

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Baxter Hutchison

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilbur and his mother, Mrs. Ida Wilbur, spent Sunday evening at the Mabel Weeks home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schultzy and Mrs. Grace Foster and son Mark were visiting relatives at Irrigon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Proudfoot of Wasco were Sunday visitors at the Walter Maffei home.

Mrs. Walter Rosenau spent the day Monday with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Weeks.

H. J. Stillings was calling on Columbia friends Sunday and among the homes visited was the H. M. Sommerer home.

The Dave Dufur family is occupying the I. D. Pike ranch at Pumpkin Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garberding were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bauer and family in Pendleton last Thursday evening.

Visitors at the E. C. Hughes home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Will Barber and Mr. Barber's sister and husband, who are visiting here from Salem, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sater and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Swarner of this district are proud grandparents this week. Little Shirley Jean arrived at St. Anthony's hospital at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ermol Sater.

Mrs. T. M. Ellis is quite ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison are announcing this week the arrival of a second grandchild. The little Miss arrived in Pendleton at 3:15 Sunday afternoon and her proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Strohm of Pendleton were afternoon visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Strohm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Keller had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jordan were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Douglas Sunday.

Miss Virginia Smith of Kahlotus, Wn., spent Friday and Saturday at the Forrest Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Graves, wheat ranchers from Heppner, have purchased 20 acres in Columbia district, known as the Phipps ranch. Mr. and

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UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Murphy are parents of a 9 lb. baby born to them last Tuesday evening.

W. E. Cutting attended the Union Oil sales banquet Wednesday evening at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Bill Switzler and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Sharpstein of Walla Walla returned home last week from Portland where they had been with Mr. Switzler who is receiving medical attention there for some time. Lloyd Harryman drove them home.

Many Umatilla people attended the boxing matches in Hermiston Thursday night. Harold Regele was referee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Hiatt have purchased a new V-8 car.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tucker and Mrs. Florence Holdman spent Thursday afternoon in Walla Walla.

Mrs. "Grand" McMartin arrived home last week from a month's visit in Richland and Spokane with relatives.

At the last city council meeting it was decided to fix up the city park and make plans for a swimming pool.

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Harold Regele was the referee for the Morrow county all stars game in Hermiston Wednesday night.

Fred Knudsen visited Thursday in The Dalles with his wife who is in the hospital following a recent operation.

The Umatilla grade school children are working on an operetta "Rip Van Winkle" which they plan to give in a month or more. This is under the direction of Miss Joan Leslie.

Miss Orion Wattenburg visited a few days last week with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Watson in Spokane.

The Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. William Kennedy Thursday. They spent the day piecing a quilt with the hostess serving a lunch at noon.

A. D. Hubbel of Boardman has leased 40 acres of the Brownell Ditch Co. just east of the Fred Davis place and plans to plant it all to watermelons this season.

The Christian Endeavor and Sunday School committees met Thursday night and decided to give a program to raise money to purchase the window for the new church. Orion Wattenburg, Mrs. Ervin Chapman and Delores Van Schoick were appointed on the committee to prepare the program.

Mrs. Ervin Chapman entertained the 500 club at her home last Wednesday. Miss Sara Rix was a guest.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB TALKS ON PROBLEMS OF NEW RESIDENTS

RADIO SPEAKER ADDRESSES GROUP

At a regular Commercial club session, which had all the earmarks of an old-time camp meeting, the matter of preparation for the munitions depot project was thoroughly discussed Tuesday evening. Many phases of preparation were brought up during the evening and various angles discussed.

F. K. Haskell, radio commentator for the Townsend National Recovery Plan, gave a short talk on legislation matters and generally discussed the Townsend movement. Quite a delegation of Hermiston club members came to hear Mr. Haskell.

N. R. Mueller gave a report of the findings of his committee which has looked into the matter of obtaining a Farm Security Administration camp here to house itinerant labor. The committee had gone into the matter quite thoroughly and his report covered the situation quite well.

It was suggested that a request be sent to headquarters in Portland for a representative of the administration to come here to discuss further details. This will be done immediately as it is expected that some arrangement for housing will be necessary in a short time. Other members on the committee are M. E. Knickerbocker and J. G. Pearson.

Dr. F. B. Belt was present and told of the work of the health association and stated that Dr. R. H. Wilcox, county health officer, had been informed of the situation here and had pledged his cooperation.

A committee of five members, F. C. McKenzie, J. A. Clarke, E. D. Martin, E. P. Dodd and W. W. Felt-house, was appointed to confer with Captain R. C. Williams and J. A. Terteling, contractor, as to what will be needed here and the best steps in preparation. This conference will be called as soon as possible.

Considerable debate occurred at intervals throughout the evening and various matters were given considerable airing.

The club voted to sponsor a Four-H scholarship and also voted to pay the annual fee of \$5.00 to the county unit of the Wildlife Federation.

The Rebekahs served the dinner for the evening meeting which was held in the Odd Fellows hall.

MOORE REVAMPS STORE BUILDING

L. A. Moore is making extensive improvements in his furniture store location this week. The Fuller glass people are installing large plate glass windows. Other improvements include balconies on both sides of the room with a stairway at the rear of the building.

A three-quarter inch celo-tex material will be used on the walls and ceiling and an oil furnace is also being installed. The store will be repainted and will be modern throughout.

Precaution Measures Taken

Due to the many traffic hazards in the city at the present time, parents of youngsters in the first five grades are being informed that they will not be permitted to leave the school premises during school hours unless they have a written excuse from their parents. Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen stated Thursday that the measure was necessary because of the increased travel on local streets.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Dinner

The Hermiston American Legion auxiliary will sponsor a turkey dinner in the Odd Fellows hall Saturday, February 15, at 5:30. A charge of 50c per plate will be made. A cedar chest will be given away during the evening.

Bank Enlarges Basement Room

Work has been underway the past week in enlarging the basement of the local First National Bank. The space will be utilized for a new storage vault.

BENNION ADDRESSES PROJECT FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Umatilla Project Farm Bureau held its regular meeting in the Columbia club rooms Friday evening with approximately 75 people enjoying a pot luck dinner and the business meeting.

Noel Bennion, extension poultryman from Oregon State college, was the principal speaker of the evening. He showed and explained some charts dealing with recent experimental work carried on at the college on poultry subjects. He revealed that their results had shown an increased cost of 6 cents per bird when laying hens are fed pellets over the ordinary dry mash method of feeding. In spite of the greater waste by birds being fed mash in hoppers, the increased cost of the pellets more than made up for the mash wasted.

He also reported that their work has shown that birds housed in battery cages produced fewer eggs, and of much lower quality, and also have

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P. T. A. MEETING TO BE FEBRUARY 20

A regular meeting of the Hermiston P. T. A. will be held in the high school gymnasium on Thursday, February 20 at 8:00 p. m. Harold Dobyns of Pendleton will show his pictures of the thrilling trip he experienced down the Salmon and Snake rivers.

Other entertainment will include several numbers by the high school girls' glee club. School students, as well as interested townspeople, are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

HOUSE PROWLER ARRESTED HERE

Night Officer Bert Nation arrested Frank Shelton Tuesday night following complaints of house prowling and other acts of disorder. He was caught entering the home of Mrs. Bert Mullins where he was going through the clothes of boarders there. Shelton was taken to Pendleton and placed in jail.

The affair might serve as a warning to townspeople to keep doors locked at all times as a precaution.

Fredrecksons Enjoy Anniversary

Observing their golden wedding anniversary on February 7, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fredrecks of Stanfield celebrated quietly at home with their family and relatives. They were married 50 years ago in Astoria and came to Stanfield in 1909 being among the first pioneers to settle on the project.

All members of the family were home for the occasion.

Gets 3-Year Term



SUPT. W. G. KERSBERGEN

KERSBERGEN GIVEN THREE YEAR TERM AT BOARD MEETING

At a regular meeting of the school board of trustees of Hermiston Union high school Monday evening, several important items of business were transacted. Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen's contract was extended for a three year period and the following teachers will be offered contracts for the next school year: Lavina May Lynch, Teresa Breslin, Gwendolyn Ross, Ray E. Critchfield, Mervin Werth and G. C. Humphreys.

The probable increase in school population was discussed at some length and a committee representing the high school and the elementary school was appointed to confer with the contractor for the ordnance depot. It is expected that as a result of such a conference a better estimate of requirements to be met may be made.

MINISTERS PLAN COMING MISSION

The Wests End Umatilla County Ministerial association met at the Hermiston Baptist church Monday, February 10, for its regular monthly meeting. The main business of the day concerned the coming National Christian Mission to be held in Portland and its local follow-up program in Umatilla county. Also, after the adoption of a constitution, there was held an election of officers, which are president, Cecil Warner; secretary-treasurer, Grayden Loree; and director of publicity, Stearns Cushing, Jr.

COURT OF HONOR HELD TUESDAY FOR HERMISTON SCOUTS

At a Court of Honor held in the American Legion hall Tuesday evening, February 11, a number of local Boy Scouts received recognition for work which they have completed. Under the direction of J. J. Gimble, the court was composed of Rev. Stearns Cushing Jr., chairman, L. S. Burrell, Jack Jackson and Mel Follert.

The highlight of the court session was the recommendation of four local boys who have completed their basic requirements to the rank of Life Scout. The boys are Bill Belt, Jack Jackson, Jay Gimble and Dick Belt. Other promotions were those of Fred Gimble to Second Class and Vance Matott from Second Class to First Class.

Besides these there were awarded merit badges to the following: John Allen, Jimmy Allen, Bruce Norton, Jay Gimble, Jack Jackson and Dick Belt.

TROBADORS PLAY HERE SATURDAY

Another benefit dance for the Hermiston park hall will be held Saturday evening in the local hall with the Troubadors furnishing the music. The crowds are improving with the influx of munitions depot workers and it is expected that this will continue in the ensuing months.

The proceeds derived are used to pay up the park indebtedness.

CALL ISSUED FOR VETERAN SERVICE

Sam Moore, commander of the Hermiston post, American Legion, has received information from headquarters to issue a call for registration of world war veterans for volunteer national defense service. The emergency duty which may be requested as an outgrowth of this registration would be purely voluntary in character and without remuneration unless otherwise provided for by agencies of government responsible for requesting such service or undertaking.

Further information and blanks are available at the Hermiston Drug Co. The National Executive Committee of the American Legion is anxious to list all available men in this area.

Auxiliary Plans Meeting

The Umatilla Wool Growers auxiliary will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Homer Coppinger of Echo on Tuesday, February 18, at 1:30. Several important features are planned for the afternoon.

ACTIVITIES HUM AS CONTRACTOR PREPARES FOR JOB

CONFERENCES TAKE TIME OF OFFICIALS

Captain R. C. Williams, U. S. Quartermaster corps, constructing engineer, stated late Thursday that activities were humming around the local headquarters and preliminary preparations for actual construction were keeping his large corps of workers busily occupied. Numerous conferences have occupied most of Captain Williams' time during the past week.

Word was received by Captain Williams last week end from the war department at Washington to authorize J. A. Terteling & Sons, Boise contractors, to proceed with construction of the munitions depot to cost approximately \$7,548,000. The site will spread over an area of approximately 24 square miles.

J. A. Terteling arrived here Thursday and began immediate preparation for actual construction. He has leased the building opposite the Rohrman Motor Co., known as the Messner building, for temporary headquarters. Moving in operations began Thursday and it is expected that office personnel will arrive soon.

Due to the numerous details which must be attended to prior to construction activities, no definite date has been set before work will begin at the site. Housing facilities for the numerous workers will receive initial attention.

A conference with school authorities was held Wednesday with an expected increase in enrollment of about 200 students. Details are being ironed out so that the children may be taken care of when they arrive. The project will employ about 1,500 men at the peak of construction during the coming summer but prior to that time a smaller crew will be on the job.

This is the biggest national defense project yet authorized for the Inland Empire, and while the main construction job mentioned \$7,547,661, other costs will in all probability bring the final figures to somewhere between nine and twelve million dollars.

Building operations are being rushed locally in order to house as many as possible of the office workers and officers connected with the project. To date enough rooms for secretaries and office men have been available.

Numerous trailers have begun to arrive on the scene with many more expected soon. Interested land owners are preparing camp sites in order to care for the workmen who will reside on these houses mounted on wheels.

FARM BUREAU TO HAVE MEETING

The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston will be held Friday, February 14, starting at 10 a. m. in the basement of the Methodist church. Lunch will be served during the noon hour and sessions resumed at 1:00 o'clock.

Four directors will be elected in the Stanfield, North Columbia, Umatilla-Irrigon and Boardman districts. The membership at large may vote on all candidates regardless of district affiliation.

COURT PLAY-OFF SET FEB. 17-19

The basketball play-off between Pendleton, Milton-Freewater and Hermiston for the east half district will be held February 17, 18 and 19. The first game will be here between Hermiston and Pendleton. The second tilt will find Hermiston at Mac-Hi and the third contest will pit Mac-Hi against Pendleton at the Round-up city.

The winner of this series will play the winner of the west district at either The Dalles or Hood River for the right to represent this district in the state tournament at Salem.

