

What's happened to the Employees Association? We usually start something and then it drops from sight. This is one organization that should be kept going. Haven't any of you any ideas. It is about time for another dance or picnic—however, we should have more members. As soon as things get organized it is the intention to hold an election, thus giving all of you an opportunity to put in office representatives of your own divisions. Other Depots have had unusual success with such an association. Let's make ours among the top of the list.

Pretty nice to leave on a vacation as a 1st Lieutenant and upon your return find you have been promoted to a Captain. Such was the fate of our former Lt. Sutch who is now passing cigars. Congratulations!

Mrs. Lottie Ransdell is leaving Wednesday (which is tomorrow, isn't it?) for Baker, Oregon, as a representative of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion. This is a state convention and having attended one of these affairs in the past I rather imagine Lottie can look forward to a wonderful time.

Miss Doris Rodenbaugh and Eugene Hiatt are about to take the final step. I asked Doris just when the big event would occur and she blushing said in the very near future. We think it will be either Wednesday or Thursday. Gene is in the Navy and is home on furlough.

Lt. Purse is leaving Wednesday for Santa Anita where he will go for military training. Just what this means I'm not sure but I understand from Capt. Hicklin who is there now that it is very "tough". It seems that they go through a regular Buck Private's routine "squads right, squads left, about face, etc." Not much fun we'll wager but quite a necessary part of a military man's life. Hope it isn't too bad, Lt. Purse. Maybe these officers will regain their "girlish figures".

On Heroism

Killed in action. What connotations flash in the consciousness when such words precede a soldier's name?

No greater gift than his life can a man give to his fellow countrymen. No higher tribute can a nation offer its fighters than what is given when a man's name is placed in the list of the dead. For heroism needs not a medal as a necessary banner of its being; nor does it require the brief plaudits of an admiring audience sitting solemnly through a rote speech by a man who has had a walk in hell. The living heroes know who are the greater heroes, where lies the real glory. Those who give their lives in unselfish service to their country write in immortal letters of the noble ideals of that country.

But active service on battle fronts is not prerequisite to heroic effort. Nor must one necessarily be in uniform. The merchant marine is an outstanding example of civilian heroism, incomparable, destined for noble history, for the merchant marine has the most dangerous civilian task of the war, and its men are heroes, every one of them, before ever they ship for the first time in dangerous waters. There comes to mind a poem, written by a dabbler in verse, who incidentally, is an employee of the U.O.D.:

Merchantman's Uniform

Here's to the merchant sailorman who's always sailed the seas,
He stands with God and man alike and never enters pleas.

He makes no talks to ladies' clubs nor on the radio.

All he asks are laden ships with orders where to go:

He sails them over bloody seas to destinies untold

Which might be hot with love of life or deep in ceaseless cold.

—The above article is by Clyde Berry, one of our U.O.D. Guards.

How many former "Big Time" athletes have we among our employees? I've heard of a few. Guess what! Captain Simola was formerly a champion wrestler for the University of Oregon. His nick name was "Bull" Simola. He doesn't look very big, and we have never heard him bellow but that's the name and thus it sticks. However, we would advise you to call him Captain. Believe he prefers it to "Bull".

It looks as if the new hospital and other buildings in that vicinity will be completed before long. A salesman who was here to see Harry Nelson the other day was amazed at the changes that had been made at the Depot since he was here last. He hasn't called here since a year ago this month. It takes someone like that to make those of us who come to work every day realize just how many improvements have been made in the last year. We are growing, aren't we?

ARTHUR BROTHERS TO BRING LARGE CIRCUS TO TOWN MONDAY

FIRST BIG SHOW IN MANY YEARS

Although many events please patrons, Arthur Brothers are particularly proud of their exceptionally well-trained herd of elephants. Critics have raved about superb performances of these pachyderms wherever they have been exhibited.

Arthur Brothers extravaganza will pitch its tents on Monday morning, August 23, at the city park in readiness for the first performance at 2:00 p. m. Doors will open at 1:00 p. m. to permit patrons to visit the side shows and the wild animal cages. The evening performances will begin at 8:00 o'clock with doors opening one hour earlier.

Arthur Brothers are the first outdoor circus to visit Hermiston in a number of years. The city park was selected in order to provide a central location. Clever arrangement by circus engineers enables them to mount huge canvas inside the city park grounds.

Elephants are but one of the vast array of wonders on display with this circus. Capt. Van de Walls fighting black maimed lions; Olvera Troupe and Sing Lee Sing troupe of Chinese wonder workers, and internationally famous equilibrist are other thrilling attractions of the show world who will be in action; plus, of course, all the thrills of the circus.

LEAR IS HONORED AT GRANGE MEET FRIDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lear were honored guests last Friday evening at a farewell get-together sponsored by the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau at the Columbia grange hall. Mr. Lear left Sunday for Redmond where he assumes the position as county agent. A pot luck dinner was served with a varied program of entertainment following.

J. H. Reid was program chairman of the evening. H. J. Ott played two violin solos, followed by a contest. Winners were Mrs. F. S. Green and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison and Miss Marian Ott and Mrs. Georgia Henderson. Mrs. Willard Stratton presented a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by her sister, Miss Marian Ott.

A. H. Cable, president of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau, spoke highly of the work Lear has done on the project during his two years here. He was followed by H. J. Ott, John Jendrzejewski, J. W. McMullen, F. S. Green, C. M. Jackson and Mrs. Hogue of Stanfield. Mr. Lear has been especially active in 4-H club work and three members of this group expressed their appreciation of Mr. Lear's efforts.

Lear in turn voiced his appreciation of the cooperation he has received here. He especially mentioned Miss Marian Ott and Mrs. Frank Guivits, his office assistants. He also introduced the new assistant county agent, Frank Hackler of Prineville, who with Mrs. Hackler were guests for the evening.

MARRIAGE VOWS EXCHANGED HERE

At a beautiful wedding ceremony Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Miss Margaret McMullin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMullin, became the bride of Corp. Elton G. Brutscher, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brutscher of Weston. Rev. C. Warner performed the ceremony at the Central Church of Christ which was beautifully decorated with gladioli and U. S. flags.

Mrs. Brutscher is a graduate of Hermiston high school with the class of '35, later graduating from Eastern Oregon College of Education. She has taught school for four years. The groom is now stationed with the armed forces at Luke Field, Arizona.

The couple was attended by the Buhmann three-year-old twins, Janice and Jeanette, neices of the bride. The latter carried a Cascade bouquet and wore a dress of white sheer.

Mrs. Pearl Ward Dies

The death of Mrs. Pearl Ward of Bend has been reported here. Her passing away was unexpected as she is reported to have been in fine health prior to her collapse while out on the lawn. The Wards formerly resided here and still own property in Hermiston. Funeral services were held in Bend.

ECHO AND U. O. D. TO PLAY SUNDAY FOR SECOND HALF

A rejuvenated Echo baseball team defeated the Hermiston Indians Sunday afternoon on the local diamond. The win gives Echo the right to play the U.O.D. team for second half honors. Should Echo win Sunday, a playoff would then be necessary between the same two teams for league honors as the U.O.D. squad were winners of the first half.

Sunday's game brought out several kinds of baseball with Echo finally winning 11 to 7. The Indians have been blowing hot and cold throughout the latter half, going strong one Sunday and then everything going in the opposite direction in the next game. Echo has improved as the season advanced and now fields a strong team.

Sunday's game will start at 2:00 o'clock.

BENSEL AGAIN IS LOSER FROM DOGS

John G. Bensel, prominent chicken raiser in the North Hill district, is beginning to wonder if he should remain in the chicken business. Stray dogs have made a mecca of his ranch during the past several months and have killed hundreds of his chickens. Monday night a stray killer again entered his flock and killed 73 more birds.

Mr. Bensel states that he has had enough loss and in this week's issue is publishing a notice that he intends to kill all stray dogs in the neighborhood.

PIERCE IS HOME FROM ALASKA

Floyd Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pierce, has returned from Alaska where he has been employed for the past year on the new highway, Alcan, now under construction there. He made the trip out from White Horse by plane, arriving first at Vancouver and later at Seattle. He continued on to Portland where he was joined by his wife and baby.

The Floyd Pierce family and Miss Marion Pierce, also of Portland, came this week to visit at the O. C. Pierce home. Mr. Pierce states that the Alaska country is much to his liking, with an abundance of fishing and hunting available. He says, however, that he had little time for either while there as the road is being rushed to completion with little time for pleasure.

UMATILLA BOND GROUP TO DANCE

The Umatilla bond committee, which recently functioned so wholeheartedly prior to the bond auction here, is continuing its efforts by sponsoring a benefit dance at the Umatilla high school Monday night. All proceeds over the expenses incurred will be placed in a fund to be used for future bond selling or other war activities.

Rod Esselstyn's orchestra of Echo will furnish the music with tickets on sale for \$1.00 per couple.

ROTARY STREET SIGNS PUT UP

Hermiston took one more step in the proper direction towards becoming a city this week. B. Haneline and Kenneth Gibbs, city employees, Wednesday were busy putting up street markers. The project was originally started by the Hermiston Rotary club but the signs were made and painted by the manual training classes at Hermiston high school.

East of the tracks, markers have been placed on the first seven streets and on the west side on the first six avenues. The signs will greatly facilitate newcomers in finding their way about town and will aid in giving directions.

LOCAL LADIES AT CONVENTION

A delegation from the Hermiston Legion auxiliary left Wednesday for Baker where they will attend the state convention of that organization. Mrs. Helen Belt, state historian of the American Legion Auxiliary, will act in that capacity.

Mrs. Belt was accompanied by Mrs. Hattie Hamm and Mrs. Ethel Clark, who will serve as delegates from the local unit.

DON ALSTOTT IS UMATILLA CHIEF

The new Umatilla Chief of Police is none other than Don Alstott, former Hermiston boy, who has resided in Umatilla for the past several months. He has recently been employed with the U. P. railroad but accepted the Chief of Police position about two weeks ago.

While in Hermiston Mr. Alstott was employed by B. I. Whitney, stock buyer for the Grandview Packing Co.

CELEBRATION IS TALKED HERE FOR MONDAY, SEPT. 6

Plans are now being discussed for the forthcoming Labor Day celebration to be held in Hermiston Monday, September 6. The affair will be under the general sponsorship of Carpenters Local 933, of Hermiston, and other local groups. The day's program will be held at the Hermiston park with a dance scheduled for the evening, featuring old-fashioned waltzes.

The sale of bonds will be stressed during the festivities. The program will consist of many types of races, including sack, potato, horse racing, greased pig, greased pole climbing, and other contests. Special speakers are also being invited for the occasion.

Special prizes will be given for the oldest couple present, for the family coming the longest distance, and others.

WIGLESWORTH FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services for Mrs. Idella Starr Wiglesworth were held Friday, August 13, from Prann's Funeral Parlors with burial in the Hermiston cemetery. Rev. C. Warner, pastor of the Central Church of Christ, was in charge of the services.

Mrs. Wiglesworth was born January 15, 1871, in Maryville, Mo. She passed away at the age of 72 after a long illness. She was married to R. F. Wiglesworth November 7, 1936. They have resided here for the past 10 years.

Surviving are Mr. Wiglesworth; two sisters, Mrs. Rosetta Dorsey of Big Fork, Mont., and Mrs. Fanny Fallen, living in California; two brothers, one residing in California and one in Kansas.

NEW ASSISTANT AGENT ARRIVES

Frank Hackler, recently of Prineville, began work this week as assistant county agent, replacing Gene Lear who has been promoted to the county agent post at Redmond. Mr. Lear left Sunday to assume his new duties.

Mr. Hackler has been assistant secretary to the AAA organization at Prineville and comes well recommended to Hermiston. He will move his family into the residence now occupied by Mrs. Lear and family as soon as Mr. Lear can find housing facilities at Redmond.

FREAK ELECTRICAL STORM HITS SUNDAY AND DOES DAMAGE

SMALL TWISTER UPROOTS TREES

A freak electrical storm hit this area Sunday afternoon, causing considerable damage to power lines, transformers and other electrical equipment. Mrs. Julia Penney and son Bill of Stanfield can give first hand information concerning the storm as a bolt of lightning struck just a few feet from where they were standing watching the "fireworks." Although they escaped with nothing more than quite a scare, some damage was done to their wiring and a radio in the house was also damaged.

The storm approached from the south and circled Hermiston to the east. A strong wind came up from the northeast direction and citizens were reminded of the storm which struck here about six years ago, blowing over large trees, buildings and otherwise wreaking havoc. The expected "blow" failed to materialize, however, and continued north.

Lightning struck in several places, destroying three transformers for the Umatilla Electric Cooperative and one for the Pacific Power & Light Co. The former concern lost two transformers on the Meadows and one on the Fred Andrews Sr. ranch. The latter company reported their loss at Echo. The P. P. & L. Co. automatic switch east of town was blown open by the lightning and the city was blacked out for about five minutes.

The R.E.A. power crew was kept busy all evening answering calls to various farms where damage was reported. A bolt struck a pole east of the Henry Lindner place and at the Duff Knight farm an electric fence control transformer was torn from the building and tossed as far as the line would allow.

A small twister struck near the Fred Hensel place north of town uprooting several large trees. They fell on power lines and considerable work was necessary to put them back in condition. A span of secondary wire was broken by the trees.

For the public in general the storm provided quite a show. Some were wishing that the storm had been scheduled for the evening as it would have been much more spectacular.

TRAILDUSTERS ENJOY OUTING

Sunday approximately 25 members of the Traildusters and their friends gathered at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin east of Hermiston for an afternoon and evening of real Western hospitality. Traildusters rode horseback from the surrounding towns and farms, and some fine horses and outfits were tied to the Martin's corral fence.

A hearty supper of sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts and watermelon was served in the front yard to the guests who earned the right to answer the call of "Come and get it!" by helping with the chores. The get-together broke up later in the evening, and the full moon made the six or seven mile ride home very enjoyable.

It was the unanimous sentiment of Traildusters that more occasions of the same nature were to be forthcoming in the near future.

FIREMEN GUESTS OF MR. ROHRMAN

A. F. Rohrman, owner of the Rohrman Motor Co., Wednesday night treated the Hermiston firemen to a dinner at the Temple Lunch with Guy Cronk in charge of the menu. A total of 16 firemen and Fire Chief O. C. Pierce answered the dinner bell.

Mr. Rohrman was prompted for the above splurge by the manner in which the firemen prevented further damage at the Rohrman Motor Co. during the recent fire. The dinner was in appreciation of the excellent work turned in by the boys.

SALE OF DAMAGED GOODS STARTED

O. D. Randall, head of a salvaging concern, is announcing this week that all goods recently damaged when the interior of Stone's store was gutted by fire will be sold to the general public as fast as possible in order to clear the store for remodeling purposes. All goods have been marked down because of the damage done by the fire and water.



One of the featured lions used by Eric Van Der Wall in the presentation in the massive steel arena with Arthur Bros. Big Three Ring Trained Wild Animal Circus which will arrive in Hermiston on Monday, August 23, for a one day's showing on the circus grounds at the city park.

The Big Thrill of the circus is when these snarling fighting denizens of the jungle leap at the trainer with the sole intent of immediate destruction and Van Der Wall, smiling, turns them away with no other weapon than a common ordinary kitchen chair and a small stick or wand—wand it must be and a magic one because it certainly works magic in the training of these animals. Arthur's Military Elephants share the wild animal spotlight and they are surrounded by a sterling program of artists such as

the World Famous Olvera Troupe; Ryan's Equestrian Revue; Elnore the Queen of the Flying Trapeze; The Henry Troupe of Acrobats; The Max Craig Due; Manuel the King of the Slack Wire; The Guiterrez Troupe of High Wire Walkers; all appearing in person to bring you the real thrills of a fine circus performance. Two shows are presented daily in this mammoth Big Top at 2:15 and 8:00 p. m.