

FOUR LOCAL GIRLS POPULAR BRIDES OVER HOLIDAYS

FELTHOUSE-POULSEN

Miss Mary Margaret Felthouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Felthouse of Hermiston, became the bride of Dr. P. L. Poulsen of Baker New Year's Day at a simple ceremony performed at the Baptist parsonage at Baker. Members of the family were present for the occasion. Rev. Dunham of that city performed the ceremony.

Miss Felthouse attended the local schools and graduated from Oregon State college. Dr. Poulsen is a chiropractic physician and is practicing at Baker where the couple will reside following a honeymoon trip.

OTT-STRATTON

Coming as a pleasant surprise to local friends was the announcement of the marriage of Miss Edna Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ott of the Columbia district, and Willard Stratton of John Day. The marriage was made known when the young couple visited at the home of her parents New Year's day.

They were married in Idaho September 30.

Miss Ott is teaching at Prineville and is a graduate of Oregon State college. Mr. Stratton also attended Oregon State and attended school in Portland. He is a mining engineer and is working on a dredge at John Day.

DUNNING-KEENAN

At a beautiful candlelight ceremony New Year's day at 4:30 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal church in Portland, Miss Helen Marie Dunning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dunning of Hermiston, and niece of John Dunning of Pendleton, became the bride of Lester Mackenzie Keenan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Keenan of Portland, the ceremony being read by the Rev. Richard Flagg Ayers.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was especially lovely in a gown of lustrous white satin, fashioned on princess lines, with full length veil of tulle, edged in lace, and held in place by a coronet ornamented with seed pearls. Her bouquet was of Johanna Hill roses, white sweet peas and bouvardia.

Miss Daisy Cline, maid of honor, wore a bouffant frock of rose color, with tulle skirt and lace bodice. Miss Barbara Stuart and Miss Mary Hopkins, bridesmaids, wore similar frocks of soft blue, and carried bouquets of orchid sweet peas and bouvardia. John Robert Keenan, brother of the groom, was best man.

Ushers were John M. Rice, Lee Spitzer, Carl Peterson and Earl Sweetland. Preceding the ceremony, Walter McKinney sang. The church was handsomely decorated with white chrysanthemums and palms.

A reception, in the church parlors, followed the wedding. After an extensive eastern and southern trip, Mr. and Mrs. Keenan will return about June 1 to reside in Portland.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Keenan attended Oregon State college. Miss Dunning is an Alpha Chi Omega and Mr. Keenan a Phi Sigma Kappa.

DODD-FISCHER

At a beautiful wedding Thursday night at Grace Memorial church in Portland, Miss Ruth Alexander Dodd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Dodd of Hermiston, became the bride of Dale Drury Fischer of Marcola.

The ceremony, read by Rev. Oswald Taylor, was by candlelight, with Yuletide decorations, and with lighted white tapers on the pews.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was beautiful in a gown of ivory brocaded satin, worn by her mother at her wedding in 1905. It was fashioned with fagotted yoke, puffed sleeves, slender girdle and full skirt, with graceful train. Miss Dodd wore the floor length tulle veil and Juliet cap of seed pearls worn by her cousin, Mrs. Joseph Minor Roberts (Cathryn Collins) at her wedding last October. The bridal costume was completed by full length white kid gloves. The bride's bouquet was of orchids and lilies of the valley.

Miss Isabel Dodd, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. E. L. (Continued on page 6)

COXEN DESCRIBES SINKING OF SHIP BY DESTROYER

U. S. SHIP PICKS UP SURVIVORS

War fans, who eagerly search the daily papers for news of the conflict abroad, will be interested in the eye witness account written by Ellis L. Coxen to his mother and other relatives in Hermiston. Ellis is in the U. S. Navy and is experiencing all the excitement of war times.

The following is taken directly from his letter:

"We were steaming along behind the German liner (Columbus), escorting her out of the neutral zone. It was somewhere around four o'clock when a speck of smoke was sighted over the horizon. Of course, all hands went up to watch it. It was just a few minutes until we could see that it was a war ship.

"We knew we were the only Americans out here, so we figured that it must be a British—that's when we really got interested. Pretty soon we could see the Canadian man-of-war flag at her masthead. The destroyer fired two shots across the liner's bow and signaled a halt.

"We came to a stop at the same time. She had no more than stopped when we could see lifeboats being lowered over the side (of the liner). By this time the British destroyer had come about, the crew of the liner had climbed into their boats and shoved off from it. It was but a very few minutes until the liner slowly began to settle and fire broke out above her after decks.

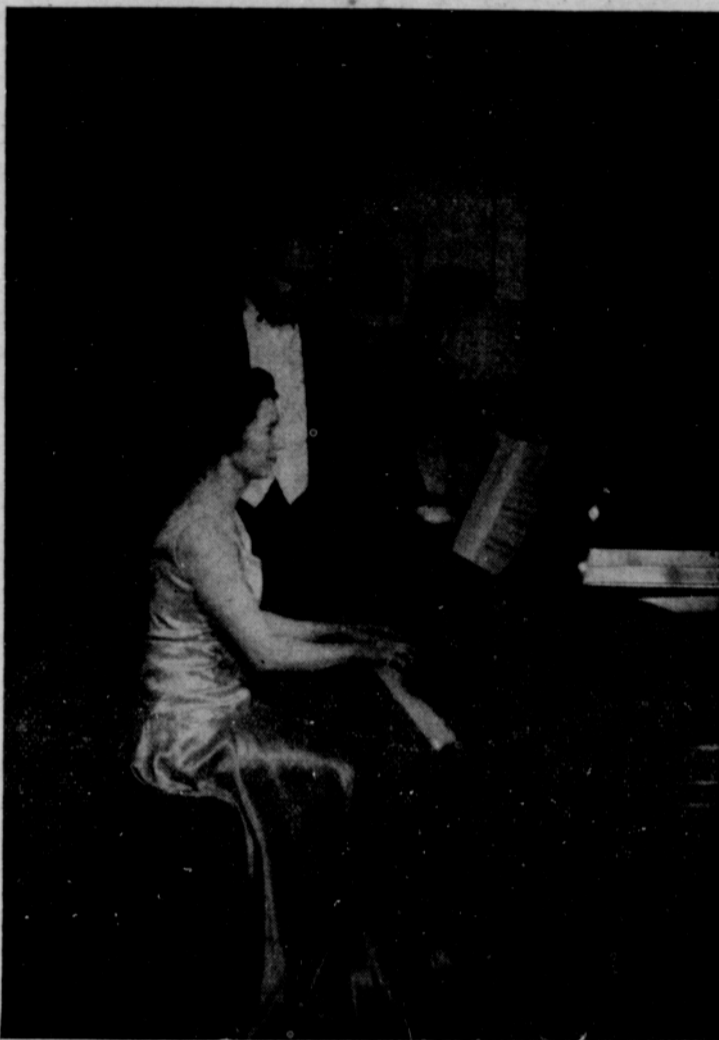
"The destroyer signaled us and asked if we would take the survivors in. So the process of getting all those people aboard began. The sea was choppy and the boats were banging up against the ship pretty bad and a few of the sailors fell in the drink but we pulled them out O. K. By this time it was getting dusk and the liner, which was ablaze all over, was lighting up the ocean for miles around. That was an awful sight—a 21 million dollar ship going up in smoke and slowly sinking.

"Some of the crew had some very sad faces but others were laughing and said they were glad and proud to be aboard a U. S. ship. They brought some wine and champagne as gifts for the crew. I was given a quart of wine and I gave them cigarettes. They were a very nice bunch of sailors (some spoke English). There were several women in the crew and a few young boys.

"When we got into New York there was a mess of tugboats which had come out containing news reel and newspaper men. They took pictures by the hundreds of the survivors. Many of our sailors got pictures of the sinking ship (I'll send some home) and these newspaper men offered as high as \$100 a roll for film."

Signed, Ellis L. Coxen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Roy Head Male Chorus



TURKEY PICKING RESUMES AT LOCAL PLANT WEDNESDAY

Operations began again Wednesday morning at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers. Four carloads of birds was anticipated for the present run which will probably take four days of picking and three days of packing. Approximately the same crew of 60 pickers was at work Wednesday.

Although the present run was originally scheduled as the windup of the season, it is possible that another pool will be held later, according to Mrs. Roy Penney, secretary.

Although the price of turkeys slumped somewhat during the final days of the season, the general condition compared favorably with former years.

TAX FORECLOSURE LIST PUBLISHED

Beginning with last week's issue, the Herald is publishing in four consecutive issues a notice of foreclosure of tax liens against property in Umatilla county. Years of delinquency date back as far as 1928 and are brought up to 1938 in many instances.

The foreclosure list is being published in the East Oregonian and The Herald and is being sent to eastern part of the county through box holders.

PENDLETON MALE CHORUS TO SING HERE JANUARY 19

The Hermiston Garden club is announcing that the Pendleton male chorus, under the direction of Ted Roy, will present a concert in the Hermiston high school gymnasium on Friday, January 19. This popular group has appeared in many cities in eastern Oregon and has been enthusiastically received. The male chorus presented a concert in Hermiston last year.

The concert will begin at 8:15 p. m. and an admission of 40c and 25c will be charged. Further information concerning the concert will appear in next week's issue of The Herald.

GOOD CHEER SPREAD AT CHRISTMASTIME

In keeping with the spirit of spreading good cheer at Christmas, the local committee distributed 27 Christmas baskets this year. The cooperating group this year included the American Legion and Auxiliary; the Rebekah Lodge; the Altar Society; the City of Hermiston; and the Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Union churches, and various individuals.

"By pooling their efforts the baskets were uniformly nice than they would have been if done independently. Also, several cases of duplication were avoided.

This worthy project deserves the wholehearted backing of the citizens of this community. The expression of gratitude by the recipients was a joy to every member of the committee who delivered baskets. The committee wishes to express their appreciation to those who helped and for the gifts donated.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Hermiston Commercial club will meet Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 p. m. at the Odd Fellows hall, and will be served with a dinner by the Rebekahs. This will be the annual meeting for election of officers for the ensuing year.

Other business will also be taken up.

Cannery-Laundry Group To Meet

A notice is being given of the annual meeting of the Hermiston Co-operative Laundry & Cannery at the Legion hall on Saturday, January 20, at 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing three directors and such other business as may legally come before the meeting. Catherine Sommerer is secretary.

HIGH SCHOOL HAS THREE BASKETBALL GAMES NEXT WEEK

After two weeks of idleness, Coach Ray Critchfield's hoopers will get back to work in earnest next week, having a full schedule of three games. Ione will play here Tuesday, the Bulldogs journey to Umatilla Friday and the Pendleton Bucks invade Hermiston Saturday night.

Considerable improvement has been noted in the team play in the past few games and it is expected that the Bulldogs will win a fair portion of the remaining games.

Critchfield indicated Wednesday that Crampton, Pierson, Tiller, Holoman and Corpe would probably start the Ione tilt, with Rugg and Gettmann for utility use.

STATISTICS SHOW HERMISTON IN LOW COST BRACKET

A recent Oregon school directory issued by Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, reveals interesting figures in connection with the per capita cost of high school education in the various cities of Oregon. The report covers the school year of 1938-39 for standard high schools.

The cost per capita of Hermiston Union high school was set at \$99.32. The nearest figure for any other high school in Umatilla county was \$124.94, while the others ranged all the ways from this figure up to \$305.10.

The assessed valuation of the Hermiston district was \$2,033,794.00.

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.

The club meets in the Legion hall.

NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH RAINFALL

The final days of 1939 and the first three days of the new year brought three-quarters of an inch rainfall in the Hermiston area. For the first time this fall and winter season, a full head of water was being taken through the feed canal into Cold Springs reservoir. Heretofore only a small head had been running.

The temperatures for the week stayed at a very even keel except for Wednesday when a maximum of 52 and a minimum of 26 was recorded. During the first six days the highest was 39 and the lowest 31.

The following is the report for the past week, according to Charles Taylor, weather man:

| Date | Max. | Min. |
|-------------|------|------|
| December 28 | 34 | 31 |
| December 29 | 37 | 32 |
| December 30 | 39 | 35 |
| December 31 | 38 | 35 |
| January 1 | 39 | 32 |
| January 2 | 38 | 35 |
| January 3 | 52 | 26 |

DARREL SEELIGER PAYS VISIT HERE

Darrel Seeliger of Oakland, Calif., arrived in Hermiston December 21 and left again Tuesday of this week after spending ten days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seeliger. He has been employed with the Southern Pacific railroad at Oakland, Calif., for almost three years.

Upholding home town hospitality, Darrel was fined \$5.00 and costs in the local justice of peace court Tuesday for overloading the front seat of an automobile.

Watch Night Party Enjoyed

Miss Rebecca Pierson was hostess to 15 friends New Year's eve at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson. A waffle supper was enjoyed, following which the group watched the old year out and the new year in.

LOCAL POST OFFICE REACHES SECOND CLASS STANDING

INCREASE GRADUAL IN RECENT YEARS

The Hermiston postoffice has reached the rank of a second class office, according to W. A. Logan, postmaster. The business of the office has gradually increased in the past several years. In 1937 the total proceeds were in \$7,900 while in 1938 the total was \$8526.83. The volume jumped to \$9,473.14 in 1939, sufficient to give the office a second class ranking.

During the past December month, the number of sales of money orders was 713, while during the year there has been a large use of stamps, postal cards and the use of mails for advertising purposes.

As a second class office the community is in line for better mail services, and it is expected that an effort will be made for a two-mail daily service. A second class office, if maintained for two consecutive years, becomes eligible for a post-office grant by the federal postal department.

Such a building would also be available for other federal use, such as the assistant county agent, U. S. engineers and other employees of the government. The amount granted to such buildings ranges from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

If the progress of the local office continues throughout 1940, the situation will be presented to the congressman of the district who will be expected to secure the approval by the postal departments for funds from congress to construct the building.

GRADE SCHOOL TO PRESENT OPERETTA

"A Joke on the Toymaker," a musical play in one act, will be presented by the first four grades at the Hermiston high school gymnasium Thursday, January 11, at 8:00 p. m. The operetta was to have been given prior to Christmas but due to illness was postponed till the above date.

The story of the play has to do with Santa preparing for his annual trip through the country. While he is making last minute preparations away from the toy shop, a Fairy Queen with her magic brings the toys to life. When Santa returns to load the sleigh, he is very much surprised and also finds his toys very willing and ready to show him what they are able to do.

The performance is interesting from beginning to end and local citizens should not fail to see the youngsters perform. An admission price of 25c for adults and 10c for children will be charged.

ODDFELLOWS PLAN SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Hermiston Odd Fellows has been planned for Monday, January 8, at the local hall. The Pendleton lodge will entertain for the evening with Grand Master O. F. Steele also present. All Odd Fellows are asked to attend whether members here or other lodges, and get acquainted.

Lodge members are informed not to stay away because they do not have the password. The third degree password will admit.

WILLIAM ULRICH

William Ulrich, 76 years of age, passed away last Thursday, December 28, at Huntington, Oregon. Mr. Ulrich was found near the Snake river at that place frozen to death. He was an old time resident of the Hermiston and Pendleton districts and well known among the older generation.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Pendleton. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, John Ulrich of Hermiston, Fred Ulrich of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Fannie Meyers of La Grande.

Bearded Aces To Appear Here Jan. 12



Something entirely new in the way of basketball has been scheduled for the Hermiston high school floor when the Bearded Aces, representing the City of David of Benton Harbor, Mich., will tangle with the Hermiston town team next Friday, January 12. The local team will be strengthened for the occasion by additional players from Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo.

The Bearded Aces were organized in 1937 and played under the name of Tucker's Bearded Aces. During the 1937-38 season they played 85 games and lost 14. During the 1938-39 season the Aces played 124 games

and lost 26. They were the only bearded team selected to play in the national professional tournament in Chicago. The Bearded Aces are all former college players and combine a fast passing game with superb showmanship that made a big hit wherever they played last season.

Practice sessions for the town team have been slated on the following nights, according to Fred Reeves, manager: Friday, January 5, January 8, January 10, January 17, January 23 and January 31. Players interested should be present Friday or Monday night in order that arrangements can be completed for the Bearded Aces game.