

(The Herald will devote this column in future issues to news from "our boys" who are scattered about the globe giving their all in order that we at home may continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom. The Herald will welcome items of interest from parents, relatives or friends of the boys in the armed forces. In order to make the column as interesting as possible cooperation from everyone is requested.)

Mrs. H. W. Grim received word last Thursday from the Secretary of War that her son, Pfc. Elden L. Allen, had been killed in action December 25 in New Guinea. He was born at Hamilton, Ore., February 3, 1917. The family moved to Irrigon in 1919. He received his education in the Irrigon schools.

He joined the arm January 7, 1942, and after a very short training period, he left San Francisco April 22, for Australia where he was stationed until late in November. He was then sent to New Guinea where he was killed on Christmas day.

He had received two medals for his marksmanship. He leaves his mother and step father, three sisters and five brothers. One brother, Raymond, is now stationed in Texas.

Peter E. Piening, son of Mrs. Anna Marie Piening of Hermiston, was recently promoted from private first class to corporal in the 449th Air Base and Headquarters Squadron at the new Army Air Forces Basic Flying School near Independence, Kan.

William Robert Benschel, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benschel of Hermiston, has been enrolled in the Navy's school for signalmen on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill. He was selected for special studies in this school after taking a series of aptitude tests during his recruit training period which he has just completed.

A short time ago he was a civilian, but now Elmer Lee Blahm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blahm of Route 1, Hermiston, is wearing the uniform of an apprentice seaman and is receiving his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training station at Farragut, Idaho.

Frank C. McKenzie Jr. is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and is in the Field Artillery of the Army. He writes that so far as he knows he is the only Hermiston boy in training at this camp. Camp Roberts is a very large training center and many boys are stationed there. It is 13 miles from Paso Robles, the nearest town. "I have met lots of boys and am getting along fine and army life is O.K. Almost everyone has colds and it's now raining cats and dogs. There is a very nice U. S. Army Service Club located here and every Sunday night we have a nice program put on by the boys stationed here. I have not seen a picture show since I left as they are all crowded and a long row standing in line to get in. Army life is O. K., but I sure do miss the good old home cooking. We have to stand in line to get anything to eat. We all had to have our hair cut real short and they sure made a mess of mine. Say hello for me to all my friends."

PRICE MEETING IS POSTPONED

The price meeting for retailers and service organizations scheduled at the high school for Wednesday night, January 27, was cancelled because weather conditions made it impossible for the Portland representatives to be here.

Business men will be notified by newspaper, mail or telephone when arrangements are completed for a new meeting date.

RATION BOOK DATA

SUGAR—Stamp No. 10, in Book 1, good for three pounds, expires January 31. Stamp No. 11, good for three pounds, February 1 to March 15.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 28, in Book 1, good for one pound, expires February 7. (For bookholders of 15 years of age or over.)

GASOLINE—Stamps No. 4, each good for four gallons through Mar. 21.

TIRES—Inspection dates: Cars with "A" mileage rationing books, prior to March 31; "B" and "C" books, prior to February 28. Motorcycle "D" books: Same basic rules as for passenger cars.

(Clip this information and keep it with your ration book for ready reference.)

RATION BANKING IS INAUGURATED HERE BY FIRST NATIONAL

ONLY DEALERS ARE AFFECTED

"Ration coupon banking," a new type of banking service for retailers and wholesalers of rationed commodities, designed to make the nation's ration program work more effectively, was inaugurated here in Hermiston January 27. It was announced by the First National Bank.

This is a war service that the government has asked the banks to undertake under which wholesalers and the larger retailers will be required by the Office of Price Administration to open "ration bank accounts" in the banks with which they customarily do business. Into these "ration accounts" the wholesalers and retailers will deposit the ration coupons received from their customers against which they will draw special "ration checks" when ordering new supplies. It is expected that only the retailers whose food sales in December, 1942, exceeded \$5,000 will be directed by the OPA to open "ration accounts." No charges of any kind will be made by the banks for this service.

Consumers such as housewives, motorists, and other individuals who purchase rationed commodities for consumption will not be affected by the new "ration coupon banking" system. They will continue to obtain their ration coupons from local ration boards and they will continue to "spend" their coupons at the stores just as they have been doing in the past. Only certain dealers selling rationed commodities will have to open "rationed bank accounts."

The banks will have nothing to do with the fixing of ration allotments or allowances, or with the issuing of ration coupons. Local ration boards (Continued on Last Page)

MORE ATHLETIC ITEMS ASKED

A campaign to gather athletic equipment for members of our armed forces who are encamped throughout Oregon has been launched in Hermiston under sponsorship of the Victory Service League. The need for this equipment is great. There is a great scarcity of numerous items of playing equipment ranging from baseballs and bats, boxing gloves, basketballs, gym shoes and other small articles to parallel bars, wrestling mats and larger items.

Supplying of this material to the troops will have a fine effect on their morale. Athletic directors have been seriously handicapped from lack of equipment and with no assurance of having this corrected other than by contributions from patriotic citizens. The Hermiston Herald has been named as the receiving station for these items.

O. M. Beard was the first to donate the needed items, turning in several softballs and a baseball. The Hermiston Red Sox donated their entire equipment, including about 10 baseball bats, chest protector, mask, several baseballs, shin guards and bat bag. Other donations are urged.

ANNUAL CREDIT UNION MEETING TO BE FRIDAY

The annual meeting of the membership of the Hermiston, Oregon Federal Credit Union will be held in the American Legion hall on Friday evening, January 29, at 8:00 p. m., according to W. C. Kik, president of the board of directors.

Reports from the board of directors, supervisory committee, credit committee and treasurer will be presented and a general discussion of the future of the Credit Union will take place.

Election of officers for the ensuing year will be one feature of the meeting. Present incumbents are: W. C. Kik, president; Riley Leeper, vice president; Charles N. Seeliger and Guy Shaw, directors and Mrs. Georgia Henderson, treasurer and clerk.

The supervisory committee includes C. M. Jackson, Adolph Heyden and Henry J. Ott. The credit committee is made up of Victor Stockard, Riley Leeper, W. C. Kik, Gene M. Lear and Guy Shaw.

All members are urgently requested to be present at this meeting.

WORK STARTS ON HOUSING UNITS AT ORDNANCE

Jack Sullivan, project manager for the C. F. Davidson Co. of Tacoma, Wash., announced Wednesday that all preliminary work such as survey, tool sheds, levelling and other details would be completed by next Tuesday and actual construction should get underway shortly thereafter on the 350 housing units and other buildings being constructed just south of the Umatilla ordnance depot. The original announcement of 450 dwellings has been reduced to 350 by the Federal Public Housing administration.

C. F. Davidson was in Hermiston the first of the week looking after the various operations. It is estimated that 450 men will be employed on the project at the peak of construction. G. Kerkebo will be the superintendent on the job with Mr. Rowles acting as project manager for the F. P. H. of Seattle.

A complete writeup of the housing project will be issued next week.

SNOW HANGS ON DURING WEEK

A total of five inches of snow fell Thursday, January 20, and six days later the measurement had only dropped about one-half inch due to the extended cold spell. Wednesday, January 27, was the first day when the sun was out long enough to melt the snow at all. Only one day of sub-zero weather was recorded during the week.

The report follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
January 20	41	25
January 21	37	5
January 22	20	2
January 23	22	9
January 24	20	-6
January 25	22	10
January 26	27	7

STATE GUARDS ANSWER SIREN

As an indication as to what can be expected from Co. E., 22nd Bn., Hermiston state guard, was indicated last Thursday when a group of 68 guardsmen answered five blasts of the city siren and in 26 minutes were ready for any emergency. The call was in the form of a drill but came without announcement to the men.

Captain Vernon E. Daugherty was in charge of the mobilization and also present was Captain Herbert K. Iverson of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. The latter addressed the group, highly complimenting the men for their efficiency. Capt. Iverson was impressed with the work that has been done by the local guardsmen.

On Water Bills

If your water bill is low Blame it on the ice and snow. Many meters were not read. Reason, Gibbs was sick abed.

Do not let your hopes go speeding. For next month he'll get your reading. And 'twill show the over run. Instead of showing "minimum."

"It Takes Both"



It takes both... a Punch and Judy to stage a pantomime show and two hands to pull the strings behind the scenes. It takes both... War Bonds and Taxes to finance the staggering cost of this global war. Buy War Bonds and more War Bonds every payday as you pay your Victory Tax.

NEW PASTOR FOR BAPTIST CHURCH IS ANNOUNCED

Next Sunday the Rev. H. V. McGee of Portland takes up his duties as the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hermiston. As he comes on the field he will be welcomed by a host of friends who have been waiting his arrival. In the early fall he visited the church on several Sundays as the supply pastor and the people were so well impressed with his ministry that a call was extended to him. He comes with several years of business experience in his favor as well as Christian service. Mrs. McGee, who has been on a visit to California, will join her husband shortly as they enter upon this new field of endeavor.

For the past three months the Rev. Kenneth B. Daniels of Springfield, Oregon, has been supplying the pulpit with the exception of a few Sundays when he was absent visiting his family at home. During this time, quite a number of repairs have been made on the church property. The floor of the main auditorium has been refinished, pews revarnished and new rugs procured for the aisles.

Besides this, a building has been acquired and moved adjacent to the church for the parsonage. Considerable lumber has been purchased and work has been begun towards adding some rooms to the structure and plans are already being worked out for remodeling and modernizing the place in anticipation of the coming of the new pastor and his wife.

MISS JANE BOYER NOW AT CAPITOL

Miss Jane Boyer, who for several months was employed here at the First National bank but recently has been working in Pendleton, left recently for Washington, D. C., to be employed as secretary to Lowell Stockman, representative in congress from this district. Miss Boyer is a graduate of Willamette University and was employed by the Stockman for Congress club during Mr. Stockman's campaign.

Miss Boyer is a skilled horsewoman and was a cowgirl princess at the 1939 Round Up. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyer, reside in John Day. Miss Boyer was popular among the younger set while working here.

MISS WILCOX TO REPORT FEB. 3 AT DES MOINES

Miss Eva Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox of Hermiston who was recently accepted to serve with the WAAC's, has received orders to report February 3 at Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Wilcox left Wednesday to visit relatives and friends in Salem and Portland, later going to Seattle where a contingent is expected to leave for Des Moines on January 30.

Miss Wilcox, who for the past six years has been employed as a bookkeeper at the Farm Bureau Co-operative mill here, graduated from Lexington high school and later attended Oregon State college for three years. She attended a Portland art school the following year.

Miss Wilcox, who is an ardent horsewoman, has been active in this work for many years and participated in various shows. She was also an active supporter of 4-H club work and has acted as leader of local livestock clubs for many years. At present she is vice president of the Hermiston branch of county 4-H club leaders.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS MOORE TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore of Hermiston announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to Flight Officer Ralph W. Marble, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Marble, also of this city.

The couple are graduates of Hermiston High school, where they were popular in student body activities, as well as sports and dramatics. F. O. Marble, with the class of '39 and Miss Moore with the class of '41.

Miss Moore is employed at the Umatilla Ordnance depot and is a member of Oregon Women's Ambulance corps.

F. O. Marble is stationed at MacDill Field, Florida, where he recently completed training.

No date has been set for the wedding.

MUSIC PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED

G. C. Humphreys, music instructor at Hermiston high school, will present his band and glee club at an evening's entertainment Friday, February 5, beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. An interesting program has been outlined and this year's annual presentation promises to be as good as ever.

The program will be free to the public.

AMBULANCERS SPONSOR DANCE

The local contingent of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps is sponsoring a benefit dance at the Hermiston Park hall for Saturday, February 13. Proceeds of the evening will be used to purchase first aid kits and equipment for the organization.

Admission prices will be 25c for ladies and 50c for the men.

ELWOOD NAMED SCHOOL PREXY

Kenneth Elwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Elwood, has been re-elected president of the associated students at Hermiston Union high school for the second semester. Other officers include: Maynard Neal, vice president; Doris Follett, secretary, and Velma McKinley, yell leader.

Mary Sommerer and Carl Longhorn were re-elected as student judges.

LOCAL LEADERS TO ATTEND MEET

Roy White, representative of the building trades union, and Lee Elwood, president of the local carpenters local, will leave Friday for Portland to attend a Building and Construction Trades convention which is reconvening Saturday. The sessions will take up matters not disposed of at the recent meeting in Salem.

The men will return to Hermiston the first of the week.

Catholic Mass Hours Changed
Father Alban Cullen of the Hermiston Catholic church announced Wednesday that in the future two masses will be held each Sunday. The first will come at 9:00 and the second at 11:00. These hours will prevail until further notice.

HERMISTON CHURCH TO BURN MORTGAGE SUNDAY EVENING

FINE GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

The Central Church of Christ will rejoice next Sunday at appropriate services when all incumbrances will have been met on the church property. Fire will be applied to that document called a mortgage and the entire congregation and friends will watch it go up in smoke.

The present house of worship was made possible by a loan from the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, an organization of the Christian churches of Oregon. They maintain an office in Portland with C. F. Swander as state secretary. Mr. Swander, who has held that office for 35 years, will be here Sunday to assist the church with its "big fire," the burning of the mortgage. He has participated in many such services so comes well qualified to assist in this one.

The church has a comparatively short history and has been one of a gradual spiritual and material growth. It was first organized in 1928 as the Baptist-Christian church, with A. J. Ware, now of Oregon City, serving as pastor for two years. During that time the church met in the Baptist church building. In 1930 the church rented the Corliss Hotel building, now the Cronk A. s., at which time Wallace Jones, now of Willamina, was called as pastor, serving until January, 1934.

In August, 1932, the congregation purchased a brick store building adjoining the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery, under contract of \$10.00 per month. In September, 1932, the church was incorporated under the name of Hermiston Union church. C. R. Moore was called as pastor in April, 1934, and served until June, 1936. C. Warner, the present pastor, was called June 1, 1936.

In the winter of 1937, the brick store building was sold to the creamery. The church continued to use this building for worship until October, 1938, at which time the group moved into the present building which was formally dedicated on October 23, 1938. At the time of dedication the building was valued at \$6,500.00.

In 1939 the name of the church was changed from the Hermiston Union church to the Central Church of Christ.

The organization was first organized with an approximate membership of 50 but now has an enrollment of 240. Under the present pastorate there have been added to the church roll 90 by transfer of membership and 87 by Christian baptism.

BULLDOGS WIN FROM BOARDMAN

By Jack Jackson
The Hermiston Bulldogs gained a revenge for an early season defeat by edging the Boardman Yellowjackets 24 to 20 last Thursday in the Hermiston gym. The game was very close all the way through with both squads playing a tight defense.

Hermiston jumped into an early lead when Davis dropped in his usual first basket from right under. This lead didn't last long when the 'Jackets began getting their eyes on the basket. By the end of the quarter it had faded away entirely and Boardman held a margin of 7 to 5.

The Bulldogs came back in a rush to pile up a lead of seven points and they led 15 to 8. Dick Belt and Blackie Davis were the Bulldogs' standouts in the first half. Each of them grabbed off five points and displayed nice floorwork.

The second period was tight all of the way and although the Bulldogs were ahead all of the way they did not have a safe lead at any time. The only thing that gave the Bulldogs the game was the tight defense with which they held the Boardman boys scoreless throughout the final quarter. The final count was Hermiston 24, Boardman 20.

Marv Walpole was high point man of the game. He collected five field goals for a total of ten points for Boardman. Hermiston's top man was Dick Belt who gathered in nine counters.

The Bulldog Bees took the preliminary test from the Boardman Seconds to the tune of 18 to 8. Ken Johnson took top scoring honors with six points.

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