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COUNCIL GRANTS 5-YEAR FRANCHISE TO POWER COMPANY

RECORDER PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT

PORTLAND—Politics, which had been lying dormant for the past several months on account of the war, went off with a bang last week. Earl Snell's announcement led the parade and, incidentally, gave the boys courage enough to come out of political hibernation. Following Snell's hat in the ring came a deluge of announcements for almost every office in the state, all the way from governor to constable. Many members of the present legislature will not be candidates for re-election to that body. The last count gave 33 incumbents seeking other offices, such as city commissioner, county commissioner, circuit judge, etc. Others are retiring from politics for the time being, at least, and will not seek any office. This means a sea of new faces in both houses at Salem when the lawmakers gather next January, which will include a flock of freshmen members. At this early date political prophets see the chance of a Democratic house after the votes are tallied next November. The reason advanced is, many of the old-time Republican members who should be sure bets for re-election are seeking other offices, while a few of those who will again try to occupy house seats are almost certain to be defeated.

The Republican high command evidently senses the danger of Oregon flopping over to the Democrats once again. With all debts paid and close to \$10,000 cash on hand, the G.O.P. state committee went into real action this week. Headquarters have been opened in the Morgan building, with the able Carl Moser in the chair of executive secretary. Flanked by a group of politically wise men, Mr. Moser will direct the campaign. With a good-sized bankroll to go on and more money coming in, the Republicans will put on a slam-bang fight which they hope will make Oregon safe for the G.O.P. column.

Old-age pension advocates looked very glum last week when the supreme court handed down a decision placing the question of two cents per package on cigars up to the voters. Those who favor and engineered the measure through the last session of the legislature fear, with so many adverse happenings coming to pass during the past year, that voters will turn thumbs down on the measure next November. If so, a good million or more of additional money which would have gone to the oldsters in the form of assistance, or pensions, is gone with the wind. Now the pension-minded are working on another bill which will be dropped in the lap of the next legislature, in the event the present one is rejected.

Word trickles through from Washington, D. C., concerning renewed talk of the possible transfer of the forest service from the department of agriculture to the department of the interior, a move blocked a year ago when the president made many regroupings. Now under his war-time powers the president can do as he wishes. The support of Oregon timbermen, in the main, is no longer favorable to the forest service remaining in agriculture; they would prefer to have the service under Ickes, irascible as he is, than with Wickard. Their complaint is not with the foresters in the field but with a small group in Washington, D. C., who are planning state socialism for the forests. A sample of what the group is aiming at is the so-called Bankhead bill, introduced last fall. It is alleged that under this bill, if it is enacted (it has been placed on ice), in a few years there would be no private timber owners. Secretary Ickes, the timbermen feel, would be a safer man to administer the forest service than Secretary Wickard.

Westland Grange Enlists Members
At a well attended meeting of the Westland Grange recently, 21 applications for membership were received. The next meeting of the grange will be held at the Westland school Friday, February 13.

Lodge Plans Social Meeting
Pauline Rebekah lodge will have a social meeting Wednesday, February 18, following a regular lodge meeting. All Rebekahs are urged to attend.

REGISTRATION FOR MIDDLE AGE SET FOR FEB. 15 & 16

According to the law passed by Congress, the third registration under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 shall take place February 16, 1942. There will be four places open for registration in Umatilla county, Pendleton, Stanfield, Freewater and the Umatilla Indian Agency.

Persons required to register are: "Every male citizen of the United States, and every other male person residing in the United States, if on December 31, 1941, such citizen has attained the twentieth anniversary of the day of his birth and on February 16, 1942, has not attained the forty-fifth anniversary of the day of his birth, and has not heretofore been registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940".

Residents in this area must register at Stanfield where G. L. Dunning will be in charge. Registration will be on Monday only, February 16, from 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. at the Stanfield Irrigation District office. George Winship is in charge of registration in Pendleton. Registration there will also be open Sunday at the Selective Service office in the Stangier building.

DISTRICT PLAYOFF BRINGS MAC HIGH HERE WEDNESDAY

The first game of the annual district playoff between Pendleton, Mac High and Hermiston will be played Monday, February 16, when Hermiston meets Pendleton on the latter's court. Pendleton will play at Milton-Freewater Tuesday, and Wednesday will find Rufus Fox bringing his Mac High courtsters to meet the Bulldogs here. The best two teams will meet in a final series February 20 and 21.

Chances for a Hermiston championship look rather slim at the present writing, judging from games played throughout the regular season. However, the morale of the Bulldogs has picked up greatly in recent practices and upset possibilities are being courted.

BAND TO PRESENT MID-YEAR CONCERT

The mid-year major concert by the music department of Hermiston high school will be presented by the band and glee club on Friday, February 13, in the high school gymnasium beginning at 8 o'clock.

The purpose is to accumulate money toward the spring tour. There will be a small admission charge.

Seeks Re-election



Governor Charles A. Sprague this week renewed his announcement of last summer that he would be a candidate for re-election. His campaign will be based on his record as governor and submits that his administration has been clean, vigorous and constructive. He will be opposed in the primary by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

TERTELING BID ACCEPTED FOR AIR BASE JOB

J. A. Terteling & Sons of Boise, large scale contractors who recently constructed the Umatilla Ordnance depot, were successful bidders for initial work on the Walla Walla air base. Involved in the job is understood to be the grading, installation of drainage and preparation of the aggregate (gravel) for later construction.

Major Harry R. Schuppner, well known here for his high class work at the Umatilla Ordnance depot, is area engineer for the Washington project and is in charge of several smaller jobs. J. A. Campbell, former area engineer at Pendleton, and later in Hermiston, will be resident engineer on the air base.

It is expected that additional contracts will be let in the near future for construction of runways and of the cantonment areas at the air base.

PROJECT FARM TO MEET MONDAY

A special meeting of the Project Farm Bureau will be held Monday, February 16, in the Columbia club house, according to A. H. Cable, president. An election of officers will be held during the business meeting. A pot luck supper will be served at 7:00.

Present for the evening will be County Agent Walter Holt and Cecil Yates, county Farm Bureau president.

BIDS ADVERTISED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

By W. G. Kersbergen

On page three of this issue of the Herald will be found advertisements for bids on certain school work for both districts 14 and U-9. It will be remembered that early in November the local districts received signed contracts with the Federal government to provide certain improved school facilities. The Union High school was to receive \$3,000 for this purpose and the elementary school \$8,360.

Several efforts have been made to get some action on the contract as additional school facilities were badly needed. However, for several months every local proposal was disapproved under various pretexts. Finally a program has been approved by government officials and bids are being called for. It is sincerely to be hoped that no further obstacles will be placed in the way of securing the grants.

The high school grant is to be used to purchase additional furniture and instructional supplies made necessary by the increased enrollment. The grade school allotment is divided into two sections. One section is similar to the high school allotment, while the other section calls for repairs to the present elementary school building. These repairs include enlarging the water main entering the building, putting new floors in several of the rooms, also painting rooms and hallways, replacing some equipment and partitions and the installation of a new bell system.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS AT U.S.O.

The Hermiston Commercial club met Tuesday noon at the new U.S.O. building for its regular luncheon. The dinner was served by Mrs. E. A. Thornburg of Jack's Cafe.

Reports were given by W. E. Logan, postmaster, and F. C. McKenzie, mayor. The former told of his findings at the postmasters' convention at Seattle, stating that prospects for a new building here are still quite bright. Mr. McKenzie stated that progress is being made in preparing the numerous preliminaries for actual construction of the sewer system and improving the water works. He indicated that construction would begin soon, prior to the irrigation season.

Other subjects discussed included membership cards, politics and registration for Selective Service. The meeting was well attended.

Party Makes Ogden Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. George Harkenrider returned Thursday (today) from a five day trip to Ogden, Utah, where they visited with the former's son, Stuart, who is stationed there with the U. S. army.

MOBILIZATION OF WOMANPOWER TO COMMENCE MONDAY

MEETING PLANNED FRIDAY AT U. S. O.

While men from 20 to 44 years of age sign up for the military draft Monday, women will be registered for wartime jobs. The Oregon board for the mobilization of labor states that 6,000 volunteer workers will start a house-to-house survey of Oregon womanpower next Monday, February 16. By March 1, the board expects to have a complete catalogue of the skills and abilities of Oregon's junior leaguers, office workers, housewives and other walks of life.

Umatilla county has been divided according to voting precincts. Locally Mrs. David Mittleldorf and her corps of workers will mobilize precinct 32 and Mrs. R. H. Piersol and her workers will act in precinct 33. Mrs. F. B. Belt has been appointed community chairman for Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo and is busy this week arranging for the various signups in the different localities.

Every woman over 18 years of age will be registered, even the home-bound, since they may be available to take care of children, releasing young mothers for officers, factories and fields. Women will not be required to pledge work, but they will tell interviewers of jobs they have held and whether they will be available for full or part-time work.

One immediate need for womanpower is known. It is in the farm fields where a labor shortage endangers what is expected to be a record crop. L. C. Stoll, state employment director, predicts that the mobilization of women will solve the farm labor problem and has advised farmers to go ahead with increased plantings for an all-out war.

Stoll estimates that another 50,000 men will be needed in the next six months in expanding Oregon shipyards, industrial plants and army construction. Women cannot fill those positions but they will be called on to replace the service station attendants and store clerks who transfer to war production.

Eventually children will be registered as a labor reserve. Tentative registration is planned for March for students above the seventh grade. (Continued on Last Page)

UMATILLA CO-OP CREAMERY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY

The regular annual meeting of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery was held Wednesday in the basement of the Methodist church with a good attendance. A dinner was served at noon following a business session in the morning.

Elected on the board of directors for the coming year were H. J. Bean, P. J. Quinn and R. V. Jones' position was left open for further discussion. Holdover directors are A. E. McFarland, Lewis Fales and H. J. Ott. Officers during the past year were E. L. Jackson, president, A. E. McFarland, vice president, and M. G. Hedwall, secretary-treasurer.

Don Sherwood gave an interesting discussion on feeds and feed tests at the Umatilla Field Station. Al Brown of the Interstate Creamery association and Jim Hill of the Oregon Wheat League were also present to address the group.

Monte Hedwall, manager, gave a report which indicated that the local creamery has enjoyed a profitable year and members are looking forward to another good year in 1942.

MINSTREL SHOW SET FOR IRRIGON

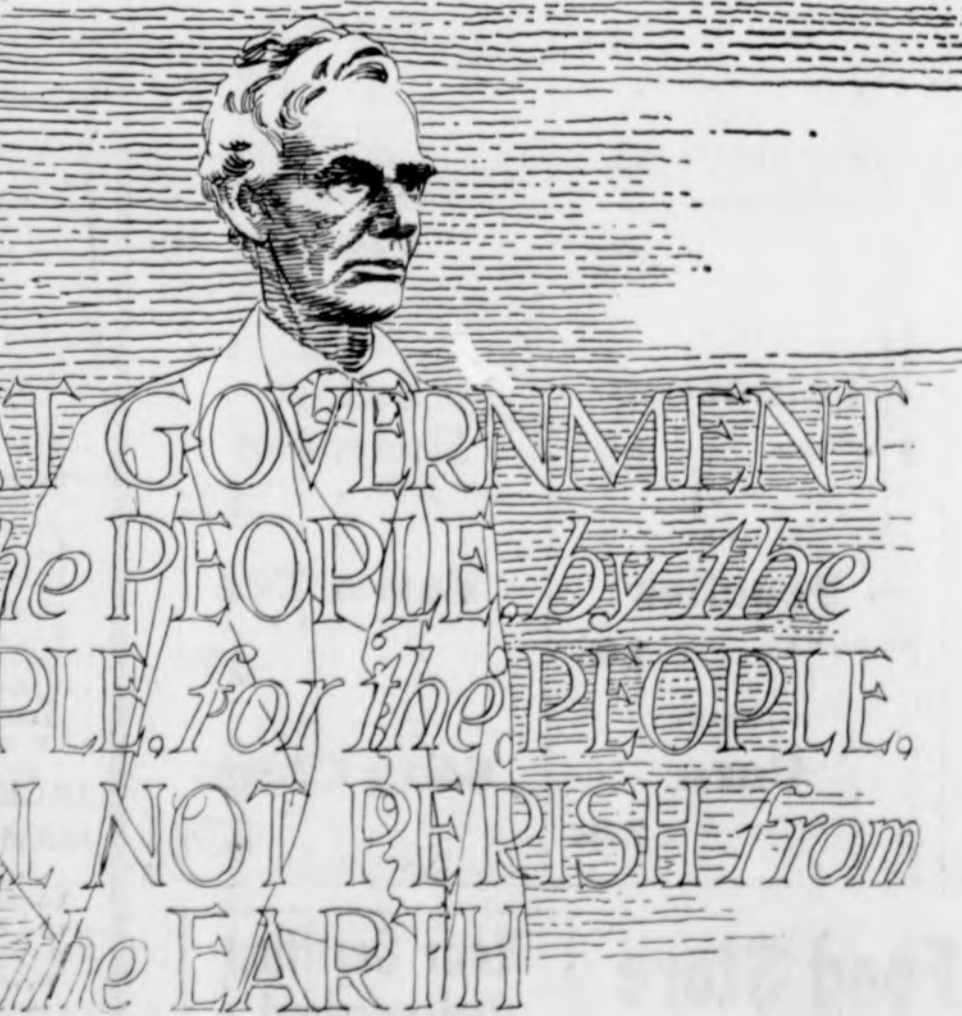
"Dark Belles Minstral Show" has been scheduled for the Irrigon high gymnasium for Friday, February 13. Gags, dances and songs are featured for the evening with dancing to follow the performance.

An admission fee of 15c for students and 35c for adults will be charged. "The year's best entertainment," stated Ladd Sherman, Irrigon superintendent.

Abraham Lincoln



FOR DEFENSE BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS



District Playoff Game - Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Mac Hi vs. Bulldogs 8:00 p. m.