

Will The Gals Join Forty And Eight?

WASHINGTON (ALNS)—Passage of the law making the WACs members of the armed forces also made them eligible, upon discharge, to membership in the American Legion, as are the Waves, Spars and Women Marines. This has raised a question as to whether Legion posts are to be co-educational. After the last war the nurses and yeomanettes and army telephone operators who were eligible usually formed their own Legion posts, although a number joined the regular posts. Some of them confined their activities to the Legion Auxiliary. Present indications are that their large number this time will make for membership in the posts and some of the girls are even inquiring if they will be able to join the Forty and Eight. Legion fun and honor group, which has an initiation procedure called a "box car wreck" which sometimes has aspects like an army training course condensed into a strenuous evening. The possibilities of the gals in the Legion are varied and interesting.

Fay Davis is recovering nicely from her recent tonsillectomy and is expected back on the job in a few days.

Gail Westmark and Francis Culver spent last Wednesday afternoon in Pendleton shopping and attending to business in general. Fay Davis returned home from the hospital with them.

New women on Guard Team are Pearl A. Williams, Jessie K. Jensen, Naomi L. Marlow, Josephine J. Lowery and Ann D. Moore.

Time and Payroll employees honored Miss Carol White with a luncheon at the Post Restaurant Saturday noon, it being her last day at the depot. Miss White has decided that raising and selling flowers can be a full-time job. Orchids to you, "Butch".

The U. O. D. has a promising basketball team this year. They have played Stanfield for the first league game and came out winners, score 43 to 32. As yet they have no official team name so we'll call them the "U.O.D. Coyotes". They play Pendleton Field the 23rd of November.

There will be a concert given by Jimmy Lind at the U. S. O. Sunday, December 12th.

Helen V. Ekker has returned from a business and shopping trip to Portland.

Miss Ruth Gifford is in Portland on a business trip.

There will be an amateur contest some time in January for the U. O. D. employees at the U.S.O. As yet there has been no date set. Anyone that can sing, dance, recite, give short sketches, play an instrument or stand on his head can enter. Prizes will be given. Come on and sign up. Charles Cook, Russel McCoy and Charlotte Nelson of the Magazine Area are taking the names of the contestants in the Magazine Area. Dan Weber, Harry Nelson, O. A. Peterson and Charles Peterson are signing up contestants for the Administrative Area. Leah Prah and Bob Keith will do the signing for the West Area. We want lots of contestants, so see your representative and sign up!

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gifford of Stanfield have a new baby girl born November 15.

**For Christmas**

"It seems to me that this year, war bonds are the most thoughtful gift of all. Not only do they constitute a Christmas remembrance of the highest intrinsic value, but both the giver and the recipient can enjoy the warm feeling that here is one gift they are also sharing with our men in the service. War bonds are really an investment in happier Christmases to come." This is part of the message Secretary Morgenthau sent to the nation's retailers for their Christmas Bond Promotion. It expresses the thought that we must translate into action. We know that war bonds are the strongest link we can forge with that future day when men of good will may return to their homes and Christmas may once more be celebrated as we have known and loved it.

**U.O.D. Girls Attend Dance**

Irene Cox, Marcille Bennett, Treva Weissenfluh, Marjorie Skow, Vivian Hindman, Grace Nonne and LaVelle Hunt of Ordnance and U. O. D. attended the weekly Saturday night dance at the Service Mens' Club, Pendleton Air Base, November 20. These seven girls and sixteen from Hermiston were a part of the largest delegation of 140 U.S.O. Junior Hostesses yet to attend any of these dances. Thanks to the cooperation of the officers on the post transportation was made available for the Ordnance girls to meet the base bus in Hermiston.

**TIN CAN COLLECTION SCHEDULED HERE FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 2**

**SCHOOL BOYS TO AID IN DRIVE**

Arrangements have been completed for the picking up of all tin cans which Hermiston housewives have been saving for the war effort next Thursday, December 2, according to Mrs. Walter Hamm, who has been in charge of the drive. Cooperation is urged in making the pickup of the cans as easy as possible for everyone.

Housewives should have the cans placed on the park strip in front of each house by 9:00 o'clock next Thursday morning. School boys will then gather the cans and place them at the corner of the block. Frank Hackler, assistant county agent, will then be in charge of collecting the cans from street corners.

All cans must be washed, dried, labels removed, ends removed and cans mashed flat. Cans should be in boxes or gunny sacks and placed on the park strip. People living in the country may bring their cans, properly prepared and boxed or sacked, to the Hermiston Laundry & Cannery any time prior to and including December 2. Caution is urged not to turn in cans from a home with a contagious disease in order to avoid all dangers.

There is an urgent need for tin for use of the government and everyone is asked to turn in all tin possible.

**MISS FIX TO BE WEDDED SOON**

Miss Vernice Fix of Pendleton, who has been visiting here at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Connor, will leave for Miami Beach, Florida, by Streamliner Thanksgiving day to be married December 4 to O/C Charles E. Dunn, son of Mrs. Thomas J. Dunn and the late Thomas J. Dunn of Park Hills, Covington, Kentucky.

Miss Fix is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Steele of Pendleton and attended Oregon State College for four years. O/C Dunn, formerly stationed at Pendleton Field, graduated from the University of Kentucky and attended Cincinnati Law School for three years prior to enlisting in the army.

The couple will be stationed at Miami Beach, O.C.S., Florida, until graduation in December.

**STANFIELD NEWS**

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Rev. and Mrs. Garland Benintendi left Monday to attend the wedding of Miss Jewel Benintendi, sister of Rev. Benintendi, and Walter May at Ontario, Ore., and will return Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gifford are the proud parents of a son born at their home on November 14, and has been named James Wilbur Gifford. This is their third child.

Word has recently reached Mrs. Mollated that her son Carl has reached Samoa Islands on the convoy ship, Johnnie Quimby, who saw action in Tunisia has received a medical discharge and has returned home. His decoration is a purple heart. Forty-eight also followed him back across the waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stewart and sons left last week for Hanford in their trailer house.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant will visit in Pendleton with the Depews before moving. C. Depew will continue his work at the Ordnance and live in Stanfield.

Much shipping is being done from Stanfield: 5000 turkeys to Seattle (Gilbert Smith's); 11 carloads of wheat to Portland (W. H. Hocken-smith); 25 cars of hay (W. W. Felt-house of Hermiston) and fertilizer is being shipped by Del Harmon to the Portland markets; Floyd McDonald is shipping wheat to the eastern markets and H. J. Stillings is shipping both hogs and cattle to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perkins sold their trailer house and moved to Ordnance last week end.

Mrs. C. E. Fisk visited friends at Milton last Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Fern Zivney, high school teacher and victim of the scarlet fever, is reported as improving.

The Stanfield-Echo unit lesson on rug making last Friday was enjoyed by Mesdames Stuart, Coates, Thorne, Kennison, Foxx, Batcheler, Hedrick, Campbell, McPhetridge, Tucker, Peters and the leader, Mrs. Agnes Her- ick. There will be no meeting in December.

Mrs. Rose Hedrick is substitute teacher for Wiley Hewitt in the sixth grade while he is taking Mrs. Zivney's subjects in the upper grades.

Little Carl Hubbell of the first grade, who underwent an appendectomy, has recovered but will not return to school for a while.

**MRS. CASSEDAY IS PRICE CLERK**

Mrs. Wayne Casseday (Miss Roberta Mullins) began work the first of this week as clerk of the price panel board. The work was formerly done by F. C. McKenzie until he accepted the position of chief clerk of the War Price and Rationing board. At present her work will be only on a half-time basis.

**NEW GASOLINE BOOKS DEC. 1**

F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk of the Hermiston Price and Rationing Board has announced that after December 1 new gasoline rationing books B-2 and C-2 will be ready for issuance. However, anyone still having either a B-1 or C-1 book which have not expired should not apply for new books until they have expired. The new books will have less coupons but their value will be five gallons instead of three, making the total gallonage about the same.

No new A books will be issued at this time.

**AUCTION GROUP LAUNCHES WORK**

The Hermiston Livestock Commission Co., newest official company in this area, has quietly been at work during the past several weeks and a visit to the auction yard east of town indicates that the concern really means business. The company plans to be ready to operate shortly after the first of the year when weekly auctions will be held.

Members of the company are: R. C. Peters, auctioneer; Pete Berg, clerk; R. C. Taylor and Roy Duncan of Stanfield, and Carson Linder and Frances Follett, board members. The firm plans to buy and sell livestock, farm machinery and other articles, either at auction or on a commission basis.

**License Examiner Here Dec. 1**

Word has been received from the Secretary of State's office that the traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Wednesday, December 1, and will be on duty at the Legion hall between the hours of 10 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to take this means of thanking all those who offered sympathy and kindness during the recent death of our husband and father, J. W. Gibbons. We wish to especially thank our U.O.D. neighbors and the electrical department. It is all greatly appreciated.

Mrs. J. W. Gibbons and Children.

**UMATILLA NEWS**

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Mrs. Frank Clark left last week for Sweet Home where she will spend until after Thanksgiving with her mother and sister.

F. S. Baker spent Saturday afternoon in Pasco on business.

Mrs. James Byrnes and daughter Joan returned Saturday from a three weeks trip which took them to San Diego where they visited Richard Deason and David Slattery, who are in the marines stationed there, and also in Arizona.

Mrs. Ben Spencer left Monday to spend a few days in Portland.

Gene McFarland who is employed in Hanford, spent the week end here with his family.

Jack Hulsopp, Winnie Stonerook and her father, J. Smith from Hermiston, spent Sunday in Heppner. Smith remained to spend a week visiting friends.

Mrs. Fred Rankin and Mrs. M. McKenzie spent last Wednesday in Pendleton shopping and visiting with Jean McKenzie, student nurse at St. Anthony's hospital.

Mrs. Melvin Eller entertained the pinocle club at her home last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in sewing. Those present were Madames Dean Newgard, Al Vieg, Fred Rankin, Glenn Ostrom, Oliver McNabb and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodbar and daughter, Mrs. Paul Valle and daughter Lee Ann have moved from the Bousquet house to Hermiston. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller have moved into the house.

Mrs. Paul Cyphers went to Pendleton Tuesday and brought home Paul Cyphers who has been in the hospital there for some time where he has been quite ill after being injured here in the railroad yards.

Mrs. William Helmick was called to Pendleton this week to serve as a trial juror in the circuit court.



**W. A. C. OFFICER PAYS VISIT HERE**

"A complete list of 155 Army jobs now being done by members of the Women's Army Corps is contained in a new edition of the booklet, '73 Questions and Answers About the WAC', recently published by the Women's Army Corps," Lieutenant Frances Lanning, local WAC recruiting officer, announced here yesterday. Revised and brought up-to-date since the Corps became a regular component of the Army of the United States, this booklet is obtainable at the Pendleton recruiting office.

Both comprehensive and impressive is the new list of jobs which run the gamut from airplane electrical specialist and balloon envelope repairer to meat or dairy inspector.

"Whether she runs a switchboard in North Africa, makes aerial maps, or takes weather observations for Army bombers, every woman in the WAC knows that she is doing something that is vital to the winning of the war," Lieutenant Lanning said.

"Many of these jobs," according to Lieutenant Lanning, are open to untrained women as well as those who have had years of experience. The Army provides its own training facilities for those who are unskilled in any of the 155 WAC jobs listed in the new publication.

The booklet was especially prepared for the 'All-States Recruiting Campaign.'

**DARWIN WEBB IS RECORD SETTER**

A newspaper clipping sent recently to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. "Twig" Hinkle was of considerable interest to friends of Darwin Webb who is a member of Company 517, Camp Mackall, N. C., which recently set a new army record in physical fitness tests. Webb, a Hermiston boy, distinguished himself by being a member of the championship crew which set several new records. His crew established three of the highest scores yet made by any outfit and chalked up the best overall average of any unit tested.

Listed among the events were burpees, push-ups, 300 yard dash, a 75 yard, pig-a-back, and the circuitous creep-crawl-and-run course, all of which was followed by a four mile full pack march. Webb's company set a record of an aggregate rating of 96.70. The average Army rating is around 50 per cent, indicating the excellence of the performance.

**DUCK HUNTING QUITE SPOTTED**

Although duck hunting in this region is quite spotted, sportsmen have found considerable more shooting than they did during the recent pheasant season which proved one of the poorest in years. Some nimrods have been reporting back with fairly good bags, numbering as high as five and six ducks while others have found the shooting "not so good." All ducks killed appear to be in excellent shape. Geese have been very scarce to date but several have been killed in the Meadows district west of Stanfield. Four were killed Sunday from a small flock which zoomed low over duck blinds filled with anxious hunters.

**WEATHER STAYS DAMP AND COOL**

The past week has seen little change in weather conditions here, but remaining cool and quite damp. Although not actually raining, low-hanging clouds and mist have kept the streets and sidewalks wet most of the time. Although old timers have predicted snow—to date none has fallen. The report for the week, according to Charles Taylor, follows:

| Date        | Max. | Min. |
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| November 17 | 42   | 35   |
| November 18 | 42   | 36   |
| November 19 | 45   | 39   |
| November 20 | 46   | 41   |
| November 21 | 47   | 45   |
| November 22 | 47   | 43   |

**SCHOOLS ENJOY DOUBLE HOLIDAY**

As has been the custom in former years, local schools will close Thursday for the annual Thanksgiving holiday with Friday thrown in for good measure. Classes will again resume Monday morning, according to Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen.

Report cards were issued Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. One student remarked, "After looking at my card, I haven't very much to be thankful for."

**SCARLET FEVER CASE REPORTED**

Although there has been considerable talk and much concern about the scarlet fever case reported early this week, in reality there is no immediate likelihood of an epidemic here. One case of this disease was reported Monday and two rooms of the first grade were closed for the week by health and school authorities, but it was done more because of precautionary measures.

W. G. Kersbergen, school superintendent, stated Tuesday that to the best of his knowledge only one case of scarlet fever had been reported and that he did not expect any immediate danger.

**GROCERY STORE CHANGES HANDS**

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Boylen have purchased the Peterson Food Store from Harry Peterson, the deal being completed Tuesday. Mr. Peterson states that he expects to spend most of his time in his Pendleton store which he has also been operating during the past several months. He has been in business in Hermiston for 1 1/2 years, buying the concern from Harry Connor at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Boylen are not new to the grocery business, having been in the same work in Salem until a few months ago when they sold out and moved to Hermiston. Mr. Boylen has been employed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot and Mrs. Boylen at Brierley's Variety Store.

**Special Meetings Continue**

The special meetings are continuing at the Pentecostal Tabernacle with Evangelist and Mrs. T. L. Blick in charge, according to S. E. Graves, pastor. There will be special music and singing with messages from the Word of God every evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend all of these services.

**RATIONING CALENDAR**

**RATION BOOK NO. 3**  
(Brown stamps) For purchase of meats-fats, etc.

December 4—Expiration date of brown stamps G, H, J and K.

January 1—Expiration date of brown stamps L, M, N, P, and Q. M becomes valid on November 28; N on December 5, P on December 12, and Q on December 19. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

January 29—Expiration date of brown stamps R, S, T and U. R series valid December 26, S on January 2, T on January 9, U on January 16.

**RATION BOOK NO. 4**  
(Processed fruits and vegetables)  
December 20—Expiration date of green stamps A, B and C.

**SUGAR**  
January 15—Expiration date of stamp 29, in Book Four, good for 5 pounds.

**SHOES**  
Stamp No. 18, Book One, and "Airplane" stamp No. 1, Book Three, valid for one pair each for indefinite period.

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

**WOOD, SAWDUST, COAL**  
Fuel Dealers deliver by priorities based on needs.

**FUEL OIL**  
January 3—Expiration date of period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations.  
November 30—Period 2 coupons become valid and are good to February 8, 1944.

**GASOLINE**  
January 21—Expiration date of No. 9 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 comes first.

**FLYING CROSS GIVEN TO HERMISTON MAN IN SO. PACIFIC AREA**

**PIERSON IS NOW FIRST PILOT**

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA

Lieut. General George C. Kenney, Commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, has awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to Flight Officer Robert E. Pierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson of Hermiston, "for extraordinary achievement" while participating in 200 hours of operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on hostile naval vessels and shipping.

Throughout these operations, the citation stated, he demonstrated outstanding ability, courage and devotion to duty.

He is on active duty with a bombardment squadron of the Fifth Air Force which is playing a major role in General MacArthur's offensive against the Japanese in the South and Southwest Pacific.

Flight Officer Pierson is a graduate of local schools where he was especially prominent in athletics. He recently made newspaper headlines when he participated in the American bomber raid which knocked the Japanese at Rabaul, New Britain, back on their heels. He was a member of the crew of the first heavy bomber over the target.

Pierson has recently been promoted to First Pilot. Although he writes that he regretted leaving his old plane mates it is considered quite an advancement to be given control over a plane. He is still enjoying fine health in spite of his many hair-raising experiences.

**WEDDING RITES ARE ANNOUNCED**

Of interest to their many Hermiston friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Claudine Hale to 1st Lt. Rodney Shoen at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shoen, at Spokane, Monday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. Miss Hale is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hale of Hermiston. Mrs. Hale went to Spokane Sunday to be present at the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Calhoun of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Shoen has been employed for the past several years as secretary to W. G. Kersbergen, superintendent of schools, but has resigned and will accompany her husband to Texas where he will be stationed. Lt. Shoen, who has been in the air corps service since February, 1941, has just recently returned from 20 months of service in the South Pacific area.

Lt. and Mrs. Shoen are visiting in Hermiston until Sunday.

**COUNCIL FOR GIRL SCOUTS FORMED**

A group of about 40 interested townspeople and others met Monday night to discuss the forming of a Council for an Association of the local Girl Scout troops. Representatives from various groups and organizations were present. It was reported that there were seven Girl Scout troops in Hermiston, two senior high troops, two intermediate troops and three Brownie troops.

Following considerable discussion a constitution and by-laws were adopted and the council formed. It will be called the Hermiston-Ordnance Girl Scout Council as Ordnance is planning an active part in its participation. A nominating committee was chosen which will report at a meeting shortly after the first of the year when an election of officers will be held. On this committee are Mrs. N. R. Mueller, Mrs. Evelyn Richards, Mrs. Tom O'Grady, Mrs. R. H. Pierson and Miss Helen Thomas.

**Truck Owners to Have Meeting**

A meeting of truck owners or operators has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, at the Junior high school in Pendleton, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Present will be Mr. Hedrick, Associate Mileage Representative, who will talk on "Truck and Tire Conservation." Hermiston truckers and operators are urged to attend the meeting, according to F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk of the Hermiston War Price and Rationing board.