

Mrs. Walter Rosenau is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Weeks.

Word was received this week of the death of E. H. McReynolds, former resident of this district. He was living with a son in Seattle and old age was given as the cause of his death.

The Hermiston Home Extension unit held its regular monthly meeting in Columbia club rooms Tuesday afternoon. Miss Francis Clinton was present to demonstrate "Dessert No. 2". It is reported that 22 interested women were present.

A group of twenty neighbors and friends celebrated several birthdays at a well planned dinner in Columbia club rooms Sunday. Mrs. Alpha Christley had the greatest number of years to her credit while Little Doreen Cable celebrated her fourth birthday. Others having birthdays during the week were Mrs. A. H. Cable and Mrs. B. Hutchison. Yellow and white were the colors used for the table. A bouquet of yellow daffodils was the center piece, and two beautifully decorated cakes in yellow and white made by Mrs. W. A. Mikesell and Mrs. A. H. Cable were cut.

George Liebe and sons Walter and Willie made a two day business trip to Salem this week, returning home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer were Pendleton visitors Monday afternoon.

Girls from Columbia attending the District Home Economics Clubs conference of high schools held at La Grande Saturday were Mary Sommerer, Dorothy Hiatt and Norma Getchell. They went over with Miss Effie Conner of the Hermiston high school teaching staff and were accompanied by Mrs. H. M. Sommerer and Janet Hodges of Hermiston.

Mrs. Belle Caldwell, grandmother of Mrs. Bob Woodward, has gone to Umatilla to be with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Potts, after spending three months at the Woodward home.

G. Carver is remodeling his house with the intention of renting it.

John Miller was a Sunday visitor at the Joe Udey home.

Mrs. T. R. Hampton and Lloyd Cheney of Pendleton were visitors at the H. G. McCulley home Sunday. Mrs. Hampton is a sister of Mr. McCulley.

Mrs. W. A. Mikesell, Mrs. Daisy Mikesell and Mrs. A. H. Cable made a drive up Butter Creek last Wednesday afternoon. They visited at the Sloan Thompson home and at Echo with other old friends whom Mrs. Daisy Mikesell of Portland had not seen for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ott attended a fellowship dinner and the quarterly conference meeting following the dinner the first of the week at the Methodist church.

Mrs. C. R. Moore and small son of Freewater, who have been visiting friends in town for the past week, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Forrest Moore.

Miss Joyce McCulley spent Friday of last week in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bradshaw were Sunday dinner guests at the H. A. Wilson home.

Shirley Stockard was here over the week end visiting his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Udey called on Mr. and Mrs. William Kik Sunday evening.

Mrs. Minnie Lindsey who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Willis Struthers for the past several weeks has returned to her home at Forks, Wn.

Mrs. Joe Udey called the latter part of last week on Mrs. Forrest Moore who was ill, and found her much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halliburton were in this district Sunday visiting relatives. They also called at the H. G. McCulley home.

The Columbia group of the Women's Council of the Central Church of Christ met Wednesday with Mrs. Forrest Moore.

Mrs. Rod Garret of La Grande, daughter of Mrs. Elmer Ryland, is visiting this week at the Ryland home.

Mrs. Miles Barager received word the first of the week that her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. R. Stuart, better known as the Little Minister, had passed away at her home in Portland. She was quite well known here and a few years ago gave a very inspiring Mother's Day talk at a Farm Bureau Auxiliary meeting. Her death was due to heart trouble.

Mrs. Clyde Hebert called at the Mabel Weeks home Wednesday on her way to Pendleton to see her mother who is ill.

Mrs. Bud Hooker has the measles this week.

## TENNIS TO START WITH HEPPNER TILT

The first interscholastic tennis match of the year will be played at Heppner next week. The local squad is expected to be fairly strong judging from tryouts being held this week.

Among the girls showing the best possibilities are Phyllis Sires, Marie Hinkle, Barbara Moore, Georgia Lindner and Ethel Clarke. Candidates for the boys' team are Bill Penney, Bob Smith, Kenneth Elwood, Dave Hamm and Leon Sharinghouse. However, there are several other possibilities which may replace those named above.

## CITY HALL BIDS REJECTED BY COUNCIL FRIDAY NIGHT

### FIGURES FAR EXCEED ESTIMATE

Members of the city council had a surprise awaiting them Friday night at the regular council meeting when Mayor F. C. McKenzie opened three bids on the city hall, jail and fire-house building. The architect's estimate on the building was \$7,500, and the first bid opened jumped the figure to \$16,800, by Meyers and Belvail, contractors of Pendleton. Edward "Chuck" Mardis, contractor now in Hermiston, had the low bid of \$12,337.00, and McCormick-Foley, Inc., of Pendleton, bid \$13,550.00.

It was the unanimous decision of the council to reject all bids turned in, since the figure was too high to build at this time. Immediate steps were taken to cut down the building in some way to start at least the building of the city jail at this time, with the view of later building the entire building. Chief of Police H. A. Pankow went to Pendleton today to contact the architect and see what could be done.

The need for drastic action of policing Main street for speeding and parking of large trucks was taken into consideration with the result that the council decided to hire Frank Null for two weeks to act with the local police in order to take care of the traffic hazard. Police tickets have been printed and arrests will be made in the future with tickets given to report to the city recorder for arraignment of all violators.

Additional fees were granted the chief of police, night watchman and the city recorder for the extra work needed during these busy days.

## YOUNG COUPLE WED SUNDAY

Miss LaVerne Thorsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Soren Thorsen of Stanfield, became the bride of James Boylen, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Boylen of Salem, Sunday afternoon at 2:10 p. m. in the Methodist church in Walla Walla. The young couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boylen of Hermiston.

Mrs. Boylen is employed in the Tum-A-Lum office in Stanfield and Mr. Boylen works at the Rohman Motor Co. in Hermiston. The couple will reside in Hermiston.

## FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AT ROSEBURG

P. P. Sullivan, who spent most of his life in Hermiston, passed away Wednesday afternoon at Roseburg. Mr. Sullivan left Hermiston about three years ago to reside at Roseburg. While in Hermiston he was prominent in civic affairs, serving about two years as justice of peace, was a director of the Farm Bureau Cooperative as well as holding other offices. He was one of the early pioneers of this city.

He is survived by six children, Mrs. Sullivan passing away about seven years ago. Those surviving are Harold T. Sullivan of Portland, Roy and Herbert Sullivan of Roseburg, Mrs. Alfred Jones of Portland, Mrs. Dave Middlesdorf of Hermiston and Luke Sullivan of Iowa.

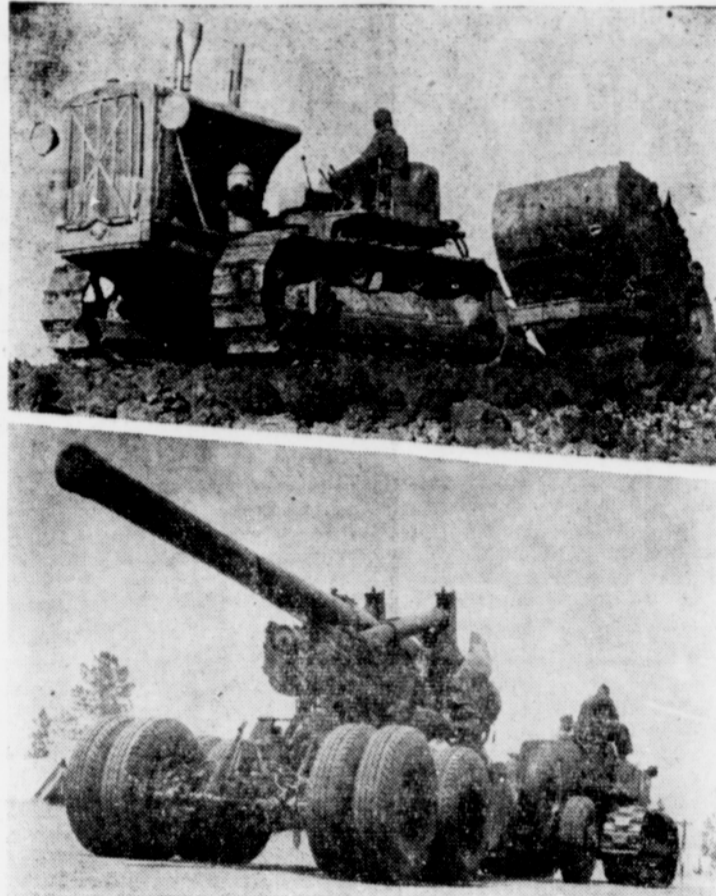
Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Prann's Funeral Parlors with the Rev. Stearns Cushing, Jr., of the local Methodist church in charge of the services.

## HERMISTON ENTERS COUNTY TOURNEY

Hermiston golfers will journey to Pendleton Sunday to participate in the annual Umatilla county tournament. The local contingent is taking the silver cup, won last year, to Pendleton Sunday but are determined to win again and take another year's mortgage on the trophy.

At a meeting held Wednesday evening a tentative team was chosen to represent Hermiston. It was made plain at the meeting that 1941 dues must be paid before a player becomes eligible for tourney play.

## Machines Protect America



Machines play the leading role in modern defense. Shown above are machines for soil defense and national defense. The cannon is one of a number of U. S. guns capable of long-range destruction. The earth-moving equipment at top is of a type used by many farmers in building dams and reservoirs. In 1939 farmers moved more than 11 million cubic yards of earth in performing this conservation practice, equivalent to the volume of material going into Columbia river's huge Grand Coulee dam.

## CARPENTERS' UNION TO ORGANIZE HERE

A meeting of all interested carpenters in and around Hermiston was held at the Legion hall Tuesday evening with the purpose of organizing a Trades Union. A representative of the state council was expected but he failed to arrive, consequently complete organization could not be effected. It is expected that another meeting will be called soon.

Approximately 100 men were present for the meeting.

## WEATHER REPORT SHOWS SOME RAIN

The past week showed nothing sensational in the way of weather although .25 in. of precipitation last Saturday was greatly welcomed. The days are becoming fairly warm and early spring gardens are already showing signs of life.

The report according to Chas. Taylor, weather man, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
March 19	64	32
March 20	63	26
March 21	65	30
March 22	62	41
March 23	61	29
March 24	65	25
March 25	69	28

## JUNIOR HIGH TO PRESENT PROGRAM

"Parade of Nations" will be the theme of the spring program of the Hermiston junior high to be presented Friday night, March 28, in the school auditorium. An admission of 10c and 20c will be made. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

Quite a variety of entertainment is promised for the evening, including music by the orchestra, dances and singing.

## POSTAL INSPECTOR MAKES SURVEY HERE

R. C. Sheldon of Portland, postal inspector, was a caller in Hermiston this week making a survey of the local post office and mail service. Due to the large gain in sales of stamps and money orders, additional office help has been requested. Indications are that one office worker will be added in the near future.

As a result of the demands made by Hermiston patrons for better mail service, the department has been asked to establish a daily east and west mail service via Stanfield. With the addition of the various offices and crews in Hermiston the need for better service is acute.

## INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL LISTED

Upon an inquiry as to personnel for the operation of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot at the completion of construction, Master Sergeant Ronald A. McLain made the following statement this week, that the Ordnance department did not desire application for employment at the depot as the personnel would be selected from competitive examination lists of the Civil Service Commission prepared by the district manager at Seattle. These requirements will be announced publicly through the local press and post office bulletins as the necessity arises.

He also said a small staff of key personnel was being selected by the Ordnance department for operation purposes when the construction activities are completed. Outside of a very limited number of key personnel now in the Ordnance department, the remainder of the organization will be selected from the district civil service lists.

It was also learned that the Ordnance department is the operating branch and in no way does the construction activities enter their program, therefore any inquiries as pertaining to construction should be with the constructing quartermaster concerned.

## LOCAL PASTIME TO OPEN TUESDAY

O'Conner's Pastime, which has been under construction during the past month, is nearing completion and Mr. O'Conner stated Thursday that the opening will be held next Tuesday, April 1. The building, which was formerly occupied by Chas. Burk, has been entirely redecorated. Plywood has been used to advantage on the walls and ceiling.

The Pastime will be for men only and will feature card tables in the rear compartment and a bar in the front. Frank Berning, recently of Kennewick, Wn., will operate the business.

## MUSIC VARIETIES SET FOR NEXT FRIDAY

The third annual Spring Music Varieties, presented by the girls' glee clubs under the direction of Miss Gwendolyn Ross, will be presented in the high school gym at 8 o'clock Friday, April 4. The admission will be children 10c, high school students 25c and adults 35c.

Phyllis Sires will act as accompanist for the musical programs presented in three scenes. The complete program and chorus personnel will be published next week.

### Standard Oil Shows Movies

The Standard Oil Co. of California provided some interesting entertainment at the Hermiston high school Thursday morning. A movie was greatly enjoyed by the students.

## Migrating Time



## GOVERNMENT TO BUILD 83 HOUSES IN CITY LIMITS

### MERCHANTS BUY SITE FOR HOUSES

The long anticipated "boom" struck with full force this week when word was received here that the government had approved construction of approximately 83 houses for families within the city limits of Hermiston. The homes will be for men employed at the site of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot and their families.

The houses will be built on a 15-acre tract of land belonging to Harold Keller at the extreme west end of Hermiston Avenue. A meeting of interested businessmen of the city was held Tuesday evening agreeing to purchase the tract of land for \$1400 from Mr. Keller.

Government agencies had previously approved the project, waiting only for a deed to the government on the land for the project. Contributions by business men soon swelled the total needed for the purchase of the land.

The committee in charge of collecting funds for the purchase of the Keller tract stated Thursday that \$1400 had been deposited in the bank but that several hundred dollars were still needed to complete contributions for that amount. The committee further stated that all merchants and business men contacted had cooperated wholeheartedly and that anyone who had not been reached should leave their donation with F. B. Swayze at the First National Bank.

WPA assurance has been given Mayor F. C. McKenzie that financial assistance will be given the city in running about a half mile 4-inch water main to the building site. Construction on this will begin soon.

Grading roadbed for the railroad system which will gridiron the Umatilla munitions depot has been launched. This grading is begin done by several pieces of heavy road-building equipment, and the initial section begins a short distance east of Munley water tank, and parallels the Union Pacific mainline which runs along the south side of the depot grounds. It will connect with the railroad yards on the depot grounds, which are staked out in Morrow county, only a few rods from the Umatilla county line.

There will be two connections between the depot system and the mainline, one near Munley water tank and the other farther south in the vicinity of Westland.

This grading is the first breaking of ground on the depot itself, but long sections of the highway which will completely surround the depot, have already been graded. This road will be about 25 miles long.

Captain R. C. Williams, in charge of construction, is not ready to predict just when dirt will be broken for the igloo construction, but announces that it will be the next major work launched. Construction of living quarters for both single and married men must first be completed.

## FIGHT CARD SET FOR APRIL 15

The next fight card in Hermiston will be Tuesday, April 15, with Irish John Taylor of Oakland, Calif, meeting R. J. Lewis, sensational negro fighter of Boise, meeting in the finals. These two boys met several weeks ago in a 15-round thriller at Boise and are itching to get back into the squared circle to settle the dispute.

Sammy McCracken of Hermiston will renew his feud with Bob Hayes of Boise in the semi-final bout. These two fighters have fought to previous draws and will attempt to break the tie at the coming card.

The evening's entertainment will be held in the high school gymnasium in cooperation with the Lettermen's club of the school. Several preliminaries will be fought by boys who have been training in gym classes. Also several other professional preliminaries are being lined up.

### H. E. C. To Meet Saturday

The Columbia Grange Home Economics club will sponsor a card party and jitney lunch at the Columbia park hall Saturday night. During the evening an I.E.S. lamp and a toaster will be given away. The public is invited to attend.