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Change of Managers

The Hermiston Irrigation District changed managers this week. Mr. Martin who has served for 17 years, steps out and Mr. Spencer takes over.

Enos D. Martin, who has served so long and so well, will be greatly missed. He knows the miles of system from feed canal to small turnouts and the difficulties of distributing water to withering gardens, young alfalfa and drying pastures, as well as to larger fields. He knows also the dispositions of the various users and the necessary diplomacy to keep peace, and to meet the various requirements. It will be many days, though in new work and away from the familiar scenes, when he will cease to wonder, when the telephone rings, as to what farmer is calling now; or when he awakens in the morning that his first thought will be the feed canal, the reservoir, the A canal, the B line, the Maxwell ditch or some of the long pipelines.

The position of manager of our water system is very important. These days we think much of the Ordnance Depot, the war, and the hundreds of new people about. When these are a part of history, and perhaps the igloos are buried in dust, our main resource will still be the life streams through the head-gates that produce butterfat, meats, vegetables, eggs and turkeys. Those streams are necessary to nearly a thousand homes with trees, lawns and flowers, in town and country, and necessary to our permanent existence here. The temporary boom will soon pass, but our irrigated lands and the water system must be preserved and directed properly through the years to come when we return to normal conditions.

Mr. Martin's successor is a good man, chosen for experience, and will do well and we hope that the water users will give him the best aid possible in the conduct of his duties, which particularly to a new man on a job like this will be difficult.

We wish Mr. Martin the best of success in his new field, and we welcome Mr. Spencer and assure him our support. Exit Martin, enter Spencer.



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IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. C. D. Whitney

Miss Agnes Caldwell was hostess of a birthday party given at her home Wednesday night honoring Delpha and Patty Markham and Ruby Forbes whose birthdays are the same day. Those present for the occasion were LaVelle Markham, Lois Markham, Chara Frazer, Juanita Volle, Billie Norcross, Joe Wilson, Bill Volle, Bill King, Bill Rutledge, Lee Munden, Leonard Aldrich, Don Miller, Elton Frazer, Bob Larson, Clifford Rucker, Dick Gau, Kenneth Forbes, Clark Stephens and the honorees and hostess. A very joyful evening was spent by all playing cards, Chinese checkers and truth or consequences, and refreshments were served. The three girls received several nice gifts.

Leslie Rucker has joined the navy and will report to duty January 20. School started Monday after a week and a half of Christmas vacation.

Irrigon people greeting the New Year in at the dance in Stanfield were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stiegel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haddox, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Al Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Larson, Leota Clairage, Lois Markham, Patty Markham, Doreen Gau, Billie Norcross, Kathleen Paulson, Agnes Caldwell, Bill Volle, Leslie Rucker, Bill King, Lee Munden, Cub Gollyhorn, Leo Haddox, Dick Gau, Burr Whipple, Ray Coulter and Bill Rutledge.

Miss Clara Frazier took care of the Kenny and Stiegel children New Year's eve while their parents were away.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Rathke and children of Umatilla and Mary Lou Denman were Sunday visitors at the C. D. Whitney home.

Mrs. Rudolph Roda received word that her husband is missing. He had been gone from the United States three weeks. Mrs. Roda teaches the 4th, 5th and 6th grades and short-hand in high school. Her husband has been stationed for the past six months in Florida until he left.

Jerry Hahn from California stopped at the Whitney home Sunday on his way to Spokane. He is a friend of Ted Haukason who was here a year ago and was Mr. Whitney's boss over the gold dredge working on the river here at Irrigon. Mr. Haukason asked him to stop in and tell the Whitneys hello for him and to see how they were.

Ora Tompson has taken over Caldwell's garage. He has been employed at the coop garage in Hermiston the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grimm received a letter from their son Eldon last week. He is in New Guinea.

It was reported in this column in last week's news that Gary Saylor was missing. That statement is untrue as it was just a rumor which was started here. The high school received a Christmas card and letter from him Monday. He is at the San Diego base in California.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shoun of Walla Walla are parents of a daughter born Saturday. It is the second grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shoun of Irrigon.

Rev. and Mrs. Harness were here for a few days. He was formerly a pastor here.

Golden Wedding Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Jones, whose home is 623 S. 20th Ave., Yakima, Wn., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their nephew, R. Vernon Jones of Irrigon on New Year's day, 1943. They were entertained with a turkey dinner served at 6:00 in the evening. The table was beautifully arranged with imported china and silver set off with the glow of soft candlelight which was used as center piece.

Just immediate family were present, including the double nephew R. Vernon Jones and wife Ruby and daughter Lucile, the grand niece of the celebrated couple. Gilbert Jones is a brother of Vernon Jones' father, and Mrs. Gilbert Jones is a sister of Vernon Jones' mother.

A remarkable thing in this family is that three Jones brothers including Gilbert Jones married three sisters, including Mrs. G. R. Jones, of the Ashbaugh family, and one of the Jones girls married an Ashbaugh boy. A total of four double marriages between the Ashbaugh and Jones families.

Fifty years ago near Heppner, January 1, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jones were married at Mrs. Jones' parental home. They were united by the brother of Gilbert Jones, justice of the peace, who was later the father of R. Vernon Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jones have resided in Yakima, Wn., for over 30 years, going to Yakima in 1909. They are still a very active couple. Mr. Jones is a carpenter and is still active and working at his trade. Prior to going to the Yakima country they resided at Irrigon. Later they sold their home to R. V. Jones. This winter they returned to help or repair the same house they constructed 40 years ago, in which after completion they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. H. Cray

December was an exceptionally wet month for this district, the total precipitation being 2.36 inches with another .32 inch being added the night of December 31. Eight inches of snow fell during the month but prevailing westerly winds soon melted it. Precipitation recorded in December, '41, was only 1.31 inches. Maximum temperature for the month was 61 above on the 16th, and the lowest was 20 above on the 7th.

Blair Coleman arrived Sunday to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Coleman of Stage Gulch. Blair, who is in the anti aircraft division, has been stationed in western Alaska. He made the trip to Seattle by boat and the remainder of the way by plane. He says his camp has not been too busy,

mostly marking time recently. Alaska's climate, cold winds, six feet of snow in a night, and similar drawbacks are not to his liking, he says.

Mrs. Cora Longwell has been confined to home over the week end with a severe cold and Mrs. Willis took her place as librarian Tuesday.

Otis McCarty of Butter Creek has returned from Portland where he underwent a major operation several weeks ago. He has been convalescing at the home of his son, Otis McCarty Jr., in that city since leaving the hospital. He reports feeling much better although still weak.

Word comes from Mr. and Mrs. George J. Mitchell of Nyssa that their son Pete, former Echo boy, is now in the western Libyan desert still following Rommel. He says the American fighters wonder what Rommel will do when he has no place left to retreat to.

The Sather family of Echo is beating gas rationing and the milk shortage with the aid of a jersey cow. The animal not only provides them with two gallons of milk a day, but when feed runs low she is hitched to a two wheeled cart and hauls home a bale of hay. This novel rig threaded the traffic on Main street the other afternoon with six-year old LaVerne Sather handling the reins and the father, Alvin Sather, walking alongside to oversee the jaunt. The cow paid no attention to motor cars but stubbornly resisted any attempt to guide her off the direct route home with her load of hay.

John Oliver, who has served as city marshal of Echo since the resignation of Ben Gaskill last summer, handed in his books Tuesday evening and the mayor-elect, A. C. Ebert, appointed Jack Neilan in his place.

Mrs. R. D. Wilson has received word of the death of her mother, Mrs. Frank Erickson, at Shenandoah, Iowa, last Wednesday. She had been ill for a long time and Mrs. Wilson made a trip to Iowa last August to see her.

Echo Cougars defeated Lexington Tuesday evening 53 to 14, to retain their standing as unbeaten in the Little Wheat high school league this season. Rosamel was high for Echo with 22 baskets; Way of Lexington scored 6. Referee was Swenson. The next league games will be with Umatilla January 12 and Ione January 14. Games have also been scheduled at Hermiston January 6 and Hermiston here January 8. The Cougars have won seven straight games this season, four league contests and three practice games.

UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt returned from Baker after spending a week visiting their daughter, Mrs. David Earley and family.

James Guerin, who is attending school in Huber, Oregon, spent the week end here with his father after visiting his sister in Spokane.

Mrs. Paul Walsh and children ac-

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companied by her twin nieces, Ilene and Arlene Harryman, left Saturday for their home in The Dalles after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Byrnes.

Roscoe Williams, who is employed in Portland, spent the week end here with his family.

The Masonic lodge is having concrete walks constructed to their lodge building. E. Whisman and Al Stephens did the work.

Word was received here by friends that Norman Worthley has enlisted in the navy and his rating is chief petty officer. Worthley taught the 7th and 8th grade and boys coach here in 1938 and since 1941 has been teaching in the Medford Junior High.

Shirley and Joyce McFarland returned Sunday from Boardman where they spent the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McFarland.

Harold Laird, who is in the navy, stationed at Pasco, spent Monday here with his mother, Mrs. Gus Fransolus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDermott and Mrs. Rex Moses spent Monday afternoon in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byrnes and daughter, Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and son Gary, spent Monday morning in Stanfield with his aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Stockdale.

Mary Shannon returned to Spokane Friday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shannon.

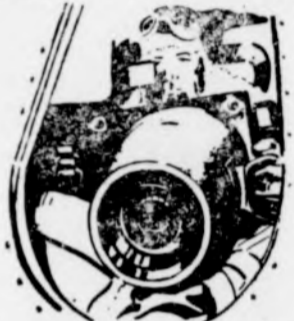
Joan Byrnes returned Friday from a five day visit with Mona Picker in Hermiston.

The Poehontas lodge held a watch party Thursday evening with a 6:00

o'clock pot luck dinner followed by a evening spent in dancing old time dances. Frank Allan and Mrs. Barta Blair furnished the music.

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