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LIGHTING CONTEST ENTRY CLOSES WITH 27 CONTESTANTS

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT INCREASED BY LIGHT

Hermiston is more beautifully lighted this year than at any time in its history. Houses have been strung with glowing lights and ever-green portraying a definite theme, while at the same time the message of Christmas cheer. The community tree at the end of Main street sends forth its radiance in red, green and blue, and is echoed in blended colors in the homes and on the street.

Never before has there been such interest manifest in giving out the Christmas spirit in light and intriguing design. This comes in a major part, from the lighting contest being sponsored by the Hermiston Garden club, in which 27 contestants have entered.

Interested parties who wish to drive about town and over the project will find the lighting effects on between the hours of five and nine o'clock each evening, any day between December 24 and 31, a full week. Judges will visit the homes represented at some unannounced time during this period. The purpose of lighting the effects as early as five o'clock is to permit those going to and from their work an opportunity to see the displays without making an extra trip, the committee reported.

Entries have been made under two classes: Class One, or outside lighting will be considered as a display away from the frame work of the house; and class two, window, door or porch display, that which is attached to the body of the house and using electrical wiring already in the house.

Contestants Many.

Residences of the following will be lighted in the rural district: T. A. O'Grady, R. B. Wilcox, Baxter Hutchison, J. H. Reid, A. W. Cable and Duff Knight.

Residences in the city which will be lighted are: Al Quiring, W. A. Hineine, F. C. McKenzie, Paul Bracher, Beryl Doyle, Leo Earnhart, Bert Quick, F. B. Belt, Russell Piersol, H. T. Fraser, Albert Stone (chapel window.) E. D. Martin, Mrs. Alice Stone, Mrs. Mabel Ralph, J. F. Bilderback, A. F. Rohman, E. P. Dodd, W. J. Kennings, Mrs. Alice Wagner and J. J. Gimbel.

Other places which will be interestingly lighted, but not entered for competition, will be the Methodist church, by the Epworth League, W. P. Trumbull, Curtis Simons, R. C. McReynolds, Ralph Richards. The E. L. Borthwick home, one and one-half mile west on the Butter Creek highway, will be lighted, but not entered for competition.

The W. W. Felthouse home has also been added to the list.

Liberal Prizes Offered.

A splendid array of prizes have been secured for winners in the contest and are listed in the following order under the various classes. These prizes have been donated by local people to show their interest in this community enterprise.

City Limits—Zone 1, Class 1, Outdoor: 1. Prime dressed turkey, E. O. T. G. A.; 2. Electric toaster, Her. L. & P. Co.; 3. Scatter rug, Saylor's; 4. Change of oil, RPM, Stewart's Service; 5. \$1.00 grocery order, Her. Trading.

Class 2, Window, Porch or Door Display: 1. Electric clock, Tum-A-Lum Lbr. Co.; 2. Car defroster, Pearson's Service; 3. 5 lbs. butter, Umatilla Coop. Creamery; 4. Box stationery, Hermiston Herald; 5. Novelty lamp, Her. Drug; 6. 4 lbs. coffee, Safeway; 7. \$1.00 skating tickets, Jack House; 8. \$1.00 drayage fee, Her. Transfer; 9. Oil shampoo and wave, Ruby's Beauty Shop; 10. Cleaning suit or dress, Her. Dry Cleaners; 11. Facial and eyebrow arch, B. & W. Beauty Salon; 12. 2 special dinners, O'Conner's; 13. Fruit cake, Yeager's Bakery; 14. Mirror, Brierley's; 15. Cannon towel, Burnham's; 16. Pastry, Jack's Cafe.

Rural Area, Zone 2, Class 1, Outdoor: 1. Fog light, Rohrman Motor Co.; 2. Pin-up lamp, Ore. H. & I. Co.; 3. Cash \$2, Hale's Confectionery.

Class 2, Window, door or porch: 1. Electric iron, Mor-Tone Sound Service; 2. Electric corn popper, Thompson's Drug; 3. Watch, A. W. Behrman.

R.E.A., EXTENSION WORK FIRST YEAR

According to reports from the local Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, the new extension work is expected to commence shortly after the first of the year. The necessary legal papers with the national REA have been executed and a contract has been approved with Barr & Cunningham, engineering firm, for the final survey of the additions to the system.

The purpose of the local board of directors is to serve all who can be reached under the rules and regulations of the national administration. Applications are made almost daily for new extensions into the wheat and livestock districts, east and south of the present rural electrification system.

If the REA permits, the new additions to the present and proposed extensions, approximately 125 miles of new line will be required, serving nearly 200 rural users.

WPA WORKERS IMPROVE ROADS

Work done by the WPA employes in the Hermiston area during the past several months, has been reported by Pete Shaver, foreman.

Six miles of drainage ditches has been dug along roads; seven and a half miles of roadside improved, and 650 yards of dirt removed from sand blows and knolls along the roads; 104 yards of gravel placed on county roads; and 448 yards of clay filler placed on a mile of highway two miles west of Hermiston. The crew has also built and repaired 14 culverts, one just east of town, 75 feet long; and rebuilt half a mile of fencing.

It is expected that this work will continue after New Year's with other roadways improved in various ways, including a filler for the road leading north from Hermiston.

Holiday Traffic Heavy.

During the past week railroad traffic has been heavy. The mail trains have been running in double sections, and extra service has been required from passenger trains because of the number of students coming home from the colleges in the several states. It is estimated that in Oregon alone there are approximately 15,000 students; Washington 20,000; Idaho 10,000, and a number who have attended schools in California. Railroads and postal operators are very busy throughout the entire region east of the Cascade mountains, as well as other districts of the northwest, because of excessive holiday business.

Scout Winter Camp Cancelled

A telegram was received this morning from Oscar E. Hoover, Boy Scout Executive of Walla Walla, which read: "Boy Scout winter camp cancelled. Insufficient registration, due to uncertain weather. Oscar E. Hoover."

CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM OPENS

It is reported that between 25 and 30 families in the community are in need of Christmas cheer. Their needs are food supplies, groceries and Christmas toys for the children.

Anyone desiring to donate to this worthy cause may leave donations at the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co., from where these will be distributed. This program is being sponsored by the Hermiston Commercial club, American Legion, the churches, lodges and other civic organizations. Through the various committees and the aid of the WPA files, it has been found that this need exists.

Committees in charge of this distribution ask that all donations be brought in by Saturday morning. Baskets, supplies and toys will be arranged according to the need of the family.

TOWNSEND CLUB POSTPONES MEET

The Hermiston Townsend club has postponed its regular meeting on December 23, to Friday, December 30, at 7:30 p. m., due to conflict with church and school programs.

Members are urged to be present to decide upon a date and plan for the birthday party to be held in January. A short program will be given and the meeting will close with a Dutch auction, and sale of a turkey tom donated by the Boardman members. The proceeds from this will go to national headquarters to support a delegate to work for the Townsend bill in Washington, D. C.

Radio reports are that Dr. Townsend has called our Oregon representative Gordon Ware to Chicago to carry on the work there. A farewell party will be given by the Portland clubs, January 6, and a reception held for the new representative.

The ladies met and formed a Townsend club auxiliary Thursday, December 15, at the Fred Lenz home. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, at the home of Mrs. Joe Udey in Columbia district.

Parent Study Club.

The Parent Study club will meet Thursday, December 29, at the home of Mrs. G. W. Ripley at 7:30 in the evening. Mrs. H. M. Sommerer will lead the discussion on family relations. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Motor to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Victoria Churchman and her nephew Russell Hills returned Tuesday night from Klamath Falls, Ore., where they left their daughter Carol and son Eddy, soon to leave for Sacramento, Calif., to spend the remainder of the winter with their grandmother and aunt.

TOWN TEAM LOSES TO PENDLETON

The Hermiston town basketball team played a hard fought battle with the Domestic Laundry team of Pendleton Friday night on the high school floor and when the final whistle blew were on the short end of a 26 to 20 score.

Galloway of Pendleton was high point man of the evening with 14 points to his credit, while Kibbe of Hermiston starred with 12 points.

This was the second game of the season for the town team, having defeated Echo town team the previous week.

The lineup for Hermiston showed F. Rankin and Kibbe at forwards, Thompson at center and W. Cramp-ton and Harris at guards. Substitutions were F. Reeves, Epperson, Shaw, A. Shipp and Benschel. Playing for the Domestic Laundry were Galloway and Hudeman at the forward position, Goodwin at center, and Rosenberg and Young at guards.

MRS. C. A. BINDER BURIED VANCOUVER

Funeral services for Mrs. C. A. Binder were held Thursday, December 15, at 1:30 p. m., from the Burning Mission Mortuary, in Portland. Interment was in Vancouver, Wn.

Mrs. Binder passed away December 13, at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

She leaves her husband, and the following children, Mrs. Violet Rohde, Portland; Lester Binder, Hermiston; Lloyd Binder, Hermiston; sisters, Cora Cauthens and Mrs. Lettie Blair, Portland; Mrs. Mina Myers, St. Helens and Ralph Pulver, Salem, Ore.

The Binders have made their home on the Columbia river bottom land near the Umatilla ripids dam site for a number of years.

WATER SUPPLY FOR '39 FAVORABLE

The Cold Springs reservoir now contains 15,000 acre feet of water and the feed canal is running full flow. This means that approximately one-third of the water supply for the Hermiston Irrigation project is now supplied, with prospects ahead of the season for a full supply of water for the summer of 1939.

The quantity of snow in the mountains for this time of the year on the headwaters of the Umatilla river is in excess of the usual amount, according to last reports. A similar condition is reported for the McKay reservoir storage for the Stanfield and Westland projects; also for the headwaters of Butter Creek, all of which indicate an abundant supply of moisture for all the irrigation projects for the coming year.

GARDEN CLUB CHATS

The Garden Chatterer is completely lost for this week's issue in a welter of tissue paper, fir boughs and holly, not to mention the lighting contest.

Hermiston has never looked so beautiful at the Christmas season as this year. With the community tree at the end of Main street and every store brightly lighted, the whole city says "Merry Christmas" to friend and stranger alike.

Many private homes lighted their displays this week before the official date for the lighting contest and these have added to the interest of the streets and roads.

As the snow deepens, don't forget the birds. Up to now they have got along with weed seeds, but now will need a little care and thoughtfulness. You will be well repaid. Save your meat fryings and mix with crumbs. Corn meal, no matter what additions it may have in the way of weevils, when it is mixed with greases from the kitchen, ranks high in appeal to the birds and heats their tiny bodies these chill days. A pie plate that has seen its best days in kitchen usefulness, may have a small nail driven through it on a post safe from cats, and the food put in that. See how many birds you can identify. All small birds in your garden are not "just English sparrows," as there are scores of varieties of sparrows, some as sweet singing as the tame canaries, and they will all come to your door and sing for their suppers if you will welcome them.

Don't forget the "community sing" beneath the big tree on Christmas Eve. Judges will be in Hermiston some time between five o'clock Christmas eve and nine o'clock New Year's Eve to tour the displays. Let your lights be trimmed and burning! Last, and very important: When you "tour the lightways" next week, take someone with you in your car who might not otherwise be able to see the beautifully lighted homes in town and country districts. "Sharing doubles every joy."

Students Home for Holidays.

Many students are home to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. Among them are Barbara Reid, Lawrence Hunt, Stuart Rankin, Helen Dubuing, Nina Rae McCulley, Helen Jendrzejewski, Thelma Swarner and June Richards, all of Oregon State college; Gerald Keller and Bill Jackson, Pacific University; Marie Skovbo, Northwestern Business college, Portland; Ruth Dodd and Kay Turnblad, University of Oregon; Opal Stockard, Northwest Christian college; Roberta Mullins, Louise Benschel, Margaret McMullen and Rosemary Serell, Eastern Oregon Normal school, La Grande; Mary Burnham, Central State College of Washington.

U. S. BIOLOGICAL GAME RESERVES BEING ESTABLISHED

MCKAY AND COLD SPRINGS AREAS

Work of fencing Cold Springs and McKay creek reservoirs for game preserves will be commenced in the near future. Stanley Jewett, chief of the U. S. Biological Survey, and Harold Dobyns, stationed at Pendleton, were here two days last week making final arrangements for the program. The lands to be included under the fenced area will be the borders of the two lakes owned by the government.

Between 30 and 40 miles of four wire fencing will be required, for which 8000 juniper posts have been ordered. The work will be done by WPA labor. The purpose is to protect the reservoirs from all trespassers and to provide resting, breeding and feeding reserves for wild life.

Thousands of trees, of known varieties in this area, will be planted, in addition to fencing. Various grasses and plants for feeding purposes will be seeded along the shores of the lakes. This work will be done under supervision of the soil conservation camp, now located at Stanfield.

The work is considered a part of the National Wild Life Federation program and of the soil conservation movement, and is designed to be permanent. The tree planting program is for beautifying reserves and to provide protection and nesting places for birds. Varieties of trees adapted to the soil and moisture conditions of this region will be planted. Possible varieties mentioned are Russian olive, wild plum, chestnut, walnut and others demonstrated throughout the state. The general plan also includes a free camp ground which will be supervised by some official in charge of each reservation.

The development of these two reservations is expected to contribute greatly to the growth and protection of all waterfowl and other game birds, and increase the number of other desirable birds in the region. The two districts under fence will include approximately 4000 acres. The fencing will be of the best type of construction, with juniper posts said to last many years.

PULSE HOLIDAY TRADE REPORTED ABOVE NORMAL

Holiday trade among the merchants of Hermiston, according to a brief survey, has been good. In some cases it is reported better than that of last year, in others normal, and in very few fair or medium. Purchases have been chiefly of smaller articles, but a number of radios and electrical appliances of the more expensive type have been bought for Christmas presents. Many sales have been made of substantial or useful articles, such as clothing and household furnishings, and buying has been heavy in general foods and dainties for the season's tables. Candies, nuts and special fruits have been sold in unusual amounts, and the number of Christmas cards purchased has been exceptionally large.

Seventy-five sacks of mail came into the postoffice Wednesday morning, and 50 sacks went out that night, according to W. E. Logan, local postmaster.

The Oregon Hardware Company reports a large sale of electrical appliances, floor lamps, toys, and special Christmas articles; better trade than a year ago; well satisfied.

The Hermiston Trading Company reports a good business in special Christmas groceries, and a depleted stock of over a ton of bulk and box candies; a strong business since Thanksgiving.

Boynnton & Kelley announce a better trade than expected; above normal in special holiday supplies.

Safeway reports the usual business to date, and expects to clean up all its holiday supplies by Saturday night; perfectly satisfied with the season's sales.

The Hermiston Drug company states that the sale of serviceable articles, like toilet cases and leather goods, has been large; electrical appliances and the many small articles carried have exceeded expectations

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