

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

The Peter Castrie family were Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duff Knight.

Mrs. Myrnie Caldwell and daughter Myrna spent the Christmas week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reuber in Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swearingen and baby of Troutdale, who were spending the holidays in Irrigon, visited here last Thursday afternoon with her brother, Mark Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid spent the Christmas weekend in Portland visiting their son Wallace Reid, recently enlisted in the navy.

Donald Hugg, now of Portland, has been visiting friends in this district during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Buell and sons Alfred and Clayton spent from Thursday last week until Sunday in Portland where they enjoyed a Christmas day family reunion with their son Harold Buell and daughter, Mrs. Wilson Johnson and Mrs. Fred Dixon.

Staff Sgt. Victor Epperson, on furlough from the Lemore, Cal., air base, has been spending the holidays here with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Epperson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garberding spent Christmas day with relatives and friends at Grandview.

Mrs. A. R. Blinston was called to Portland last Friday to be with Mr. Blinston who is ill with pneumonia. She returned Monday reporting that his condition is much improved. Her daughter, Genevieve, who spent the holiday in Portland with relatives, returned with her.

Henry Wheeler was taken to a Walla Walla hospital Tuesday for medical treatment when it was found that his leg, broken in an accident several weeks ago, had not healed properly.

Carl Caldwell of Tacoma and Agnes Caldwell of Irrigon were guests during the Christmas week end at the Bob Woodward home and also visited with the Glenn Parsons and Myrnie Cawdwells.

Mrs. Baxter Hutchison has received word that her small grandson Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw of Fort Collins, Colo., is believed to be recovering from a very serious illness and operation last week.

Mrs. W. H. Instone of Lena and Pvt. Harold (Manny) Woodward were Tuesday visitors at the home of their brother, Bob Woodward. Pvt. Woodward, who has spent a 20 day furlough in Hermiston, will leave Wednesday, December 30, to report back to Barnes Hospital at Vancouver.

Mrs. O. H. Buell reports that a letter this week from Mrs. A. R. Roberts of Skamania, Wash., former residents of this district, brings the news that she has received word from the War Department that her son, Hugh Roberts, is a prisoner of the Japanese being one of 171 officers taken prisoners in the fall of the Philippines. Hugh grew up in this neighborhood and attended the local schools, having many friends here who will be interested in this word concerning him. Earlier he had been listed as missing in action.

A very short, but interesting letter came this week to the Baxter Hutchisons from Elmer James. The letter, written in November, was sent from Casa Blanca, North Africa, and is the first communication from James in several months.

Miss Norma Getchell was the recipient of a very unique Christmas gift this week in the form of a bracelet made from a fragment of a Jap bomber shot down on Guadalcanal, and sent to her by a friend in the armed forces now in the Solomons.

Mrs. Earl Getchell is spending several days here with the B. E. Getchell family.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

The Christmas program at the Presbyterian church December 23 drew a capacity house. Mrs. Sherman Chapin presented two numbers, "New Dolls for Old" and "How the Fir Tree Became a Christmas Tree", and Betty Jo Williams read for the pleasure of all, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and Barbara Buckingham and Inez Scott "Giving Versus Bankrupt." The tableau and Christmas story was portrayed by Alice Hedrick, Coralie Mansker, Carolyn Smith, Arlene Carter, Yvonne Logan, Laura D. Peterson, Mildred Mollsted, Bernice Hughes and Eleanor Seaman. The shepherds were Spencer, Bobby Dennis, and Dick Miller. The wisemen were Parr Shesley, Tommy Refvem and Mickey Dennis. The story was read by Mrs. Herbert Shesley, the music directed by Miss Neva Hedrick, and Miss Phyllis Daley played. Paul Daly sang a solo and led the community singing. Santa Claus arrived by airplane and left 155 bags of candy and nuts. Mrs. W. A. Dennis had charge of the costumes, Mrs. Nathan Bard and the Dalys decorated the tree.

Miss Patricia Richards of Portland is here for a week visiting her mother Mrs. Mabel Richards.

Miss Adarene Fisk returned Monday (Continued on Last Page)

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ENGLISHMAN GIVES VIEWS ON PRESENT CRISIS IN LETTER

UNITED STATES TO TAKE LEAD

An interesting letter was received recently by the Bob Woodward family from his 87-year-old uncle, Isaac Woodward, whose address reads: 47 Sussex Way, Cockfosters Barnet, Herts, England. Without attempting to comment on the most interesting letter, portions are reprinted here:

"I have not had line from you written since the day after the United States entered the war, when you said one out of my three nephews had gone to enlist. . . ."

"America, that is The United States, it seems to me have and will have the most influential part in the carrying on of the war and the settlement when finished. And then the shaping of the future of humanity. And I also fancy there is no other nation so well qualified to do so. Her people are a conglomeration of all the races on the earth and her very name, The United States—stretch it, The United Nations of the Earth.

"This conglomeration, I believe, are all taught in her schools to speak American which is mostly the same as saying English, whatever tongue they may use in their own private homes. Is, or is not, that so? Please say in your next. And may that be soon, please. Why am I willing for you to take the lead away from Old England among the nations?"

"I think many of your families are like ours. Of my father's and mother's descendants, there are now more fighting in American forces than in the English. . . ."

"One thing the war is and will do—teach all men of all nations geography; also who other men, other countries, other climates are like. Shorten distances, and communications, and times to get there. Make men know each other. I hope and pray raise every human creature to a higher standard of being.

"Your road (or railroad is it?) from your way through Canada, Alaska, to near Asia shows what can be done. I hope to hear of crossroads right through the longest and broadest ways of Australia, Siberian Arctic to the Indian ocean, Siberian side of Africa to the Pacific side—raising all the natives to a higher civilization and all races to a nobler standard of life, conduct and equality."

The letter is extremely well written with the spelling and punctuation practically perfect, speaking well of the training of a man 87 years of age. No mention whatever was made of the actual war now in progress in England and no appeal for sympathy or aid was manifested.

HERMISTON GIRL ENTERS WAAC'S

Mary E. (Eva Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox, received notice Tuesday that she had successfully passed the examination for the WAAC's. Miss Wilcox recently took the examination in Seattle, Wash., and did not know until Tuesday that she had been accepted.

Just as to when she will be called or to where she will be sent are still a mystery to Miss Wilcox but she will keep her luggage in readiness. She has been employed for the past several years as bookkeeper at the Farm Bureau mill.

In addition to her bookkeeping chores, Miss Wilcox has been quite active with her horses. She is rated as an expert rider and at one time was a princess at the Pendleton Roundup. In recent years she has been a member of the Pendleton Mustangs and participated in their shows.

NO OIL RATIONING EXPECTED HERE

Good news to residents who are using oil stoves or furnaces comes from Robert W. Horton, assistant oil administrator, who this week stated that no fuel oil rationing was being planned for the Pacific northwest, now or in the "predictable future."

Fuel oil tanks here are well stocked at present and unless a real shortage is foreseen, rationing will not be necessary. Local oil distributors to date have had no difficulty in supplying the local demand.



HIS little greeting comes to you wrapped up with our best wishes for a New Year brim full of the good things of life. And as day follows day in 1943 we hope these good things will continue to come your way.

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FARM BUREAU TO MEET JANUARY 9

The first meeting of 1943 for the members of the Project Farm Bureau will be held in the Columbia park hall Saturday, January 9, according to President A. H. Cable. Listed on the entertainment program are a talk by Gaylord Madison on the recent state convention of the Farm Bureau and a picture show by Gene Lear, assistant county agent.

The evening's program will start at 7:30 and a pot luck dinner will be served by the auxiliary members.

PASTIME CLOSING THURSDAY NIGHT

Ben O'Conner has announced that he will close the Pastime Thursday night at 12:00 and it will remain closed indefinitely. His present plans call for a complete renovation job at the Pheasant Cafe which he plans to open some time early in the spring.

The Pastime has been in operation during the past two years, and proved very popular during the boom activities last year.

Dan Gray Leaves For Training

Dan Gray, who has been employed at the Hermiston Tum-A-Lum and who was recently elected to a two-year term as councilman, left early Tuesday morning for Chicago where he will attend Northwestern university at Evanston. Dan recently enlisted with the navy reserves. Mrs. Gray intends to remain in Hermiston for the time being.

TRAILER CAMP IS RENOVATED

Harry Wessell of Stanfield has been given a contract to prepare the Stanfield trailer camp units for the approaching cold weather. Among the various improvements will be building a wooden frame around each trailer and packing with earth so that the wind cannot penetrate through the flooring, painting each trailer and making other minor repairs.

It is also planned to connect drainage to the sinks in each one of the trailer units.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ENJOYED

The Queen Esther Chapter, O.E.S., held a regular meeting Wednesday night, December 23, with a Christmas party following the meeting. During the evening the retiring worthy matron, Lucille Middlesdorf, was presented with a bouquet of flowers from her husband, retiring worshipful master of the Masonic lodge.

A program of musical numbers was enjoyed with the following presenting the program: Janet Hodge, Jack Jackson, Hope Reynolds, Jim Jackson, Phyllis Sires and Betty Jean Jackson.

Gifts were exchanged, and the worthy matron presented each officer with a gift.

A pot luck lunch followed with Mrs. Mary Humphreys as general chairman.

MISSING MAN IS JAP PRISONER

Several weeks ago an item in The Herald told of the fact that Lt. H. H. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Roberts, was listed among the missing. Word was received this week by his parents, however, that he is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands.

No further information is available but it is thought that he has been prisoner for several months and is still receiving mail from here, although he has been unable to send any letters to his parents here.

HERMISTON BOY NOW AN OFFICER

An Associated Press story, with its origin "somewhere in Australia", was released Wednesday and stated that James Power, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Power, was among 113 United States army enlisted men to become second lieutenants. This group is the first list of graduates of the officers candidate course in the Southwest Pacific since the war began.

Only five Pacific Northwest men were listed among the 113, one of which was Second Lieutenant James Power of Hermiston.

WHITE CHRISTMAS FAILS TO APPEAR

Although the radio singers and orchestras did their best to make a "White Christmas", it was all to no avail in this region. Although there was snow all around Hermiston, none fell here. Approximately 18 inches of snowfall was recorded in the mountains south of Pendleton. About an inch fell Saturday night and some of it remained for several days before it disappeared, due to freezing weather.

The report for the week, according to Charles Taylor, weather man, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
December 22	56	40
December 23	48	33
December 24	46	33
December 25	46	32
December 26	36	23
December 27	36	30
December 28	46	29

DISPOSAL PLANT WORK UNDERWAY

Preliminary work on the construction of the Hermiston disposal plant has been underway the past two weeks although little work has been done over the holiday period by the contractor, Sheldon & Co. It is expected that the construction will be rushed to completion as soon as sufficient materials can be obtained.

The laying of the sewer mains is progressing nicely and only finishing touches here and there remain to be done. The work has been done by DeBlasio & Sons of Yakima, Wash.

ARREST SOLVES LOCAL THEFTS

The arrest of Ivan L. Taylor, 19, by local officers last week has at least slowed up if not solved the recent series of thefts in Hermiston. Although Taylor admitted some of the lawlessness, it is thought that others are involved.

Taylor appeared before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd last week end and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail where he was taken Saturday. His home address is Lapwai, Idaho, but recently has resided in the Westland district.

STANFIELD TO PRESENT COMEDY

The Stanfield high school will present "Introducing Susan", a 3-act comedy, in the Stanfield auditorium Friday, January 8, beginning at 8:00 p. m. The performance promises to be interesting and the players are working hard on the individual parts.

The admission price has been set at 35c for adults and 15c for children.

Columbia Grange Meets Tuesday
Columbia Grange members are asked not to forget that the grange meets at 8 p. m. Tuesday, January 5. All members are urged to try and attend, and be there on time, as there will be a short program prepared by the lecturer, Lillie Fix. Visiting grange members are always welcome.

RESIDENTS URGED NOT TO HOARD FOOD DUE TO RATIONING

COOPERATION OF PROGRAM ASKED

A plea to all residents of Oregon to avoid hoarding of canned and dried foodstuffs, and to merchants to refuse to sell these products in greater than normal quantities, was made today by Richard G. Montgomery, state director of the Office of Price Administration, whose task it will be to administer point rationing which was announced in Washington Sunday.

"Sunday, on the radio, you heard Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information, and the Honorable Claude R. Wickard, secretary of agriculture, explain the crying need for early rationing of various foodstuffs," Montgomery said. "Since then you have had the opportunity to read their statements in the newspapers."

"Certainly there can be no quarrel among fair-minded Americans, with the reasons advanced for the rationing of many foods by these men who know the problem."

"Mr. Davis explained why it is necessary to announce these plans so far in advance. Food processors, food wholesalers and food retailers must be given time to familiarize themselves with the mechanics of the ration plan. Trade meetings must be held from coast to coast. Members of War Price and Rationing boards must be given a chance to learn their important roles in the program. Finally, the public must have time to become fully informed on all phases of rationing."

"I urge upon the people of Oregon full and complete cooperation with this program which our government has deemed vital to the war effort. I must warn against hoarding in any form, not only on the grounds that it is unpatriotic, but also on the grounds that it is futile since all hoarded foodstuffs must be declared as soon as rationing gets under way. To hoard now is to deprive your neighbor of the food he needs."

"The announcement of this vast program in advance is wise for many reasons. I know something of the tremendous burden that is being carried by members of the War Price and Rationing Boards in Oregon. I know that they need this interval in which to familiarize themselves with the heavy tasks ahead. They, too, are your neighbors. Give them a break by doing what your government asks of you. Don't hoard. Buy normally. Educate yourself on point rationing. You will have ample opportunity to find out how it works in the weeks ahead. Read your newspapers. Listen to your radio."

"Finally, I appeal to all Oregon food dealers to assist the government by refusing to sell customers more than normal quantities, by explaining the futility of hoarding and by rationing on a voluntary basis until such time as formal rationing is introduced. We in Oregon can and will do our part. We can and will make rationing work in such a way as to divide equally the food-stuffs allocated to civilians. We can and will make our contribution toward an early victory."

ECHO RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Echo Monday afternoon for Charles Jesse Ward, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Manuel Cunha, Saturday morning after a long illness. Rev. M. B. Ballinger presided at the service and Mrs. Vaathi King of Pendleton and Roy Smith sang with Mrs. Stephen Spike as accompanist. Pallbearers were Sloan Thomson, Gaylord Madison, Ben Gaskill, Harry Owens, Muri Berry and John Oliver. Honorary pallbearers were Joseph Cunha, Sr., Elting Spike, Gene Caudle and Dr. C. L. Gray. Frank Sloan read the Masonic burial service for Stanfield lodge, of which Mr. Ward was a member.

Mr. Ward was born at LaGrange, Cal., Sept. 14, 1874, moved to the Willamette valley with his parents in 1879, and in 1883 came to Echo. He farmed for many years on the home ranch in the Meadows district and since the death of his wife in June, 1937, has worked with stock in the Minam district. He is survived by one brother, Ed of Echo, and seven children, Frank J. of Hillsboro; Mrs. Iva McCullough, Portland; Mrs. Ada Cunha, Mrs. Verna Cunha, Miss Zetta Ward, Lemuel F. and Charlie J. of Echo, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

