

UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Bob McKenzie, who is a student brakeman working in The Dalles, spent Wednesday at the home of his parents.

The Ladies Aid held their regular missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. Annie Edwards last Thursday with 17 members present. Letters were read from Mrs. W. O. Miller of Portland and Mrs. Alec Rau of Spokane. After the meeting refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, ice cream and coffee were served. Those present were the Madames Pete McNabb, John Wurster, Del Jackson, James Byrnes, V. D. Bramer, Harry Grammar, Max Graybeal, Virgil Johnson, Florence Holdman, Tom Tucker, Harry Hull, B. Acker, Small, George Sampson and the Misses Louise Jackson and Sara Rix.

Mrs. Wisdom, formerly of Irrigon, is employed at the Bill Switzler home. Doris Rodenbaugh, student at the Draper's School of Beauty, came home Thursday and is recovering from a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knudson spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in The Dalles.

The Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. George Kendler Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Clark returned last

week from Caldwell, Idaho, where she had been visiting her mother since before Christmas.

Mrs. Jeff Stephens and Alva returned Thursday from Arizona where they have been visiting since Christmas.

The Pocahontas lodge installed their new officers for the coming term Thursday evening. Officers are Pocahontas, Ruth Kinny; Winonah, Lois Williams; Powtan, Gus Fransolous; Prophetess, Lois Graybeal; Trustee, Annie Edwards; Scouts, Learvia Smith, Gevenith Moses; Runners, Barta Blair and Anna Kennedy; Counselors, Mrs. Pat Fritzpatrick and Mrs. J. McKinney; Guardians, Mrs. Gus Fransolous and Peggy Smith; Warriors, Fay Gardiner, Max Graybeal, Jeff Stephens and Leland Smith.

Mr. Humphreys, who has been orchestra and high school glee instructor here for the past two years, resigned last week to be able to spend a full day in Hermiston. Mr. Humphrey has been very successful here and will be greatly missed.

The Christian Endeavor society enjoyed a party after their regular meeting Thursday night. There were about twenty present.

Mrs. Hans Rynning and daughter Karen Ann and Miss Esther Fredrickson of Seattle, who are visiting their parents in Stanfield, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hull.

Janet Gorham of Boardman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorham, and George McNabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete McNabb, were married last week.

Mrs. Harry Jenson and Carol, and Arnold, of Pendleton were Sunday guests of Mrs. V. D. Bramer and children.

Walter Bullard, who has been quite ill with the flu, has returned to his duties at the depot.

David Slattery, who has been visiting in The Dalles, returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Hiatt were hosts to a group of friends with an oyster dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Switzler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bullard.

Mrs. Ralph Joder of Riperia is visiting here at the Lew Brownell home.

Mrs. Jack Kester was called to Medford Friday because of the illness of her mother. She expects to be gone for some time.

Mrs. Frank Steaver and son Ray of Pendleton were visitors at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chapman gave a dinner Tuesday night for Mr. and Mrs. Lew Brownell and Mrs. Ralph Joder.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Regal were host to Mr. and Mrs. Milo McFarland

Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Del Jackson and Louise, and Mrs. V. D. Bramer attended church in Hermiston Sunday night.

Marcellus Bray, who is on a leave from the U. S. Army, is visiting at the home of his parents.

TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Joe Udey

A short business meeting will be held at the Legion hall January 17. The evening will then be turned over to the program committee in charge of Mrs. Percy Corman. A program and games will be enjoyed. The social committee will serve a jitney lunch, proceeds of which will be put into the Birthday fund. The public is always invited to all the meetings.

The dance committee reports a very successful Birthday ball at the Hermiston park hall Saturday night, and takes this means of thanking all who helped make this dance a success. Fine cooperation was displayed by all, and the committee intends to hold their next dance January 25 in the Hermiston hall. They are expecting even a larger crowd.

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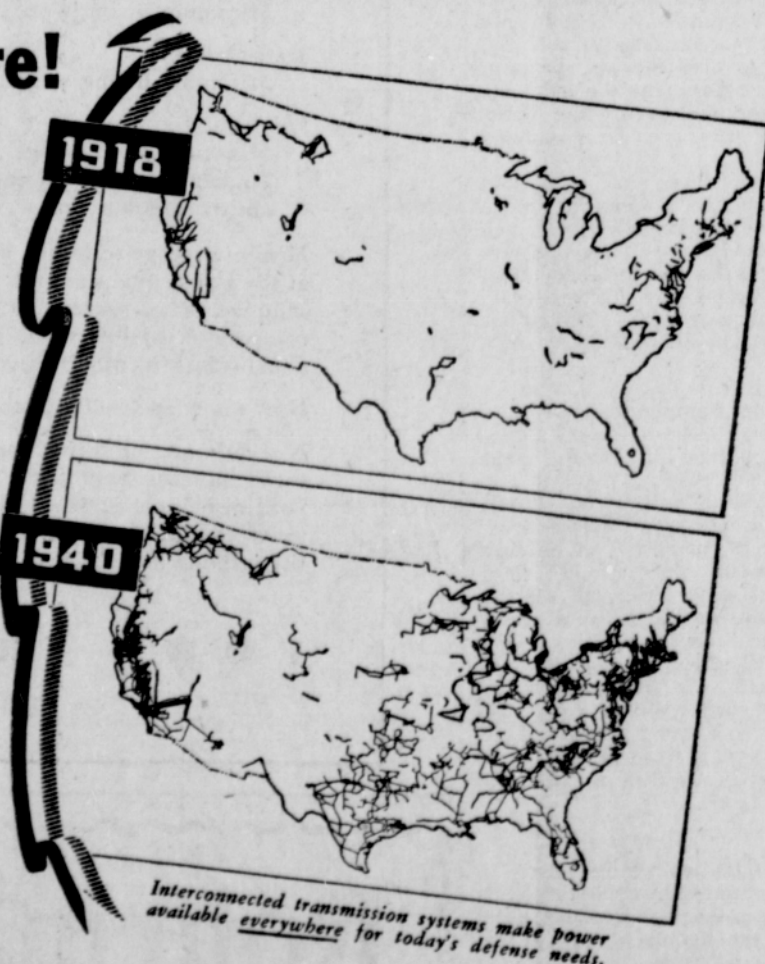
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GARDEN CLUB CHATS

by Mrs. Vera Doyle

This is the weather that keeps us inside and then our indoor tasks in gardening begin.

Examine stored gladiolus corms and dahlia tubers now and then.

Pay close attention to house plants. They need more moisture and fresh air than the average home can supply without aid. Do not use cold water from the tap on plants; let it stand for a few hours. Feed plants in pots and boxes with plant foods made for the purpose. Cultivate the soil frequently by scratching the surface lightly. Wash the leaves of foliage plants every few days. Watch for mealy bug (look like small bits of cotton fluff) and spray with soap or nicotine preparation for them.

Christmas plants may be kept in blossom and sturdy for weeks if faded flowers, seedpods and imperfect leaves are promptly removed, and the plants are not given too sunny and

drafty a position.

If it is desired, holiday gift plants (while not really "house plants" since they come from the hot, moist atmosphere of the greenhouse to the very different conditions of the modern dwelling) may be grown on for flowering another season. After flowering is over, water should be gradually withheld and the plant allowed to rest for a few weeks. They should never become dry at the roots, but should receive just sufficient water to keep them alive. Then at the approach of warm weather, cut them back to a compact, symmetrical shape and plunge the pots to the rim in the garden in a semi-shaded location. As they grow, keep them pinched back to shape and in the fall before frost, take them up and indoors. If conditions are not too difficult for them (dry air is the greatest problem), they will probably bloom again though perhaps not as early and never as satisfactorily as the first time.

If the snow is still here, remember the native birds. A bit of grit along with their food will be appreciated by our songsters.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

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