

## LOCAL STUDENT OFFICERS ATTEND CONF. OF SCHOOL OFFICERS

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande—Nearly 100 student body officers from high schools in eastern Oregon met at the Eastern Oregon College of Education Friday, December 8, to discuss various problems connected with the work of these officers in their high schools.

At the close of the convention the student body officers unanimously voted to meet annually in a High School Student Body Officers' convention at the Eastern Oregon College of Education early each fall.

Events on the program last Friday included general and sectional meetings for various student body officers, a banquet, attendance at the college play "Come Seven", followed by music and other entertainment.

High schools which sent representatives to the convention were: La Grande, Wallowa, Elgin, Haines, Ontario, Imbler, Richland, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Union, Hermiston, Heppner and Enterprise.

Students attending the conference from Hermiston were Don Pankow, Joyce McCulley, Harry Connor and Marion Pierce.

## PENDLETON BUCKS TAKE FOUR TILTS FROM BULLDOGS

The Hermiston high school Bulldogs ran into rough weather this week end and took four games on the chin from the snappy Pendleton high Buckaroos, two A and two B contests. Coach Ray Critchfield's hoopers displayed a fiery brand of ball but were unable to cope with the taller, more experienced Bucks.

The first set of games was played at Pendleton Friday night with the A team losing 31 to 20 and the B's 39 to 20. Both contests were hard-fought with the old adage holding true, "A good tall man is better than a good small man."

Crampton broke the ice in the opening minutes with a field goal, but Pendleton soon tied it up and were ahead to the final whistle.

The teams went at it again Saturday night on the local floor but the Bucks took up where they left off Friday evening and held the locals on a lone field goal in the first half while scoring 15. Third quarter score read 24 to 5, and the final horn saw a 37 to 10 victory for the invaders.

B. Corpe, clever Hermiston guard, led the attack for the locals in both games, scoring six points each evening. Keizer ran up 11 markers for Pendleton Friday, while Carney got eight Saturday night for high point honors.

The lineups follow:

Friday—	
Hermiston 20	31 Pendleton
Holloman 5	F..... Duncan
Pierson 2	F..... 6 Eggers
Crampton 2	C..... 11 Keizer
Tiller 3	G..... 4 Carney
Corpe 6	G..... 4 Hodgen
Substitutions: Hermiston: Gettman, Ripley 2, Rugg, Smith, Pendleton: Porter 4, Kelly, Schmidt 2, Osborne, Bowman, Beck.	
Officials: Buck and Rosenberg.	
Saturday—	
Hermiston 10	37 Pendleton
Holloman 5	F..... 5 Eggers
Pierson 2	F..... 3 Keizer
Tiller 1	C..... 2 Schmidt
Rugg	G..... 8 Carney
Corpe 6	G..... 6 Hodgen
Substitutions—Hermiston: Ripley, Crampton 1, Wilcox, Smith, Bessel, Gettman, Pendleton: Duncan 6, Porter, Osborne 2, Beck 3, Kelley 1, Bowman, Hampton 1.	

## TURKEY AND HAM SHOOT PLANNED

The Hermiston Rod & Gun club and the American Legion Post will be joint sponsors of a turkey and ham shoot Sunday, December 17, at the Hermiston golf club house. The shooting will begin at 10:00 and will last till sundown. Guaranteed No. 1 turkeys and hams have been promised by the sponsors.

Cards will be in play in the club house with refreshments obtainable there. Shells will also be sold on the grounds. The first shoot held prior to Thanksgiving proved quite popular and an even larger crowd is expected Sunday.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT CANTATA FRIDAY EVENING

### GLEE CLUBS AND BAND PARTICIPATE

The combined glee clubs of Hermiston union high school will present "Chimes of the Holy Night", a cantata written by Fred B. Holton, in the high school gymnasium Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Gwendolyn Ross, director, reports that the glee clubs will be assisted by the high school band which will play several numbers during the evening with G. C. Humphries directing.

The cantata will be composed of 13 numbers which follow:

1. "Christmas Bells are Ringing", by the choir.
2. "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains", solo by Barbara Follett and choir.
3. "But Thou Bethlehem", women's chorus and a soprano obligato solo by Mary Hazen.
4. "Earth's Weary Waiting Done", choir and a duet by Virginia Todd and Frances Follett.
5. "In the Watches of the Night", solo by Ellen Hammill.
6. "Good Tidings", duet, Glenn Warner and Allan Clarke.
7. "Glory to God in the Highest," choir.
8. "On Earth Peace," choir.
9. "Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem", solo by Bob Jackson and duet by Bob and Ellen Hammill and choir.
10. "Jesus, Our Lord", solo by Eleanor Sires and women's chorus.
11. "Break Forth Into Joy", choir.
12. "Star in the Eastern Sky", tenor solo by Allan Clarke and choir.
13. "The Lord is Born Today", by choir.

Numbers to be played by the band are: E. Pluribus Unum, Christmas Medley, Monastery Garden, Lake Hamilton Waltz and Crowley's March.

Bob Jackson has been in charge of publicity with Allan Clarke and G. Warner handling the stage equipment. Marion Pierce and Virginia Todd made arrangements for programs. The A Cappella robes were made by the Home Economics club.

An admission price of 25c for adults and 10c for students will be charged to help defray the cost of the robes which will also be used for future appearances of the glee clubs.

## DUMPING RUBBISH IS FROWNED ON

County Roadmaster Willard Brown stated last week, due to considerable trouble encountered from persons dumping rubbish and trash along county roads which is unlawful, the county court has decided to strictly enforce the ruling. Anyone caught dumping rubbish or trash will be prosecuted with a maximum fine of \$100.

Considerable difficulty has been reported in the Columbia district where several complaints have originated during the past few weeks.

## REGISTRATION BLANKS FOR LIGHTING CONTEST INDICATE INCREASED INTEREST IN PROJECT

Registration blanks for entries in the lighting contest are being taken out earlier than last year, indicating an increasing interest in this affair. Many lighted Christmas trees have already been observed, and lighted wreaths in windows.

It is hoped that each house in the city and country will show a lighted candle in the window, a wreath or some other sign of participation in the Yuletide spirit, even though the householder does not care to enter the contest.

The community tree will be in place at the west end of Main street by the end of the week, and the lights will be strung as soon as possible. The lighting committee has placed a display in the west window of the Hermiston Light & Power Co. on Main street and the I. E. S. lamp donated by that company for some lucky contestant using their power during the holidays, will also

## Children Lining Up Against Tuberculosis



Negro school children receiving tuberculin test to detect possible presence of tuberculosis infection. Tuberculosis associations are carrying on such year-round activities through income received from Christmas Seals.

## FIRST RAINS HIT HERMISTON AREA AFTER LONG DROUGHT

A total of .52 rain had been recorded by Charles Taylor, local weather man, up to Tuesday morning. With the additional rain of Wednesday prospects are that the annual winter rains have come at last. The continued period of drought was becoming a source of worry both among farmers and irrigationists.

W. A. Mikesell, in charge of Cold Springs reservoir, reports some increase in water being taken through the feed canal. However the intake is still far below capacity and a continued wet spell would increase the flow from the Umatilla river.

Snow has been reported in the hills south of this region although no extremely cold weather has been encountered. During the past week .23 was the lowest temperature recorded. The following is the report as issued by Mr. Taylor:

December 7	44	23
December 8	60	39
December 9	51	40
December 10	54	43
December 11	53	40
December 12	43	26
December 13	42	27

With an additional .02 precipitation Wednesday the total for the week is .54.

## GRADE OPERETTA IS POSTPONED

The Hermiston grade school operetta, "A Joke on the ToyMaker", which was originally scheduled for December 20 has been postponed till January 12 due to the fact that the first three grades were dismissed from classes during the past week.

Classes were dismissed when three cases of scarlet fever were reported in the city. Although there was no particular fear of a serious outbreak classes were dismissed by Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen as a precautionary measure. The incubation period for scarlet fever is from seven to nine days and with the week lay-off it can be determined whether any new cases develop.

Rumors were floating about town the middle of the week that 30 or more cases of the disease had been reported but upon investigation were proven to be false.

## FENCE COMPLETED AROUND COLD SPRING RESERVE

Work was completed this week on the fence around the Cold Spring reservoir, according to L. E. Williams, who has been in charge of the construction. The work was done with WPA labor with as many as 15 men employed at one time. Work is now underway with a similar fence for the McKay dam reserve.

A total of 13 1/2 miles of fencing was required for the Cold Spring job. Juniper posts, which will last indefinitely, totaled 4940. Other interesting statistics include: 286 spools wire, 400 pounds staples, 100 pounds nails, and requiring 2900 man hours for completion.

Three main gates have been installed, one at the north side of the dam, one midway on the south side and another at the northeast corner. Several cattle crossings will also be installed.

The purpose of the project is to assure a safe refuge for migratory fowl and especially for use as nesting grounds. Considerable difficulty has been encountered in past years in hunters being unable to determine the exact boundary line of the reserve. This difficulty will now be averted.

## STANFIELD AREA TO SEE MANY CHANGES

By Mrs. J. M. Richards  
The coming year will see many changes among the farmers of the project. F. A. Tobin is building a house on his newly acquired acreage east of the James Hoskins farm; Emil Zivney of Hermiston has bought Mrs. Velma Tenny's 48 acre ranch which will be operated by Mr. Zivney's brothers from Portland; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Jack) Mantor have moved to the F. B. Stuart tract east of town; Floyd Snyder, C. W. Cherry and Jack Harpster are building new houses on their respective farms; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brehm, who recently bought the Clarence Hiltner 29 acres are remodeling the house and improving other farm buildings.

Among other changes listed are: Mr. and Mrs. Orval Meyers will soon move on the Glen Wallace farm, operating it for the former's father, Lon Meyers who has rented it; the J. D. Wallace acreage is now owned by W. B. Tucker of Ione, who has moved his family here; Mr. and Mrs. Dewing have moved from the F. E. Stuart farm to an apartment in the hotel; the Siebel families from near Portland, who bought the Page ranch last summer will take possession January 1; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens, who have operated the Page ranch for the past three years, will move to Echo; and M. A. Ford has moved to the Conley farm recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Grady Christopher.

## BULLDOGS WIN AT HELIX WEDNESDAY

Ray Critchfield's Hermiston union high Bulldogs won their second start of the week Wednesday night by trouncing Helix on the latter's court 17 to 13. The Bulldogs got off to an exceptionally slow start and failed to score a field goal in the first quarter, trailing by a 1 to 3 count.

The second quarter ended with Hermiston on the long end of a 6 to 5 score. Helix came back to take the lead at the end of the third session, 11-9, but the Bulldogs came through in the pinch to score the winning points in the final canto.

The Bulldogs travel to Boardman Saturday night for the last game before the Christmas holidays.

## MRS. DE MOSS' BOOK INCLUDED AMONG LIST FOR LIBRARIES

Mrs. Catherine DeMoss of Hermiston was honored recently when her book, "Blue Bucket Nuggets" was included in the book list of the American Library association. This is not only fine recognition but may prove profitable as well because the book may be sold to many libraries of the nation.

The following note was received by Mrs. DeMoss from Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian at Salem, this week: "I want to tell you how delighted I am to see that your 'Blue Bucket Nuggets' found its way into the Booklist of the American Library association this month. That is the finest kind of recognition from libraries, and will mean a sale to libraries all over the nation. We rejoice with you." Signed Harriet C. Long, librarian.

## LOCAL POSTOFFICE NEARS 2ND CLASS

The Hermiston postoffice receipts have been increasing the past two years and the office is now nearing the rank of second class. It is expected that with a normal Christmas trade the receipts will be within a few hundred dollars of the necessary amount. It is the usual custom among business houses and farmers to buy their new year supplies after the first of January, but if these amounts were purchased before December 31 this year the total requirement for 1939 would be reached.

Many who send out mail or orders in January or February can use up to \$5.00 in stamps with their orders and could buy these amounts before January 1, and assist in the advancement of the local institution. As a second class office it becomes eligible for a federal building which would provide much better facilities for handling the mail and lead to greatly increased services for town and country.

## LANDSCAPE WORK AT LIBRARY AND SCHOOL STARTED

Considerable activities have been noted at the Hermiston library and high school during the past week where 24 men are working under the direction of Charlie Hiatt in building rock walls, landscaping, sidewalks and making other improvements.

At the library a rock terrace around the lawn strip will be constructed. A concrete irrigation ditch and sidewalk are other improvements planned. H. A. Pankow, landscape artist, is in general charge of the work which come as a WPA project.

It is thought that the work will not be completed for several more weeks.

## SWITZLER INJURED IN AUTO SMASHUP

Bill Switzler of Umatilla, county commissioner and prominent sportsman, suffered cuts and bruises in an automobile accident last Friday night near Kamela. He was taken to the La Grande hospital where X-ray showed no broken bones but considerable bruises and cuts. Bill Anderson of Milton who was driving the Switzler car suffered slight injuries. Latest reports coming from St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton, where Mr. Switzler was taken Sunday, state that he is getting along nicely.

The two were returning from a business trip to Baker and it is reported that the car struck a soft shoulder and turned over. The machine was badly damaged, and later taken to Pendleton for repairs.

Mrs. Walker Goes to Arlington.  
Mrs. Mabel Walker, for many years connected with the local telephone office, moved Sunday to Arlington where she will work with the same company, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Mrs. B. I. Whitney and Mrs. Walker went to Arlington last Friday to make arrangements. Mrs. Walker's mother went to Arlington with her.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB TALKS ON PROBLEMS AT MEETING TUESDAY

### UMATILLA MEN TELL OF NEW PORT

A delegation of Umatilla business men was present at the regular meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club at the Oddfellow hall Tuesday evening. The Rebekahs were in charge of the lunch with President E. P. Dodd presiding.

Several matters of importance were brought up during the evening with the Umatilla port and the port road receiving most of the attention. Lew Brownell was the speaker for the Umatilla group and stressed the importance of the proposed port and pointed out advantages not only for nearby cities but for the county as a whole.

The matter was discussed at some length from the floor with several different opinions expressed. No definite action was taken on the matter but a committee was appointed by President Dodd which will study the port problem during the next few weeks. Serving on the committee will be H. M. Sommerer, J. G. Pearson, R. A. Brownson, Dr. W. M. Marbut, F. C. McKenzie, J. G. Richards and R. G. Saylor.

The prospects of Hermiston having a second class postoffice was brought to the attention of members of the club. It is possible that the rating may be reached this year and if this can be maintained for another year, Hermiston will be eligible for second class rating and a new office. A committee was appointed to study the possibilities.

Another matter which created some interest was the announcement that four engineers from Bonneville have been transferred to Umatilla Rapids and preliminary work will get underway the first of the year.

Other topics brought up and discussed briefly included housing, officers for the new year, Christmas tree, cheap lots and the proposed trip of four local businessmen to the Columbia Gorge meeting to be held at Hood River today (Thursday).

## MISS DUNNING TO BE NEW YEAR'S BRIDE

Coming as a pleasant surprise to many local friends is the engagement of Miss Helen Dunning, daughter of Ed Dunning of Hermiston, to Lester M. Keenan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Keenan of Portland. The wedding date has been set for January 1 in the St. Michael and All Angels church in Portland.

Both Miss Dunning and Mr. Keenan are former students of Oregon State college. Miss Dunning was affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Mr. Keenan with Phi Sigma Kappa. No further announcement as to future plans have been given out.

Miss Dunning attended local schools and graduated from Hermiston Union high school with high honors.

## POSTOFFICE TO BE OPEN SATURDAY

For the convenience of holiday gift mailers the local postoffice will be kept open Saturday afternoon until 5:00 o'clock, according to Wm. Logan, postmaster. The Christmas mail has been about as usual with no noticeable gain or slack period.

The postoffice will be closed both Christmas and New Year's days.

## HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

All who desire to help in making up the annual Christmas baskets for the less fortunate will have an opportunity to do so by bringing canned goods, fruits or other suitable articles to their church on Sunday, December 17, or to the Oregon Hardware Co. any time before Friday.

Many of the local groups are cooperating with the city in this worthy project. Do your part to help someone else to have a Merry Christmas.