county is now assured with 4800 acre feet now in the Cold Springs reservoir and the McKay filling to a higher level daily. The feed canal is running part capacity in regular operation of the system. Reports from the Umatilla water-shed are that the snow covering is only one-half that of last year at this time but the snow has a two-thirds water content, it is reported. The ground under the snow is completely saturated with moisture and this will assure a good run-off when the warm days come. There was almost three times the precipitation in west Umatilla county this year as in 1934.

Basketball Players Entertained.

Members of the basketball teams and their coaches in the schools of the west end of Umatilla county are invited to be the guests of the Girls' League at a party Friday night, March 11, at the Hermiston high school gym. Members of the Hermiston Hi alumni are invited but will be charged a fee of 25 cents. Games will be enjoyed until 9:00 o'clock when dancing will start. Music will be furnished by the troubadours.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
March 3	61	39
March 4	61	42
March 5	58	39
March 6	59	34
March 7	61	29
March 8	60	25
March 9	64	25

Precipitation was .09.

Townsend Irish Stew.

The Hermiston Townsend club will hold an Irish stew supper at their next regular meeting, Tuesday, March 15, at the Union church at 7:30, followed by a program at 7:30. A musical program is being arranged and speakers will be here from Pendleton.

DEBATE SQUAD DUE TUESDAY

The Pacific University debate squad will be the guest of the Hermiston Commercial club Tuesday, March 15, at an evening dinner meeting in the Legion hall. The squad will debate the question, "Resolved, that the National Labor Relations Board should be empowered to enforce arbitration of all industrial disputes."

Anyone interested in hearing the debate is welcome to attend the meeting. Word should be left with the president, Walter Smith, by persons who wish dinner served in order that reservations may be made. The debate will probably be heard about 7:45 p. m.

Upholding the affirmative will be Ben Goudard, a sophomore from Klamath Falls, and Harold Meyer, a sophomore from Corvallis, Or. Both men have debated together for two years and only last week reached the semi-finals in the Northwest junior college debate tournament at Tacoma.

On the negative is James Shick, Forest Grove sophomore, who has twice won the Northwest junior college extempore speaking championship and placed second in state and Northwest senior college extempore contests. The other member of the negative team is Frank Roberts, senior from Forest Grove, in his third year of debating and now manager of forensics. He has been a member of state and Northwest champion debate teams.

Carlyn R. Winger, director of forensics and professor of speech at Pacific, is accompanying the squad, which leaves Forest Grove Monday morning and returns the following Sunday night, stopping on the way for appearances at The Dalles Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Lions club, Hermiston Commercial club, Whitman college, Union Women's club, Baker Lions club, Bend League of Women Voters and a number of high school and other organizations in other towns.

McKenzies to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McKenzie were guests over the week end of Mr. McKenzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McKenzie. They were enroute to Washington, D. C., where Mr. McKenzie has a position with the patent office. Mr. McKenzie was formerly with the Social Security Service in Baltimore.

Legion Birthday Party.

The American Legion Auxiliary will entertain members of the Legion Post at a party on March 17th. The occasion is the birthday of the local post and Legionnaires and their families are invited.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends who assisted us in the recent loss of our beloved grandmother and sister, Mrs. H. C. Southard. Albert Huff, Harvey Huff, Omer Huff, Frank Huff, John Kuchenthal.

"WELLS FARGO" FILM TRIBUTE TO PIONEERS

The magic of the motion picture camera brings back to life the most stirring and colorful days in American history in "Wells Fargo," a romance with Joel McCrea and Frances Dee which starts Sunday at the Oasis theatre. The romance is built around the family fortunes of McCrea and Miss Dee, a pioneer Western family, from the time the first pony express rider carried his bag of precious mail out of St. Louis for the remote mining camps of the high sierras, and ends with the close of the war between the states. Bob Burns, Lloyd Nolan, and Ralph Morgan are in the supporting cast which numbers over two thousand.

TREES SACRIFICED TO POWER LINE

MAINTAINANCE COST REDUCED

Trees and power lines do not do well on the same strip of ground, as has been lately demonstrated by the builders of the new rural electric system. Many large poplars and locusts have fallen by saw and axe on the approach of the new copper wires. The way had to be cleared. Farmers have been planting trees for windbreaks, fuel, fencing, shade and for beauty, for the past 30 years, and now 1000 or more of these must give way to the approach of modern electrical conveniences.

Even though it was necessary to fall, and heavily trim trees, to protect the wires that will bring great benefits to every rural home, the workers of the Umatilla Electric Co-operative association found the task no pleasant one. The result of this tree trimming and slashing will be a reduced maintenance cost and better service.

More than 25 miles were changed during the earlier period of the work, to avoid tree rows. All tree rows could not be avoided, however, but lines were changed where economically possible.

Engineers have pointed out that tree limbs interfere with the lines which will carry the electric current and the larger trees are dangerous to the lines in the event of wind and storm. If the branches are near the wires they must be trimmed and this annual expense must be added to the cost of electricity, the engineers explain. Unless these precautions are taken in building the system the annual upkeep will be greatly increased.

It is now tree planting time and the association is recommending that the seedlings not be planted directly under the line, to grow up and be a hindrance, but that they be planted a few feet back from the line.

Many of the lines have been constructed along the north and east lines of properties where wind breaks are not so necessary. But in cases where this was not possible the association suggests that the farmer will set his tree rows several feet back of the electric line.

Engineers point out that one tree can disable the service of the entire line during a storm and in this way cut electricity off from dozens of people.

Users have regarded the line as their own property, owned by the cooperative, and have expressed the desire to do what they can to improve the service.

LOCAL EMPLOYERS MAY ORGANIZE

Members of the Hermiston Commercial club met at a special noon luncheon Tuesday to hear Daniel Hay, state manager of the Associated Employers of Oregon, Inc., explain the purposes of the organization he represents. He was introduced by Carl W. Hogg, Salem, general chairman of the association.

The organization has been formed to promote industrial peace and to effect and maintain fair and friendly relationship between employers, employees, and the general public, according to Mr. Hay. He pointed out the benefits of the organization to the small communities, and stated what had already been accomplished in the larger towns in the Willamette valley.

Mr. Hay stated that a separate organization would not be necessary because the same effective results could be realized by joining with the Pendleton branch, organized last week. J. T. Snelson has been elected state trustee representing the Pendleton branch; Fred Schmidt secretary, and Clarence Penland, treasurer. The executive board is composed of Carl Sager, Leonard Herbes, Art S. Foster and H. S. Crispin.

Membership dues are held to a minimum, Mr. Hay said, being only 50 cents for the individual establishment and 10 cents for each employee per month. No definite action has yet been taken by the local club, but Mr. Hay suggested that at the next meeting of the club, Pendleton officers of the organization be invited in order to more fully explain the purpose of the association, in view of securing memberships at that time. Pendleton has signed up nearly 100 per cent, Mr. Hay said.

MRS. H. C. SOUTHARD BURIED SUNDAY

Mrs. H. C. Southard passed away at her home in Dufur, Ore., Friday, March 4, at the age of 87 years, following an illness of one month. Funeral services were held in Hermiston at Prann's Funeral Parlors, Sunday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, with C. Warner, pastor of the Union church officiating. Interment was in the Hermiston cemetery.

Mrs. Southard came to Hermiston in 1928 where she lived at the outskirts of town on Hermiston avenue until 1934, when she moved to Dufur. She was born in Iowa and came west 50 years ago, settling at Lakeview, Ore.

Surviving are four sisters, two brothers, seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and four grandsons. One brother, John Kuchenthal of The Dalles, was present for the funeral, and four grandsons, Albert Huff of Dufur, Harvey Huff, Hood River, Omer and Frank Huff of