

Friends here were shocked to learn of the passing of Mrs. H. T. Clark of Canby, Ore. Death occurred several days ago and was due to heart trouble. Mrs. Clark with her family was a resident of this district a number of years and is well known here. She took quite an interest in community affairs and was for several years president of the Farm Bureau Auxiliary. In her immediate family, besides her husband, she leaves five children to mourn her death, three daughters, one at Canby, another at Wisenam, Wn., and Mrs. John Dahlman of Stanfield, two sons, Kenneth, who was still at home, and Hal Clark of this district.

About 35 were present at the Grange turkey dinner in Columbia club rooms Saturday night. The evening was spent socially with many games in progress, and a fine time is reported.

Mrs. Mabel Weeks and daughter Rachel and son Junior spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Wilbur in Pendleton.

The Jess Myrick residence, that has been under construction since early fall, is now completed. The new dwelling is said to be modern. It is heated by a furnace.

Mrs. Charley Bracher of Pilot Rock and Mrs. Paul Bracher were visitors of Mrs. L. W. Douglas the latter part of the week.

Mrs. L. W. Dixon's daughter Francis who has been visiting here for several weeks, returned this week to her home in Colorado.

Mrs. Laura Bardun and two children are moving this week to the Belscamper place.

Making a trip to Elgin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Verne Dunham, Eugene and Coy Dunham, and Miles Barager. Mrs. Eugene Dunham joined the party at La Grande.

Callers at the Forrest Moore home last Friday were Evangelist Evans and wife and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warner.

A number of women from this district attended the women's meeting of the Extension Service held at the Legion hall Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Epperson and baby Jerry spent Sunday afternoon at the Forrest Moore home.

The trees that were removed in Columbia park to make room for the club rooms were cut into stove wood last Friday. Everett Shaver did the work with his power saw. The wood will be used at the club rooms.

Ruth McCulley is home from school due to flu.

Mrs. W. E. Sandy of Portland has been a visitor at the Elmer Ryland home for the past month.

George Metteer and his brother William of Fossil stopped for a visit at the John Knox home the first of the week while en route to Vale for a visit with a sister there. George Metteer is Mrs. Knox's father.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cable and daughter Doreen were Walla Walla visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sommerer and daughter Sue are reported to be confined to their home due to flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Parker and two sons were dinner guests Sunday at the John Knox home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Warren and two children of Ione spent the week end at the Virgil Warren home.

Mrs. Lee Putnam spent the day Saturday at the Bud Hooker home.

Elmer Ryland's work now takes him to Umatilla where he is shooting a rock quarry for Arthur Riedell, a contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hooker were Pendleton business visitors Monday.

Miss Lucille Weeks of Pendleton was an overnight visitor of her mother Monday.

The flu seems to be making its appearance in this district. Three members of the B. E. Getchell family are reported to be ill.

H. T. Clark of Canby, Ore., is here. Mrs. Ed. Hug and two daughters were visitors at the Elmer Ryland home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Colpitts and son Charles were visitors at the Elmer Ryland home the latter part of last week.

Elmer James, who has been employed since early fall at the Helix Flour mill, was visiting with his cousin Baxter Hutchison over night Wednesday of last week.

Miss Dorothy Nelson was an overnight guest of Miss Rachel Weeks Tuesday.

LEGION AUXILIARY SPONSORS DINNER

The Hermiston American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a turkey dinner at the Hermiston Hotel dining room Saturday, December 14, from 5:00 p. m. on in the evening. A charge of 50c per plate will be made. The general public is cordially invited to participate.

Mrs. R. H. Piersol, auxiliary president, also announces that the cedar chest campaign will be concluded during the evening. The chest will be given away following the dinner.

J. W. Messner Suffers Stroke

J. W. Messner of Portland suffered a stroke Wednesday and was reported seriously ill. A wire was received by Mrs. Florence Davis from Mrs. Aretta White, stating that Mr. Messner was in the St. Vincent's hospital in a state of coma, and that recovery was very doubtful.

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HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUB TO PRESENT ANNUAL CANTATA

CHRISTMAS STORY TO BE PORTRAYED

The annual Christmas cantata performed by the girls glee club under the direction of Miss Gwendolyn Ross, will be presented at the December meeting of the P.T.A., December 19, and on Friday afternoon, December 20, at 1:00 o'clock. Both performances are free.

The cantata for this year is entitled, "The Music of Bethlehem" and is by Fred B. Holton. It tells in song, the beautiful story of the birth of Christ and the joy and song which fill the hearts of all men. We are told "Ring On, O Song and Wake the Souls That Dream," and we hear the glad tidings which urge men to seek the Savior who was born that night in Bethlehem. In "The Lullaby Hymn," the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus, sings a beautiful lullaby to the Babe in the manger. We are then told of the shepherds who are guided by "The Star of the East" to Christ in Bethlehem. "The March of the Magi" depicts the three wise men, who came bringing rare gifts to lay at the Savior's feet. The chorus sings "Hallelujah" and completes the adoration by singing the beautiful finale, "The Music of Bethlehem."

The cantata is composed of the following songs: "Ring On, O Song," chorus; "The King Shall Reign," alto solo by Ethel Clarke; "The Song of Hope," trio by Ethel Clarke and Doris and Francis Follett; "The First Christmas Carol," duet by Bonnie Hunter and Mae McGee; "The Song of the Morning," chorus; "To Bethlehem Draw Near," duet by Johanna and Elamae Casper and chorus; "Let Heaven and Nature Sing," chorus; "The Lullaby Hymn," contralto solo by Mabel Rauch, and chorus; "The Music of the Bells," solo by (Continued on last page)

FLU EPIDEMIC IS EXPERIENCED HERE

The Herald reporter was met with many local items this week but in a majority of cases they were connected with the flu epidemic which seems to be running its course here. Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen announced Wednesday that the sickness was waning somewhat in his institution. An absent list of 100 was reported Friday, December 6, but had dropped to 47 by Wednesday. Monday was a bad day at the high school when 63 students were reported absent.

However, the school had no monopoly on the situation as many of the firms were working shorthanded. In nearly every business house one or two were reported as under the weather. To date no very serious cases have been reported and doctors stated Wednesday that the epidemic was not getting any worse.

SCHOOL VACATION IS ANNOUNCED

Students of Hermiston schools are already looking forward to Christmas vacation which starts Friday, December 20, and will continue until Monday, December 30, according to Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen. Students will also be excused Wednesday, January 1, but will return to school Thursday, January 2.

Although many of the colleges are announcing vacations for the entire period from December 20 till January 2, local school authorities decided that it was easier to attend classes during the winter months than late in the spring when the weather warms up.

DAVID DAVIS NOW WITH U. S. NAVY

David Davis, son of Mrs. Florence Davis of Hermiston, Friday enlisted with the United States navy at Walla Walla, Wn., and successfully passed the entrance examination. Davis attended Hermiston high school where he was prominent in athletics. Frank Davis, a brother of David, recently was employed with the Douglas Aircraft Corporation on the night shift. From latest reports he is getting along nicely. He is attending U.C.L.A. in the afternoons.

HERMISTON GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATION CONTEST

The undersigned hereby indicates his intention of entering the Christmas home illumination contest of the Hermiston Garden Club. Please check in the brackets the division you care to enter.

DIVISION I—RESIDENTIAL Town and Rural

- CLASS 1 — Yard Lighting ()
 - CLASS 2 — Window ()
 - CLASS 3 — Doorway ()
 - CLASS 4 — Inside the Porch ()
 - CLASS 5 — Mammoth Effective Display ()
- (Using 50 or more lights)

DIVISION II—CHURCHES

- CLASS 1 — Churches ()

— RULES —

1. Displays must be lighted from 5:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m., on each day of the contest period.
2. This blank must be filled in and returned to The Herald office not later than December 19 in order to be eligible to compete for the prizes offered. Contest starts December 20 and ends the 25th of December.
3. No "flasher" displays are eligible.
4. No entry in more than one class or division.
5. Grand prize winners in former years are automatically eliminated from winning again.

ORDNANCE DEPOT SURVEY CONTINUES WITH NEW HELP

The survey of the proposed ordnance depot west of Hermiston is proceeding rapidly with an enlarged force working full time. The survey, which is being made by Stevens & Koon, Portland contractors, is expected to be completed around January 15.

Lieutenant Colonel Theron D. Weaver, formerly a major and district engineer at Bonneville, was here Tuesday to inspect the site of the proposed depot. He is now located in Washington, D. C., and is serving as chief of the construction division for the war department. His division has general charge of a construction program involving a total expenditure of \$800,000,000.

According to Captain Robert C. Williams, construction quartermaster here, action may begin some time the latter part of January or soon thereafter. Three station wagons have been obtained from Portland for transportation of surveyors and workmen to speed survey operations.

PROJECT FARM TO POT LUCK SUNDAY

Members and their families of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau will meet Sunday afternoon at the Columbia park hall for a pot luck dinner. Following the dinner a business meeting will be held.

Slated to come up for discussion will be problems of interest to farmers and organization matters.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND GETS BOOST IN INITIAL WEEK

Citizens of Hermiston gave a helping hand during the week to aid the Herald Christmas cheer fund which will help bring joy and happiness to homes where that day will be made just a little brighter for youngsters who otherwise might be forgotten. The fund has been boosted to \$22.75 and several others have indicated that they wish to help.

The fund will be used to purchase candy, peanuts, oranges, small toys and other little presents which go towards making a merry Christmas for all young folks. The campaign will be handled by ministers of Hermiston and anyone wishing to turn in names where such help is needed is asked to do so.

The fund will be open for almost two more weeks and other citizens who wish to contribute may do so by leaving money either at the Herald office or with any of the ministers. It is the wish of friends of the Christmas cheer fund that it might reach as large a figure as possible. Every penny will go towards making some youngster's Christmas day brighter.

The following is a list of those contributing this week:

Variety Store	\$3.00
Hermiston Auto Co. Employees	8.50
A Friend	.25
Hermiston Herald	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Swayze	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sale	1.00
TOTAL	\$22.75

STUART TO PLAY IN SHRINE GAME

Jim Stuart, captain and star senior tackle on the University of Oregon football team, received an invitation this week to play with the western forces in the annual Shrine football classic in San Francisco on New Year's day.

Big Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart of Hermiston, accepted the bid and is the only Webfoot player to receive a bid. Three men were chosen from the Oregon State squad. Stuart was a unanimous choice on all-coast teams last year and received several mentions this season. He was listed on one All-American team as a third string tackle.

Hermiston football fans will anxiously listen to the radio January 1 to hear of Jim's action in the big game.

P. P. & L. DOUBLES CAPACITY HERE

Three new transformers will be installed at the Hermiston substation next week by Pacific Power & Light company to double the capacity of the substation, John A. Clarke, local manager for the company, announced today.

Work on the improvement, which will cost approximately \$4600.00, began Thursday and will be completed in about 10 days. The substation foundation, which at present supports only a single transformer, will be enlarged.

Clarke pointed out that installation of the new transformers will assure continuity of service for the Hermiston area because it will enable the company to supply the entire power demand of the area from its Pendleton-Pasco 66,000-volt transmission line in case of emergency at the Umatilla river hydroelectric plant which ordinarily furnishes a part of the required electricity.

HOT SHOTS PLAY HERE WEDNESDAY

The Hermiston Hot Shot basketball team will engage the fast First National Bank team of Pendleton on the high school floor next Wednesday evening, December 18. The visitors are reported to have a fast aggregation and list a former Hermiston boy, Gene Pierce, on its roster.

The Hot Shots won a contest and a practice game Monday during the past week, trimming Sunnyside Monday night and winning a hard-fought practice game with Domestic Laundry of Pendleton Wednesday night. The latter game was won 21 to 19 after four quarters of hard battle.

Revival Services Announced
Rev. Aaron J. Huls of Springfield, Mo., began two weeks of revival services at the Hermiston Pilgrim Holiness church Wednesday of this week. The services begin at 7:30 each evening and the public is cordially invited to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING OF HYDROELECTRIC COMMISSION FRIDAY

MUCH INTEREST IS MANIFESTED HERE

A public hearing of vast importance to all users of electricity is scheduled for Friday, December 13, beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the evening in the Hermiston Union high school auditorium. The hearing has been called by the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon to consider the preliminary petitions of voters of portions of Morrow and Umatilla counties for the formation of a peoples' utility district to be known as the West Umatilla Peoples' Utility District.

The proposed district would embrace an area of approximately 82 square miles in Morrow county and 294 square miles in Umatilla county. It would include the municipality of Boardman in Morrow county, and the municipalities of Echo, Hermiston, Stanfield and Umatilla in Umatilla county, together with unincorporated territory.

The purpose of organizing said district as stated in the petitions filed with the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon is "the acquisition and/or construction of power and light facilities for the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of self-generated and/or purchased electrical energy to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and general consumers."

At the meeting Friday the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon will make a report of its preliminary investigation and will hear evidence in favor of and against the formation of said district.

Considerable interest in the coming hearing has been manifested in this locality during the past few weeks. At a recent board meeting of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association it was voted to go on record as follows: "The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association favors a P.U.D. on account of a statement by the Bonneville administration that a P.U.D. is the only feasible method of getting Bonneville power."

The board announced Wednesday that all members of the R.E.A. should attend the hearing Friday because of its vital importance.

MINISTERS FROWN ON SUNDAY SIREN

Meeting at the Baptist church on Monday, the West End Ministerial association voted to cooperate and participate in the follow-up program of the National Christian Mission which will be conducted the last of February and the first of March.

It was decided also that the Christmas boxes would be packed on Monday, December 23. If you have any fruit, vegetables or meats, that you would like to give to this cause, please have them ready at that time.

It was noted at this meeting that the noon siren still continues to be a nuisance on Sunday.

RURAL CARRIERS ASK COOPERATION

With the view of expediting the handling of mail during the Christmas season, it is desired the patrons of the rural delivery service purchase supplies of stamps in advance and to affix the necessary postage on first class and third class mail (greeting cards in unsealed envelopes) which they leave in their mail boxes.

The carriers and postmaster will greatly appreciate the cooperation in this respect. The stamping of mail by the patrons before putting in their mail boxes will facilitate prompt handling at the post office and in many cases prevent delay.

GRADE SCHOOL TO PRESENT CANTATA

The first five grades of the Hermiston elementary school will present the operetta, "The Gift of Christmas," at the high school gym Wednesday, December 18, at 2:15 o'clock. An admission charge of 15c for grownups and 10c for students will be made.

The presentation is expected to draw quite a crowd as the youngsters have worked hard on the numbers. Ted Roy, musical instructor in the grades, is the director.

The Christmas Net-work

HELLO GOOD PEOPLE, IN ORDER THAT THERE BE NO CHILDREN OR NEEDY FOLKS FORGOTTEN THIS CHRISTMAS I'M ASKING YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS WE EVER HAD IN OUR COMMUNITY. A REAL CHRISTMAS FOR ALL THE FOLKS. SEE THAT NOT A SINGLE PERSON IS FORGOTTEN. REMEMBER, I'M DEPENDING ON YOU