

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Services were held at Prann's Funeral Parlor in Hermiston at 9:00 a. m. Sunday for Mrs. Duane Lathrop, who passed away last Thursday evening, July 2, at a hospital in The Dalles where she had been confined since early last fall with a serious illness. Mr. Lathrop and a son, Leonard Mopps, were with her at the time of death. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Walter Mopps and two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Van Schoick of Willamina, and Mrs. Orel Hassey. Interment was at Lostine, Ore. Mrs. Lathrop had been a resident of the Columbia district for over seven years.

Mrs. L. T. Smith is in the Hermiston hospital suffering from serious injuries received last Friday in a fall from a moving car. The door of the car came open causing her to fall out.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox returned Friday of last week from a four day vacation at Hideaway Springs.

The Fourth of July picnic at the park was enjoyed by about thirty persons, some attending from Westland and Umatilla.

A picnic dinner at the Bob Woodward home on the 4th was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beebe and children, and Mrs. J. Beebe of Stanfield, Carl Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Myrnie Caldwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons and daughter.

Jewell Smith of Pilot Rock was visiting friends here Sunday. He reported that his mother, Mrs. Lennie Smith, a former resident of the district, is quite well and now living with her daughter, Mrs. Sloan Thompson, on Butter Creek.

Guests at the Henry Garberding home on the 4th were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garberding of Sunnyside, Wn.

Mrs. William Hullisz of Portland came Wednesday of last week to spend the holiday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Maffei. Other guests at the Maffei home were Mrs. Maffei's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Feldman, who spent the week end here and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thomas of Portland who were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. William Hullisz of Portland has returned home after several days visit here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Maffei. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Feldman, parents of Mrs. Maffei, and Mrs. Hullisz spent the week end here from Wasco. On the 4th Mr. and Mrs. Maffei and their guests motored to Bingham Springs to spend the day.

Mrs. Lawrence Hart and two children returned to their home at Gaston, Ore., after spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Upham.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Caldwell stopped Sunday evening at the Woodward home while en route to Portland after spending the holiday week end at La Grande. Carl Caldwell who spent the week end here from Tacoma, returned to Portland with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Voyle of Baker, who at present are making their home in Hermiston while employed at the U. O. D., visited Mrs. Grace Foster Sunday. The Voyles lived at the Foster home last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid drove to Seattle Thursday of last week, returning home on Tuesday.

Along the Diagonal: A very quiet July 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hammer and children spending Saturday evening with the Everett Shavers. Mr. and Mrs. Jendzejewski visiting Sunday at the Hammer home. Considerable excitement last Friday evening over the grass fires which appeared to be much nearer than they really were. More and more grasshoppers.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Miss Glaewin Mellior of the telephone company of Portland, accompanied Sammy Nudo here to spend the week end at the home of Mrs. Mary Nudo. Miss Mary Nudo of Hermiston and Mrs. Howard Herrick also were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kruse and daughters went to Langdon Lake for their Fourth and Mrs. Kruse remained there a week to rest.

Robert Potenski of Portland is here for a week's vacation from his work at the Oregon shipyards.

Mrs. Martha Mollsted accompanied her sisters, Mrs. Lena Kinnard and Mrs. Emil Belke of Pendleton to Bingham Springs for their Fourth. Mrs. Mollsted had not been up there since 1917 and thought it wonderfully improved.

Mrs. Moffitt, Mrs. Ralph Barber and niece, Miss Bernice Hughes, went to Eagle Point Monday for a week's visit with relatives. They and the L. E. Hughes family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Colpitts and family all visited Nora Colpitts in Hermiston the Fourth.

At the meeting of the school board of District 61 Monday night the new officers were sworn in and Gilbert Smith is now chairman, Mabel Richards again clerk. It was decided to take out war risk insurance in addition to the regular policy. One of the carpenters stated that they put up 20,000 feet of lumber last week so the new building is well under way. School will open September 15.

The city council at their meeting June 26 approved the budget for July 1942 to July 1943, which included \$150 for library and social life.

The public library is pleased to report for the six months now ended a circulation of 4225 books or magazines and registered 44 adult and 34 children as readers.

Miss Edithann Spencer of Umatilla is visiting her cousin Carolyn Smith. Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer have recently had their house painted by Roy Duncan.

Miss Marilla Dunning of Stockton, Cal., arrived Monday night to spend her vacation here with her sister, Mrs. Nathan Bard, and her father G. L. Dunning.

Mrs. R. A. McLain entertained at her home at the Ordnance Depot at contract bridge Tuesday afternoon.

HERMISTON POST OFFICE RECORDS SHOW INCREASE

NUMEROUS CAR STICKERS SOLD

Business at the Hermiston post office has been on the increase for several years, but the gain of the past fiscal year over that of the previous 12 months established an all-time record. Wm. E. Logan, postmaster, reports that the past fiscal year just concluded showed a gain in the stamp sale department of \$16,168.02 or a 125% increase. The figure in 1941 read \$12,946.34, while during the past 12 months this number was increased to \$29,114.36. The construction of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot is in a large way responsible for the increased sales.

A total of \$46,409 in money orders was issued the past year while in 1941 this total was only \$13,512. The amount of sales in 1942 was \$685,501.55 while in 1941 this was \$122,826.19.

That the Hermiston people are active in the purchasing of U. S. war bonds and stamps is evidenced by the fact that at the post office alone a total of \$47,175 in bonds and \$6,958.90 in stamps has been issued to date. Sale of this war effort material is also made at the bank, retail stores and other places of business.

A good survey as to the number of automobiles cavorting about Hermiston streets can be made by figures released by Mr. Logan. A total of 1400 \$5.00 stickers, amounting to \$7000.00, has been issued from the Hermiston post office up to date. The stickers did not go into effect until July 1.

Something new in the way of sending messages to boys in the service is now available at the local post-office, known as V-Mail Service. Photographic negatives are made from written messages and thus sent to various destinations by the most expeditious form of transportation. The project was launched in order to cut down the weight of personal mail to a minimum. Further information and material for this service is available now at the local office.

GEORGE HARPER PASSES AWAY

George W. Harper, who has resided west of Hermiston for the past six years, passed away last Saturday in Walla Walla following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Hennessey Funeral Parlor at Walla Walla with burial at the same place.

Mr. Harper was born July 16, 1884, in Pratt, Kansas. His family moved to Oklahoma when he was a child. The family then moved to Walla Walla when he was 18 where he resided until six years ago, at which time he moved to Hermiston. A short time before his death, he moved back to Walla Walla with his family.

Surviving are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Walter Widman and Mrs. Russell Travellie, both of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Vern Dixon of San Gabriel, Cal.; two brothers, W. M. Harper of Delano, Cal., and Lon Harper of Hermiston; and one sister, Mrs. A. L. Mann of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

POWER CREW TO HELP FARMERS

To help prevent accidents on the farm, A. M. Thrasher, Pacific Power & Light company manager, has offered the services of company crews to farmers who must cross under the company lines with hay derricks.

Thrasher said a request in advance by telephone or mail will bring a P. P. & L. service man who will either raise electric wires to provide safe clearance or will deaden the line until the derrick is clear of overhead wires.

The company makes no charge for the service.

Rohrmans Make Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrman and family returned Wednesday from a five-day stay in the mountains above North Powder. "Rohr" spent some of the time trying out some of his new fishing tackle. He indicated, however, that he had to put considerable snow in the basket in order to give it any weight.

STRONG WIND IS EVIDENCED HERE FRIDAY EVENING

Mother Nature took a hand in the Fourth of July proceedings here last Friday night, apparently feeling that due to the lack of fireworks citizens might forget that the next day would be Independence day. Three strong fires on as many fronts held the attention of town and country people that evening. Just prior to dusk, a high velocity wind struck suddenly following a day of high temperature.

The largest fire reported was across the Columbia river although earlier reports had located the conflagration just north of the DeMoss turkey farm. Another fire was started west of Umatilla and a third originated east of Boardman. Most of the fires apparently were started by bolts of lightning.

The wind which struck about 6:30 was of terrific force but lasted for only a few minutes. Several trees were blown down about the city and south of town.

JULY FOURTH QUIET HERE

Fourth of July passed quite peacefully in Hermiston with the usual number of friends and family gatherings in shady spots about the city. Quite a number from here attended the Attebury rodeo the Fourth and Sunday. Many took advantage of the two-day holiday to make trips home to visit relatives and friends or to seek a friendly brook to fish.

The Columbia park was popular as usual with a large number of Grangers enjoying a day of picnicking. The Farm Bureau auxiliary served a picnic lunch at noon.

ECHO MAN IS STRUCK BY CAR

George Dennise of Echo was severely injured Fourth of July in Stanfield when he was struck by a car during the celebration there. He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where his condition was considered so serious that it was necessary to amputate his left lower leg. He also suffered a fractured back and fractured pelvis.

The driver of the automobile was Garth B. Mitchell, 16, who is employed at the Umatilla Ordnance depot, it was learned from the state police.

Julius Gimbel Receives Call

Julius Gimbel, employed with the Pacific Power & Light Co., received word Tuesday to report immediately at the Portland office of the U. S. navy. Mr. Gimbel, who is seeking a commission for service with a construction battalion, has been turned down on two occasions prior to this call because of a physical defect but apparently this matter has now been straightened up. He left Thursday morning for Portland to report.

Examiner Here July 16.

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Thursday, July 16, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

BONE-I-FIDO CONTRIBUTION



This dog makes no bones about helping out in the current rubber drive. "It's a bone-I-Fido offering," barked Fido, "and I'm doggone glad that I had this rubber bone to add to the service station salvage pile." Fido's master repaid the pup's patriotic gesture by treating him to a lunch of juicy RED hamburger and choice WHITE meat, served on a BLUE plate.

At Work



F. C. McKenzie

NEGRO KNIFED BY CO-WORKER

A negro named Dan Norwood was taken to the Hermiston hospital last Friday to receive treatment from several wounds which police state were inflicted by a knife wielded by another negro. Norwood's condition is greatly improved.

Police are on the lookout for the assailant whose name is thought to be Scott, who escaped following the attack.

HALE BUYS TWO \$100 BONDS

Roy Hale, owner of a local confectionery and sporting goods store, bought two \$100 bonds this week with money his store took in Fourth of July between the hours of 12:00 noon until 6:00 o'clock. Mr. Hale announced last week that all the money that entered his cash registers between those hours would be used to purchase war bonds.

The actual amount taken in was \$137.35 and to this Mr. Hale added \$12.65 for a total of \$150.00, sufficient for two \$100 bonds. He plans to make this a regular feature.

LOCAL LEGION LISTS OFFICERS

Hermiston American Legion, Post 37, elected officers for the coming year last Thursday evening. J. D. Todd, local mail carrier, was elected Commander and Sam Moore, vice Commander. Other regular business was also discussed.

Other officers named include: A. R. Blinston, adjutant; Joe Saboe, sergeant-at-arms, and Dr. F. B. Belt, chaplain.

Red Cross Sewing Called

An urgent request has been made that all Red Cross sewing be turned in immediately. Further information as to the place and time can be secured from Mrs. F. B. Belt.

SOFTBALL SLATE WITH SIX TEAMS OPENS SCHEDULE

The Columbia river softball league, composed of teams from Echo, three from the U.O.D. (P & H, Engineers and Ordnance) and two from Hermiston (Co-ops and Townies), was opened Wednesday night with the Co-ops tipping over the strong P & H team by a score of 13 to 8. From all indications the competition is going to be extremely keen with some fairly strong teams listed among the six.

Tonight (Thursday) Echo will meet the Engineers, and Friday the Hermiston Townies (remnants of the Hermiston Red Sox) will meet the Ordnance. The schedule for next week follows: Monday, Townies vs. Co-op; Tuesday, Ordnance vs. Engineers; Wednesday, Townies vs. P & H; Thursday, Engineers vs. Co-op, and Friday, Echo vs. P & H.

The contests for the first round will begin promptly at 7:00 p. m. An attempt will be made to install lights at a later date.

'DAD' CUMMINS PASSES AWAY

Funeral services for S. C. "Dad" Cummins were held Thursday afternoon from Prann's Funeral Parlor with Rev. C. Warner in charge. Burial was in the Hermiston cemetery. He passed away Tuesday in the Hermiston hospital following a week's illness. Mr. Cummins had been a resident of this vicinity for about 12 years, residing on his 40-acre ranch 1½ miles northeast of town.

Surviving him are three sons and two daughters: Glen of Boring, Chas. of Colorado and Ray of Nebraska, Mrs. Chas. Sable of Multnomah and Mrs. Erna Kady of Nebraska.

Mr. Cummins celebrated his 80th birthday last Christmas. Mrs. Cummins passed away in 1931.

MRS. LATHROP BURIED SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Duane Lathrop of the Columbia district were held Sunday morning from Prann's Funeral Parlor with Rev. C. Warner of the Central Church of Christ in charge. Mrs. Lathrop, who has been ill for many years, passed away in The Dalles, July 2. Mrs. Lathrop had been an invalid during much of this time.

She is survived by her widower; two daughters, Mrs. Opal Dienes of Portland and Mrs. JoEllen Van Scoyk of Willamina; and two sons, Walter Mopps of Lostine and Leonard Mopps of Hermiston. Mr. Lathrop is the deceased's second husband.

PLANS MADE FOR U.S.O. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM JULY 15

Plans are being completed and practice is progressing on a children's program to be held Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 at the U. S. O. The program which is made up entirely of children who have taken part in the U. S. O. program for the past months and directed by Mrs. Jean Wilson and Mary Lou Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Ramsey Hill, is as follows:

First will be exercises by the entire group, followed by a vocal duet by Sue and Jerry Jones. Next is a recitation by Dean Iverson with a vocal duet by Shirley and Sylvia Quiring. A Peep Hole play, "The Gypsies and the Donkey", and a recitation by Paula Bracher follow next, with the children's drill "Showers and Sunshine" as the last number. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Women's Gym class which recently changed its name to Vitality for Victory club have invited their husbands to a pot luck dinner at the U. S. O. Monday at 6:30, and Thursday evening the group plans to go swimming at the river.

HEDWALL QUILTS CITY COUNCIL

Monte Hedwall, manager of the Hermiston Cooperative Creamery and for many years connected with the local city council, submitted his resignation Monday night. Mr. Hedwall gave his reason as the "press of personal business in connection with creamery work."

Dan Gray, employed with the Hermiston Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., was named to succeed Mr. Hedwall until the first of the year.

McKENZIE SELLS STORE INTEREST TO MRS. FRASER

PARTNERSHIP OF LONG STANDING

Coming as a complete surprise to his many friends was the announcement this week end that F. C. McKenzie had sold his half interest in the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. to Mrs. H. T. Fraser. This firm, which is one of the pioneer business houses of Hermiston, has been operated by the Fraser and McKenzie families for approximately 27 years. The firm of Fraser and McKenzie began operations in 1915 in its present location.

Mrs. Fraser will continue to operate the business under the same name and has named Ralph Lieb, employee of the firm for the past year, as manager. The Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. for many years has served customers from all parts of West End Umatilla and North Morrow county.

The firm had its beginning in 1907 in the building now occupied by the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery. E. P. Dodd established the first hardware in Hermiston in 1906. At the same time H. T. Fraser was completing the creamery building west of the tracks. In May, 1907, H. T. Fraser and E. E. Littler opened for business there. In the meantime, the Dodd store was purchased by the Honeyman Hardware and still later by W. Phillips.

In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McKenzie bought the interests of Mr. Phillips. It was only a short time later that Mr. McKenzie purchased the interests of Mr. Littler of the Fraser-Littler store and the two stocks were merged and began operations in the present location under the name of the Oregon Hardware. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Fraser last year.

Mr. McKenzie has been connected with city politics practically all the time he has been in Hermiston. He served as mayor from 1915 to 1922, and again assumed the office in 1933 and has been in office since. His efforts for the common good of Hermiston are well recognized by his many friends. The climax of his term as mayor has been reached this year when it was revealed that the city has "no bonded indebtedness" and with the construction of a sewer and improving the water system.

Mr. McKenzie has not made definite plans for the future but will remain in the store for approximately two months to clean up the business. Then Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie intend to take a short vacation.

POLICE CONTINUE WAR ON DRUNKS

Local officers have not relented from their recent announcement that continued drunkenness on city streets would be punished. During the past week several stiff fines have been meted out by City Recorder Charles Taylor. Among those fined on this count were: H. A. Hedges, Robert Ezekie, Neal King, Ray Wise, George Vanisse, Mike Jackson, Carl Beacham, Mike Jackson (second time ordered to leave town or serve jail sentence).

Among some of the other charges were: Paul Cook, held on burglary count; Lester Kaller, no operator's license; Earl P. O'Hara, vagrancy; Kohen Hester, vagrancy.

SAGE HENS ARE RELEASED HERE

Wesley Batterson, representative of the Oregon State Game commission, released four sage hens and two males near the Cold Springs reservoir this week. Mr. Batterson stated that 15 sage hens were released at the same place last September.

The birds have been hand raised near Baker, and banded. According to Mr. Batterson, sage birds feed mostly on grasshoppers and other small insects. Just how well they will prosper in this territory has not been determined.

Sgt. Warner On Furlough

Sgt. Cecil R. Warner arrived Thursday night from Ft. Sill, Okla., where he has been stationed, to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. Warner for a 12-day furlough. Sgt. Warner is physical education instructor in charge of 600 men at the camp and he greatly enjoys his work.