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U. O. D. Rated Excellent

Employees and friends of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot will be glad to hear that it was given a rating of "Excellent" as a result of the annual general inspection made by the Inspector General, Headquarters Ninth Service Command, in September.

U.O.D. Officers Stand Retreat

The officers of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot stood retreat Thursday evening with the Pendleton Army Air Base band. Following the retreat, the Pendleton band played a concert to the officers and civilians attending. For individuals enjoying a good concert, this was a special treat, and the personnel of the Depot are looking forward to an early return of the band.

Prizes Awarded at Dance

Three men and three women received prizes for costumes at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot Employees' Association dance at the hall. If the success of a dance can be based on the attendance, then the one sponsored by the association Saturday night was a huge one. The majority of the crowd arrived fairly early. Even if only a minority of the people were dressed "fit to kill," their antics furnished the onlookers with plenty of entertainment. The climax of the "hard-timers'" antics was the selection of the prize-winners. From the grand march, Col. Buyers, Col. Hoffman, and Capt. McNight chose six candidates. From these, the winners were determined by the amount of applause the crowd offered for each one. For the men, first, second and third winners, respectively were: Tom Lloyd, Morey Smallwood, and Dan Weber. The women winners were Sue Lloyd, Bernice Mansigh, and Alice Frosh. Prizes in war bonds and stamps were awarded. First prize was a \$25 war bond; second, \$5.00 in war stamps; and third, \$1.25 in war stamps. The Esselstyn band was "super" as usual, and dancing lasted until the "wee" hours—well, anyhow, until one o'clock. Let's have more of Rod's band, and let's have more employee's association dances.

Saturday evening, October 16, Captain and Mrs. Noland entertained a group of friends at a dinner party occasioned by their fourth wedding anniversary. Captain Noland is Post Engineer at the depot and has been on duty here since December 1941.

Captain Harry Sutch, adjutant and transportation officer, was ordered to San Francisco Sunday to attend the Adjutant's Conference, being held at the San Francisco Ordnance District this week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sutch and by Mrs. Buyers, who plans to visit with her son Archie, now employed as a chemist at the Shell Oil refinery in Martinez, Cal.

James Henderson has assumed the duties of head checker on E. P. Snyder's shift, replacing Ray Hutsell who resigned recently to accept a railroad job.

The checkers have heard from their former associate, lanky Don Winters, now in uniform and learning Ordnance mechanics at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Russell McCoy has moved from truck headquarters from Motor Transportation and is now dispatching the motorized weight lifters from the Magazine Field office.

Fritz Lightle, Hermiston mechanic, is now putting government cars to rights at the repair garage.

Naomi Wade has just returned from Kansas where she visited her husband Noe Wade, corporal in the Army Air Corps.

Radioman First Class George Bennett visited his wife, messenger Patricia Bennett, at the Depot last week.

George Turner plans to spend a hard earned vacation in the mountains, following the deer next week. Good luck, George.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy also plan to be mountaineers for a few days the week of the 25th.

The girls in Fiscal are enjoying the new desks ordered by Mr. Carlson and delivered Saturday afternoon.

Ordnance City is really growing. Sunday there will be two more additions. Colleen Wallace, time and payroll, and Bernice Mansigh, plant property, are moving out from Hermiston.

Irene Dooley of Chadron, Nebraska, from time and payroll, and Harvey Munns, Touché, Wn., from the truck lift operators, were married September 30, and are now living at Ordnance.

Gladys Hamilton of time and payroll accompanied her husband, 1st Sgt. Riley Hamilton, to Portland. Sgt. Hamilton had been home on furlough after being stationed in the tropics for four years. He was en route to California (Camp Haan).

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CHAMBER MEMBERS MAKE EXCURSION TO TOWN OF ORDNANCE

RESIDENTS ARE UOD EMPLOYEES

A group of members of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce made an excursion to Ordnance Monday noon at the invitation of D. W. Bliss, manager of Hermiston's newest neighborhood. The caravan left here at noon and ate at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot cafeteria from where the members were escorted to the town of Ordnance.

The town now boasts a population of 527 with 164 families now listed on the roster. When completely finished and fully occupied, there will be room for 350 families. The city is conveniently located just south of the main entrance into the U. O. D., making it possible for workers to walk to their work.

The business section is not completely filled as yet but boasts an up-to-date grocery store and space for several other businesses. These will be occupied as soon as arrangements and leases can be made and drawn up, according to Mr. Bliss.

Probably the busiest concern at Ordnance to date is the two-room school housing the first, second and third grades for children of families residing at Ordnance. The school is furnished and supervised by Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen of the Hermiston school system.

The housing units are divided into three different types—one, two and three bedroom units. All Ordnance houses have stoves, refrigerators, lights and water. The prices charged are as follows: With utilities and unfurnished, 1 bedroom, \$27.50; 2 bedroom, \$30.00 and 3 bedroom, \$33. With utilities and with furniture, 1 bedroom, \$31.50; 2 bedroom, \$36.00, and 3 bedroom, \$41.00.

The furniture includes in addition to that mentioned above—1 bedroom, 1 dinette table, two dinette chairs, 2 occasional chairs, 1 studio couch, 1 double bed with mattress and mattress bed, 1 chest of drawers and 1 mirror. The 2 and 3 bedroom houses are also furnished comparably to the 1 bedroom with similar furnishings for the added rooms.

The town of Ordnance now creates a pleasing site with the long rows of houses neatly divided by green lawns and paved roadways. Inhabitants are now busy preparing their individual compartments for the winter months, laying in food and fuel for the months ahead. Playground facilities, movies, and other entertainment is being provided by the management.

A visit to the town is not only pleasant but educational as well.

UMATILLA MAN PASSES AWAY

Harry Louis McKinney of Umatilla passed away at his home last Saturday. Funeral services were held from Prann's Funeral Parlors Monday afternoon with Rev. C. Warner in charge.

Mr. McKinney was born in Wisconsin September 7, 1872. He came west in 1899 and on December 20, 1900, was married to Miss Olive Louisa McWillis at Waldport, Ore. He later moved to Hermiston but has made his home in Umatilla for the past seven years. He joined the Odd Fellows lodge in 1906 and for 37 years has been a devoted member.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olive McKinney, and a daughter, Mrs. John Blair, both of Umatilla, and a sister, Mrs. Jessie Philbrick of Santa Cruz, Calif.

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons are announcing the arrival of a son, James Maurice, on October 14, at St. Anthony's in Pendleton.

The Garry Levine family are new tenants this week at the Dr. Marble place. Mr. Levine is employed at the Hodge dairy farm.

Ben Fix is able to be out after being confined for several weeks because of a heart ailment.

The regular meeting of the Home Extension Unit will be held October 26 at the U.M.W. building and will be a "Sewing Machine Clinic." Each cooperator may bring in her own machine for a general cleaning and adjustment. Mrs. Carter, home agent, will conduct the demonstration. Anyone planning to bring a machine are asked to please contact Mrs. Bob Woodward or Mrs. John Graves for list of tools and articles needed in the work. The meeting will start at 10:30 a. m. with a pot luck luncheon at noon.

Evangelistic Team Coming



Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert Cays will begin a series of evangelistic meetings at the Central Church of Christ Sunday, October 31. This evangelistic team has done this type of work in ten of the western and mid-western states and now have a pastorate at Central Point, Oregon. They are graduate of Northwest Christian College of Eugene and Phillips University of Enid, Okla.



Mr. Cays serves both as evangelist and song leader and Mrs. Cays is a fine pianist, soloist and has charge of children's work.

Services will be held every night, excepting Monday, with two services each Sunday. The services will last for three weeks, according to Rev. C. Warner, pastor.

TURKEY KILL TO START AT LOCAL PLANT NOV. 8TH

The Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers will begin receiving turkeys at the local plant November 8, according to John Jendrzejewski, president. Anyone having early birds to market is asked to contact C. A. Flannigan, picking manager, to make arrangement for dressing dates. Pickers and day laborers will be greatly in demand and anyone interested is asked to contact either Mr. Flannigan or Mr. Jendrzejewski who will be in charge of the packing.

The plant management is somewhat concerned over the shortage of help and urges that farmers and townspeople cooperate in taking care of the crop. Pickers will be paid 14c for hens and 16c for toms and day labor will be paid the union scale. Anyone who cannot work a full shift can make arrangements to work part of the day.

The government is buying all the turkeys until 35 million pounds are stored away for the boys in the armed forces. Cooperation in this effort will assure a Thanksgiving dinner for soldiers.

RATIONING CALENDAR

RATION BOOK NO. 1
Sugar, October 31—Expiration date for canning sugar stamps No. 15 and 16, each good for 5 pounds. November 1—Expiration date for stamp No. 14, five pounds. November 1—Stamp 29, Book 4, good for 5 pounds sugar through January 15, 1944.
Shoes, Expiration date of stamp No. 18 for one pair of shoes extended indefinitely. November 1—"Airplane" stamp No. 1 in Book 3 good for one pair of shoes, expiration date indefinite.

RATION BOOK NO. 2
November 20—Expiration date of blue stamps X, Y, and Z. (processed foods).

RATION BOOK NO. 3
(Brown stamps) For purchase of meats, fats, etc.
October 30—Expiration date of brown stamps C, D, E and F.
December 4—Expiration date of brown stamps G, H, J and K. G becomes valid October 24, H on October 31, J on November 7, K on November 14. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

RATION BOOK NO. 4
October 26-29, registration for Book 4 in Portland OPA district. Applicants must present copies of Book 3 to obtain Book 4. Public school registration sites will be announced later.

STOVES
Purchasers must get certificates at ration boards for most new stoves.

WOOD, SAWDUST, COAL.
Fuel dealers must deliver by priorities based on consumer needs.

FUEL OIL
Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations last through January 3, 1944. Coupons with gallonage printed on the face valid until expiration date shown on coupon sheet for gallonage indicated on coupon face.

GASOLINE
November 21—Expiration date of No. 3 stamps in A book, each good for 3 gallons.

TIRES
Cars with C ration books must have tires inspected every 3 months; B books every 4 months; A books every 6 months. Commercial motor vehicles—tire inspection every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

REGISTRATION FOR BOOK FOUR AT HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen announced late Thursday that material had arrived for registration for Book Four of the war rationing program. He announced the following dates when registrants may receive the new edition—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 26, 27 and 28. The hours will be from 1:00 to 5:30 p. m. each day. There will be absolutely no registration on Friday.

The rules for obtaining Book Four are very simple but they are also very vital. All that is necessary for the applicant to bring to the school is the old Book Three. All necessary information is contained thereon.

Due to the detailed work of this registration, it is urged that applicants make it a point to be patient and abide by the hours announced. It is another war measure that must be met with cooperation from all.

WESTLAND SETS ELECTION DATE

The annual election of the Westland Irrigation District will be held at the Westland school house on the second Tuesday in November or November 9. One member of the board of directors will be elected. Floyd Laird is now serving in that capacity, being appointed by the board to fill an unexpired term.

Nominations for director must be in the hands of the manager not later than October 24 and must be signed by at least 15 freeholders, resident of the district.

THERMOMETER IS WATCHED HERE

Anxious eyes have been turned to the thermometer each morning this week with each succeeding morning seeming just a little colder. Although the rationing board has mailed out oil coupons to those using this method of heating, others using coal and wood are considerably worried concerning the supply. Local merchants have been unable to obtain a sufficient supply of the latter two and are rationing the fuel in order to spread it out as much as possible. It is thought that sufficient oil will be obtained.

The report for the week, according to Chas. Taylor, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
October 13	68	44
October 14	67	40
October 15	60	35
October 16	61	32
October 17	63	45
October 18	62	28
October 19	58	29

GRANGE TO HAVE GHOST PARTY

The ghosts will walk at the Columbia Grange masquerade party to be held October 30 at the Columbia park hall, according to Mrs. H. G. McCulley. Friends of grange members are invited to the party but must come in masquerade if at all possible. Games, stunts, and square dances will be featured. Grange ladies are asked to furnish doughnuts for the occasion.

Mrs. Bloom Entertains W.S.C.S.
Mrs. N. W. Bloom was hostess Wednesday afternoon to members of the Methodist church W.S.C.S. at her home. Regular business and sewing was enjoyed during the afternoon. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Bloom served refreshments to those present.

W. C. MOREHOUSE DIES SUDDENLY WHILE AT WORK

Walter C. Morehouse, a long-time resident of Hermiston, passed away suddenly Sunday evening while at work at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Mr. Morehouse was in charge of the water pumps and apparently succumbed to a heart attack. A workman noticed the water pumps overflowing, and upon investigation found his body lying near the pumps.

Mr. Morehouse was born in Denver, Colo., November 24, 1877. He was married to Miss Martha Alice Gilmore on January 12, 1902, at Wasco, Oregon. The family has resided in Oregon for about 16 years, the last 13 being spent in Hermiston. For the past 2½ years he had been employed at the Ordnance depot.

He has been a member of the Christian church since 18 years of age and was a stalwart supporter in the Hermiston church for many years.

He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Ann Fleming of Olympia, Wash., and two sons (twins) Leland F. of Walla Walla and 1st Lt. Courtland G. Morehouse now stationed at Boise, Idaho. Also surviving is a sister of Portland, and a brother, D. W. Morehouse, also of Portland; two grandchildren, Courtland Deane and Lorraine Sue Morehouse.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Central Church of Christ with Rev. C. Warner officiating. Burial was in the Echo cemetery.

W. J. WARNER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

The condition of W. J. "Bill" Warner, who underwent an operation in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland last week end, is somewhat improved but he has been quite ill since the operation. Word received from Mrs. Warner indicated that although Mr. Warner would have to be confined for several weeks the outlook for recovery was bright.

Mr. Warner has been ailing for some time and it is hoped that the operation will correct his trouble.

PIERSON IN RAID AGAINST RABAU

The following Associated Press story was of considerable interest here last week:

"At least two Pacific Northwest men participated in the American bomber raid which knocked the Japanese at Rabaul, New Britain, back on their heels.

"Flight Officer Robert E. Pierson of Hermiston was a member of the crew of the first heavy bomber over the target. Capt. Ellis L. Brown, Duncan, Okla., pilot of the bomber, said "we smacked the target right on the button. As we looked down we could see ack-ack filling the air behind us and hitting all around our leader's plane," he added.

Pierson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson of Hermiston and a graduate of local schools.

HEPPNER TILT COMES FRIDAY

Coach Frank Davison and his football "cripples" will hobble to Heppner Friday afternoon to take on the Morrow county seat lads in an annual "little civil war" encounter. Although the situation is not quite as bad as the above sentence indicates, it is true that at least three members of the backfield are not in condition to play. The most serious of the lot is dependable Blackie Davis—others sporting bruised muscles are Erwin Null and Kenneth Johnson.

On the brighter side of the picture is the fact that Bill Schoonover, early season measles victim, is back in harness and the fact that Jackie Rodgers is again in fine fettle. The remainder of the team is in fine condition and anxious for the opening whistle.

FORD BROS. SET AUCTION SALE

One of the largest auction sales in recent weeks will be held next Wednesday, October 27, when the Ford Bros., John and Roy, will sell their livestock, implements and furniture on their ranch four miles north of Hermiston. They have recently disposed of their farm and have moved to smaller ranches south of town.

R. C. Peters, auctioneer, and Pete Barg, clerk, will compose the auction team. Free lunch at noon.

LOCAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT LAUNCHES IMPROVEMENT WORK

NEW MANAGER OUTLINES PLANS

The Hermiston Irrigation district, under the capable guidance of J. M. Spencer, manager, is writing out an "insurance policy" these days for the future of this project. The district is cleaning ditches, making repairs and otherwise revamping the canals to insure irrigation water for farmers and townspeople alike in future years. Tractors, teams of horses and day laborers are at work.

Due to the fact that the district finances have passed through several years of depression when much-needed work was delayed, the condition of the system has suffered considerably. Because the system was originally planned to serve a much larger area, the condition was not alarming, but the time has arrived when this period of safety has passed and consequently the work undertaken.

Mr. Spencer and his crew are doing a thorough job of the reconditioning as they go. This work will continue until approximately \$6,000.00 has been expended and the most critical portions taken care of first. Work of cleaning out the feed canal was begun right at the reservoir and extended west for approximately two miles. Then a skip was made to below Stanfield where another three miles of canal is being cleared. The portions of the canal which are being improved are being put into their original condition as near as possible. In recent years it has necessitated a period of nearly five months of continual run to fill the reservoir to capacity. Due to good fortune weather conditions have always been excellent. However, good business indicated that this period could not go on forever and improvements were deemed essential. With the improved ditch, it is hoped that the period can be shortened to three to four months. Doug Gibson is doing much of the work on the feed canal.

Considerable cement work is being planned for the A line which is also showing need of repair. Many places the cement has broken through which might prove disastrous should they ever be enlarged. These places will all be repaired during the next few months. Approximately nine miles of the Maxwell ditch will also receive a thorough cleaning. This ditch, which is used for early spring irrigation and for receiving drainage water from the Stanfield project, was considerably run down, according to Mr. Spencer. The flow will be greatly increased by the cleaning operations which will continue as long as weather permits.

Some of the other smaller ditches and canals are also receiving a thorough inspection and the worst spots will be repaired. Among this group is the L line which feeds into the Columbia district.

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ROAD CONTRACT AT UMATILLA LET

Contract for construction of an access road to the Umatilla oil depot in Umatilla county was awarded by the state highway commission Tuesday, according to a news dispatch from Salem. The successful bidder was the Western Rock company of Salem with a bid of \$24,821.00.

The contract calls for 1.3 miles of grading, surfacing and oiling.

Umatilla To Sponsor Dance
A Halloween dance will be held at the Umatilla high school gym Saturday night, October 30, with Hermiston Music Makers furnishing the music. The Pocatontas Council No. 35 is sponsoring the dance. A charge of \$1.00 per couple, and 50c for service men will be made.