

TOWNSEND CLUB ENJOYS OYSTER SUPPER SATURDAY

The Hermiston Townsend club sponsored an oyster supper and free dance Saturday night in the local Legion hall in honor of Dr. Townsend's birthday. Delegates were present from Boardman, Pendleton and other nearby towns. The Pendleton club furnished music for the occasion. Checkers were also played during the evening.

A report was given that the Portland and Multnomah county clubs had sponsored a birthday party on January 13 with the address of welcome being given by Mayor Joseph E. Carson. Introductory remarks were given by E. W. Alrich, senior member of the Portland school board. J. C. Bennett, city commissioner, introduced the speakers of the evening. O. V. Badley, county commissioner, was chairman of the program committee and furnished an interesting program.

The pillow cases which were sold at auction at the meeting here Saturday went to Fred Lenz. The money was sent to the DeLanos of Boardman who lost their home by fire recently.

The next meeting of the club will be Friday, January 26. Reports of the oyster supper and other important matters will be presented and discussed. Members of the newly elected club counsel are requested to be present. The public is also invited to attend. The Ladies Auxiliary will serve a jitney supper at the close of the meeting.

FARMERS TO TALK ON HOG PROBLEMS

"How to Produce Pork Most Economically," will be the theme of a discussion to be held in Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker's office Friday afternoon, January 19, at 1:30 p. m. H. A. Lindgren, extension specialist in animal husbandry from Oregon State college, will be on hand to discuss feeding and management of hogs and to assist farmers in working out their hog problems.

The meeting will be open to any one desiring information along these lines.

TRANSIENTS HELD FOR LARCENY HERE

Thomas Milton Veil Sr. and his son Thomas Jr. were arrested in Hermiston Wednesday on a charge of larceny less than \$35 from the R. V. McGraw farm four miles east of Hermiston. The arrest was made by Jess Gossage, marshal of Stanfield, and state police.

A warrant for their arrest had been issued earlier in the day and the pair was caught while waiting near the tracks for a "free trip" to eastern points. Among the loot was an automobile radiator and other automobile parts including tools.

The two were taken to Stanfield that same day and were sentenced to serve 40 days each in the county jail.

Ten Years Ago

F. C. McKenzie was elected president of the Commercial Club for the coming year at its regular meeting Tuesday noon at the Hermiston hotel. Other officers elected were R. A. Brownson, vice president, and Dr. A. E. Marble, secretary. Outgoing officers are W. J. Warner, president; F. C. McKenzie, vice president and J. M. Biggs, secretary.

A. F. Rohrman, formerly of Pendleton, is the new owner of the Ford Garage recently owned by C. J. Bielman. Mr. Rohrman took possession January 10.

O. C. Pierce was elected president of the Hermiston Volunteer Fire Department. Other officers elected were W. W. Felthouse, secretary, and George Wagner, fire chief.

By a score of 21 to 20 the Hermiston high school boys' basketball team upset the dope bucket Saturday by defeating the fast Portland Mohawks. In the lineup were Felthouse, Nation, Smith, Briggs and Klages.

Practically 1800 turkeys were shipped out of Hermiston Monday.

With seven degrees below zero as the record breaking low temperature, the past week has been the coldest of the winter.

TURKEY OUTLOOK RATHER DISMAL FOR NEXT YEAR

BENNION TALKS ON VARIOUS DISEASES

Not too bright a picture for turkey growers was painted by Noel Bennion, extension specialist in poultry husbandry, at an extension meeting in Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker's office Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Bennion stated that there were 52,293,000 pounds of turkeys in storage on January 1 this year compared with 22,762,000 last year at this time, and 23,785,000 for the five year average on that date. Movement into storage is expected to continue heavily during the month of January. It is a little too early to tell as to the number of breeder hens being kept over, but it looks as if there would be an increase in the number kept in the state and possibly in the nation. This, coupled with the anticipated reduction in the number of poult hatched, may mean a large supply of hatching eggs next spring, Bennion believed. However, there has been and is a good demand for hatching eggs and poult from Oregon large, broad-breasted Bronze turkeys.

There were about 32 million turkeys raised in the United States this past year, which was a 22% increase over 1938, and 15% over 1936, which was the previous high year. Although there may be a reduction in the number of poult hatched this spring, the relation of turkey prices to feed costs may be less favorable this year than in 1939 and especially less favorable than 1938, it was pointed out.

Diseases affecting breeders and poult were discussed at the meeting as well as feeding and brooding problems. Feather picking came in for considerable discussion and it was pointed out by Bennion that this vice may be controlled to a considerable extent by allowing sufficient room in the brooder house. At least one square foot in the brooder house and one square foot on the sun porch or brooder yard should be allowed per poult to avoid overcrowding and feather picking. In addition, free access to whole oats for the young birds will assist in controlling this vice.

ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS VISIT

A group of six Rotary club members from Milton-Freewater met with 18 local business men Monday night to explain the Rotary organization, with the view of sponsoring such an organization in Hermiston. Interest in the organization was manifested by a number of local men and a committee of three will be appointed soon to see whether such a club is wanted by the businessmen.

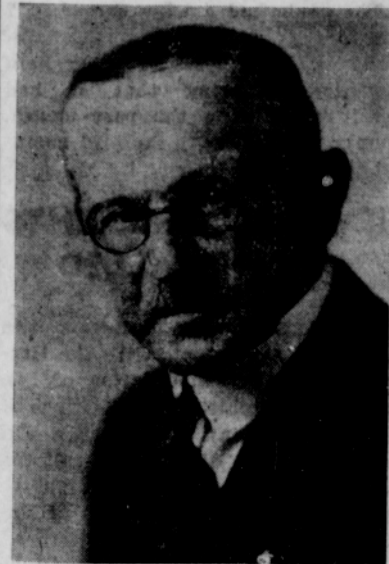
Those from Milton-Freewater were Lew Yantis, president of the Rotary club in that city, Ted Westburg, secretary-treasurer, Gene Strickler, chairman of the group, Bert Miller, Howard Mansfield and Fred Fullerton.

COLUMBIA GRANGE WINS FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD CONTEST

A well deserved honor came to the Columbia Grange last week when word was received from Washington, D. C., that it had been declared first place winner of the National Safety Award, sponsored by the national grange. Columbia Grange was first among 33 prizes offered and will be awarded \$50 in cash.

Four public meetings sponsored last fall by the Grange were instrumental in winning the award. The programs dealt with various phases of public safety and were well attended. "Safety at the Farm Home", the first of the series, was supplemented with motion pictures. The second, "Safety at School and Playground", was next, followed by "Safety in the Community" and

RETIREES FROM OFFICE



J. W. MESSNER

MESSNER RESIGNS AS DISTRICT MANAGER

J. W. Messner, for many years manager and secretary of Westland Irrigation district, has resigned the position to take effect February 1st.

As manager of the affairs of the district, Mr. Messner has brought its irrigation system to its present state of perfection and service, and has seen the growth of the project from a few settlers to hundreds of prosperous settlers now occupying the once sage brush land.

Mr. Messner expects to devote his time in the future to his ranch and mining interests, still remaining a resident of Hermiston.

MATOTTS SURPRISED WITH CHARIVARI

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. "Shorty" Matott were genial hosts on Wednesday night when a group of approximately 20 friends invited themselves to the W. J. Rodda home where the Matotts were visiting. The guests were well armed with the usual "gifts." After several attempts to elude the visitors, Mr. Matott was persuaded to come to town with the group.

Taking a round-about way to Hermiston, the Matott car ran out of gas and had to awaken a service station attendant for more fuel. All in all a good time was had by all.

IONE COMING FOR GAMES SATURDAY

Ione high school will play a doubleheader in the Hermiston high school gymnasium Saturday night. The games were postponed from last week due to the snowstorm. Ione is reported to have a stronger team than last month when the Bulldogs won a lopsided contest.

The first game is slated to begin at 7:30.

Harris Enlists With Air Corps.

Bill Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Hermiston, has enlisted with the U. S. army air corps and will soon be assigned to a location, probably in California. He reported at Pendleton early in the month. No definite information has been received to his exact location.

***** PENDLETON MALE CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT HERE FRIDAY

The Pendleton Male Chorus, under the direction of Ted Roy, will present a concert in the local high school gymnasium Friday evening, January 19. The program will begin at 8:15 and is under the sponsorship of the Hermiston Garden club. A feature of the evening will be a number of bass-baritone solos by Dan Motanic, Cayuse Indian. The admission price will be 40c and 25c.

HERMISTON WINS PAIR AT ATHENA FRIDAY NIGHT

The Hermiston Union high school Bulldogs won a double victory at Athena Tuesday night. The A squad won by a 29-18 count while the Baby Bulldogs annexed a 24-12 victory. These victories to some extent atoned for the loss of two tilts to Athena last year.

Holloman led the A squad to victory with eight points, closely followed by Pierson with six. Hermiston jumped to a 9 to 3 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 17-10 advantage at halfway mark. The Bulldogs continued the pace in the third quarter and were never in danger of losing their lead.

The box scores follow:

Hermiston 29	18	Athena
Pierson 6	F..... 11	B. Zerba
Holloman 8	F..... 1	Mayberry
Crampton 4	C..... 4	Kibby
Corpe 4	G..... 2	Johns
Tiller 1	G.....	Bidler

Substitutes: Hermiston, Gettmann 1, Bense, Rugg 5, Clarke, Athena, Zerba and R. Kibby.

The team journeys to Milton-Freewater next Tuesday for a return contest.

SCHOOL PROJECT IS DELAYED

The WPA project which has been underway the past few weeks about the high school grounds has been held up until further details can be ironed out. No definite word has been received from WPA headquarters but action is expected to begin again soon.

Another WPA project has been proposed for the streets and sidewalks of the city. The plan calls for an expenditure of approximately \$12,000. It will probably be at least six weeks before any definite word is expected.

SHELL LAD MAY LOSE EYE SIGHT

Edward Schell, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schell of Hermiston, may lose the sight of an eye due to an injury received last week when a rubber band which he was stretching broke and backfired, striking him directly in the eye. He was rushed to Pendleton for examination but it was decided to take him to Portland for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Schell and Edward were taken to Portland Saturday where Edward entered the Doernbecher hospital. Bert Quick, who took them down, returned the next day but did not have any definite information as to Edward's condition. It was thought, however, that there was little hope for saving the eye. He was a first grader in the local school.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB TO MEET

The Hermiston Home Economics club will hold an all day meeting next Tuesday, January 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Quick. A previous meeting which was postponed because of severe weather will be held in the morning and will have the following subjects for discussion, "Buying of Ready Mades" and "Testing Materials."

The afternoon will be taken up with a demonstration by Mrs. Dorothy Bishop, home demonstration agent of Pendleton. The subject will be "Understanding Our Families and How They Worry Us."

STARS IN OPERETTA



Pictured above are, left, Florence Andrews, and, right, Margaret Doyle who played a prominent part in the grade school operetta here last week. They also performed at the P. T. A. meeting Wednesday night.

TURKEY GROWERS COMPLETE SEASON HERE THIS WEEK

The final carload of eastern Oregon turkeys was loaded at the local plant this week to wind up another year's business for the turkey growers of this vicinity. The drop in price during the final month of the season proved a bomb shell to turkey raisers and with the raise in the price of grain left a narrow margin of profit.

From the production standpoint the present season was a success. A total of 59,916 birds, totaling 857,999 pounds, were dressed at the local plant during the various pools. The birds filled 27 1/2 railroad cars which were shipped to various parts of the country.

A great boon to the community was the huge payroll of \$7,500 paid out during the season to approximately 135 workers.

FISHING RESORT CLEANUP PLANNED

A group of local nimrods and sportsmen will make an attempt Sunday to clear up brush, debris and other dead matter at the Cold Springs slough and nearby streams. Underbrush has gathered during the past year which has proven a hindrance both to the fish and fishermen.

Anyone interested to take part is asked to meet at Hale's Confectionery Sunday morning at 10:00 with either an axe, pitchfork, grub hoe or other garden tools. Other necessary items include a lunch and a cup. Hot coffee will be furnished.

The project is a worthy one and local sportsmen are asked to cooperate.

BAKER HOME HAS FIRE SATURDAY

An early morning fire Saturday at the home of Mrs. C. E. Baker, on the eastern outskirts of the city limits, caused a small amount of damage but might have proven serious had it got out of control. Passing motorists and neighbors aided in getting the blaze under control after the city siren had sounded an alarm.

An overheated stove was said to be the probable cause of the blaze which damaged the roof of an outside building.

Rev. Loree Attends Conference

Rev. Grayden Loree of the Hermiston Baptist church left Monday for Oregon City where he is attending a Baptist ministers' meeting. He planned to return home today (Thursday).

Dyer Returns From Eastern Trip

Joe S. Dyer, old time Hermiston resident, returned Saturday from a two months trip into the eastern states. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Edgar Peterson of Powell Butte. A more detailed report of the trip will be published in next week's issue.

HARKENRIDER IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS ESTABLISHED HERE

George Harkenrider, manager of the local Union Oil Co. plant, was elected president of the Hermiston Commercial club at the annual election of officers held Tuesday evening in the Odd Fellows hall with 45 members present. He succeeds E. P. Dodd who has held the position for the past few years and who refused to be nominated for another term. Other officers elected at the meeting include Walter Pearson, vice president, and Leander Quiring, secretary. The Rebekahs served a chicken noodle luncheon for the occasion.

Prior to the election, Mr. Dodd gave a brief outline of projects accomplished in the past, naming some of the direct accomplishments of the Commercial club. In conclusion, he suggested several new plans for the coming year and then turned the meeting over to his successor.

President Harkenrider called on various members of the club who have established business concerns in the city during the past year. Included were Horace Smith of Farmers Supply Co., Al Shaw of Shaw's Bakery, Mr. Miller of Miller's Trading Post, F. M. Cox of Cox's Lumber firm, and Mr. Gray of Tum-A-Lum and H. K. Beal of Beal's Blacksmith Shop.

A new board of directors was formed which will consist of the three officers of the club and the heads of the various committees. This group will meet once a month and the Commercial club will meet once a month as a body. The new president announced that all standing committees would be held over for another term with a few changes which will be announced later.

An announcement was made that 1940 dues were payable to the secretary or to any member of the finance committee. Other topics brought up during the evening included plans for a Fourth of July celebration, procedure of business meetings, road projects, parking regulations and the erection of a new sign at the outskirts of the city.

Harold Rankin of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers was called upon to give a resume of this year's business and divulged some interesting statistics on turkey activities in this territory. He was aided in his talk by H. K. Dean of the experiment station. It was indicated by members of the club of the great importance of this industry to this community.

VAN PATTENS HOSTS AT HOUSE WARMING

A surprise house warming was given Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Patten Tuesday evening at their new home into which they moved last week. The group presented them with a fund to buy bathroom furnishings.

Those contributing and present were Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hensel, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Packard, Mr. and Mrs. Nell Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Harris, Mrs. Roy Attebury, Bobby Attebury, Miss Maxine Faust, Miss Snow McCoy, Miss Virginia Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ermol Sater, Mr. and Mrs. Leander Quiring, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zivney, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hedwall, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Al Quiring.

Hedwalls Near Murder Scene

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hedwall, formerly of Hermiston but now of Aberdeen, had ringside seats for the Law murder mystery which has been front page news for the last 10 days. They reside only two blocks from the scene of the killing.

Broadcast Program Planned

Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker and H. K. Dean of the Hermiston Experiment Station will present the regular KUJ, Walla Walla, radio broadcast Saturday afternoon at 1:00 to 1:15.

Doubleheader - Ione High vs. Hermiston Bulldogs Saturday Night - 7:30 p. m.