



PORTLAND, DEC. 4—In introducing this weekly column to readers of The Herald we should, once again, like to emphasize this fact: The comments and news will be written exactly as we see and find them. Our political comments will be strictly non-partisan on all subjects, from candidates to taxes. The writer knows it is impossible to please everyone, and we do not intend trying to do so. But we intend to give the very best news column each week that we can write—"hewing the log at all times, and letting the chips fall where they may." Any columnist always gets his share of brickbats—once in a while a bouquet. Hence, we don't expect to be an exception to the rule when it comes to passing out the bricks.

A paragraph of this weekly column will be devoted to "Those who come and go." They may be your townsfolk who are visiting the "big city" on business or other matters. Names always make news. So much for the introduction of this weekly feature. We sincerely hope you will enjoy reading it in each issue of The Herald.

The executive committee of the Republican state organization met last week in Portland and unanimously voted to hire Carl Moser, who has been state adjutant of the American Legion for the past 19 years and who resigned his Legion post to take up his new duties December 1. The politically wise men sitting on the sidelines saw a very clever political move in the election of Mr. Moser to this important job, which was engineered in large part by Neal Allen, Republican state chairman, and also very prominent in Legion affairs. The inside story on Mr. Moser's election to the post of executive secretary, so the political prophets say, is to help Earl Snell in his race for governor. Snell also is a prominent, active Legionaire and a real buddy of Messrs. Allen and Moser. The politicians say it looks like the Sprague men were caught fast asleep when this deal was put over. Mr. Moser will travel over the entire state, doing spade work and pepping up the county organizations. And, incidentally, the very able Mr. Moser is in a sweet position to do spade work for others at the same time.

It seems that some labor leaders in Oregon are doing their level best to wipe out all the advantages and gains made by labor during the past eight years. A case in point is the Mount Angel cooperative creamery, one of the largest and oldest co-ops in the state, owned in its entirety by close to 3,500 farmers, all milk producers. A short time ago an attempt was made by the unions to organize this co-op, which the employees rejected by a vote of 45 to 3. This creamery sells well over one million pounds of its butter to a large distributing firm in Portland, which is over one-half of its annual output. When the employees by their vote refused to join the union, the union slapped on the secondary boycott by threatening a strike against the distributing firm if they handled or sold any of the Mount Angel butter. And then they wonder why the people passed the anti-picketing bill by over 50,000 votes a couple of years ago. Another like measure, prohibiting secondary boycotts, will be on the state ballot next year, and we wonder if the union leaders will be surprised if the people also pass it.

THOSE WHO COME AND GO—Jack Pearce of La Grande here to visit the exalted ruler of the Elks and to attend a meeting of the state board of watch repairmen; Pearce is a member of the board. . . . Carl Engdahl, the big wheatman and legislator from Pendleton, looks things over. . . . Also Eva Nelson, now Mrs. C. Henry Shold, and her mother here to say hello. . . . Jack Allen and his Mrs drop in on their way back from the Kiwanis convention. . . . Howard Turner, the banker from Madras and former lawmaker, checks up on the money situation. . . . J. J. Tobin of Newport, big shot Republican king-maker and hotel man, attends the Republican executive committee huddle. . . . Lowell Stockman of Pendleton moves around shaking hands with all after he resigned from the liquor commission and getting ready to run for congress. . . . Senator Rex Ellis, his home townsman, wishes him luck. . . . John Arthur, from Baker, here to talk mining. . . . and Senator W. H. Strayer, dean of the state senate, now serving his 24th consecutive year, talks a little politics with the

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TURKEY PICKING IN FULL SWING NOW AT LOCAL PLANT

BETTER PRICE IS IN PROSPECT NOW

About the only concern in Hermiston which is not feeling a drop in volume following the boom days is the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers. This place of establishment is seething with activity these days with thousands of turkeys being killed weekly for far away markets.

The Christmas pool began Monday and will continue until December 14, according to John Jendrzejewski, association president. Birds in this pool will be used for the Christmas market. The large crew of workers Wednesday was filling the seventh ear of the present picking season. Plant operations are running along smoothly, according to C. A. Flanagan, manager.

One of the nicest shipments in recent years was made Tuesday when a carload of straight hens was shipped to Los Angeles for the Christmas trade. The birds were practically all prime. Harold Rankin, local grower who is handling the grading duties this year, states that the birds seem to be in fine condition this year. Growers are somewhat encouraged with the price which is from five to six cents higher than 1940. However, a greater share of this extra price will be taken up by increased feed prices which growers had to pay this year. Nevertheless, the situation is quite promising and for the first time in recent years the growers seem to be quite satisfied with the results.

Mrs. Julia Penney, paymaster at the plant, states that the workers are making fair wages this year. Turkey picking is always looked forward to by many of the farm women in this neighborhood. It gives them a chance to pick up some spare dollars and at the same time to get a little "vacation" from the tedious ranch chores.

RED CROSS DRIVE COMPLETED HERE

A sum of a little over \$400 was raised in Hermiston during the recent Red Cross drive, according to Mrs. F. B. Belt, chairman. Mrs. Belt and her committee wishes to thank the citizens of Hermiston for their cooperation.

Many of the firms on Main street are displaying 100% emblems. No report has been forthcoming of the drive throughout the county.

Federal Veterinarian Transferred

Dr. Ralph Torney, federal veterinarian, who has been testing cattle in Umatilla county for Bangs disease and tuberculosis, has been temporarily transferred to Baker county in order to finish up a large amount of testing work in that county before the end of this month. Dr. Torney plans to return here when this job has been finished.

TUBERCULIN TEST OFFERED FREE TO HERMISTON PUPILS

Tuberculosis is the great scourge of youth. It is the first cause of death in the age group 15-45 years. Although the death rate is rapidly declining in the United States there are about half a million Americans suffering from active tuberculosis. It is a common disease, present in all states in the union. Five new patients entered the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital from Umatilla county this month—two from the Hermiston-Umatilla district.

Many people have a fear of tuberculosis which is totally unjustified by the facts. To free this land from tuberculosis a well informed citizenry is needed. These are the facts you should know about tuberculosis:

1. Tuberculosis is caused by a germ—the tubercle bacillus. Infection is usually the result of contact with a person who has an active tuberculosis infection. This contact may be through directly inhaling dust containing the germs of a careless spitter. Kissing or caressing a child may be the means of passing the germs to him. Drinking cups, spoons or food handled by a person unknowingly spreading tuberculosis are dan-

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PARD MUTT SHOW TO FEATURE TRAINED DOGS FRIDAY, DEC. 5

An exhibition of three trained dogs, who performed for 76 days at the San Francisco fair, and a "mutt show", with the least aristocratic dog in Hermiston eligible for competition, will draw youngsters and adults alike to the vacant lots between Connor's Cash Store and Burnham's Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, according to an announcement made today by local grocery stores, sponsors of the show.

The trio of talented canines, Lobo, 8 years old, Junior 4, and Queenie, 11, will begin their performances at 4:00 o'clock. Major Courtwright, their trainer, conducts them without a verbal command, using only his hands as signals to the dogs. The major will also be present at the "mutt show" which will immediately follow. Prizes such as dog collars, harnesses and leashes will be awarded, not to the most pedigreed dog but to the dog with the longest tail, the dog with the shortest tail, the dog with the curliest hair, the best-dressed dog (comical), the biggest dog, the smallest dog; a special prize will be awarded the homeliest dog in Hermiston.

All dogs must be brought on leashes and every dog will win a prize of some kind, according to the announcement.

STATE TO BUILD ORDNANCE ROAD

An Associated Press story was released from Salem this week stating that roads connecting the Tongue Point naval base and the Hermiston ordnance depot with the state highway system will be the first to be constructed under the new federal appropriation for construction of access roads to military reservations and defense plans. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, was quoted in the article.

He further stated that the state department would construct the two roads with federal money. His commission has prepared data for submission to the federal roads administration.

MORE MACHINES FOR SEWING

A call has been issued for more sewing machines at the U.S.O. building where sewing classes are busy sewing for the Red Cross. The cooperation has been fine during the past week but more help is needed.

Anyone having a sewing machine available is asked to call Mrs. F. B. Belt or bring it to the reclamation building.

Federal Veterinarian Calls Here

Dr. M. J. Belton, assistant state veterinarian, spent Wednesday in this area on business matters. Dr. Belton plans to be back in the district to follow up some disease work again next week.

E. O. W. L. SPEAKER



E. B. McNaughton, President of the First National Bank, Portland, to speak at Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting in Heppner Dec. 4-6.

LOCAL MERCHANTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

The Christmas spirit has at last reached Hermiston. Due to the after effects of the recent boom, local merchants were somewhat slow in getting ready for the annual Christmas business. This week, however, Yuletide decorations and merchandise began to appear in store windows.

In this week's issue of The Herald will be found advertisements of the various concerns. Residents of Hermiston and surrounding territory would do well to check these ads before going elsewhere to do their shopping. Local merchants are now carrying stocks at reasonable prices which compare very favorably with towns of much larger population.

STRONG WIND HITS DISTRICT TUESDAY

The southeast wind that swooped over this region Tuesday morning raised considerable "cain" about the countryside. Phone lines, fences and older buildings suffered considerably, according to reports brought in by farmers. It was estimated that the wind may have obtained a velocity somewhere between 40 and 50 miles an hour.

A considerable number of good-sized tumbleweeds distributed about Main street seemed the total extent of damage locally. Most residents were awakened by the storm which struck quite suddenly about midnight.

WHAT, GONE WITH THE WIND AGAIN!

The Herald reporter is hereby launching a campaign to apprehend the scoundrel who for the second time in recent months disappeared with the measuring device of the Charles Taylor weather bureau. Vandals this week again broke into the weather recording apparatus at the Hermiston reclamation and destroyed the contents.

Consequently, no weather report.

BULLDOGS TROUNCE PENDLETON BUCKS ON MAPLE COURT

For the first time in recent years, the Hermiston high Bulldogs took the long end of the count from the Pendleton Bucks on the basketball floor Wednesday night to the tune of 32 to 18. The Bulldogs went about their task in a business-like manner early in the game and never seemed particularly worried about the outcome.

They rang up six points before the Bucks realized that they were in for a tough evening. From there on the visitors tried desperately to catch the confident Bulldogs, all to no avail. The latter squad had considerable difficulty, however, in stopping Leafgren, diminutive Buck forward, who potted field goals from all angles. His 15 points were enough to give him honor roll listing for the evening.

In a fast preliminary, the Baby Bulldogs lost a hair-raiser to the visitors, 22 to 23.

The A game lineups follow:
Hermiston 32
G. Miller 4
Wilcox 2
Holloman 12
Rugg 11
Cullen 2
Tiller 1

Officials: Beard and Keller.

ANDREW BROSTEN BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services for Andrew Brosten were held Tuesday afternoon at Prann's Funeral Parlors with Rev. E. M. Butenshon of the Pendleton Lutheran church in charge. Mr. Brosten passed away Sunday morning at the home of his son, Edwin Brosten, near Hermiston. He had been in poor health for some time but had been able to be about until the last week.

Mr. Brosten was born in Stavanger, Norway, May 10, 1863. He came to the United States at the age of 17, settling in North Dakota where he engaged in farming until moving to Hermiston in 1936.

Besides the widow he is survived by four daughters and a son: Mrs. Harold K. Dean, Hermiston; Elsie, Rebecca and Olga Brosten, all of Los Angeles, Cal., and Edwin Brosten of Hermiston.

Interment was in the local cemetery.

BROWN PURCHASES O'CONNER'S CAFE

Curtis B. Brown this week purchased the interests of O'Conner's Cafe now being operated by Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Conner. The deal does not become effective until January 1 at which time Mr. Brown will assume ownership.

Mr. Conner has recently purchased considerable acreage on the Columbia river and plans to operate a cattle ranch. He will continue to operate The Pastime at least for the time being.

SCHOOLS REQUEST SECOND PAYMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDS

SMALL DECREASE SEEN IN CLASSES

The school boards of School District No. 14 and Union High District No. 9 have made application to the United States government for the second third of the original sums appropriated some months ago to aid these districts in caring for the added enrollment brought on by the construction of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen stated Wednesday that application blanks had been sent in the first of the week.

After careful study of the local situation it was decided to cut the original grant of one-third the full amount somewhat. The high school received \$3,780 a few months ago but the second request was reduced to \$3,560. In the grade school the second request was reduced from \$6,720 to \$6,480. No information has been forthcoming as to how soon these appropriations will be received.

Contrary to the general impression, the enrollment figures in both the grade and high school have not decreased to a great extent. Figures released by Supt. Kersbergen revealed the fact that in the grade school the enrollment October 1 was 797 students. This number was reduced to 693 on December 1. The per cent of decrease was even less in the high school. On October 4 the enrollment was 290 students but had dropped to only 261 by the last of November.

Through the cooperation of the large staff of teachers, the bulging class rooms are busy at all hours of the day. Little discomfort has resulted from the crowded conditions with the students taking the matter good-heartedly. "We are glad to have had the opportunity to attend school here," stated one of the newcomers. "The last school I attended had over 2000 students, but gave me the small school every time."

At a recent meeting of the high school board it was decided to complete the shop building just north of the present building. As soon as proper arrangements can be made, construction will begin in the placing of a roof, installing windows and a heating equipment. The new quarters will be used for manual training and shop purposes. Part of the money for this project has been granted by the government but a good portion of it has been raised locally.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY DRAWS FINE CROWD

A record crowd attended the Junior class play, "Mistakes at the Blakes", presented Friday evening in the high school auditorium. The three-act comedy, under the direction of Miss Lavina May Lynch, was exceptionally well portrayed and proved popular with the large crowd.

A list of the characters follows:
Gary Blake Bill Bucknum
With literary tendencies.
Tom Blake Kenny Elwood
His brother.
Mrs. Perkins Doris Follett
The unsympathetic landlady.
Herman Carter Lyle Tilden
A lawyer.
Linda Larson Genevieve Blinston
Who gets what she wants.
Roberta Sims Wanda Dunning
An unwitting complication.
Billkins David Hamm (P. G.)
Prize fighter.
Mrs. Greengas Barbara Connor
A nervous boarder.
Ike Carl Long
Mike Alfred Buell
Express men.
Mrs. Pinkle Dorothy Hiatt
From the feeble-minded home.
Mrs. Carter Mary Sommerer
Carter's better-half.
A Nurse Marjorie Knapp
Mrs. Pinkle's aid.

LIGHTING CONTEST TO BE ANNOUNCED

The annual Christmas lighting contest will again be held this year with the Hermiston Garden and Rotary clubs joint sponsors. This year's contest will be along the same lines as those in former years.

Rules and regulations will be published next week.

The Miracle Month of December

