

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Baxter Hutchison

Mrs. H. G. McCulley was called to Pocatello, Idaho, last week due to the death of her mother at that place.

Jesse Moore and Deverde Elwood were called to work at the Boeing airplane plant near Seattle last week. They left here Sunday morning. Miss Gladys Elwood and Mrs. Forrest Moore made the trip over with the boys to bring back the car.

Mrs. Craig Percy substituted for Miss Rosemary Serrell, primary teacher at Columbia, Monday. Miss Serrell was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rosenau of Pendleton were over night guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Weeks Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maffei were visitors in Pendleton last Friday.

Mrs. A. H. Cable and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Piersol made a trip to La-Grande Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindner called on Mr. and Mrs. George Strohm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Garrison were dinner guests at the H. A. Wilson home Sunday.

Keith Hutchison spent Friday night with his grandmother, Mrs. L. W. Douglas. He was on his way to Portland on business and to spend the week end with his uncle, Dr. Jordan at Albany and his brother Ralph at O. S. C.

Mrs. W. H. Cotts of Warrenton, Ore., aunt of Mrs. Bob Woodward, is here for a few days helping care for her mother, Mrs. Belle Caldwell. Mrs. Woodward states that her grandmother is greatly improved since she brought her here to her home from Irrigon.

Mrs. Nellie Tucker was a Pendleton visitor Monday.

Miss Elma Dunham will spend some time visiting with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunham at their home near Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hooker and children were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dunham were visitors at Wallula Sunday.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

A crowded auditorium was very attentive and greatly pleased Jan. 10 with the rendition of the Christmas program which had been postponed because of the prevalent flu epidemic. All parts in the play when the chimes rang were effective. The choir sang sweet choruses. The greatest gift is love, and was portrayed by the small children in "Farewell to Toy Land"; 8 tap dancers gave a skaters waltz with the snowmen, Betty Lawrence and Voynn Gonseth, giving the finale. It was reckoned that 150 costumes were used in the evening's program, concluded by three tap-dancers, Lorna Gabriel, Mildred Rogers, Lena Bowman and Popeye (Bud McGraw) singing "Happy New Year to All." The teachers as well as pupils deserve great commendation for the event.

The School Advancement association drew a large crowd Monday night when hot lunches and their benefits formed the chief discussion. Their president, Mrs. Ed Brown, hopes the same patrons and many more will come again and a program will be featured in February.

Little Sharon Myers was honored with a party January 10, her first birthday. Present were her mother, Mrs. Orville Myers, two grandmothers, Mrs. Lonnie Myers and Mrs. U. G. Shipley. Others were Mrs. Opal Bartley and Shirley, Mrs. Loren Kenison, Mrs. Charles Foxx, Rosetta Dabney and Beryl Dewing. Little Sharon has been walking for a month. Cake and jello and tea were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Connor and daughter Dolores of Pendleton visited her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Shipley Sunday.

Harry Wessell returned last Friday from a two months visit with his mother, aged 84, in New York state, and reported her condition as improved. He also visited his brother, Fred Wessell.

Arlie Ann Rueber, nee Parry, was an honor guest at a shower in the church parlors January 10. Music provided for the pleasure of about thirty guests was "I Love You Truly" sung by Billie and Lorna Gabriel, and a piano solo by Mrs. Hans Rynning. A poem, "The Homemaker" was (Continued on page 4)

UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR DATES GIVEN

The Umatilla county fair dates have been scheduled and preliminary plans are already underway for a bigger and better fair in 1941. The dates, August 28-30, are somewhat earlier than in past years and come just one week ahead of the state fair and two weeks ahead of the Pendleton Roundup.

The county fair board has joined the Oregon Fairs association. The latter group had a two-day meeting in Portland Friday and Saturday and it became impossible for anyone from here to attend the sessions.

COMMERCIAL CLUB RE-ELECTS SAME OFFICERS TUESDAY

PLANS FOR NEW COURSE PRESENTED

All officers of the Hermiston Commercial club were reelected Tuesday night at a regular meeting in the Odd Fellows hall with the Hermiston Rebekahs serving the dinner. President George Harkenrider, Union Oil commission agent here, will serve another term, as will Walter Pearson, vice president, and Leander Quiring, secretary-treasurer.

Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen presented a proposed pre-vocational training setup in Hermiston for youths who are not in school between certain age limits. The plan of the courses is explained in another story on this page. After considerable discussion by club members it was voted as favoring such a plan.

Quite some time was spent in discussing a building program and various phases of house construction were brought up. E. P. Dodd told of a building program by the Walla Walla firm while H. E. Crawford, representative of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. was present and expressed his views of the F.H.A. loans and stated that Hermiston was one of the few towns in Umatilla county which had been certified by that organization for a building program.

Road conditions were discussed by F. C. McKenzie, H. M. Sommerer, F. B. Swayze and W. J. Warner. Mr. Swayze told of the road leading to the munitions depot and Mr. Warner expressed his views on the proposed road which would take truck traffic off the Main street of Hermiston.

Wm. E. Logan, Hermiston postmaster, stated that his office had shown a fine gain for 1940 and that the first 14 days of January far exceeded those of 1939 and 1940. He expressed hope for a continued gain during the new year.

BEAUTY SHOP HAS NEW OWNERSHIP

In a deal completed over the week end, Miss Dorothy Ferguson of Portland takes over Ruby's Beauty Shop which has been operated for several years by Mrs. Duff Knight. Miss Ferguson, who was employed here about two years ago as beauty operator, has recently been employed with the Castle Rose beauty salon in Portland and comes to Hermiston well recommended.

Mrs. Knight stated Monday that she will spend most of her time in the future on the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Duff Knight northeast of Hermiston. However, she will work at the beauty shop several days each week indefinitely.

DALEN-STEWART
Los Angeles, January 7—James William (Jim) Stewart, 21-year-old University of Oregon football star, and Joan Yvonne Dalen, 20, of 3049 Mortor Avenue, Los Angeles, applied for a marriage license here Saturday morning.

The couple will be wed in Cheviot Hills, near Culver City, Wednesday night at 8:30.

Stewart, an All-Coast tackle at Oregon, played in the East-West gridiron classic New Year's day in San Francisco.

He revealed last night that Stewart is the correct way to spell his name. It has been spelled Stuart in lineups the past few years.

Troubadors Play Here Saturday
The second of a series of dances to be held in the Hermiston park hall will be presented Saturday with the Troubadors furnishing the music. The dances are being given as a benefit towards the park fund. The committee in charge urges that Hermiston residents especially help boost this project.

Reclamation Building Vacated for Army Headquarters



GOVERNMENT FILES SUIT TO ACQUIRE LANDS FOR DEPOT

LOCAL OFFICES TO GET NEW QUARTERS

Plans for the establishment by the war department of a huge ordnance depot three miles west of Hermiston got underway officially Saturday when four suits to acquire by condemnation 4640 acres of land in that area were filed in the federal court in Portland by United States Attorney Carl Donough and Chief Assistant United States Attorney Mason Dillard, acting on behalf of the federal government.

The 16,000 acres which will be necessary for storage of ordnance materials for use of army units in this area lie partially in Umatilla and partially in Morrow county. Early this week word was received that the original proposed site would be moved one-half mile to the west but the authenticity of this statement has not been confirmed.

Suits filed Saturday sought to acquire from the county of Morrow 3760 acres, from the county of Umatilla 640 acres, from the Western Irrigation company 160 acres, and from Marie Alice Hanson and John Doe Hanson, 80 acres. Government appraisers estimated the total acreage named in the four suits to be worth approximately \$6620.

Locally the activities centered at the Reclamation building where the lower floor is being vacated by the Hermiston Irrigation district offices of Enos D. Martin and Charles Taylor, and the offices of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association. These offices will be quartered in the building east of the reclamation building which will be remodeled into a suitable site. The actual change will not be made until the construction has been completed in the new building.

The survey of the proposed site is practically completed and the entire project now awaits the go ahead signal. It was indicated this week that an Oregon employment office would be opened in Hermiston soon to aid in obtaining labor for the project. To date all applications have been directed to the Pendleton office.

Activities in building and locating are rapidly forming the rush stage with numerous projects slated to begin in the very near future. Several building contractors have been in the city the past week and indications are that considerable construction will be done. Numerous strange faces have appeared on the streets, evidently looking forward to locating and investigating the supposed boom.

BULLDOGS SLATE TWO BALL GAMES

Coach Ray Critchfield's high school hoopsters will spend a busy week end with Irrigon playing on the local floor Friday night and Heppner coming for a return tilt Tuesday evening. Both contests are expected to result in some interesting basketball. The locals will attempt to revenge a defeat at the hands of Heppner earlier in the season.

The Bulldogs apparently are on the road to becoming a strong aggregation and appear to have added considerable zest to their play.

LOCAL BOYS JOIN ARMY AT PENDLETON

Hermiston's contribution to the armed forces of Uncle Sam is increasing each week. Four more local youths were accepted for a year's training Monday when Bob Pierson, Asa Shaw, Frosty Putnam and Bob Dawson made application at Pendleton.

No report has been issued as to what divisions the boys were allotted.

Radio Program Scheduled
Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker and H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Hermiston Experiment Farm, will appear on the regular radio program Saturday from 1:00 to 1:15 p. m. The subject for discussion will be "Turkey Lights."

BUCCANEERS LOSE; BULLDOGS WIN SATURDAY NIGHT

Basketball fans of Hermiston were treated to two exciting games Saturday night. L. S. Burrell's sharp-shooting graders were matched against Helix high school B squad in the first thriller and were nosed out in the final seconds of the game after the score was tied at 14 to 14. The second game was equally thrilling when the score was reversed, with the high school Bulldogs scoring the first two points, after the score was tied after the three minute overtime period.

The fast-coming Buccaneers put a scare into the ranks of the Helix B squad in the first quarter when they jumped to a lead of 8 to 2, holding the Helix boys scoreless except for two successful foul throws. Wilcox and Gettman each scored 4 points in the first half to still hold the lead at half time of 10 to 5. The taller Helix boys managed to find the basket in the second half but were still trailing at the close of the third quarter 12 to 9. However, the fast pace of the graders was beginning to tell on them in the last stanza when Helix jumped into the lead for the first time 12 to 13, but the locals tied it up with only 20 seconds to go. Just before the final whistle, Helix dropped one in to take the game 14 to 16.

The lead changed hands several times in the final game with the Helix Grizzlies. Helix led in the first quarter 4 to 5 while Hermiston was in command at half time 11 to 9. Holoman found the basket for two goals and Hamm slipped in for four points, (Continued on last page)

HOT SHOTS PLAY DAYTON WEDNESDAY

The Hermiston Hot Shots will play the Dayton, Washington, town team on the local floor next Wednesday night, January 22. The visitors are reported to have an excellent aggregation and will make the going rather tough for the local squad.

UMATILLA PROJECT FARM BUREAU ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

About 50 members attended the pot luck dinner and meeting of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau Wednesday evening. Much credit is due Mrs. Henry Ott in preparing the excellent dinner. Among the subjects coming up for discussion included: methods of controlling sparrows and rodents; regular items of the budget; the question of draining irrigation seepage water from the park, and other minor topics. M. E. Knickerbocker gave a short outlook of livestock and poultry for 1941.

Election of officers brought several changes. A. H. Cable was elected president replacing H. J. Ott who has devoted his time in this office since 1926. Another old timer to be replaced was C. M. Jackson, who for many years has been secretary-treasurer of the organization. Emil Zivney was elected.

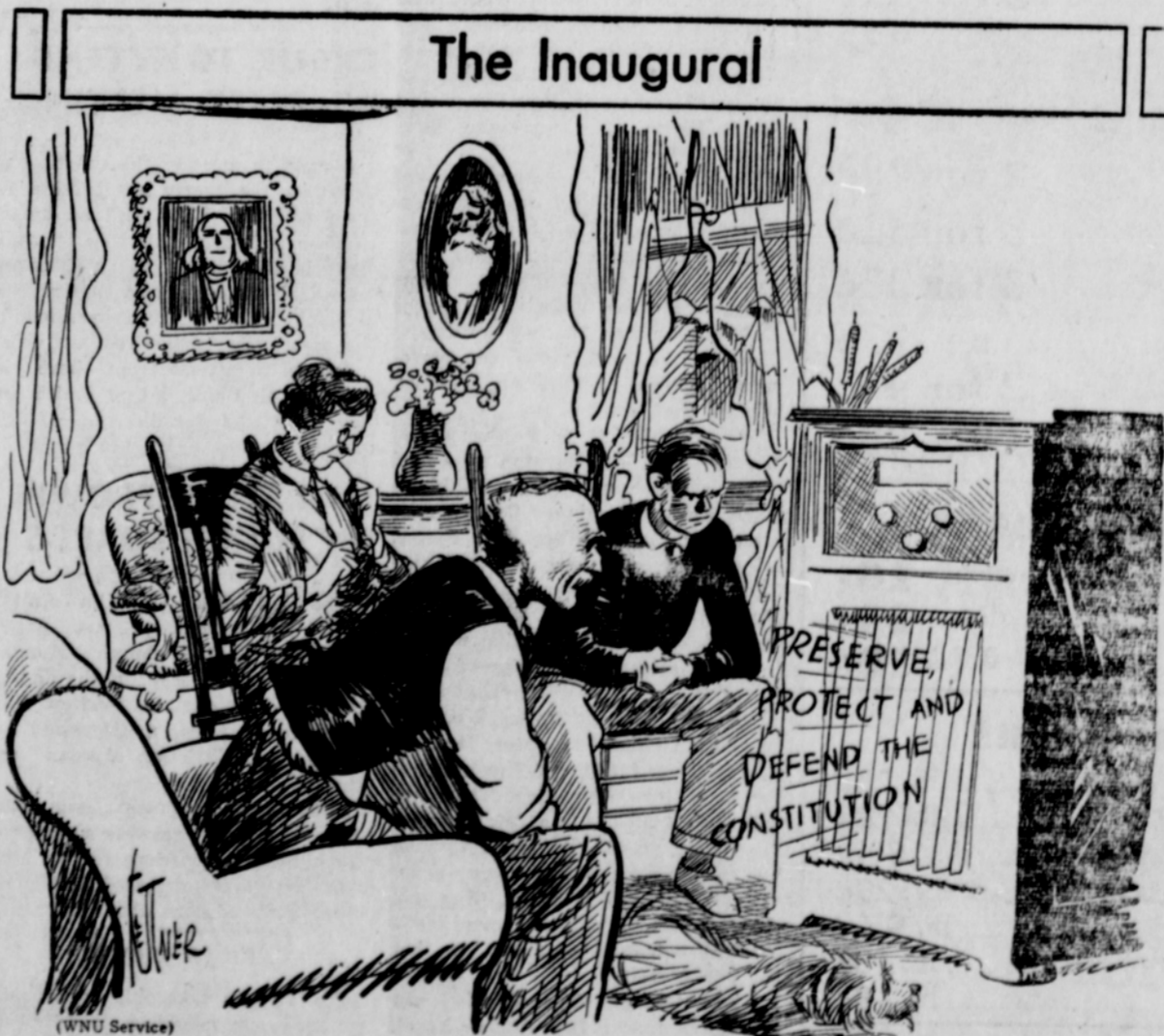
Other officers include: Del Christley, vice president; H. J. Ott, finance committee chairman; John Jendrzewski, rodent and pest control; Claude Upham, park board project leader; Henry Wilson, recreation project leader; J. W. McMullen, 4-H club project leader; M. E. Knickerbocker, inter-organization leader; H. K. Dean, experiment station and research.

The question of starting a national and state Farm Bureau Federation unit of the West End Umatilla county was discussed and favored by most of those present, but will again be taken up at the next meeting to be held February 11, when Noel Benion, extension poultryman at O.S.C., (Continued on last page)

PRE-VOCATIONAL COURSES STUDIED FOR LOCAL SETUP

Plans are under consideration, looking towards the establishment of one or more pre-vocational classes in the community. Under the National defense program an allotment of ten million dollars has been made for the training of rural and urban youth in several courses that may be valuable in speeding up defense production. The theory is that preliminary training will make the slow "breaking in" process of new hands much shorter or in some cases eliminate it entirely. Further the student acquires the elements of a skilled or semi-skilled trade. Positively no guarantee of a job is offered. Training for the job is offered, however.

The present "set up" includes four courses: Auto Mechanics, Metal Working, Wood Working and Elementary Electricity. Competent instructors and adequate shop space and tools would be provided. The classes would be open to youths who are not in school and an enrollment of ten (Continued on Last Page)



Irrigon Friday - Home BASKETBALL Tilts - Heppner Tuesday