

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Struthers visited in Pendleton Sunday and motored from there to Walla Walla with friends.

Maurice Caldwell, on 3-day leave from Ft. Lewis at the conclusion of the northwest maneuvers, spent the week-end at the Bob Woodward home. He planned to return here Wednesday to spend a 10-day furlough, granted the men of the 1st division at the termination of the year's service for which they signed, but which has now been extended indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swearingen (Arlida Foster) visited here Sunday with her mother and brother, Mrs. Grace Foster and Mark. They also visited Mr. Swearingen's parents in Irrigon and returned to their home in Seattle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rand and Mr. and Mrs. Batie Rand and sons of Irrigon were Sunday dinner guests at the Foster home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garberding attended the annual States Day picnic at Prosser Monday and visited relatives and friends at Sunnyside and Grandview.

Mrs. W. H. Instone of Lena was a Sunday visitor at the home of her brother, Bob Woodward. Mr. Instone, in Hermiston on business, visited Saturday evening at the Woodward home.

Myrtle Caldwell accompanied Ben O'Connor on a business trip to John Day Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Voyle made a trip to Portland Sunday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLouth and children of Boardman visited Tuesday at the W. R. Struthers home.

Mrs. Pete Catric and Mrs. A. H. Cable and children spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Cable's mother, Mrs. W. A. Mikesell.

Mrs. Glenn Smith and son, Herald, of Pilot Rock, were guests at the A. H. Cable home last Thursday night and attended the fair Friday, with Harold taking part in the judging.

Frank Ackerman of Boardman was a dinner guest at the Joe Udey home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer made a business trip to Spokane and Grand Coulee during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Van Schoiack (Jo Ellen Moppis) and small son, Larry Gale, have been visiting here with her mother, Mrs. Duane Lathrop and family. Sunday afternoon the Van Schoiacks and Lathrops called at the Graybeal home in Umatilla. Mrs. Lathrop, who has been confined to her home for some time because of ill health, has been feeling a slight improvement in recent weeks and enjoyed the outing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Stone came from Lebanon Wednesday of last week and Mrs. Stone visited at the home of her brother, A. H. Cable, while Mr. Stone attended the Trapper's convention at Emigrant Springs during the week-end.

Mrs. Forest Moore spent Tuesday in Walla Walla.

Elmer Ryland is quite improved after a recent illness.

Rodney Rogers, who has been at the home of his parents the past few weeks, has returned to his teaching duties at Pilot Rock.

The regular Wednesday evening meetings of the Townsend club are being held at the Udey home, until the new hall is completed enough for use. It is expected that the roofing will be completed this week, weather permitting.

Along the Diagonal: The young folks bringing home the district's share of prizes from the fair . . . the H. M. Sommerer's doing their part with the best and only farm display and picking up a few other ribbons here and there in the exhibits . . . and the Jendrzejewski's seem to "know their stuff" about cabbages, cucumbers, peppers and onions . . . Mrs. Udey's country garden flowers holding their own with the city cousins . . . and for pointers on raising egg-plant see A. H. Cable . . . another prominent name in the prize lists was that of David Dufur . . . yes, the Columbia district "went to town" at the fair.

FAIR PARADE IS WELL RECEIVED

A large sized crowd was on hand Saturday morning for the annual Umatilla county fair parade. Due to the extremely busy season the parade was not quite up to standard of former years but far exceeded last minute expectations. The appearance of the Roundup queen, the Pendleton Mustangs, the Walla Walla Farmerettes, the Pendleton Braden-Bell Tractor and Equipment Co. and several other groups greatly added to the occasion.

The Baker and Pendleton drum and bugle corps, in addition to the Hermiston high school band, furnished music.

Award winners in the floats were in this order: Inland Cooperative, Braden-Bell Tractor & Equipment Co., Cooperative Laundry and Cannery and West End Grocery. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Myrick were named the best dressed couple on horseback. Dewey Keller won first in the children's division and others were awarded lesser awards.

MANY STUDENTS REGISTER EARLY TO GAIN ADMITTANCE

NEW RECORD HIGH MARK ESTABLISHED

An article in a recent issue of the Herald stating that the Hermiston high school would be a busy place Tuesday, September 2, ran true to schedule. The building was jammed to capacity from early in the morning to closing time. According to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen 788 students were registered during the day. This is compared to the total enrollment of 487 last year. The total enrollment to Thursday noon sets the figure at 1101 and it is expected that late signers will run the total to 1200.

Word had spread from house to house that those registering early would be preferred in admittance and parents and students were not taking any chances. A lineup was waiting at the school door before 8:00 o'clock. Registration was in order for both high and grade school students.

Mr. Kersbergen stated Thursday that high school students who hold registration numbers under 50 should report for school Monday morning.

Just what solution will be made to the problem has as yet not been decided. One thing is certain, however, that more space, more teachers, more books, more desks and more money will be necessary to handle the extra students. School authorities are spending many sleepless nights in an effort to find some solution.

Word of financial aid from the government is awaited daily. Numerous indications have been received and it is thought that it is only a matter of time until the "ship arrives." Just what steps will be taken next Monday morning when school opens depends largely upon word from Washington, D. C. Extra teachers and extra space have been arranged for, lacking only financial support in order to get operations underway.

GRID PROSPECTS PROMISING WITH LARGE TURNOUT

Followers of the gridiron sport in Hermiston are predicting a bright year for Coach Ray Critchfield's stalwarts. For the first time in many years, the Bulldogs will be able to muster a team which will compare favorably in weight with opposing teams. The tentative backfield, in particular, has gained approximately 20 pounds over last year.

A record turnout greeted Coaches Critchfield and Weber Tuesday afternoon with enthusiasm prevalent among the large crowd. Considerable new equipment has been issued.

The first game on the Bulldog schedule is September 18 at Walla Walla where they tangle with the B aggregation. A return contest will be played here at a later date.

PORTLAND OFFICE ASKS FOR BIDS ON TRAILER CAMP

PORTLAND, ORE., September 3—Walter A. Duffy, regional farm security administration director, said Wednesday that bids would be opened September 9 on construction of a 100-family trailer park at Stanfield. The park, authorized by Defense Housing Coordinator C. F. Palmer, will provide utilities and sanitary facilities for defense workers on the Umatilla army ordnance depot.

Duffy further stated the authorization came after repeated requests from Hermiston and surrounding communities for increased housing, sewage and water facilities to care for the hundreds of defense workers flooding into the area.

The Pacific northwest's first emergency housing project was completed last month at Bremerton, Wn.

NEW DOCTOR TO OPEN OFFICES

Dr. Stewart S. Merrill, who has practiced for a number of years at Walla, has purchased the Mrs. N. W. Bloom residence and will open a practice there about October 1. Dr. Merrill plans to remodel the interior of the building into a modern office and reception room. He will be assisted by Mrs. Merrill as nurse.

Dr. Merrill has spent some time in Hermiston during the past few weeks and has decided to locate here permanently.

JACK SMITH NOW MARRIED MAN

Jack Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and known as the Hermiston crooner, recently advised his parents by telegram that he had taken unto himself a bride. The announcement read as follows: Mrs. Robert Carson Davis announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen Madge Davis, to Jack Harold Smith, Saturday, August 30, at St. Louis, Mo.

Jack's many local friends wish him and his new bride the best of luck.

Wallowa Labor Day Trip Enjoyed
The Misses Evelyn Carlson, Pearl Harris, Mary Purdham, Sybil Howell, Esther McMullen and Marion Pierce spent from Saturday till Monday at Wallowa. They are all employed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot.

JOHN A. CLARKE TRANSFERRED TO SUNNYSIDE, WASH.

John A. Clarke, manager of the Hermiston Light & Power Co. and for the past few years of Pacific Power & Light Co., this week received notice of his transfer to Sunnyside, Washington. The change becomes effective as soon as suitable living quarters can be established. Mr. Clarke, who is out of town attending the funeral services of his mother-in-law, could not be reached for a statement before press time.

Mr. Clarke came to Hermiston 11 years ago from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, when he became associated with the old Hermiston Light & Power Co. He continued as manager when P. P. & L. purchased the interests of the old company several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and family will be greatly missed in the community. Mr. Clarke has always taken an active part in community affairs and for many years has served as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Central Church of Christ where he has served in many capacities.

Ethel and Maribelle Clarke are prominent in school affairs, both being members of the high school band. Mrs. Clarke has been quite active in P.T.A. functions during the past few years.

No information was available before going to press as to who the new manager here will be. It is expected that he will be announced in the very near future.

DUCK PIN ALLEY TO OPEN SOON

The duck pin alley, now under construction in the new Morgan building, will open for business some time next week, according to LeRoy R. Bailey, owner, who has spent the past few weeks working on the job. He states that when completed he will have six of the finest alleys in the northwest.

Definite announcement concerning the alleys will be released next week.

Brownsons Return From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brownson returned Friday from a week's visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vardyn Buchanan at Corvallis. The Buchanans are recent proud parents of a baby boy. While in Corvallis Mr. Brownson suffered an attack of flu so the group did not make a contemplated trip to the beaches.

NORTH MORROW COUNTY FAIR IS SLATED SEPT. 19-20

Premium lists for the North Morrow county fair will be mailed out next week, according to Mrs. Minnie McFarland, secretary of the board of directors. The annual show will be held Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, at Irrigon, the home of watermelons.

Other officers of the association are: Russell Miller, president; Leola Tannehill, treasurer; Bob Berger, Adeline Baker and Mae Morrison, directors. The fair features an excellent 4-H demonstration Friday and a day of sports, Saturday. The dance Saturday night, September 20, will wind up the activities.

Exhibits must be entered and in place not later than 1:00 p. m. Friday. This year also includes poultry. Further information on the show will be published next week.

HOP PICKERS IN DEMAND LOCALLY

Notwithstanding the serious shortage of labor in many parts of the country, Hermiston has a similar situation all of its own. L. W. Dixon & Son of the Columbia district are in dire need of additional pickers to harvest their bumper crop this year. Rains of the past week haven't helped matters and some concern is felt unless additional help can be obtained.

The picking of late hops will start the first of the week. Mr. Dixon stated this week that that he will furnish free transportation to anyone who wants to pick hops.

DR. W. M. MARBUT LEASES PRACTICE

Dr. I. C. Bohlman, of Walla Walla, Wash., will open a practice in the Dr. W. M. Marbut location the first of the week. Dr. Marbut, who is serving a year as a reserve officer, will return to Hermiston at the expiration of the year's period which falls on April 19, 1942.

Dr. Bohlman comes to Hermiston well recommended. He is a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists of Los Angeles and served his internship at the Portland Sanitarium. Dr. Bohlman will move his family to Hermiston as soon as he finds living quarters.

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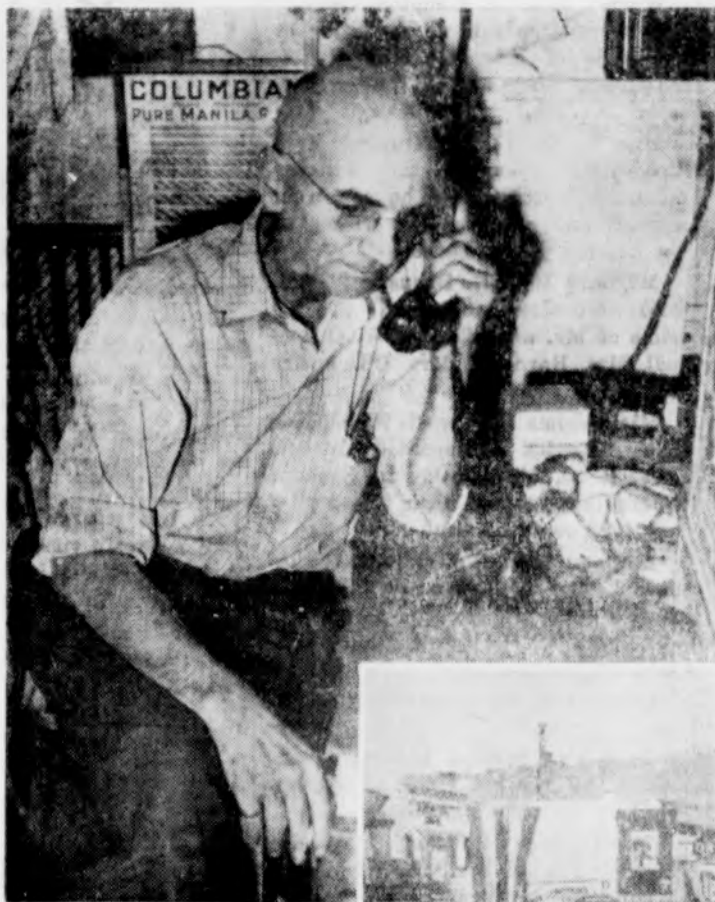
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Portland Oregon Journal Features "Hot Spot" of Northwest



PROSPERITY SWAMPS HERMISTON—With a \$12,000,000 ordnance depot construction job, a million-dollar-a-month payroll, and 10,000 extra people dumped into its vicinity, this Eastern Oregon agricultural town of 800 is dazed by the war boom. Left—Mayor F. C. McKenzie, town's principal hardware merchant, takes time out from business to work on some tough city problems. Right—A group of Hermiston's 5000 ordnance depot workers pour concrete for one of 1000 munitions igloos. Below—Workers' cars jam Main street day and night while owners seek recreation and supplies.

—Photos by Ralph Vincent, Journal staff.

—Cut Courtesy Oregon Journal

UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM WINNERS LISTED

ENTRIES FAIL TO MATCH LAST YEAR

The Umatilla county fair closed Saturday night with a gala dance which featured Eddie Gipson and his 13-piece orchestra. The attendance during the two days was considerably below expectations.

Below is a list of premium winners in both the general and 4-H divisions:

General display—Elsie Dawson, first; Mrs. B. J. Natic, second. Dwarf zinnias, Mrs. Earl R. Burnett, first; Elsie Dawson, second. Best marigolds, Hazel Carson, first; Mrs. Todd, second. Best display roses, Mrs. R. C. McReynolds, first. Giant zinnias, Mrs. T. A. O'Grady, Mrs. Todd, Best aster, Mrs. J. Udey, Elsie Dawson. Fantasy and scabiosa type, Ray Temple, Stanfield, Mrs. Udey. Artistic arrangement, Mrs. Koon, Mrs. Belt. Best miniature arrangement, Mrs. A. H. Norton, Mrs. Bracher.

In the individual farm exhibit Mrs. H. M. Sommerer with the only exhibit. Westland grange with no competition won first in that division. John Jendrzejewski won first on cabbage, cucumbers, pickling cucumbers, onions peppers and largest onion; Jim Bense, Umatilla, first on popcorn; A. H. Cable, egg plant; netted gem potatoes, David Dufur, Doryce Dufur; largest cucumber, Charles Seeliger; largest bunch grapes, H. M. Sommerer; largest tomato, H. M. Sommerer.

Open class dairy cattle winners were:

Miscellaneous 3-year dairy cow: Earl Barber, Stanfield, first; Wayne Barber, Stanfield, second.

Miscellaneous heifer under one year: Irene Hunt, Hermiston; first: Wilbur Hunt, Hermiston, second; Gordon Shown, Hermiston, third.

Miscellaneous heifer under six months: Billy Gilbert, Hermiston, first; Jim Hogg, Stanfield, second; and Delmar Van Arsdale, Hermiston, third.

Jersey cow over 4; F. H. Reex, Irrigon, first; H. R. Hartley, Hermiston, second; H. R. Hartley, Hermiston, third.

Jersey cow under 4, over 3: W. F. Nelson, Walla Walla, first; Leslie McClubbins, Touchet, second.

Jersey cow over 2, under 3: W. F. Nelson, Walla Walla, first; Leslie McClubbins, Touchet, second and third.

Jersey senior heifer not in milk: W. F. Nelson, Walla Walla, first.

Jersey junior heifer not in milk: Lois Wagner, Umapine, first; Leslie McClubbins, Touchet, second, W. F. Nelson, Walla Walla, third.

Jersey heifer under 1 year, over 6 months: Dulcinea Panages, Hermiston, first; Leslie McClubbins, Touchet, second, W. F. Nelson, third.

Jersey heifer six months or under: W. F. Nelson, first; Leslie McClubbins, second, Lois Wagner, third.

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