

TOWNSEN CLUB NEWS
By MRS. JOE UDEY

Mrs. Joe Udey arrived home from the Townsend convention which was held in St. Louis, with the message that our plan will be enacted into law if the people really want it. Our congressmen says "You folks make me tired. You are going to get the Townsend plan. Nothing on earth can stop you but you are not going to get it until public opinion has been aroused to a point where the majority of the people of this nation want it, and when they want it, they are going to have it and nothing can stop them."

So, members, it is up to each and every one to show that we do want this plan and get into real honest work. There were nearly 21,000 who attended the opening meeting, Sunday, June 30, and about 15,000 attended the Monday session. Delegates from every state in the Union and from Alaska were represented. Many noted Congressmen were speakers at our convention and pledged their support.

Dr. Townsend invited both labor leaders to address our convention. Mr. Lewis accepted but Mr. Green did not. When Dr. Townsend introduced Mr. Lewis, he said, "I have invited Mr. Lewis to speak but I don't know just what he will say." The delegates were well pleased with Mr. Lewis' talk and glad when he said, "I pledge the aid of the C.I.O. in the fight for decent and adequate pension for senior citizens."

Mrs. Udey will give a full report of the convention Thursday night, July 18, at the Columbia park hall. Another benefit dance is being planned at the Columbia hall for Saturday, July 13. The committee promises there will be no disappointment with the music like there was on the Fourth.

F. B. AUXILIARY PLANS SOCIAL

The next meeting of the Farm Bureau auxiliary will be held Friday, July 19, with an ice cream social planned for the same evening. Members are asked to come somewhat early in order to help decorate the rooms. Those who have not been solicited for cream or cake are asked to get in touch with the committee consisting of Mrs. Jessie Corman, Mrs. Ethel Hughes and Mrs. Dora Mikesell. The ice cream will be made Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Corman.

The program committee, Mrs. Fern Zivney and Mrs. Emma Hutchison, promises a very good and novel program. Visitors are urged to take the west gate where plenty of parking space is available. A quilt and pillows will be given away at the social.

PETERSON TALKS AT CELEBRATION

Will M. Peterson, prominent Pendleton attorney, was the principal speaker at the Fourth of July celebration. R. E. Goad, Umatilla county sheriff, introduced the speaker who talked over a microphone installed by Mor-Tone Sound Service at the park. Although the crowd was somewhat scattered, all plainly heard the talk.

His speech, which was centered around "Patriotism vs. Hitlerism", stressed the necessity of intensive and extensive preparation in the United States for defensive action. He urged that the country be adequately equipped against any invasion by Hitler or other foreign foe but declared the nation must stay out of war unless attacked. He also pointed out that a victory for Hitler meant a victory against religion. A plea for true Americanism closed his talk.

WEATHER RECORDS ARE CONSISTENT

According to Charles Taylor, weather man, the temperature for the past week hovered consistently around the 90 degree mark, with no day going under 90 and none over 100. July Fourth was a typical summer day with a maximum of 95 while a cloudy sky cooled off the atmosphere early in the afternoon.

The report for the week follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
July 4	95	58
July 5	92	57
July 6	91	50
July 7	96	45
July 8	96	55
July 9	92	63

HERMISTON AUTO CO. GRAND OPENING SET FOR SATURDAY

STATION FEATURES STANDARD PRODUCT

The newest addition to Hermiston's business house family will be formally adopted Saturday, July 13, when special activities are planned at the new home of the Hermiston Auto Co. Chevrolet sales and service are the outstanding features of the new concern, with Standard Oil products being used exclusively. The station, which is located at the corner of Main and Third streets, greatly adds to the appearance of that section of the city with its bright white paint visible for some distance.

The station has been built by Fred Huber of Pasco and will be in charge of C. L. Hodge of Hermiston. The personnel has been selected with factory-trained service men in charge of gasoline and oil sales. Wayne Lindner, who has been with the company for some time, will assist Mr. Hodge in the sales department.

An open house is planned for Saturday when visitors are invited to inspect the complete stock of parts, new equipment, display rooms and rest rooms for both men and women. The structure itself is of most modern design with large plate windows facing Main street for display purposes.

A feature of the grand opening Saturday will be \$25.00 in free prizes. A drawing has been scheduled for 8:00 p. m. at the Hermiston Auto Co. A full page advertisement telling of the details of the formal opening will be found on page three of this issue.

QUARTET INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

A soft shoulder is thought to be the cause of an auto accident which put four local men in the hospital Fourth of July. The mishap occurred on the highway 12 miles east of the Echo junction. The car was thrown down a deep embankment and rolled over several times.

Richard Rainwater, suffering from a neck injury, Walter Mead, some broken ribs, and Francis Louder, superficial cuts and bruises, were taken to the Hermiston hospital, while Bob Louder, who suffered internal injuries, was taken to the Pendleton hospital.

BOARDMAN OASIS BURNS SATURDAY

The Oasis service station at Boardman, owned by E. W. Peck, burned shortly before noon Saturday. The fire is believed to have originated from an over-heated Diesel engine in the power plant next door. Part of the stock of the service station was saved as were the tourist cabins.

The fire department of Umatilla responded to the call but arrived too late to save the building. Mr. Peck was in Portland at the time of the fire.

NEW HERD TESTER ANNOUNCED HERE

Henry Sommerer Jr., a 1940 graduate of Hermiston Union high school, has been named cow tester for the Dairy Herd Improvement association, according to M. E. Knickerbocker, assistant county agent. The new appointment comes as the result of the resignation of H. R. Hartley, who recently resigned in order to operate his newly-opened dairy. The change became effective July 1.

Mr. Sommerer Jr. comes well qualified for his new position having been active in 4-H club work for a number of years.

P.W.A. WORK STOPPED HERE

Contrary to reports issued last week, all P.W.A. work in Hermiston has been cancelled again for the time being at least, according to Mayor F. C. McKenzie. A telegram, telling of the cancellation, was received Sunday from Blaine Casteel, head of the district employment office at Baker.

The telegram stated, however, that the work might be resumed in three weeks.

Hermiston's Newest Business Firm



—Photo by Gale Felthouse

BOXING EVENTS PROVE POPULAR FOURTH OF JULY

One of the largest crowds to attend an athletic event in Hermiston in recent years was present July Fourth for the boxing card held in the high school gymnasium. Fans were present from many sections of eastern Oregon. The card was the highlight of the celebration held in Hermiston on that day.

Dean Groth of Pendleton won a popular decision from Kenny Austin of Omaha in the main event, scoring a clean-cut knockdown for the count of nine in the seventh round. Groth fought a clever fight throughout, forcing the more-experienced opponent to cover up repeatedly.

Sammy McCracken of Hermiston lost his first fight to Jackie Collins of Eugene in the semi-finals. Sammy was out-weighted 10 pounds, besides giving away considerable reach and experience. He put up a good fight and pleased the huge crowd with his aggressive tactics.

Four knockouts featured the preliminaries with most of the bouts being whirlwind affairs. Frenchy Valdes won by a first round knockout over Mike Moschello. Stan Atkins kayoed Peter Hung in the second round. Billy Stevenson and Tony Van Pelt fought to a draw. Roy Marr won by a technical knockout over Gus Berger and Stan Jones won a first round knockout over Si Rose.

Logan Todd proved a popular referee.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE SHOWS FINE GAIN

A 9.2 per cent increase for the first six months of 1940 over a similar period in 1939 is reported by Wm. E. Logan, Hermiston postmaster. Stamp sales for the first six months in 1939 totaled \$4,084.62 while in 1940 a total of \$4,459.51 was reached. This is an increase of \$374.89 or 9.2 per cent.

This gain in postal receipts is encouraging from the standpoint of maintaining a second class standing.

Youths Escape Injury

Gilman, David and Paul Pierson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson of Hermiston, narrowly escaped serious injury one day this week when their bicycle, on which the three were riding, met a car driven by J. F. Laird coming down the hill below the Wm. Logan home. Although the boys were hurled from their bicycle no one suffered serious injury.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT RESIDENTS SPEND BUSY JULY FOURTH WITH MANY GATHERINGS

Miss Betty Freda Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Adams of Weiser, Idaho, and Melvyn McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. McKnight of Weiser, were united in marriage by Rev. Kramer at the Methodist parsonage in Payette, Idaho, at 8:00 o'clock, July 5. The bride wore a white shirkin street dress with bolero and blue accessories. Those attending the ceremony were the bride's father, two sisters, Pauline Adams and Mrs. Marguerite Pope, two brothers, Donald and Jimmie, and a life long friend of the bride, Miss Fern Johnson. Mrs. McKnight is a granddaughter of Mrs. Jessie Hooker. The young couple will make their home here with Mrs. Hooker where Mr. McKnight will have charge of the farm work.

Mrs. Lizzie DeMoss Davis of Eugene and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Blackwell, visited at the John DeMoss home Monday and Tuesday of last week. Mr. Blackwell, who is instructor of music in the Halfway high school, was on his way to Baker where his band was to take part in the 4th of July celebration.

Mrs. Lizzie DeMoss Davis was one of the original DeMoss Concert Co. She stayed at the J. H. DeMoss home until Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell returned from Baker Monday. They report a rousing celebration at Baker. They all returned to Eugene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schultzy drove in at the W. B. Foster home Sunday noon from Colorado Springs. Mrs. Schultzy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster and will spend the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keener were Sunday dinner guests at the H. A. Wilson home. They were on their way to Vancouver, Wn., where they will be in business.

Miss Margaret Boylen, who is attending business college in LaGrande spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Boylen. Rex Boylen, who is employed at a service station in Pendleton, was also home.

Charley Dunafon and sons Raymond Calvin and Lee were here for the Fourth. Charley is a brother of Mrs. H. A. Wilson. They left that evening for their home at Denver. Mr. and Mrs. John Peck also enjoyed the picnic on the Wilson lawn that

SWIMMING POOL IS POSSIBILITY HERE, STATED AT MEETING

One step closer to a swimming pool for Hermiston was taken Monday night when a group of interested taxpayers met at the library to discuss ways and means of obtaining a tank for use during the hot summer months. Plans were discussed for the most feasible setup and locations for the pool were suggested. Considerable enthusiasm was prevalent at the meeting, indicating that should a bond issue be placed on a special election ballot, it would have little difficulty in passing.

A committee, consisting of John Clarke, chairman, George Harkner, Dr. F. B. Belt, H. A. Pankow and Roy Hale, was appointed to investigate the possibilities, cost and site for a pool, and to report at a meeting to be called soon. Dr. M. S. Kern has offered \$5000, at 3 per cent interest during the life of himself and Mrs. Kern, for the construction of a swimming pool. Following their death, the \$5000 will be granted to the city of Hermiston. It was also brought up that, should the voters of Hermiston vote \$5000 to clear up the indebtedness of the city park, Dr. Kern will purchase the bonds at 3 per cent. It was stated, however, that such bonds must go to the low bidder.

It is planned to construct a kitchen and rest rooms at the city park, in addition to paying off the indebtedness and making other improvements.

EPWORTH LEAGUE LEAVES FOR CAMP

The annual trip to the Epworth League Institute at Suttle Lake was made this week with several car loads going from Hermiston. The group will join about 250 other young people in a week of religious instruction, inspirational addresses, fellowship and recreation. The camp is situated high in the Cascade mountains about 35 miles from Bend, among the tall pines on the edge of Suttle Lake.

Those attending from Hermiston are Marion Ott, Rebecca and Dorothy Pierson, Emmabelle Moyer and George Sale. Besides these there are several who will work in the camp. These are the Mesdames Casper, Shown, Moyer, Hutzel and Frank Andersen and Bill Hamm. Rev. Stearns Cushing, who is manager of the Institute, and his family will accompany the Leaguers.

HERMISTON LIGHT & POWER SELLS INTERESTS TO P.P.&L.

RED SOX DEFEAT HELIX TO WIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Hermiston Red Sox won the Umatilla County Baseball league championship by virtue of a 3-0 win over Helix as a feature of the Fourth of July celebration here. The two teams were tied at the end of the regular season and the game on the Fourth was for the championship.

Two old-time diamond stars teamed up for the day to greatly aid the Hermiston cause when Merle Berry and Bob Woodward formed the battery for the locals. Berry was "on" and allowed only three hits while Woodward turned in several circus catches as well as catching a fine game behind the plate. Pierce, pitching for the visitors, allowed only five hits.

The game was one of the best played on the local diamond for many years and was attended by a record crowd.

FAIR DIRECTORS TO MEET FRIDAY

A meeting of all the directors of the 1939 Umatilla county fair will be held Friday evening at the reclamation building in Hermiston. Plans are already underway for the annual show at Hermiston and various phases of the fair will be discussed at the meeting Friday.

Dates for this year's show will be September 26, 27 and 28. This is approximately a month later than last year when the dates were August 29-31.

GROWERS ANNOUNCE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers will be held at the plant here on Saturday, July 13, at 2:00 p. m. Two directors will be elected at the meeting and other business will be discussed. Members are urged to attend this meeting even though they did not raise turkeys last year.

It is suggested that members bring problems and questions to the meeting and they will be brought up for discussion.

RED SOX PLAYING WALLULA SUNDAY

The Hermiston Red Sox, Umatilla county league champions, will take on the strong Wallula team on the local diamond Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The visitors are reported to be a strong combination, boasting a fast ball pitcher. Wallula defeated the Reservation Regulars last Sunday 11 to 2 as an indication of the strength of the visiting team.

Although the Red Sox were idle Sunday, they are still anxious to play more ball and welcome the chance to take on the fast Wallula team.

EARLY PIONEER PASSES SATURDAY

Harry Spinning, an early pioneer of the project, passed away Saturday after an extended illness. The last three weeks of his life were spent in the hospital. Mr. Spinning moved to this community in 1907 and since that time has been exceptionally busy in various enterprises. He was well known to all the old timers, having taken part in numerous community affairs during his life.

He was born October 6, 1860, near Tacoma, Wn., and reached the age of 79 years and nine months.

Three children survive, Ben Spinning of Yakima, Wn., Mrs. Neva Pilon and Arthur Spinning of Hermiston. Funeral services were held in Hermiston Monday afternoon with Rev. Cecil Warner in charge.

E. P. Dodd Returns Home

E. P. Dodd, who has spent the past two weeks in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following a heart attack, returned to his home here Saturday. Although his condition is greatly improved, he will have to remain home for some time and is not allowed to have any company as yet.

PRESENT PERSONAL TO BE RETAINED

Purchase of the properties of the Hermiston Light & Power company by Pacific Power & Light company has been agreed upon and transfer of the ownership awaits only authorization by the Oregon public utilities commissioner.

This was announced here Thursday by Homer Beale, Pendleton district for the Pacific company, and John A. Clarke, general manager of the Hermiston company, following the filing of applications for approval of the transaction with the utilities commissioner at Salem.

Electric users in Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla and adjoining rural areas will benefit by the consolidation through the making available of the Pacific company's extensive service facilities and its engineering and financial resources as well as through the extension of the Pacific company's rates to this area.

Approximately 850 customers are served by the Hermiston company, which generates part of its energy requirements at a small hydroelectric plant on the Umatilla river and has for a number of years purchased the balance of its power from the Pacific company at wholesale.

Agreed price for the property was given as \$135,000, representing the original cost of the system less depreciation.

Upon completion of the transfer, the Hermiston system will be operated as an integral part of the Pacific company's Umatilla county distribution business.

Present personnel of the Hermiston company will be retained under the new ownership, it was stated.

Unification of the properties will put the Pacific company in a position to serve the Hermiston area on a more economical and satisfactory basis than the present company, with its limited resources, is able to do, it was set forth in the application.

The Hermiston company has recently been operated under a trusteeship.

HORSE INSPECTION IS AT PENDLETON

A recent announcement from F. W. Koester, Major (Cavalry) QMC, that the Remount Service plans to resume purchasing horses for the army, has created considerable activity among horse breeders of this locality. Announcement is being made this week that an inspection of the horses will be held at the Pendleton Roundup grounds early in August, probably from August 1 to 10.

This information was released by W. A. Holt, county agent, through the office of M. E. Knickerbocker.

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB HAS MEETING

Thirteen Columbia Junior Garden club boys and girls were present for the June meeting held Thursday afternoon, June 27, on the lawn of the George Liebe home. After the business meeting, Mrs. Zivney directed games and contests. Mrs. Liebe, much to the delight of those present, served ice cream, cake and punch.

The next meeting on July 25 will be held on the David Blahm lawn. Flower identification and results of contest for attendance will be highlights of the meeting.

Former Resident Passes

Mona Louise Patterson, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Patterson of Burley, Idaho, passed away last Thursday after a lingering illness. Mr. Patterson formerly was connected with the reclamation office here and Mona attended local schools. Surviving besides her parents are one brother, Irvin, and two sisters, Ruth and Barbara, all residing in Burley. The family has resided in Burley since 1925.

Radio Talk Scheduled

Another in a series of radio talks by county agents of Oregon has been scheduled for K.U.J., Walla Walla, Saturday, July 13, when M. E. Knickerbocker and Henry Sommerer Jr. will talk on dairy herd improvement. The broadcast has been arranged for 1:00 o'clock.