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U. S. O. CENTER IS BUSY PLACE DURING MONTH OF JANUARY

STATISTICS SHOW MUCH ACTIVITY

The worth of the new U.S.O. center in Hermiston has been clearly proven during January, according to a report issued this week by Miss Mary Lou Johnson, project leader. A total of 6179 visitors attended the various functions during the month, including general activity and group meetings.

Attendance figures have been divided into different groups which read as follows: Military, 19%; military associates, 1%; defense workers, 30%; employees in service occupations related to defense, 13%; defense families, 30%, and others, 7%. The center has been opened to several meetings related to civilian defense such as volunteer firemen, mobilization of women for defense, groups studying nutrition and food in defense times, first aid, home nursing and Red Cross sewing.

The building was dedicated January 13 with 465 guests present. The dedication service, which was broadcast over KWRC, was followed by a dance at which the regimental orchestra played.

A total of 157 hours have been donated by 39 volunteers who have helped with the activities at the center. In addition to this volunteer help, the center is in need of magazines, cards, books and small games.

Although citizens of the surrounding territory have been very generous, the demand for reading material is great and more donations will be gratefully received.

The regular program of the U.S.O. has been continued during the past month with the addition of two regular dance nights for the soldiers stationed here. These dances are held every Tuesday and Friday nights, making eight dances during January with a total attendance of 1430. Over 100 girls have been interviewed and given cards of identification to admit them to these social occasions.

Miss Johnson is aided in her work by Mrs. Jean Wilson.

CLOCKS TO ADVANCE ONE HOUR SUNDAY

Governor Charles A. Sprague in a proclamation Monday urged every citizen to advance their clocks one hour at 11 p. m. next Sunday. The proclamation, in which the governor ordered all state activities under his control to go on daylight saving time, conforms with a federal law prescribing such time for federal activities.

Daylight saving time will be in effect until Congress decides to dispense with it. The present federal law provides it shall end six months after the end of the war.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY HAS ALL-DAY MEET

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. O. O. Felthouse Wednesday for an all-day meeting. At noon a luncheon was served by Mrs. Felthouse, Mrs. J. V. Villermore and Mrs. Al Quiring to 42 people.

The day was spent in sewing and a program was given with Mrs. A. E. Marble in charge of the devotionals. Mrs. R. E. Koon gave a talk on "Inter-racial Cooperation." Mrs. R. L. Woolley, president, was in charge of the business meeting.

The next meeting will be an afternoon affair February 18 at the home of Mrs. Al Quiring.

ARMY IN NEED OF NUMEROUS RAGS

Wanted: Donation of clean rags for use in kitchens and garage of local Army Infantry Battalion. Kindly bring all types of rags to the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. immediately.

Signed: Chaplain Edgar A. Dornier.



RODDA FILES FOR COMMISSIONER JOB

W. G. Rodda of Hermiston Monday afternoon filed for the republican nomination for county commissioner of Umatilla county. Mr. Rodda is the second to file for the job, adding his name to that of Burdett Ross of Meacham Creek who had already filed. The men are seeking the position left vacant by the recent death of Commissioner W. H. (Bill) Switzer.

Mr. Rodda, farmer residing in the Minnehaha district near Hermiston, has been active in farm bureau and school affairs for many years. A resident of the county for 30 years, he was county bee inspector 12 years, deputy state bee inspector for several years and as state bee inspector for a period of time.

HOME NURSING COURSE PLANNED

The American Red Cross is planning to sponsor a series of home nursing lessons in Hermiston, according to Mrs. Sam Moore. Two classes each week for a period of six weeks are being planned. The place and time of the meetings will be announced later.

All women interested in the plan are urged to call Mrs. Moore, phone 3253, at the earliest possible convenience.

ODD FELLOWS MEET EVERY MONDAY

Regular meetings of the Hermiston Odd Fellows are held every Monday night at the Masonic hall. Activities get underway at 8:00 o'clock.

It is urgently requested that all members attend these meetings.

IRRIGON THUMPS LOCAL BULLDOGS

The skidding Hermiston Bulldogs took another one on the chin Tuesday night when they lost a 19-17 decision at the hands of Lyle Eddy's Irrigon Comets. The Bulldogs, playing short-handed due to the loss of several first stringers, made an interesting fight out of the contest and only failed by a second in tying the score as the final whistle sounded.

With C. Markham leading the pace, the visitors maintained a steady lead which the locals could not overtake. Rugg, lanky Hermiston center, sank four field goals early in the contest but could not connect for the remainder of the fray.

The Bulldog B squad, however, had a different story to tell and defeated the visiting second squad 15 to 13 in an interesting contest. R. Connor and D. Belt led the attack for the locals.

The box score follows:
 Hermiston 17
 Miller F 3 F. Markham
 Null F 2 Saylor
 Rugg 8 C 2 Rucker
 Bucknum 4 G 2 Rutledge
 Cullen G 9 C. Markham
 S. Wilcox 2 S 1 Buell
 G. Wilcox 1 S Evans
 Referee: "Emil Piluso" Weber.

ROD & GUN CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

An election of officers will be held at the first meeting of the year for the Hermiston Rod & Gun club Friday, February 6, in the Legion hall. Activities will get underway at 8:00 o'clock. Several other important matters will be discussed during the evening.

All members and others interested in wild life are cordially invited to attend.

F. M. COX PASSES AWAY TUESDAY LOCAL HOSPITAL

Francis M. Cox, Hermiston lumber dealer, passed away Tuesday evening following an extended illness. Mr. Cox seemed on the road to recovery but took a sudden turn for the worse. He reached the age of 68 years.

He was born December 19, 1880, in Winchester, Indiana. When a young man he came west and for 30 years engaged in the lumber business in Washington. For the past three years he operated the Cox Lumber Yard just north of town. Mr. Cox will be remembered for some time as originator of Cox Addition, a group of dwellings which sprang up during the boom activities here.

Surviving are his widow and three brothers, David E. of Ledton, Oregon, Walter M. of Portland, William R. of Pasco, Wash.; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bushong of Cloud Lake, Wash., and Mrs. Edith K. Pierson, Hermiston.

Funeral services will be held at Lyle, Wash., Friday at 1:00 o'clock at the Methodist church with Rev. C. Warner of Hermiston assisting with the services.

PRACTICE SHOOT SET FOR SUNDAY

A practice gun shoot will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the trap grounds just north of Hermiston on Highway 30. A great deal of sport has been experienced at previous similar events and trap artists have been itching for the weather to break.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

SAYLORS RETURN FROM INTERESTING CALIFORNIA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Saylor have returned from their vacation in California. They started on their trip Thursday, January 22, and arrived in San Francisco Friday evening. From there they took the new daylight streamliner to Los Angeles by the coast route. Miss Nelma Saylor, dietitian at the Occidental college and sister of Mr. Saylor, met them and showed them around the various places of interest there.

Leaving there they went to Pasadena, Long Beach and Hollywood. While in Hollywood they attended the famous Earl Carroll show. They returned to San Francisco taking the same train but by the San Jauquian route, seeing the cotton fields, orange groves and beautiful shrubbery along the way. They also saw the army camp at Camp Roberts and the navy yards at Vallejo.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEES NAMED FOR COMING YEAR

NOON LUNCHEON PLANNED TUESDAY

The Hermiston Commercial club will meet next Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. at the Hermiston U.S.O. building for a dinner and short business session. Committees have been appointed for the new year and new activities will be launched. Following a hectic year of boom business, Hermiston merchants and businessmen are again confronted with the need of new endeavors and enterprises.

Just what the new year will bring in the way of activities here can not be determined as yet but the Commercial club members are determined to be better prepared should another "boom" appear on the horizon. The year 1941 brought much new business but also some brand new lessons in merchandising and public service.

A short program for 1942 will be outlined at the meeting Tuesday and it is urged that as many as possible attend. New businessmen and women are especially invited to make their acquaintance with fellow workers in the city.

The following is a list of committee members with the chairman listed first in each case—

- Membership: Gene Lear, H. H. Gailley and R. H. Pierson.
- Agriculture: Pete Berg, Ben Gerking and J. H. Reid.
- Public Relations: Art M. Thrasher, E. P. Dodd and E. D. Martin.
- Home Defense: Dan Gray, W. J. Warner and Sam Moore.
- Budget (hard boiled): Al Quiring, F. C. McKenzie and Walter Smith.
- Roads: George Harkenrider, Dr. F. B. Belt, F. B. Swayze and Edgar Saylor.
- Post Office: Horace Smith, W. E. Logan and Charles Taylor.
- Park and Fair: H. G. Rankin, Guy Shaw, O. C. Pierce and W. G. Kersbergen.
- New Enterprise: Charles Hodge, A. F. Rohrman and W. W. Felthouse.

DELINQUENT WATER DRIVE CONTINUES

The drive to get all delinquent water bills paid up beginning with the first of the year has been very satisfactory so far since a number of customers have started the new year by paying up at the office of the city recorder. Although there are still a number of water users that will have to be cut off to make them realize that the City of Hermiston means business in getting the slate cleaned. A \$1.00 charge is made for the cost of turning the water off.

The city recorder reported that users were coming in more promptly with their regular monthly payment since the water has been reduced to a \$2.00 minimum. The February billing was \$2.00 a month, the first time with the reduced rate for almost twenty-five years.

RED CROSS SEWING TO BE TURNED IN

All Red Cross sewing, finished or otherwise, must be turned in at once, according to word received from the county sewing chairman, Mrs. C. E. Lemons of Pendleton. It is urged that as many articles as possible be completed and returned to the U.S.O. building this week.

The new quota will be distributed soon.

PARKDALE PLAYS HERE FRIDAY

Hermiston will meet the strong Parkdale quintet on the local floor Friday night. Although little is known of the actual strength of the visitors, it is known that they have put up a good showing in their district.

This will be the final game prior to the district playoff.

Stanfield Weed Meeting Set
 Assistant County Agent Gene Lear is announcing a weed meeting to be held Monday, February 9, at 1:30 in the Stanfield grange hall. All those interested are urged to attend.



Basketball - - Parkdale vs. Hermiston Bulldogs - - Friday Night