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## JOE S. DYER PASSES FRIDAY FOLLOWING EXTENDED ILLNESS

### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD HERE SUNDAY

One by one the old time pioneers of the project are answering the final roll call. Joe S. Dyer, well known citizen and resident of the project for more than 30 years, passed away Friday, July 19, at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Peterson at Powell Butte. "Old Joe" had been ill since last winter when he suffered a severe attack of pneumonia from which he never fully recovered.

His body was shipped to Hermiston where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Prann Funeral Parlors with Miss Elizabeth Leek reading the Christian Science services. Pallbearers included F. B. Swayze, H. L. Payne, H. T. Fraser, Al Quiring, Geo. Strohm and Joe Reeves.

Mr. Dyer was born August 16, 1857, across the river from Gallipolis, Ohio. He left home when he was 18 and for the next few years was employed with his uncle who was a sea captain. During this time Mr. Dyer made two trips around the world.

He then became associated with the Newport Construction Co. and helped build the railroad through North Dakota. Following this work he became a street car conductor at St. Paul and Minneapolis, operating the first service to be installed there. He was then transferred to Denver, Colorado, to operate a similar service.

In 1909 he left his Denver job and came to Hermiston where he located on a small ranch in the south part of the city. Before he left Denver he was married. Following the purchase of the ranch here, he was called to Seattle to operate a street car line during the exposition then in progress there.

Following his return to Hermiston, he began operating his small place which he devoted to diversified farming. He became known as an excellent gardener and produced some of the finest produce on the project. He worked on his place until last fall when he sold it to J. G. Taylor.

Last winter Mr. Dyer and his daughter, Mrs. Peterson, made an extensive eastern trip at which time he visited many of his school day friends and scenes.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Peterson, two brothers, Amos of Columbus, Ohio, and Curtis of Hermiston, and one nephew, Waldo Dyer of Hermiston. Mrs. Joe Dyer passed away in September, 1938.

## TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

The local club will meet at the Legion hall Friday, July 26. The meeting is changed from 8 p. m. to 8:30 during the busy season. Mrs. Joe Udey gave the report of the fifth Townsend National Convention at the Columbia hall last Thursday night. A request of those who misunderstood the date, wanting to hear this report, she is willing to give it at this meeting, July 26, if there is a crowd large enough for her to feel it is justified. The public is invited as this is free. Bring your friends. This being bank night, all those wanting to help with the penny a day program, are asked to pay Mr. Morehouse of the finance committee.

The dance Saturday night as a benefit for the Townsend club was well attended and the committee is planning for another dance August 3 at the Columbia park.

### Sales In Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. George Sale suffered minor injuries Saturday night while returning from Pendleton when their car left the road and struck a culvert. Mr. Sale attempted to dim the lights when they went completely out. The accident happened near the Echo junction. Mrs. Sale hit the windshield with sufficient force to break it but did not receive any serious cuts while Mr. Sale somewhat bruised his chest from contact with the steering wheel.

### Follett's Parents of Twins

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Follett are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born Saturday, July 20, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Mrs. Follett and children are doing nicely.



Berryman, in the Washington Star.

## JUNE AND JULY BRING NO RAIN

No measurable amount of rain has fallen in Hermiston since May 4 when .03 in. was recorded. On May 14 a heavy mist was responsible for a .01 in. recording for the last drop of precipitation until this week when .06 was registered last Friday night. There was not a trace of rain since May 14, through June and until July 19.

The weather records for the past week, according to Chas. Taylor, follow:

Date	Max.	Min.
July 18	92	60
July 19	94	60
July 20	88	59
July 21	88	59
July 22	97	53
July 23	96	61
July 24	89	65

## THUNDER STORM VISITS HERE

A regular old-fashioned thunder storm visited this part of the county to somewhat break the monotony of the present heat spell last Friday evening when a brilliant electrical display with its accompanying thunder entertained the populace. Although only .06 in. of rain was recorded, heavier downpours were reported south and east of Hermiston.

A large transformer was burned out at the Hermiston Light & Power Co. sub-station near Echo Friday night during the storm. The bolt struck within a short distance of the station, with service being out for a short time. No serious damage was reported by the REA although several fuses were blown out. A strong wind was in evidence for a short time but no damage resulted.

## HEALTH CLINIC IS POSTPONED HERE

The annual clinic, under the auspices of the Umatilla County Health unit, usually held in Hermiston at about this time of the year, will be held at a later announced date, according to Mrs. Thomas Fraser, local representative of that unit.

This postponement has been made necessary due to a few cases of infantile paralysis in the county.

## BOMBING FIELD SITE LOCATED

From all appearances and press reports the army has decided on the Morrow county site for its new bombing field headquarters. Major John C. Gates, who spent considerable time in the past two years, and has covered three states in the quest, states that the Morrow county site is the most feasible plot of ground for the bombing field and has sent his recommendation to the war department.

The field will be 12 miles wide and 18 miles long. The northeast corner of the field will be approximately nine miles from Hermiston. Considerable agitation against the location has been raised by Morrow county officials and stock men as it will mean the closing of the Boardman-Ione road and the loss of grazing lands to the sheepmen.

No definite word has as yet been released as to the actual activities planned.

## COW ELK TAGS NOW AVAILABLE

Sportsmen wishing cow elk or antelope tags should make application at once at the office of the Oregon State Game Commission, in Portland.

A total of 2000 cow elk tags will be issued and 1500 antelope tags. Should less than the quota be applied for by August 1, the tags will be issued in the order in which applications are received. Otherwise, a drawing will be held.

No formal application blanks are being issued. Those desiring the tags should send in their names and addresses and the kind and number of the hunting license they hold, together with a check or money order for \$5.00 for each tag.

The elk season this year will be from November 1 to 15, inclusive; the deer season from September 20 to October 25; the bull elk season in Clatsop county alone, from August 24 to September 2, inclusive; and the antelope season from September 29 to October 6, inclusive.

**Young People Enjoy Outing**  
Twenty-two young people from the Christian Endeavor society of the Church of Christ enjoyed a fine time on the J. H. DeMoss lawn last Thursday evening. Following the meeting, wieners were roasted.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB AUGUST 6

President George Harkenrider has announced a special meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club for Tuesday evening, August 6, at the Odd Fellows hall. The Rebekahs are expected to serve the dinner. This will be the first meeting of the summer, the meetings having been suspended during the warm weather months.

Among matters which will come up for discussion at the meeting will be the proposed swimming pool, the coming fair and the bombing field to be located west of Hermiston. The northwest corner of the bombing field is only nine miles from Hermiston and an attempt will be made to swing some of the activities of the field towards Hermiston.

Attempts are being made to obtain County Judge Johnson of Heppner and Major John C. Gates of the army service as special speakers.

## SERVICE FACILITY SURVEY UNDERWAY

A survey of service facilities of the Hermiston Light & Power company in the Umatilla area to show what changes are necessary to carry the growing industrial power load there are now under way by Pacific Power & Light company, according to Homer Beale, Pendleton district manager for the company.

Although purchase of the Hermiston company properties by the Pacific company has not yet been completed, the survey was undertaken at this time to be in position for prompt action when completion is completed. Beale said that the company, division engineer for the Pacific company at Walla Walla, is making the survey.

The power load in the Umatilla district centers around the growing gasoline tank farms there. Barged up the river, gasoline is distributed from these tank farms for much of the tributary eastern Oregon area.

Standard Oil company already has a farm at Umatilla while one is being built by the Shaver Forwarding company. In addition, pumping facilities are being installed at the latter plant to load truck tankers for inland distribution.

Brown's survey will reveal present voltage conditions in the Umatilla area and changes needed to augment the Hermiston Light & Power company's present facilities to serve this new business.

## CONNOR BUYS OUT ARLINGTON STORE

H. L. Connor, owner of Connor's Grocery, has purchased the remaining merchandise and some stock fixtures from the Arlington Safeway store which has been discontinued there. The deal with Safeway Inc. was completed this week but the matter of leasing the site of the store has not quite been settled. Should the latter be completed this week, Mr. Connor announces that he will open there the first of next week.

Although the personnel of the new store has not been announced, it is expected that someone from here will be employed. The concern features an up-to-date meat market which will be continued.

## UPHAM PICKS UP CARRIER PIGEON

Claude Upham, prominent Columbia district farmer, received a visit from a stranger this week when a carrier pigeon boldly landed in his chicken flock and partook of an evening meal. After some persuasion, Mr. Upham was able to read the markings on the legs.

On one leg was an aluminum band with the lettering "A V 401412 Seattle" while another band on the other leg read "P 4-20." It was surmised that the pigeon was en route from Portland to Seattle but was away off course.

### Hermiston Picnic Scheduled

The annual picnic for former Hermistonites living in and around Portland will be held Sunday, July 28, at the Laurelhurst park in that city. Activities will start at 1:00 o'clock with a picnic lunch at 2:00. All former Hermiston residents and their friends are cordially invited to attend. A. W. Agnew, formerly of Hermiston, writes from Portland telling of the occasion.

## P. P. & L. COMES TO RESCUE SATURDAY WHEN POWER FAILS

### LIGHTNING STRIKES NEAR TRANSFORMER

Reserve resources of Pacific Power & Light company were called into action Saturday to prevent lengthy interruption of service to customers of the Hermiston Light & Power company following Friday's severe lightning storm which damaged the Hermiston transformer substation at the Umatilla river hydroelectric plant.

The lightning, which peppered northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington with numerous minor electrical troubles, burned out two of the Hermiston company's three 50-kva transformers.

Despite damage to its own widespread system in the storm area which kept service crews busy until early Saturday morning, Pacific Power & Light company rushed two 100-kva transformers from its reserve stores at Kennewick, Wn., to restore service from the Hermiston hydro plant. Installation was completed by Sunday.

Burning out of the two transformers cut the Umatilla river plant off from the Hermiston system, throwing the entire system load on the connection with Pacific company, which supplies a portion of the power distributed by the Hermiston system.

Despite the fact that purchase of the Hermiston system has not yet been completed by Pacific company, the emergency brought prompt action to prevent disruption of service to customers.

Homer Beale, Pendleton district manager for the Pacific company explained that by overloading the interconnection equipment for a short time the Pacific company was able to carry the entire Hermiston load until the new transformers were installed. It would not have been possible, however, to have continued this overload until the damaged transformers were repaired or new ones obtained elsewhere, he said.

## W. P. A. WORK TO COMMENCE SOON

John R. Dickson, district W.P.A. supervisor from Baker, was in Hermiston Wednesday and stated that work on the Hermiston street and sidewalk project would resume in about two weeks. It is necessary that a minimum crew of 20 men be available before any work can begin.

Mr. Dickson stated that Wm. Bolin, office engineer for W. P. A., will come soon to confer with the local swimming pool committee in regards to information on the construction of a pool here. John A. Clarke is chairman of the committee.

## SKOVBO ENJOYS INTERESTING TRIP

Herbert Skovbo arrived in New York recently after an extended trip aboard the S. S. President Hayes. He is employed on the President Hayes which is one of the finest steamships of the President line. He recently won a promotion and is now rated as a petty officer.

On the trip the ship touched many interesting points, among them being Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay and Cape Town Africa. While in the east, Mr. Skovbo visited the New York fair and places of historic interest in Boston and Philadelphia.

### Cushing Re-elected Camp Manager

Rev. Stearns Cushing has been informed that he has been re-elected camp manager of the annual Suttle Lake Institute, sponsored by the Epworth Leagues of the Methodist churches. The organization plans extensive building operations this fall.

### More Students Enroll At School

Several more Hermiston men have enrolled at the aviation school now in progress at Pendleton. The boys explain that the course is rather stiff but interesting. Going from here are Harry Connor Jr., Eddie Peterson, Johnny Dunning, Claude Wilcox, Deverde Elwood, Alfred and Albert Shipp and Jesse Moore.



## SCHEDULED HIKE IS POSTPONED

The Camp Cookery club of Hermiston was hostess to the Umatilla Camp Cookery club last Wednesday, July 17, at the home of Laureli Saylor. Sara Wurster, president of the Umatilla club, took charge of the business meeting.

An over night hike planned for the Umatilla and Hermiston camp cookery clubs has been postponed until a further date due to the infantile paralysis scare. The hike was to have been July 29 at the little beach in Umatilla.