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CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS SYMBOL UNSELFISH SPIRIT

HOME LIGHTING CONTEST UNDERWAY

The spirit of Christmas joy, not unmixed with reverence in the joy of giving, is evidenced by the Christmas tree-lighting and window decoration found in the west end of Umatilla county.

Sharing doubles every joy and a Christmas tree can never be a selfish thing, because it is a symbol of loving-kindness. Its lovely far-shining lights dispell all gloom and every sparkling light radiates the season's wish — MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Hermiston Garden club is not seeking credit for what it is doing in the way of sponsoring a Christmas home lighting contest but it does ask cooperation on the part of city and rural citizens. Community Christmas spirit will be enhanced by the addition of the Christmas tree placed and lighted at the west end of Main street through the efforts of the club and cooperation of a special committee. Carol singing will be heard Christmas eve floating up from the base of the tree to the heavens proclaiming the spirit of Christmas.

Lighting contest entry blanks may be signed and left at the Herald office any time before Wednesday, December 21. The contest starts at 5:00 p. m., December 24, and will close at 9:00 p. m., December 31. At some unannounced time during that period a group of impartial judges will visit each display for which a registration blank has been filed.

Within the city limits of Hermiston will be known as District No. 1, and the rural districts outside the city limits and including Minnehaha, Columbia, Westland and the North Hill, as District No. 2. Neither district will compete against the other. There will be two classes of lighting, outside lighting and window door or porch display.

Ideas for lighting and for using inexpensive materials may be secured from the committee headed by Mrs. Chas. Taylor, assisted by Mrs. Julius Gimble, Mrs. B. J. Nation, Mrs. Howard Reid and Mrs. Bert Quick.

Prizes will be given for the various lighting contest entries and many of these have been received. Leave your signed entry blank at the Herald office today.

INFORMAL BANQUET FOR BOARDMAN FUTURE FARMERS

The Future Farmers of America of the Boardman chapter held their annual banquet Thursday, December 8, in a most informal manner. Both parents of the boys were invited for the first time. Print dresses or aprons were worn by the women and no ties, vests or coats were permitted to be worn by the men.

Ed Speikerman, state F.F.A. president of The Dalles, was the main speaker telling of the work of the national organization and its importance as a youth movement.

Chas. Dillon, chairman of the Boardman school board, and H. K. Dean, superintendent of the U. S. Field Station at Hermiston, were named honorary members of the organization at this meeting. These honors were bestowed and announced by Elmer Sullivan, adviser, who carries on the agricultural work in the schools under the Smith-Hughes act.

Members of the organization are Lyle Tannehill, Dale Russell, Lewis McDonald, Bob McCutchen, Ralph Skoubo, Jack Olson, Toiva Simila, Roy Partlow, Neill Bleakney, Elbert Fisher, Harold Tyler, John Yonger, Russell DeMauro, Bob Miles, Fred Miles, Ray Stever and Albin Sundsten.

CHALK CLIFFS MAY FURNISH ROAD SURFACE

A new material has been discovered and has been applied to a mile of graveled road between the Butter Creek highway, one mile west of Hermiston, and the steel bridge across the Umatilla river leading into the Westland district. This section was completed Thursday.

The material was found first by Clifford Myrick, who operates the county grader in this section, and he, in company with Pete Shaver, foreman for the WPA crew, made further investigations, and the proposal to use the material was approved by Willard Brown, county road construction manager. A pit was opened at the foot of the chalk cliffs and a truck grade built from the lands above to the west side of the river.

Over the 18 foot surface width of the mile just completed, 700 yards of the clay was distributed. This will be scarified and mixed with the gravel. It is expected to make a filled or binder sufficient to prevent such excessive corrugations as occur in these graveled roads and also to prevent the blowing away of the surface dirt.

If successful, county road officials expect to apply the material to a number of roads in this locality, and at present one road in the Minnehaha district, one leading to the experiment farm, and the road leading north from Hermiston to North Hill are being considered.

The work is being done under the supervision of the county supervisor and foreman for the WPA. The labor is done by WPA employes. The newly discovered material is inexhaustive, and if found beneficial to the roads as expected, will add very much to reduction of costs of maintenance and betterment of the roads in this district.

GARDEN CLUB CHATS

Hermiston joined other cities in the state with a lighted community Christmas tree Saturday night. A large tree at the west end of Main street is well lighted with colored bulbs and is welcomed by all in the project, both young and old. The renewal of this custom in the city was urged by the Garden club, assisting financially, and receiving fine cooperation from the Commercial club, light company and private individuals.

Have you put your entry for the lighting display in the box at the Herald office? Many have expressed their intention to enter, but the blanks must be filled out and turned in before they are eligible. This will help the committee to plan the tour that must be taken by the judges during the final week. Judges are being obtained from out of town, who are familiar with other lighting displays.

The membership committee states that January 1st is the deadline for membership dues. Membership in the club consists of those who have paid dues, and others may not hold a place on committees, vote or otherwise actively participate. There are 44 paid-up memberships now. New members and visitors are welcome at all times.

New donations to the prize list for the lighting contest were received this week. Hale's confectionery has offered a \$2.00 cash prize and the Oasis Theatre shows an electric iron in the Herald window.

Rehearsals for the Christmas carol singing are going on evenings. If you can carry a tune and have the Christmas spirit, see Mrs. Walter Smith at the Hermiston Trading Co. for rehearsal dates.

A substitute date will be given in the next issue of the Herald, for the next meeting of the club since the regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday. A good attendance is desired to start the new year. Bring a garden catalog, notebook and pencil and questions, as it is not too early to plan for spring gardens.

GREATER DEMAND FOR LOCAL TURKEYS

The Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association and independent buyers have been unable to fill the demand for turkeys raised in this section of eastern Oregon, it was revealed this week. The local cooperative association had an order for 30,000 pounds of turkeys at the close of the third turkey pool for the season when they shipped 11,723 birds to terminal markets in Los Angeles.

The association was attempting to secure at least 10,000 pounds of birds for the special order. The Norbest turkeys are becoming known to the commercial trade as among the best and are more and more in demand. A turkey carrying the Norbest trade mark comes from the Pacific northwest and is shipped through the Northwest Turkey Growers' association of which the local cooperative is a member. The birds from this section of eastern Oregon are favored on the market.

Sixteen car loads of turkeys have been shipped through the local pool alone this season, and this does not include the many thousands of pounds shipped by independent buyers.

The percentage of prime birds was said to be 92 for this shipment, seven percent choice and one percent commercial.

Through the three turkey pools held by the cooperative association this year 25,853 birds have been shipped, with approximately 5500 birds yet to be marketed at two later pools, one December 30, and one in January. The unofficial count of birds shipped through the pool is 31,353, and more than 7000 birds have been marketed from flocks raised on the north Columbia near Patterson. This number is in addition to all independent growers who marketed through other commercial channels.

The price received for birds in this shipment is expected to be better due to the demand and large percent of prime birds.

Indian Will Preach.

Ray Zack, a full blood Indian from the White Swan Mission in Washington, now a student at North west Christian college at Eugene, will preach at the Union church Sunday night, December 18. He comes from the mission of which Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Rice are superintendents. Mr. Rice is a brother of Mrs. R. G. Saylor of Butter Creek.

Park on Side Street.

H. A. Pankow of the local police has requested that local people employed in town who own cars, park them on the side streets during the day to make more parking space for people from the rural districts coming in town to shop. Cooperation on the part of townspeople will be greatly appreciated by merchants and visitors alike.

BULLDOGS BOW BEFORE OPPONENTS

The Hermiston High Bulldogs bowed three times over the week end to their more experienced opponents. In spite of the losses the Bulldogs are determined to chalk up their first victory of the season Saturday night when Heppner comes to Hermiston to fight it out.

Last week Friday the Pendleton Buckaroos proved too much for the Bulldogs and won by 28 to 13. Again Saturday night the Buckaroos came to Hermiston and won by a larger margin, 34 to 9.

Tuesday night the Athena Gladiators trimmed the Bulldogs 32 to 19 at Athena, but the Bulldogs are expected to make a better showing when Athena plays the return game here February 8.

GRANGE CLOSE-OUT SALE SOON

Inventory of the Grange Cooperative stock is being made this week in preparation for a close-out sale to be staged soon, according to R. G. Penney, manager. The Cooperative Hardware Service will continue to do business in distributing fuel and a small stock of hardware items under the management of Guy Shaw, supervised by the Farm Bureau Cooperative.

The Grange Cooperative has been in business for ten years.

Columbia School Program.

Mrs. Laura Morris has announced that the Columbia school will hold its annual Christmas program Thursday, December 22, at 8:00 p. m. in the school house. "Following the Star" will be presented and also a pageant by the primary department, "Christmas in Mother Goose Land." The public is invited to attend and enjoy this program.

Legion Xmas Party.

The annual American Legion and auxiliary Christmas party will be held in the Legion hall, Thursday, December 22. It will be in the form of a pot luck dinner and those attending are asked to bring food stuffs instead of toys this year, to be used in the Christmas cheer boxes.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
December 8	60	31
December 9	55	39
December 10	47	25
December 11	38	14
December 12	33	9
December 13	32	6
December 14	26	7

Guernsey Sold to Meyers.

A registered Guernsey cow has been sold by Frank Seeliger to Marshall E. Meyers of Echo. This animal is Frantilla Princess 565894 according to the American Guernsey Cattle club, Peterborough, N. H.

TURKEY KILLING PLANT POSSIBILITY INVESTIGATED

The possibilities and need of a turkey killing and semi-scald plant for turkey growers in this territory are being investigated this week by members of the board of directors for the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association of which John Jendrzejewski is president.

Mr. Jendrzejewski, Merrill Potter, C. A. Flanigan, Logan Todd and H. G. Rankin left Thursday morning for Portland where they will attend a meeting of the Oregon Turkey Cooperative on Friday, December 16. Later they will visit turkey killing and packing plants in Vancouver, Wn., Canby and Portland, to investigate the system used and equipment needed for picking, semi-scald and waxing of birds to prepare them for market. The waxing method is comparatively new but is said to be among the coming new systems used in preparing birds for market.

The board will report their findings and give recommendations to members of the local association at a called meeting in the near future. The decision of whether or not to install a plant will rest with the membership.

MEN OF LEGISLATURE VISIT HERMISTON

State, county and city officials were honor guests at the regular Commercial club meeting Tuesday night in the hotel dining room, with 40 members present. Primary purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the state senators and representatives of the immense wealth and future possibilities of the area included in the Umatilla irrigation projects and with possible legislation this coming session which may effect this area.

Walter Smith, president of the club, presided at the meeting giving a greeting to visitors and members and an expression of appreciation for their interest and presence. He introduced E. P. Dodd, who has been in this territory since the early day and seen its development, asking him to give an account of the values to be found in this section commercially. According to Dodd's report there are 5,400 dairy cows within a radius of 20 miles of Hermiston. The importance of the poultry industry was shown with a record of approximately 65,000 commercial flock hens and 50,000 turkeys found on these projects and the value of pasture land, hay, hogs, sheep and corn were given. There are 1800 homes in this section, with 1500 found on the electric power lines, he stated.

Mr. Dodd stated that the assessed valuation of land in this area is close to six million dollars. A record of votes cast in 1936 shows there were more for this area than in any one of the nine counties, including (Continued on Page 8)

TOWNSEND CLUB ACTIVITIES MANY

The Hermiston Townsend club met last Friday with a fine attendance to allow transaction of important business and a short program. After the meeting the members enjoyed fishing in the Townsend club fish pond which netted the club \$4.05.

The next meeting will be postponed from December 25 to December 30, due to school and church activities for the Christmas holidays. At this meeting a Dutch auction sale of a tom turkey, donated by a Boardman member, will be held. The proceeds from the sale will go to headquarters to finance a Townsend representative in congress.

All members are urged to be present to decide on a big birthday party for January 13.

The club gave a vote of thanks to Harry Connor, Vane Boynton and Walter Smith, members of the club, for the articles donated for the fish pond.

ASSOCIATION SEEKS FORMATION LOCAL PARK DISTRICT

GREATER USE OF COMMUNITY HALL

Two plans were adopted at the annual meeting of the Hermiston Community Park association Friday, December 9, at the city library, one being to form a community park district, and the other to improve and put to all possible use, the community hall. A representative group of thirty members were present to adopt the new program by a unanimous vote.

The meeting resulted in a general revival of interest in the park and several committees were appointed to carry out the program originally adopted by the board of directors. The board now consists of F. C. McKenzie, Curtis Simons, Sam Moore, J. W. McMullen, J. H. Reid, E. D. Martin, John Jendrzejewski, E. L. Jackson and W. J. Warner.

The new community hall committee appointed by Chairman McKenzie is J. W. McMullen, chairman, Walter Hamm, Geo. Harkenrider, Jack Smith and Alfred Cable. This committee was instructed to adopt new rental price regulations on the dance hall, and to provide for all general uses of the building.

A committee consisting of Walter Smith, Dr. F. B. Belt and E. H. Dunning was appointed to work with the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau to secure additional funds to add to the subscription made by this organization of \$150 for the purpose of adding kitchen and plumbing facilities to the community hall.

A legislative committee consisting of W. J. Warner, E. D. Martin and E. P. Dodd, was appointed, and instructed to prepare a suitable bill to present to the legislature in January providing a legal process for forming a park district.

The president of the board reported that 400 new trees had recently been planted throughout the park area.

Approximately \$30,000 has been put into the park to date. A balance of \$600 is yet available from the last WPA allotment for labor on the grounds. The board is desirous of constructing another fair exhibit building and a grandstand. Some other work will be needed on the race track and additional barns may be necessary.

GRADE PUPILS WILL ENTERTAIN WITH OPERETTA

Grade pupils in first to fourth, inclusive, will entertain parents and friends Thursday, December 22, by presenting a Christmas operetta entitled "Susananna's Christmas Auction." The performance is being directed by the Misses Myrtle Burnett, Blanche Harmon, Mary Petri and Margaret Kirk, and will appear at the high school auditorium at 8:00 P. M.

The essence of the Christmas spirit is brought out besides the interest in the story itself, by the (Continued on Page 8)

CHRISTMAS CAROL CHIMES FROM OLD GERMAN MUSIC BOX

One of the sweetest and most dearly loved Christmas carols "Silent Night, Holy Night" chimes from an old German music box, said to be more than 60 years old, and owned by Guy Shaw of Hermiston. The box is made to hold a small Christmas tree which revolves as the music disc turns to pick up the tones on the steel plate. The Shaw family has had it in their family for 21 years.

The music box was made in Germany and was given to Mr. Shaw's grandparents by an English sea captain. The tones will continue for fifty minutes after it has been wound.

Mr. Shaw had the box on display at the Cooperative Hardware Service this week.

Santa Says, "Shop Now!"



Basketball --- Heppner, Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.