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PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR WINNING YEAR ON MAPLE COURT

LARGE TURNOUT GREET COACHES

"We are going to have a pretty fair ball club," stated Coach Ray E. Critchfield Tuesday as his proteges were going through a stiff workout in the high school gym. One of the largest basketball turnouts in history greeted Coaches Critchfield and Weber this week and considerable weeding will be necessary to reduce the squad to a workable size. Two teams will represent the Bulldogs in most dates line-up to date, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen, who is handling the game schedule.

Mr. Critchfield's "pretty fair" estimate is interpreted by most fans to mean that Hermiston will have an exceptionally strong quintet this year. Five lettermen reported for practice, namely Lowell Tiller, Ray Holloman, Lester Wilcox, Gene Miller and Irvin Null. This group will be augmented by such hopefuls as Bert Cullen, of football fame, Francis Foss, Owen McCracken, Jerry Coxen, Bob Miller, Bill Bucknum, Kenneth Ellwood, Carl Longhorn and Jim Naughten. Besides this squad there are at least 30 others turning out and it will be a scrap for recognition in the next few weeks.

Due to the fact that the first game is just a week away, Pasco here next Tuesday, Coaches Critchfield and Weber are drilling the boys extra hard. A fair percentage of the group are in fine fettle following a successful football campaign and need little conditioning. However, stated Mr. Critchfield, the boys are having some difficulty forgetting that they are not on the gridiron and seem pretty rough in their maneuvers.

The following schedule has been announced by Supt. Kersbergen with most dates calling for action of both A and B squads: November 25 Pasco here; Nov. 29, Kennewick there; December 3, Pendleton here; December 5, Helix there; December 13, Heppner here; December 17, Pasco there; December 19, Pilot Rock there; January 2, Mac Hi here; January 8, Irrigon there; January 9, Pilot Rock here; January 13, Helix here; January 16, Heppner there; January 27, Mac High there; January 31, Kennewick here; February 3, Irrigon here; February 11, Pendleton there.

In addition to this schedule of 16 games, approximately four more will be arranged. The district playoff will be held February 15 to 20.

ALMOST, BUT NOT QUITE, SO STORK ARRIVES IN AUTO

A bright future is predicted for the newly-born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Buhmann of Hermiston. At least the future should hold a considerable amount of travel for the little tot. All this because she was born while enroute to Pendleton last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buhmann started for Pendleton in their own car, but tire trouble forced them to abandon it. A helpful relative loaned them the use of an automobile which developed engine trouble before reaching their destination.

The stork, refusing to wait any longer paid a hurried visit with "Dr." Buhmann as attending physician. All three, the little baby, mother and father are reported as getting along nicely.

PROGRAM PLANNED FOR CHRISTMAS

Choral groups at the high school are busy these days rehearsing for the annual Christmas program to be held this year on December 18, according to G. C. Humphreys, director. Five choral organizations and one instrumental group will participate.

The high school band has established quite a record with its performances during the past month and it will be the goal of the glee clubs to uphold this standard.

Be Ye Thankful

Thankfulness means a sense of gratitude for things that have eased our way of life and a willingness to express it. We may also be thankful that we may have been spared unfortunate circumstances and be glad that even in our depths we may look upwards with that eternal hope that is so closely akin to gratitude to the Giver of all. With thankfulness and hope we are able to appreciate the blessings and rise above the obstacles.

Suppose we do as some and assume the attitude of ingratitude. They have no spirit of thankfulness for the thousand and one things that should brighten their lives and seem to attempt to impersonate Old Scrooge. Just try it once and make yourself sour, mean and unappreciative, and get a real experience in the devil's way of existence.

Perhaps most of us cannot do this, but there are a few, and to these we ask that you forget the high spirit of thankfulness, the grace of gratitude, love of your fellow man, and try to be just so mean, miserable and selfish that the gates of hell cannot keep you out. Then in the depths of your self imposed corruption and weariness of evil doing, look about for that grain of mustard of faith, listen to the tones of hope—for they are everywhere.

Try to touch the wings of gratitude (for it is omnipresent) and slowly, perhaps, from such a dismal conception, you will begin to realize that thankfulness is the road to God. Take a thought of all the beauties of living in a world supplied with all the blessings for mind, body and soul which the Creator has left at your own doorstep and you will have true thankfulness.

—E.P.D.

LOCAL CITIZENS ASKED TO REGISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT

All residents of the Hermiston vicinity interested in employment should register at the Hermiston office or renew their cards, Don Robbins, manager of the Pendleton and Hermiston offices of the Oregon State Employment Service, said today.

Robbins urged that the Employment Service be supplied with the addresses and telephone numbers of those eligible for work. He pointed out that whereas the employment peak at the J. A. Terteling job had passed, the supply of outside labor had ceased and that re-hiring to take care of the turnover for the remainder of the job would depend upon local workers. Those interested in part-time work as turkey picking should also register.

"We are very anxious to build up a file of local workers who will be available throughout the winter and for an expected up-swing of employment next spring at which time the roads will be oiled and other finish work will be done at the Umatilla (Continued on Last Page)

4-H YOUNGTERS PRESENTED PINS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

About 125 4-H club members, parents and leaders attended an achievement meeting in the basement of the Methodist church at Hermiston on November 13. Mr. J. A. Yeager, county school superintendent, presented the first year pins to all those who had completed their first year's project. Mr. Yeager pointed out the benefits from 4-H club work and encouraged club members for next year to continue their club work and to assist their parents in fulfilling the "Food for Defense" goals as set up for the county and nation. The balance of the achievement pins were presented by Miss Frances Clinton, Home Demonstration Agent, and Gene Lear, the Assistant County Agent. Those who were given completion awards were as follows:

First year: Marianne Winsted, Mary Upton, Mary Doherty, Lillian Canfield, Dena Casper, Florence Andrews, Ruth Jones, Margaret Kinney, Betty Goff, Iva Sutton, LaVerne Colpitts, Millicent Putney, Diane Putney (Continued on Page Two)

WORK TAPERS OFF AT ORDNANCE SITE DURING PAST WEEK

ENTIRE PROJECT IS NOW 88% COMPLETE

Work at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot is gradually reaching the completion stage with only the loose ends needing final attention. With the major portion of construction, the building of 1000 igloos, out of the way, the crew has been reduced to 2200 workers, including both field and administration employees. Major Harry R. Schuppner, constructing quartermaster, stated Tuesday that the work from here on would consist mainly of minor details.

The past week saw the final igloo waterproofed and backfilled with the installation of large steel doors as the final step. Approximately 400 doors have been set into position at the present time and the remainder will be installed as fast as they arrive. Only Block 5 has been totally completed and turned over to Major Ralph Cook Scott, in command of the ordnance work. As time goes on, Major Scott will take over the duties of the various fields as they are completed. It is thought that these operations will run well into January.

Of interest at the present time is the installation of a lighting system which will surround the entire project. Lights and reflectors will be so placed that they will illuminate a good portion of the territory just outside the fence but a guard on post inside the fence will not be visible from the outside. In addition to this a regular boulevard of light poles are being installed along the major driveways inside the project.

Some statistics dealing with the percent of completion follow: railroads, 78 per cent complete, or a total of 24 miles; highways are all gravelled and useable but will not be oiled until next spring; sewage disposal 44 per cent; the entire project is calculated to be 88 per cent complete. Considerable effort is now being pushed on the administration buildings and permanent residences for officers of the ordnance department.

New lieutenants who have reported recently for duty with the permanent organization are Lt. Robert T. Barnes signal corps, and Lt. John C. Vaughan. Also due to arrive soon is Lt. Walter Noland who will report sometime in December. Major Scott is busy acquainting himself with the project. His duties will increase just as rapidly as those of Major Schuppner decrease.

It was stated on the project Tuesday that at the present time no new additions have been made to the original contract and that no other work was in sight at the present time. The positions on the various crews now seem to be well filled with sufficient men available in all departments. This was interpreted to mean that workers who are remaining in this region with the hope of more employment immediately should seek greener pastures elsewhere.

U.S.O. PROJECT PROVES POPULAR WITH YOUNGSTERS

The past week has seen steady increases in attendance at the reclamation building where the U.S.O., in cooperation with W.P.A. recreation set-up is sponsoring a recreational program which is proving popular with youngsters of the community. However, in addition to the younger group, many parents are taking advantage of facilities offered.

A sewing program has been organized with classes every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 2:00 o'clock. Various organizations cooperating are the Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star and Ladies' Aids of the Methodist and Central Church of Christ.

Handicraft classes are being held every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 and 7:30. Wood burning is proving popular with these groups, several of the youngsters making Christmas presents for their friends.

RED CROSS QUOTA SEEMS ASSURED

Mrs. F. E. Belt, chairman of the local drive for Red Cross funds, stated Wednesday the cooperation of local townspeople had been almost 100%. The Eastern Star has been in charge of the Hermiston campaign.

Mrs. Belt is anxious to complete the drive in order that all funds may be turned in to the county chairman as soon as possible.

Townsend Club To Meet

An important meeting of the Townsend club will be held at the pavilion Tuesday, November 25, at 8:00 p.m., according to Mrs. Joe Udey. All members are requested to be present and the public is welcome. Important bulletins and flashes from Washington, D. C., will be read.

JEEPERS! LARGE UNEARTHED BONE CAUSES CONCERN

The comely stenographers and office girls at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot are hearing all kinds of tales following the discovery of a portion of a prehistoric skeleton of undetermined origin by construction crews on the job Sunday. The large bone, over three feet in length and weighing 70 pounds, was scooped from the bottom a concrete aggregate pit by a power shovel. The girls are no little worried for fear of future developments.

The bone, a drumstick, is in excellent state of preservation without being petrified despite the fact that it has certainly been several thousand years since such mammals roamed this region. Smaller bones have also been discovered by amateur geologists early this week.

The pit in which the bone was discovered has yielded approximately 1 1/2 million yards of concrete aggregate and is 25 feet deep, 1500 feet long and 1000 feet wide. Speculation as to the origin of the bone has been widespread. Some claim that this type of animal dates back to the ice age while others claim that animals of this size roamed this region many years later. J. B. Perry, local farmer residing near the depot, claims that jack rabbits of that size were plentiful many years ago.

The object of concern, which has been labeled "bone of contention", has been placed in the office of Major Harry R. Schuppner, constructing quartermaster. It later will be turned over to some Oregon society interested in its study.

Let Us Give Thanks



TOWN BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES BEGUN

Practice sessions for the Hermiston Townies were begun this week with a fair sized turnout. Another practice has been set for Friday night in the high school gymnasium. Although it is a little early to make predictions as to the strength of the organization, it is thought that a fairly strong combination will be assembled.

A schedule for the coming season is now being arranged. It is possible that a league composed of Irrigon, Boardman, Umatilla, Hermiston and Stanfield may be formed. A meeting to discuss such a league will be held in the near future.

CHECK ARTISTS ARE PAROLED

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bell, who several months ago were arrested here after they had passed several bogus checks, Saturday were given a parole by Circuit Judge C. L. Sweek in Pendleton after serving a greater portion of a 90-day sentence.

They had pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.