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FAIR BOARD A

At the last regular meeting of the Westland Grange a resolution was adopted urging the County Court to appoint Claude Hanscom of Pendleton, to the County Fair Board for the three year term starting in January, 1940. Mr. Hanscom is Master of the Umatilla Pomona Grange, and last year served as a member of the board that planned the Umatilla County Fair.

Newly installed officers of the Grange occupied their chairs for the first time, and conducted an interesting and snappy meeting. Mrs. Margaret Seeliger, Grange lecturer, announced plans for a Grange Christmas party to be held Thursday, December 28. This will be in the form of an open meeting for Grangers and their families. There will be a small gift for every one, and entertainment will be arranged by Mrs. Seeliger and Mrs. J. D. Corliss. Chairmen of standing committees for the following year, as announced by Master Harold Laird, are as follows: Home Economics, Mrs. Jess Prindle; refreshments, Mrs. A. E. Rugg; financ, Floyd Laird; legislative, H. R. Hartley; cooperative, Guy Shaw; and agriculture, D. H. Sherwood.

Visitors present at the meeting included Pomona Master Hanscom and Mrs. Hanscom, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McCulley, and daughter Eleanor, of Cold Springs Grange.

MC CULLEY AND KIK TO BE SPEAKERS ON ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Nina Rae McCulley and Charles Kik, former prominent 4-H club members of the Hermiston district, who are now attending Oregon State college, will be the principal speakers on the annual 4-H Achievement day program to be held Tuesday, December 26, in the basement of the Union church at Hermiston. Miss McCulley and Mr. Kik will tell how 4-H club work has aided them in preparing for their work at college.

Awards won at various fairs and contests during the year as well as pins representing the year's work will be given to each club member by the leader of his club.

A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon by the parents of the club members. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:00 o'clock, and everyone is invited to attend.

MUSIC BOX AT INLAND CO-OP. DRAWS INTEREST

Christmas tree music box, an apparatus which revolves a Christmas tree and at the same time playing four different tunes, has been drawing much interest and praise during the past week. The machine is owned by Guy Shaw and can be seen at the Inland Cooperative. The music box is at least 60 years old and was given to Mr. Shaw's grandparents by an old sea captain. No other information is known except that it was made in Germany, but no date can be located.

The machine has been wired so that a lighted Christmas tree is kept turning by means of a large spring drive. One wind will last for at least 40 minutes with four different tunes on its repertoire. The contraption is worthy of mention and friends are wondering why similar machines have not been put on the market.

ROBERT HAYES GUEST AT SCOUT MEETING

Robert Hayes, regional scout executive of three western states, was feted in Hermiston Thursday night, December 14, when Boy Scouts and their parents tendered a banquet in his honor. The event of the evening was a talk by Mr. Hayes, in which he stressed teamwork in scouting, pointing out the importance of parental assistance in the program.

Dr. F. B. Belt, chairman of the local troop committee, acted as toastmaster. Another guest of the evening was Oscar E. Hoover of Walla Walla, district executive. A program of stunts, movies and music was enjoyed, and a Court of Honor was held at which time the following awards were given:

First class, Julius Gimbel, Jr.

Second class, John and Jimmy Allen, Dick Belt, Bruce Norton and Jack Jackson.

At the previous meeting, Vance Matott, Glenn Wilcox and Allan Pankow were admitted as tenderfeet.

Merry Christmas

HAPPY THOT JERSEY FARM ANNOUNCES STORY CONTEST

RULES LISTED FOR LOCAL DAIRYMEN

Of considerable interest to those connected in the dairy business is the announcemet of a contest by H. R. Hartley, owner of the Happy Thot Jersey Farm. Mr. Hartley will award a purebred Jersey bull calf to the person writing the best story on the subject, "Why Dairymen Should Use A Purebred Sire."

A decided need for more and better sires has been noted on the project during the past few years. Four-H organizations and private individuals have voiced this need and especially at the recent Umatilla County Fair where many of the blue ribbons were taken by outside competitors.

The Happy Thot Jersey Farm has made an enviable record in past years and bull calves from this herd will be a valuable asset to any dairy herd. The contest has been arranged with the thought in mind to help someone to increase production in his herd.

The following rules have been drawn up by the contest committee:

1. Open only to members of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery or to their immediate families.

2. Stories must be mailed or delivered to the creamery on or before January 20, 1940.

3. No names shall appear on the stories submitted, numbers for the stories will be drawn by the contestants at the creamery office and in case of stories sent in by mail, numbers will be drawn by an office employee.

4. All stories will be judged by three capable judges and their decision shall be final.

5. All stories submited shall become the property of the donors of the calf.

LOWELL STOCKARD DIES AT SALEM

Lowell Stockard, age 31, died at Salem last Friday following a long illness. Mr. Stockard was born in Hermiston and spent all his life in Hermiston, only residing in Salem the past year.

He was a graduate of Hermiston Union high school in 1927 and attended Oregon State college. He was married in 1933 to Etta Hutchinson of Pendleton, who survives as do two children, Owen and Sue, also his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stockard of Hermiston, and four brothers: Victor of Stanfield, Paul of Fairbanks, Alaska; Clement of Oregon State, Shirley of Bly, Oregon, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Davis of Umatilla and Opal Stockard of Salem.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from Bomboy's chapel with Rev. Cecil Warner of Hermiston officiating, and burial in Olney cemetery.

TOWNSEND CLUB TO HAVE ELECTION

The Hermiston Townsend club will have an election of officers at its next meeting Friday, December 22. Officers were nominated at the last meeting.

This will be the last meeting of the month and members are urged to bring in their Townsend banks or to turn them in to Forrest Moore of the finance committee.

STOVE EXPLOSION BURNS NOT SERIOUS

Mrs. Dan Parker, two miles east of Hermiston, suffered painful burns Tuesday at her home when an oil stove exploded. Mrs. Parker suffered scalp burns and her hair was singed considerably.

Attending physician stated Thursday that her burns were not serious and she was getting along nicely.

HERMISTON CHURCHES TO COMMEMORATE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH PROGRAMS

Methodist Church

Songs, recitations and a pageant will be the nature of the program to be presented Saturday night, December 23, at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church by the Sunday School. Each department will participate in the program by giving some special number during the evening.

The pageant is entitled "Christ's Pathway to Peace." It is a colorful ceremonial procession which brings symbols of the Christian work being done throughout the world to the foot of Christ. To a world that is being torn with strife and war, this drama attempts to bring a ray of hope for the peace of the world. With the attention of men centered at this season of the year on the Prince of Peace, a renewed effort should be made to spread his Gospel to all men.

Your Christmas will be the brighter and happier for having been present at this service. Inspiration, entertainment and worship will be yours. We hope that you can come.

Hermiston Union Church

"Gifts For The King" will be the theme of the Christmas program at 8:00 o'clock in the Union church.

The primary department of the Sunday School will have a short program during the Sunday School hour in the morning.

The complete story of the manger, the star, shepherds, angels, the Babe, and the wise men, will be told in the evening program by the junior department of the Sunday School, and the church choir, through pantomime and song, solos, duets and chorus numbers.

The Christmas offering will be in the nature of a "White Gift", food stuffs, money, etc., to be sent to the White Swan Indian Mission near Yakima, Wn.

The Pentecostal Tabernacle.

The Christmas program at the Pentecostal Tabernacle will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be under the direction of Mrs. E. D. Greeley.

Baptist Church

The Christmas program which was to have been held at the Baptist church Sunday evening will be indefinitely postponed because of illness of many of those on the program. However, there will be Christmas music and some of the exercises of the children at the Sunday morning Sunday school hour. There will be treats for the kiddies.

JOHNSON RECEIVES AU REVOIR TICKET

Olaf Johnson, who has spent considerable time the past few years in Hermiston, received a sentence of six months in the Umatilla county jail Monday in the Hermiston justice of peace court. He was charged with drunkeness on a city street and was arrested by state police.

His sentence was suspended, however, with the condition that he leave the city during the duration of the sentence.

❖Santa To Appear At Smith's Store❖

❖ Kiddies of Hermiston who ❖
❖ have been anxiously awaiting ❖
❖ the arrival of Santa Claus may ❖
❖ see him Saturday night at the ❖
❖ Hermiston Trading Co. ❖

SCHOOL VACATION TO START FRIDAY

The Christmas school vacation of approximately 10 days will begin Friday, following a Christmas program in the high school gymnasium. Classes will commence again Tuesday, January 2, according to W. G. Kersbergen, superintendent.

Scarlet fever, colds and various other illnesses during the past week have somewhat disrupted school activities, although no serious trouble is expected. Tuesday found 25 per cent of the high school students out with colds, but several returned Wednesday and more Thursday. The scarlet fever scare has apparently passed with no new cases reported.

M. L. Watson, high school janitor, reports that he has several jobs on hand during the "time off" period.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOUND IN PAGES OF THIS ISSUE

Scattered throughout the pages of this week's issue of The Herald will be found Christmas greeting advertisements from various merchants and professional men of Hermiston. Similar cards have proven very popular in the past and subscribers have voiced their approval.

Though many merchants have had ups and downs during the past year, nevertheless at this time of year they feel extremely grateful for all the patronage and kindnesses shown by people of this community and surrounding territory. Much of the competition and differences is forgotten in an effort to bring Christmas cheer to all.

Hermiston is in somewhat of a peculiar situation. Firmly established is the business of the past, with the hope and anticipation of what the future may bring uppermost in minds of merchants and citizens. The wish of a "prosperous" New Year may become a reality.

POST OFFICE HAS RECORD MAIL DAY ON WEDNESDAY

An all-time high in stamp sales was reached in the Hermiston post office Wednesday, according to Wm. E. Logan, when almost $162 stamp sales was recorded. This was approximately $85 over the same day last year. The highest day last year was $125 coming a few days prior to Christmas.

According to Mr. Logan, 62 sacks of mail was received, with a similar number of sacks dispatched. Included among the outgoing mail were numerous packages marked "perishable", containing prime Hermiston turkeys to homes of relatives and friends.

With the boom in stamp sales, providing the sales continue for the balance of the week, the possibility of reaching the second class post office quota is becoming a probability.

Mrs. Taylor Wins Afghan Rug

Mrs. Charles Taylor of Hermiston was awarded an Afghan rug at the regular meeting of the Umatilla Garden club Thursday afternoon.

The Christmas tree is at the head of Main street. Window decorations tell of the approaching event. Radio waves carry messages of the world wide celebration common to most of mankind. Hymns of faith peal forth in stirring accent days before the real day. Where there is Peace, and where there is no Peace, human souls bow to the Prince of Peace.

It is a happy thought that out of the present world of turmoil, there remains hope and cheer.

Those of us who have comforts, peace and liberty, can find it in our hearts to be grateful for the Star of Bethlehem and the Sermon on the Mount, much easier than the parts of the world in deepest shadows. It is our task to keep the faith that they may let fail in their despair. Mounds of doubt that we allow to become mountains, may be spread into fields of green with the simple implements of humanity, faith, hope and courage, given us by the Master, whose birth to the world we celebrate next Monday.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST ASSURES FINE DISPLAYS

ROUTE GIVEN OF CONTESTANTS

Entries in the lighting contest closed Tuesday evening, and the number checked over by the committee assures a most successful display of high quality entries of this and surrounding districts. The community tree which stands at the end of Main street has been lighted and is unusually fine.

Judges from neighboring towns have been selected for the night of the final awarding of prizes. They are: Mrs. H. B. Hull, Umatilla; Mrs. Stanley Smith, Stanfield; and Mrs. Joseph Middleton of Echo. They will make a careful survey of all displays entered for competition and announce their decisions after a supper which will be served to them by members of the committee at the home of the committee chairman, Mrs. J. J. Gimbel.

As was done last year, the committee has prepared a list of homes, etc., placed in their proper order, for the convenience of those wishing to view the displays. Some have been included which are not entered in the competition but are worthy of a place in the trip. These are marked with a star.

R. C. McReynolds, Paul Bracher, Paul Van Patten, Methodist Church, Baptist Church, ❖Rohrman Motor company office, Emerald Tilden, Mrs. Mabel Weeks, ❖A. H. Cable, ❖Frank Bilderback, Walter Pearson, Charlotte Ralph, Margaret Felthouse, F. B. Belt, R. H. Piersol, Tom Fraser, Wm. Logan, J. D. Todd, Fred Hensel, B. A. Doyle, Charles Taylor, A. F. Rohrman, T. A. O'Grady, H. A. Pankow, W. J. Kennings and ❖J. J. Gimbel.

Prize winners will be announced in next week's issue of the Herald.

TURKEY PICKING IS COMPLETED HERE WITH GOOD RUN

The fall season for picking and packing turkeys at the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers plant in Hermiston was completed Tuesday. The next pool will commence on January 3.

During the season 22 cars have been shipped, containing approximately 40,000 birds with a total weight of 694,000 pounds. It is now estimated that there yet remains between three and four car loads for January and later shipments. The percentage of prime birds was about the same as in previous years, and choice toms brought within a cent a pound of prime.

The association employed on an average during the picking and packing periods 130 persons, and the total pay roll was $7,500.

The association birds for 1939 will reach almost 50,000. It is reported that Swift and Armour and other shippers have handled ten cars or more and the grand total of the turkey industry for the year will reach around 70,000 birds.

HOWARD-NATION

Of interest to Hermiston friends is the recent announcement of the marriage of Miss Reitha Howard and Myron "Babe" Nation, both of Salem. They were married December 2 at Vancouver, Wn., with Rev. Paul Kunzman in charge. The ceremony was attended by friends from Portland.

Mrs. Nation is a daughter of Mrs. Bert Michel of Hermiston and Mr. Nation is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Nation, also of Hermiston. The young couple is well known here as they attended local schools and later Mr. Nation was employed by the Union Pacific railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Nation will reside in Salem where he is employed as a guard at the state prison there.