

OPENING GAME OF BASEBALL SEASON SET FOR SUNDAY

MISSION INDIANS ENGAGE RED SOX

The first games of the Umatilla county baseball league will be played Sunday afternoon with Hermiston entertaining the Mission Indians on the local diamond, Helix playing at the reservation in Pendleton with a team known as Texaco Chiefs, and Wallula playing at Umatilla. The league of the above six mentioned teams is expected to be well balanced and considerably stronger than last year when Hermiston copped the league banner with a 4-2 victory over Helix at the Fourth of July celebration.

Next week's schedule finds the Hermiston Red Sox traveling to Umatilla, Wallula playing at Texaco Chiefs and Mission at Helix.

Hermiston will be represented by one of the strongest teams in many years with several newcomers available to fill in with the regulars of past years. C. G. Morehouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morehouse of near Hermiston, is expected to start on the mound for the Red Sox. He has shown plenty of speed and control in workouts during the past few weeks and is ready to work for four or five innings. Jim Pfifer, another newcomer but now residing here, will also see some action on the mound. Other twirlers include Fred Rankin, Charles Wilcox and Bob Woodward. Wilcox has looked good in two games with Umatilla and is expected to be ready to go for several innings Sunday.

Behind the plate will be the ever-reliable Bob Woodward, who has vowed to play baseball as long as he can throw and run. He looks forward to one of his best years. The infield is rather uncertain to date. Available are Fred Rankin, "Bucky" Harris, Gerald Keller, Brandon, Soliers and Pfifer.

In the outer gardens there will be Bud Beard, Hartley, Knox, Wilstone, Berry, Micheli and possibly several others. Suits are being given out. The contest will get underway at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

FIRST INJURY OCCURS AT SITE

The first casualty during constructing of the Umatilla Ordnance depot occurred Tuesday night when Bill Laas, Hermiston, was injured by a falling rock and truck accident. Laas was taken immediately to St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where his condition was described as not dangerous Wednesday afternoon.

According to reports Laas was looking out of his truck cab while in reverse and a loose rock from his load dropped on his skull, knocking him unconscious. The truck went out of control and down an embankment not severely damaging it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS CALLS

The Hermiston fire department answered two calls this week. Friday they were called to the E. N. Boynton farm where a turkey brooder house was on fire. One end of the wood structure was quite extensively damaged. Serious trouble was avoided due to the fact that a flock of poulters were awaiting placement in the brooder house.

Wednesday evening a brush fire near the steel bridge west of Hermiston was threatening the wooden plankings. No serious trouble resulted.

EMPLOYMENT HERE SHOWS INCREASE

According to Lynne Black, senior employment officer of the Oregon Employment office here, the personnel of the crew employed at the site of the Umatilla Ordnance depot is gradually increasing. To date 238 men have been put to work and this in addition to the office personnel runs the figure to approximately 400 men and women now employed in and near Hermiston.

Mr. Black has received a call for additional help at Nyssa, Oregon, where beet thinning is now in progress. Camp facilities are available there.

A Cappella Choir to Sing Here April 25



BIDS ASKED FOR MAIL SERVICE TO STANFIELD

Hermiston is at last due for some better mail service. This fact was established this week when the government issued a call for bids on motor car transport from the Hermiston postoffice to the Stanfield train. East bound mail will leave here at 12:00 o'clock and leave Stanfield at 12:57. West bound mail will leave here at 2:45 and leave Stanfield at 3:40. This, in addition to the regular night train through Hermiston, gives local patronizers three services.

Bids for the service should be filed with W. E. Logan, postmaster, not later than Thursday, April 24.

BREAK IN 'A' LINE CAUSES DAMAGE

A break occurred in the A line Tuesday night on the west end of the J. H. Reid place in the Columbia district. The cause appears to be due to a gopher hole in a high part of the bank. About 20 feet of the canal line was washed out.

No damage was caused on the Reid land due to a blue grass sod which prevented washing, but considerable damage was reported on the 20-acre place formerly owned by H. E. Boylen but now owned by Mr. Anderson. The bank was restored Wednesday but it will require several days for concrete to dry sufficiently to permit a head of water in the canal.

Due to the break in the line there will be no irrigation in the city of Hermiston this week. However, in all probability, the regular schedule will be resumed next week.

"Radio Louie" Has Rare Coin

Inspired by an item appearing in last week's Herald, L. M. White this week displayed a piece of paper money which was dated 1874. Wm. M. Meredith, secretary-treasurer, was probably responsible for the issuing of the "shin plaster" as it was known in those days. The date appearing beneath his name was 1849, indicating that the authorization for the money dated some time back.

TREAT IN STORE FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Music lovers will be afforded a rare opportunity on Friday evening, April 25, at the Hermiston Methodist church, when the Pacific University A Cappella Choir of Forest Grove, Ore., will present a concert.

This will be one of the few stops on the choir's tour of Eastern Oregon and western Idaho.

There are 36 voices in the choir which is under the direction of B. Ellsworth Harris. Twenty of the members are girls and the remainder boys. They will give a concert that is well balanced between sacred, semi-classical and spirituals. Two groups will feature a ladies' trio and a male quartet.

No admission will be charged but a free-will offering will be taken to defray their travelling expenses. The public is cordially invited to hear this fine singing organization.

RUSSIAN REFUGEE TO SPEAK HERE

Peter Varonaeff, 24-year-old son of a Russian minister, will speak at the Hermiston Central Church of Christ next Tuesday evening, April 22. He will outline some of the horrors he endured as a missionary's son which he describes as a living hell.

He will tell of the misery and privation that he and his people have gone through in Soviet Russia. Mr. Varonaeff comes well recommended and citizens of Hermiston are cordially invited to hear him.

MC KENZIE RESIGNS FIREMEN POST

Mayor F. C. McKenzie, who among the many other position he holds in civic affairs, has been a fireman for the past 32 years but decided this week to retire. During much of that time he has served as secretary of the group. Mr. McKenzie has taken an active part in the affairs of the city firemen and will be greatly missed. A new city fireman has been elected to fill the vacancy.

DR. W. M. MARBUT REPORTS TUESDAY FOR ARMY SERVICE

Dr. W. Martin Marbut, practicing physician of Hermiston for several years, will leave Friday to report to Barnes General Hospital at Vancouver for a year's service as an army physician. Dr. Marbut is on the reserve list and received his orders last week that he must report April 19, 1941.

Mrs. Marbut will accompany him to Vancouver but will return immediately. The family will remain in Hermiston until school is out and then will probably move to Vancouver.

Dr. Marbut's office will be temporarily closed but it is expected that a physician will be obtained to continue the practice here during Dr. Marbut's absence.

TROOP COMMITTEE ORGANIZES HERE

The new local Troop Committee of the Boy Scouts met Tuesday evening, April 15, in Dr. F. B. Belt's office for the purpose of organization. Stearns Cushing, Jr., was elected chairman of the new committee.

After a discussion of its functions and responsibilities, the following committee chairmen were appointed: Organization, C. J. Jackson; Advancement, Health and Safety, Sergeant R. A. McLain and Mel Follett; Finance and Publicity, H. Money and the chairman of the Troop Committee.

Plans are being prepared for an overnight Camperino for training the boys in the art of camping, especially in selecting the right equipment.

Those present were C. J. Jackson, Al Quiring, Harold Thompson, Mel Follett, Sergeant R. A. McLain, H. Money, Stearns Cushing Jr., and the scoutmaster, Julius Gimble. George Harkenrider, the other committeeman, was unable to be present. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13.

P. U. D. DISTRICT DISCUSSED HERE BY BONNEVILLE MAN

FINAL PETITIONS NEEDED FOR VOTE

A meeting of those interested in establishing a West Umatilla people's utility district, which is proposed to cover the cities of Echo, Hermiston, Stanfield and Umatilla, was held in the office of the Farm Bureau mill at Hermiston Wednesday afternoon. Present was Morton Tompkins, representative of the Bonneville administration, who explained in detail the recent recommendation of the state hydro-electric commission which eliminated that section in Morrow county which included the cities of Irrigon and Boardman. This territory was originally proposed as part of the utility district.

Most of the territory which the commission excluded from the P.U.D. already is being served by the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, which operates a rural electrification administration project. "The commission," the report states, "can see no advantage to the cooperative association or to the proposed people's utility district in having the area served by this cooperative included within the P.U.D."

Echo, Hermiston, Stanfield and Umatilla and some adjacent rural territory are now served by the Pacific Power & Light company. The P.U.D. proposes, in case it is voted by the people of this territory, to buy these facilities and use Bonneville power. As recommended by the commission, the district would have a population of 3,940, an assessed valuation of \$2,746,203 and 880 electric customers.

The P.U.D.'s investment would be \$195,171, requiring payments of \$7,800 annually for the first four years and \$12,201 a year for the next 26 years. The money would be paid by bonds, which would be retired from the sale of power.

It was stated at the meeting Wednesday that the first step would be to get sufficient signatures for the final petition which calls for an election on the P. U. D. and also a board of directors. Providing this step was taken immediately, the election would come either the latter part of June or early in July.

NEGRO WINS BY KO ON TUESDAY CARD

R. J. Lewis, Boise middleweight, proved too strong for Irish Johnny Taylor in Tuesday's fight card at the high school. The negro showed lots of class and kayoed his opponent in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round affair.

In a six-round semi-final, Sammy McCracken of Hermiston and Bobby Hayes, Boise, fought to their third consecutive draw in recent months. Sammy was out-weighted five pounds but had much the better of the battle through most of the six rounds.

In the special event Marino and Bayne fought to a draw. Burns won over Blackwell and Sherrill, Boise, kayoed Neill of Hermiston in the other preliminaries. Neill was out-weighted by several pounds but put up a game fight.

The high school preliminaries went as follows: Edwards vs. Hugg, draw; Allen vs. Parker, draw; Ellwood decided Dodge; Wilson vs. Roberts, draw; Attebury vs. Bradshaw, draw; Tiller decided Dyer, and Dodge defeated Buell.

GOLFERS GO TO CONDON SUNDAY

The Hermiston golf team will journey to Condon Sunday for an inter-city match. The jaunt to Condon is always looked forward to by local golfers as both the entertainment and competition is always enjoyed there.

Bud Beard, tournament chairman, urges that all golfers who can make the trip notify him at the Hermiston Trading Co.

Garden Club To Elect
Nominations for new officers will be in order during the meeting of the Hermiston Garden club Friday, April 18, in the basement of the library. The time has been set at 2:30, according to Mrs. B. A. Doyle, publicity chairman. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

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