

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Miss Joyce McCulley will leave December 26 for Mountain Home, Idaho, where she will continue her employment as secretary to the Safety Engineer, a position she has held here for several months at the U. O. D.

Mr. and Mrs. George Liebe and Mrs. Henry Wilson spent Monday evening at the McCulley home.

Pat Hatch was a dinner guest of the Myrnie Caldwells last Wednesday evening before leaving for Portland to report for duty in the Navy.

Mrs. Oral Hale, niece of L. Hammer, is visiting here at the Hammer home from Ephraim, Wash.

Carl Hammer made a trip into Idaho last week as escort to a truck convoy taking soldiers from Hermiston to a field near Boise.

It is reported the A. R. Blinstons have sold their place here and will move to Portland about the first of the year where Mr. Blinston now has employment in the shipyards.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison received a telegram Monday from their daughter, Mrs. Edward Shaw in Fort Collins, Colo., that the Shaw's young son Roy was operated on that day for acute appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Franklin of Winnemucca, Nevada, spent Tuesday at the Bob Woodward home. Mrs. Franklin is a sister of Mr. Woodward.

UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Mrs. Leland Smith and three children, Mrs. Jack Geer and two children all left Sunday for Portland where they will spend some time visiting their husbands who are working at Swan Island, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Montgomery and sons, and Mrs. Clyde Montgomery spent last Thursday in Pendleton.

Roberta Wallace, who has been employed here, left Tuesday for her home in Portland.

Mrs. Roscoe Williams returned Sunday after visiting her husband and daughter in Portland for a few days.

Mrs. Sally Jordan returned Monday from Southern Oregon where she went to bring her children Jean and Dickie home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Hiatt are here to spend until after Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt.

Mrs. Bob Myers, Mrs. James McDermott, and Mrs. Albert Vieg spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Walt Ackert spent the week end in Spokane where he was called by the death of his sister.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fredrickson returned this week from Seattle, having visited their daughters, Mrs. Hans Rynning and Miss Esther Fredrickson, for a week.

On December 17 at the home of Mrs. Martin Refvem, a delightful one o'clock luncheon was given the members of the Woman's Study club. The executive committee, Mesdames Fisk, Reeves, McCormick, and Shelton were hostesses. Mrs. Ellen Troyer and Mrs. Era Green gave a varied fun program. Everyone found their gift beneath the Christmas tree. A large box of toys were donated to the Doernbecher hospital. Miss Elva Berry as hostess was presented a gift. Penelope Reeves was the youngest guest. Mrs. D. W. Bliss, Mrs. Orlov Warren and Miss Berry were voted upon as members.

Don Refvem and Billy Penney, students of O. S. C., arrived on the 16th to enjoy their Christmas vacation at their respective homes until the 29th. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton left Monday night for the East. Mr. Shelton will go to Mayo Bros. at Rochester for an examination. Mrs. Shelton will visit her mother and sister at Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. Jack Reeves and new baby named Judith Karen are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ruebers for a few days.

Vernon Waid has been suffering from blood poisoning and is at the hospital.

News was received here that Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Attebury are the proud parents of a son born December 15, and named Edmond Allen Attebury. He is the second grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Attebury.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gabriel are the parents of a son born December 19 at St. Anthony's hospital.

The Gospel Mission had their Christmas program, tree and treat on December 22. The Presbyterian church program was on December 23. The committee in charge were Neva Hedrick, Mabel Richards and Mrs. Nathan Bard.

Mr. Baker, who has been connected here with the Union Pacific the past year, was transferred to Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Baker and small son and daughter, who have resided here at the E. A. Hoosier home, will follow soon.

Monday Mrs. Baker donated 25 or more books to the public library to be used at their discretion.

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Merry Christmas

LARGE WEDDING SOLEMNIZED HERE SUNDAY

On Sunday afternoon, December 20th, before a candle-lit altar, the wedding of Miss Virginia Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wells, and Elbert Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore, was solemnized by the Rev. M. E. Ballinger in a lovely single ring ceremony at the Methodist church in Hermiston.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was exquisitely beautiful in a long dress of traditional white satin, wore a full lace-edged tulle veil falling from a headdress of seed pearls, and carried a white prayerbook covered by a spray of calla lilies.

Mrs. Constance Hatfield, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a light green dress, and carried a large nosegay of chrysanthemums and rosebuds. The bridesmaids, dressed in pastel tints, were the Misses Claudine Hale, wearing blue, Barbara Moore, in pink, Betty Jean Eselstyn, in lavender, and Mrs. Mary Carol Gorrell, who was wearing yellow. Each of the bridesmaids carried a nosegay of chrysanthemums.

Little Misses Shirley and Sylvia Quiring, dressed alike in pink frocks, were train bearers.

Mr. Bill Gorrell was best man, and Messrs. Gerald Keller, Grafton Keel, and James and Robert Jackson were ushers.

Miss Vivian Hindman was soloist, and Mrs. Helen Coxen played the wedding music.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the church basement. Assisting were the Misses Barbara Brown, Vera Sisson, and Alberta Johnson. An interesting feature of the reception was the two small clasped hands which rested on the top tier of the elaborately decorated wedding cake. They had been used originally by the great-grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Emma Kileup, and have been a tradition at weddings in her family since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore left, in a shower of rice and the good wishes of close friends, for a short wedding trip, and will make their home here upon their return.

CARPENTERS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

For the first time in many months, there is a lull in carpentry work in this community. Roy White, local business agent, issued a call early in the week asking for notice from citizens who have small jobs which require the services of a carpenter. During the past 18 months local residents have had to delay any remodeling or other building because of the shortage of labor.

At the present time, however, there are several carpenters idle and willing to do this type of work. Anyone interested is asked to notify Roy White, phone 2086.

Bilderback Re-elected Treasurer

At a recent meeting of the Umatilla Wildlife association, Frank Bilderback of Hermiston, veteran sportsman, was re-elected to the office of treasurer. Mr. Bilderback has been an ardent game enthusiast and has taken an active part in furthering this sport.

Warners Leave for Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner left by stage Wednesday for Vancouver, Wn., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Schofield. The Warners expect to return to Hermiston Monday.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank our neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown during the recent illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. May Hardie. We especially thank those who presented the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Virgil Smith,
Mrs. A. J. Carroll,
Miss Jean Hardie.

VANDALISM IS REPORTED HERE

R. L. Woolley, manager of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Wednesday reported that another large insulator had been shot from a pole of the new line used by the R.E.A. to serve the ordinance depot. These acts have been quite numerous the past few months and drastic steps will be taken to apprehend those responsible.

Because of the shortage of this vital material, the loss of these insulators is quite serious, they cost approximately \$7.00 each besides the work of replacing them. Mr. Woolley states that a substantial reward will be given to anyone giving information leading to the arrest of the guilty person or persons.

HERMISTON WINS OVER IRRIGON

Coach Lee Weber and his basketball cohorts are at present enjoying a two-game winning streak, having won over the Pendleton air base team last Wednesday and Tuesday night trouncing Ladd Sherman's Irrigon five, 33-10. Coach Weber played every member of his squad at Irrigon, with the second team playing the entire second quarter. The starting lineup included Tiller, Davis, Ruger, Pierson and Null.

The next contest is slated for Tuesday, January 5, at Umatilla and Wednesday, January 6, Echo here. Coach Weber plans to hold several scrimmage sessions over the holidays.

Irrigon Girl on Honor Roll

Miss Lucile Jones, sophomore from Irrigon, is listed as a fall quarter honor student at Marylhurst college, according to the registrar's report issued this week. Miss Jones is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Vernon Jones. Also home from Marylhurst for the holidays are Miss Patsy Cooney, senior from Umatilla, and Miss Mardell Gorham, freshman from Boardman.

Wolke Stationed At Fort Knox

Pvt. Alvin C. Wolke of Hermiston has begun his basic training for armored force duty at Fort Knox, Ky. This duty is with the newest and fastest-moving land force of the army. The first six weeks will be spent in learning fundamentals of soldiering, followed by six weeks of special training. Upon graduation from this work, a majority of the men will go into an armored division.

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR VACATION

Wednesday was the last day of school for Hermiston youngsters who will have until Monday, January 4, to rest up from the past few months of labor. Although gasoline rationing will cut down considerably the amount of traveling, many parties and excursions are planned for the holiday season.

A group of the larger high school boys will be employed at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers during the holidays.

MRS. MAY HARDIE BURIED MONDAY

Mrs. May Hardie, aged 59, passed away at her home in Hermiston Saturday, December 19, after an illness of about a year. Funeral services were held Monday at 2:00 p. m. in the Congregational church at Condon with A. W. Prann of Hermiston in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Hardie was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, June 7, 1883. The family came west in 1887, locating in Wheeler county. In 1901 she was married to Josh Y. Hardie and about 10 years ago the Hardies moved to Hermiston. Mr. Hardie passed away July 25, 1942.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. J. Carroll of The Dalles, Mrs. Virgil Smith of Vancouver, Wash., and Jean Hardie of Hermiston. Also surviving are three brothers and four grandchildren.

ROBERT PIERSON RECEIVES WINGS

Robert Pierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson of Hermiston, received his wings November 25, and is now a co-pilot of a bombardment squadron plane. Pierson is a graduate of Hermiston high school and is the third Hermiston lad to receive his wings, being preceded by Ripley and Marble.

Pierson is now stationed at Roswell, New Mexico.

Earl Stewart Enters Service

Earl Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart of Hermiston, will leave December 29 for Fort Douglas, Utah, to enter the armed forces. Earl is the third Stewart son to enter the services in the present war. Earl has been employed for several years at Pearson's Service.

MERCHANTS GIVE BEST WISHES IN UNIQUE MANNER

In a year when no one seems to be able to run on schedule and everything seems changed from former years, the Herald this week is also presenting something novel in the way of newspaper work. Twelve pages are packed solid with Christmas greetings from merchants of Hermiston, Stanfield and Umatilla, leaving very little room for news except the front page.

The past several weeks have been hectic in the lives of the merchants and businessmen of these small towns. Christmas shopping has been approximately 33 per cent higher than last year when boom conditions doubled and tripled the usual business of past years. However, in the midst of all this turmoil, these busy merchants took time out to smile and pick out a Christmas or New Year's greeting which can be found somewhere in this issue.

The Herald, in an agreement with the Western Newspaper Union, obtained a greater quantity of cards this year in order to give as much space as possible to the merchants. By this means they wish to convey to their many friends and customers the thoughts which are uppermost in their minds but which might not have been expressed because of the busy times.

As has been the case in recent years, Roy Hale was the first to ask concerning the Christmas greeting through the Herald. He again stated that he wanted his customary half page in order that his friends might know that he appreciated their patronage during the past year and to wish them the best of season's greetings. Charles Hodge was another to ask for a half page greeting card. Mr. Hodge is sponsoring the Victory Service League and wishes all his friends to get a free automobile handbook at the Chevrolet Auto Co.

Others who wish to greet their friends and customers in a different way are the different grocery stores. Many of these concerns have advertised consistently during the past year but this week are diverting from their regular specials to wish their friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Readers are asked to read each and every greeting in The Herald as they all carry a unique and heartfelt message.

The Christmas editorial appearing on the editorial page was again submitted by E. P. Dodd.

FIRST HERMISTON LAD LISTED AMONG MISSING IN ACTION

JAMES GEER IS TORPEDO MAN

The first Hermiston youth to be listed among the missing in the present conflict is James E. Geer, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Geer. The parents received a telegram from the war department Saturday stating that James was missing in action, and that further details would follow as soon as possible.

James completed a four-year enlistment with the U. S. Navy late in November last year and came to Hermiston to live with his parents. He was employed at Tiney's service station when news came over the radio December 7, 1941, that Pearl Harbor had been bombed by the Jap air force. It took James only a few days to re-enlist and get back into the harness.

He asked for and received one of the most dangerous tasks on a battleship upon his return to the navy. He was rated as a First Class Torpedo Man and had won distinction for his work. No word has been received as to the cause of the disaster which caused him to be listed among the missing but it is thought he was on duty at the time.

James attended school in Hermiston from the third to the seventh grade, and is well known here. He has another brother, Max Geer, who is also in the navy and is stationed on the Atlantic coast. He is also serving his fifth year on ship. James won considerable honor during the past year when he designed the official envelope for the ship on which he is stationed.

The last word that Mr. and Mrs. Geer had from their son was a letter written in October. In this message James stated that he was unable to say very much concerning his activities but added, "We are not asleep." Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Geer are searching every mail for some further word from their son and have not yet given up hope that he will be found.

(Editor's note: A photograph of James was sent in to have a cut made for this week's paper but The Herald was informed that due to zinc rationing the firm would be unable to furnish the needed cut.)

LOCAL YOUTHS IN LATEST DRAFTS

Several boys from Hermiston and vicinity were among the December draft call of the selective service. The group went to Spokane early in the week where they were given preliminary examinations. According to reports, the Umatilla contingent was one of the largest to date. Those successfully passing the preliminary physical checkup will leave December 29 for Fort Douglas, Utah, for further examination.

Included among the Umatilla group were Earl Stewart, Frank McKenzie, Frank Ried, Gerald Jones, Jake Ray, Claude Stampfer, Albert Stone and James Webb.

LICENSE MAN TO BE HERE DEC. 31

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Thursday, December 31, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 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.

F.H.A. RECEIVES NEW ORDERS

The following telegram was received at The Herald office this week from Folger Johnson, state director of the Federal Housing Administration:

"We are advised by Washington that provisions of Section Three of war housing construction standards which require masonry construction for war housing will not apply and frame construction will be approved in Hermiston critical housing area."

