

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keener and family, Mrs. Midge Elsdon of Walla Walla, Mrs. Burnham and daughters Marjory and Mary, and Harry Westell of Stanfield were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Baragar.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mikesell and son of Albany, Ore., were house guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell, over the holidays. They returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Daisy Mikesell of Portland is a house guest of her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cable. She will be here for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodward attended a Christmas eve party at Rohrmans.

House guests at the C. L. Upham home during the Christmas holidays were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Harte and children Dick and Rachel of Gaston, and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Upham of Salem. They all returned home Wednesday.

Dinner guests at the Alfred Cable home Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mikesell and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell and Mrs. Daisy Mikesell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Reeder and family of Yakima, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Carpenger were dinner guests of Mrs. Mabel Weeks and family on Christmas day.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilson Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw and family and Kent Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Stein of Portland, Zelma Swarner of Corvallis and Monroe Swarner of Alaska are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Swarner during the holidays.

Dr. George Jordan of Albany was here over Christmas. Mr. Jordan and his mother Mrs. L. W. Douglas motored to Pilot Rock Sunday afternoon to visit his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller and children were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Flannigan and family.

Albert Shipp was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Knox and family Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Orey Bennett and daughter Mrs. James Thomas, and Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Nora Lee of Clifton, Colo., arrived Saturday night for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Baxter Hutchison. They left for a trip down the coast as far as San Francisco Wednesday of this week. From there they will return to their home at Clifton.

Helen Jendrzewski and Bernard Jendrzewski of O. S. C., and Walter Jendrzewski, assistant county agent at Klamath Falls, are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jendrzewski.

Dinner guests at the Baxter Hutchison home Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Orey Bennett, Mrs. James Thomas and Mrs. Nora Lee, all of Clifton, Colo., Mrs. Cora Boyd of Pilot Rock, Roy Grant of Stanfield, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hutchison of Pendleton, William Nebergall, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw. Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Grant were house guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hutchison of Pendleton and Mrs. James Thomas, cousin of Mrs. Shaw.

Miss Pauline Morris spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Laura Morris.

Frederick Grey, who is a student at the school for the blind in Salem, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grey.

Frank Furrer was a visitor at the John Knox home Sunday.

Vera Sisson and Max Geer were visitors at the John Knox home Monday evening.

Nina Rae McCulley is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McCulley. She will return home New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foster and son Mark, and daughter Arilda, who is home from the Dalles for a visit, and John Swearingen who is attending business college in Seattle, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rand of Irrigon.

Miss Lucille Weeks arrived home Saturday from the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Schroeder. Mrs. Schroeder has been ill and Miss Weeks has been caring for her. Mrs. Schroeder is reported as being all right now.

Harold Hunt and family, Mr. Hunt, Hiram Stillings and Lawrence Hunt were dinner guests at the De Moss home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hebert visited her mother in Pendleton Christmas.

John Jendrzewski left Wednesday for Portland to attend an Oregon Turkey Growers meeting. They met at the Imperial Hotel, and he returned home Friday night.

Tommy Haddox visited at the home of John Jendrzewski Christmas night. He was here from Irrigon. The Templetons were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid and daughter Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Casady and Marlan were dinner guests at the Christley home Christmas.

License Examiner Here January 4

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Thursday, January 4, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 11:00 a. m. to 5 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

MANY VISITORS MAKE TOUR OF LIGHT DISPLAYS

MRS. B. A. DOYLE WINS FIRST PLACE

The Yuletide season was considerably brightened in the Hermiston area this year when numerous homes about the city and countryside were illuminated by attractive and interesting displays and decorations. To Mrs. B. A. Doyle of Hermiston went the honors of the grand prize, an I. E. S. lamp awarded by the Hermiston Light & Power Co.

Her display was arranged just inside a large window with a huge painting portraying the Christmas story, including the Christ child, the three wisemen and the star of the east. The outside of the window was framed with fir boughs and the entire scene lighted by a unique arrangement, with the light coming through a hole cut near the top of the scene.

Mrs. Charles Taylor received much praise for her fireplace scene arranged on the front lawn of the Taylor residence. The picture depicted the night before Christmas with a small girl and boy hanging stockings from a lighted fireplace. A realistic Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, stood nearby with two Scottie dogs looking on. A large picture of the Virgin Mary graced the top of the fireplace.

Another beautiful portrayal of the Christmas story was noted at the Emerald Tilden home on North Hill. The scene was arranged in the doorway with changing colors illuminating the display. The lighting was accomplished with a bed lamp, cellophane and a large wheel driven by a small motor. Many people drove to the Tilden home to view the scene.

The T. A. O'Grady display consisted of two large decorated Christmas trees with a larger tree between the two holding a huge silver star. Nearby was a picture of the Virgin Mary. The display was arranged on the lawn of the O'Grady residence.

Other outstanding arrangements were presented by Margaret Felthouse, Mrs. Mabel Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Logan and Methodist church. Although other homes did not receive the prize.

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MRS. BURNHAM HAS CLEARANCE SALE

Burnham & Burnham of Hermiston is announcing a clearance sale beginning Friday morning at 10:00 of all surplus winter stocks and McMillan's Style Shop stock. A. R. Godfrey, representing M. F. Hatfield Associates, Spokane, Wn., is in charge of advertising and selling.

A two page advertisement appearing in this issue of The Herald tells of particulars of the sale.

McMILLAN-MATOTT

The marriage of Ruby McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, and M. T. Matott of Hermiston came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends this week. The marriage vows were exchanged in the Methodist parsonage at Walla Walla last Thursday, December 21.

Both are well known in Hermiston. Mrs. Matott formerly operated Ruby's Dress Shop here while Mr. Matott is a telegrapher at the Hinkle railroad station. The latter is a golfer par excellence and is captain of the Hermiston golfing team.

Local friends are wishing them many years of happily married life.

Annual Senior Dance Held

The seniors of Hermiston Union high school were hosts last Friday for the annual alumni dance at the local gymnasium. A large number of students and alumni attended. The hall was decorated in Christmas colors.

Lupine Flower Braves Weather.

Mrs. Melvin Follett brought a Lupine flower in full bloom into the Herald office this week which Mr. Follett had picked while hunting for Indian arrowheads on an island in the Columbia river. It is rather unusual for this type of flower to appear at this time of year.

Pre-Inventory Sale Planned

Saylor's, Hermiston dry goods store, is announcing a pre-inventory sale beginning this week end. An effort will be made to reduce the stock prior to inventory.

UMATILLA TO GET GRAIN ELEVATOR

According to reports coming from Pendleton, the Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc., will build a 44,000-bushel bulk grain shipping elevator at Umatilla early next year. The decision was reached last Friday, with the estimated cost, including a 400-foot conveyor system to load barges at the dock, to be \$25,000.

Work on the project will begin early in January and be completed within 90 days. The Pendleton growers will load grain for other shippers and give service to all barge lines now operating on the Upper Columbia river. Sacked grain will be handled in the same manner as bulk except that sacks will be "cut in" at the elevator and shipped as bulk from there.

TOWNSEND MEETING DATE SHOVED UP

The next meeting of the Hermiston Townsend club has been shoved up from January 12 to Friday, January 5, because the club is calling an extra meeting for January 13 to celebrate Dr. Francis Townsend's birthday. Plans for the celebration will be the order of the evening Friday, January 5.

The results of the election held last week were as follows: president, L. W. Dixon; club council, H. R. Hartley, F. W. Lenz, Forrest Moore, F. M. Gulwits, Edna Udey, E. L. Hatfield, Joe Udey, L. W. Dixon, Jess Prindle, W. C. Moorehouse and Mrs. J. B. Beebe.

Following the election last Friday the ladies' auxiliary served a jitney lunch. A program was enjoyed during the course of the election.

AUTO LICENSES NECESSARY ITEM

The 1940 automobile license tags must be obtained by next Monday, according to Charles P. Pray, superintendent of Oregon state police. Car owners who neglect to have new plates by New Year's day will be arrested. Orders to that effect were dispatched to state policemen over the state this week.

Superintendent Pray reports that although there are about 350,000 private automobiles in the state, only 122,000 new tags had been applied for up to Wednesday morning.

DIVIDEND CHECKS ARE GIVEN OUT

Checks for a semi-annual dividend were being distributed last week end by the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery to its members. The dividend amounted to 1 1/2 cents per pound of butterfat delivered to the company in the first six months of the year.

About 400 members, in Umatilla and northern Morrow counties, were recipients of the dividend amounting to \$3,628.23.

JOYCE M CULLEY WINS 4-H MEDAL

Joyce McCulley of Hermiston has been designated to receive the gold medal awarded county winners in the national 4-H food preparation contest conducted for the fifth season by the extension service. The presentation was made by County Home Demonstration Agent at the annual achievement day in Hermiston Tuesday. The medal is about one inch deep, worn with a clasp, and handsomely embossed. It is provided by Servel, Inc., as an incentive to 4-H work.

Orr-Lyda Brown of Eugene was named state winner and received a trip to the national 4-H club congress in Chicago early in December.

SCHOOL TO START NEXT TUESDAY

The Christmas holiday will be concluded next Tuesday, January 2, in the Hermiston school when regular classes will commence, according to Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen. It is expected that the recent flu epidemic will have passed on by that time.

Many of the teachers left the city during the week to visit relatives and friends but are expected back this week end.

HALE HAS UNIQUE WINDOW DISPLAY

Of considerable interest to old timers and students of Oregon history is the window display at Hale's Confectionery and Sporting Goods store on Main street. A set of old ox yokes, found at the site of the old Henrietta fort near Echo, centers the display. The yoke belongs to Ben Middleton and is thought to have been discarded following an Indian-white man fight many years ago. The yoke is made of hickory and appears to be in fairly good condition.

Also of interest is an old side saddle known to be at least 55 years old belonging to Joe Cooney Sr. of Echo. An old time bull whip, old rifles and other relics complete the picture.

New Year Dance Planned

Arrangements have been completed for a New Year's dance, commencing at 12:00 o'clock midnight Sunday night, December 31, at the Hermiston park hall. Steele's 9-piece swing band will furnish the music with popular prices prevailing. The affair has been billed as a midnight frolic.

Miss Cooney on Honor Roll

Patsy Cooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cooney of Umatilla, is listed among the honor students at Maryhurst college for the fall quarter just ended. Miss Cooney matriculated this fall from Umatilla high school from which he won a scholarship to college. She returned home Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, after a gay pre-Christmas season on the campus.

MANY FOUR-H YOUNGSTERS GET ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CHRISTMAS MAIL MAKES INCREASE AT LOCAL OFFICE

A 27 per cent gain in stamp sales during Christmas week is reported by Wm. Logan, local postmaster. This is an indication of the general increase in Christmas trade both locally and about the country. In 1938 \$478.04 in stamps were sold during Christmas week, while this year \$606.39 was recorded, an increase of \$128.35.

A total of 892 sacks of mail was handled by the local post office force, 310 going out and 582 coming in. The Christmas mail was exceedingly heavy throughout the state, according to reports issued from other cities.

Although the gain in local stamp sales boosted the hopes of reaching the second class post office quota, it still left a considerable gap to be filled during the final days of the year.

FIRST SNOW FALLS IN HERMISTON

Although the first trace of snow was recorded in Hermiston this week the weather conditions have not been exceedingly cold. The lowest temperature during the week came on Christmas day when it fell to 17 above. Only .01 in. rainfall was recorded during the week, according to Charles Taylor, weather man.

	Max.	Min.
December 21	51	33
December 22	40	23
December 23	37	28
December 24	43	24
December 25	35	17
December 26	31	21
December 27	34	26

HERMISTON TEAM WINS TWO GAMES

A local basketball team, composed mostly of Rankins, won two victories during the past week. Saturday night Irrigon fell before a 38 to 24 score and Wednesday night the locals trimmed Umatilla 30 to 14. Both tilts were played on foreign soil.

Included on the roster were Fred, Stuart and Marvin Rankin, Gerald Keller and Bill Gorrell. Fred Reeves acted as advisory coach. Another game has been scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at Pendleton.

House Takes Over Skating Rink.

Under new arrangements, Jack House has taken over the interests of the Hermiston skating rink which will be open each night. It was operated for about a month by V. E. Clark of Spokane, Wn.

LUNCHEON HELD IN UNION CHURCH BASEMENT TUESDAY

One hundred and twenty-eight 4-H club boys and girls were presented pins and awards for their year's work at a 4-H Achievement Day program held Tuesday, December 26, at the Union church in Hermiston. A pot luck luncheon was served by parents of the clubbers at 11:30 a. m. Following luncheon, group singing was led by A. E. Bense and talks were given by Nina Rae McCulley, former prominent 4-H club member, who spoke on the advantages of 4-H club training in preparation for a college education, and by Charles Kik, also a past 4-H club member, who recounted the events of his recent trip to Chicago, which he won as a result of a 4-H project in Rural Electrification. Kik also stressed the values of 4-H teaching.

Awards to Home Economics Club leaders were presented by Mrs. Dorothy Bishop, Home Demonstration Agent of Umatilla county to the following: Ann Sommerer, sewing, 19 members, cooking, 14 members; Mrs. Wm. Bense, cooking, 17 members; Grace Bense, camp cookery, 9 members; Mrs. D. H. Dufur, room improvement, 12 members; Mrs. Clara Burrell, sewing, 5 members; Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, sewing, 5 members; Joyce McCulley, room improvement, 5 members; Mrs. Stanley Smith, sewing, 11 members.

Mrs. Bishop particularly stressed the fine cooperation given by her leaders in that all home economics clubs in the West end of Umatilla county completed 100 per cent. Each leader then in turn presented pins and awards to her club members.

They were as follows: One year pins—Mary Etta Clark, Nancy Lee Clark, Louise Dexter, Elaine Hogg, Virginia Krause, Kay Logan, Shirley McFarland, Mildred Mollstead, Betty Mustard, Alida Picanso, Virginia Picanso, Dorothy Nelson, Donna Quick, Molly Ann Ripley, Carolyn Smith, Edethanne Spencer, Frances Stephens, Betty Tenny, Iva Van Arsdale, Lucille Weeks, Marjorie Williams, Dona Marie Beck, Margaret Jones, Betty Lee Morris, Iris Irene Morris, Vivian Morris, Elmae Casper, Ann Mary Sherlock, and Virginia Borthwick.

Two year pins—Fern Bray, Joan Byrnes, Myra Getchell, Lauree Gimble, Ann Piersol, Beulah Ryland, Rachel Weeks, Lois Williams, Sara Wurster, Johanna Casper, Lois Casper, Peggy Todd, Norma Getchell, Muriel Kingsley.

Three year pins—Lila Scaif, Ruth McCulley, Mary Helene Piersol, Minnie Riley, Pauline Roach, Peggy Sommerer, Anne Peterson, Laura Stevens, Maxine Thompson.

Four years—Agnes Riley, Jean McKenzie, Marian Ott, Irene Borthwick, Marie Tenny, Irene Hunt, Lois Hunt.

Five years—Donna Keener, Agnes Kennedy, Dorothy Knox, Mary Sommerer.

Six years—Grace Bense, Kay Keener, Mary Margaret Kennedy, Catherine Kennedy, Susan Knox.

Eight years—Joyce McCulley.

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WEDDING DATE IS ANNOUNCED

Of interest to her many local friends is the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Felthouse and Dr. Peter LeRoy Poulson of Baker on January 1, 1940. The wedding ceremony will be performed at Baker.

Miss Felthouse is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Felthouse and attended local schools and graduated from Oregon State college. She has been employed for some time in the city hall at Portland. Dr. Poulson is practicing at Baker where the couple will reside following the wedding.

Lt. Chester Johnson Visits Here

Lt. Chester Johnson was a holiday visitor in Hermiston. He stopped here Friday en route to Pendleton to visit his mother, Mrs. T. K. Johnson. Lt. Johnson, former Hermiston youth, is now stationed at Tacoma, Wn.

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