

Private Amott, Private Holbrook, and Private Sharpes spent last week end in Portland.

A. B. Swingley had a birthday on December 4. All of the Magazine Area wish him lots of birthday greetings.

Bob and Doris Keith are visiting in Portland.

Irene Munns is shopping in Walla Walla.

Don Case, Lt. Sr. Grade, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Ione Case of Time and Payroll seem to be having fun anywhere and everywhere.

Peggy McCourt spent the week with her grandfather in Portland.

Al Patrick, private in the United States Army, is home on a short furlough.

Clay Atkinson of Guard Team No. 1 passed away Saturday, December 4 at Walla Walla hospital. He was ill for two weeks with pneumonia. The funeral was held in Wabburg, Wn., at 2:30 p. m. December 7th.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Al. C. Nelson of Ordinance were Pfc. Clarence Nelson and wife of Portland.

Everyone enjoyed himself at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot swing shift dance last Saturday morning. There was a pretty good attendance in spite of the pouring rain. This U.O.D. orchestra is really good. That and the coffee made for a good time all around. The swing shift wants more.

A secret is the life of every man in uniform. The only secret is the one which is never told. No story is worth the life of a fighting man. What the enemy doesn't know . . . can't hurt us!

Miss Frances Baker of Mail and Record Section, returned Sunday, December 6, from a visit to her home town, Crawford, Nebraska, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Baker. Frances spent nine enjoyable days at home, her first visit there in over a year. However, you won't find in Frances a booster for war traveling conditions. She knows exactly what the authorities mean when they say, "Don't travel, now." For 500 miles between Sidney, Nebraska, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, she was obliged to stand on her return trip to Ordinance, and on the way toward her destination, she could get no seat on the crowded train between Sidney and Crawford. Her advice to all potential holiday travelers is to stay where you are. You may think you're not enjoying yourself, but if you travel, you'll know it!

A government-operated bus is now operating for the UOD employees between UOD and Pendleton. This bus runs the day shift leaving Pendleton at 6:10 a. m., Echo at 6:50 a. m., and arrives at U.O.D. at 7:20 a. m. On the return trip, the bus leaves U.O.D. at 4:30, Echo at 4:50 and arrives in Pendleton at 5:35 p. m.

Marshall Ransdale of Guard Team No. 3 is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Private and Mrs. Bob Hartley in Portland and in Seattle. While in Portland, Marshall will attend the banquet and reunion of the Old 3rd Oregon which is now the 162nd Infantry. This reunion will be held at the Winter Gardens in Portland. The group was together in the Mexican border trouble in 1916 and sailed from Hoboken on December 12, 1917. This year marked their 26th reunion.

Buying a bond may not be an easy thing to do, but it is the right thing to do and is the necessary thing to do if the government's confidence in volunteer rather than enforced bond purchases is to be vindicated.

Forty-seven installations in the Ninth Service Command have one hundred per cent participation in the Civilian War Bond program. Umatilla Ordnance was not one of them. Let's put it over the top by January 1.

Church services for the Ordnance residents began last Sunday and will continue each week at 2:00 p. m. in the recreation hall. Each Sunday one of a group of ministers will give the message followed by church school classes. The service will conclude at 3:30 p. m.

The schedule for the next four weeks is as follows: December 12—Rev. Shelby E. Graves; December 19—Rev. E. M. Ayers; December 26—Rev. C. Warner; and January 2—Rev. W. A. MacArthur.

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LEADERS AGREE ON FUTURE POLICIES

TEXT OF TEHRAN CONFERENCE

CAIRO—Here is the full text of the declaration signed by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin at the close of their Tehran conference:

"A declaration of the three powers: We, the president of the United States, the prime minister of Great Britain and the premier of the Soviet Union, have met these four days past in this capital of our ally, Iran, and have shaped and confirmed our common policy.

"We expressed our determination that our nations shall work together in the war and in the peace that follows.

"As to the war, our military staffs have joined our roundtable discussions and we have concerted our plans for the destruction of the German forces. We have reached complete agreement as to the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the east, the west and the south.

"The common understanding which we here reached guarantees that victory will be ours.

"As to the peace, we are sure that our concord will make it an enduring peace. We recognize fully the supreme responsibility resting upon us and all of the United Nations to make a peace which will command the good will of the overwhelming masses of the peoples of the world and banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations.

"With our diplomatic advisers we have surveyed the problems of the future. We shall seek the cooperation and active participation of all nations, large and small, whose peoples in heart and in mind are dedicated, as are our own peoples, to the elimination of tyranny, slavery, oppression and intolerance. We will welcome them as they may choose to come into the world family of democratic nations.

"No power on earth can prevent our destroying the German armies by land, their U-boats by sea and their war plants from the air. Our attacks will be relentless and increasing.

"From these friendly conferences we look with confidence to the day when all the peoples of the world may live free and untouched by tyranny, according to their varying desires and own consciences.

"We came here with hope and determination. We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose.

(Signed at Tehran, December 1st, 1943).

"Franklin D. Roosevelt,
"Joseph Stalin,
"Winston Churchill."

KNOW YOUR CITY ORDINANCES

The following have been culled from Ordinance No. 107 of the laws of the City of Hermiston:

Application for the use of water shall be made at the office of the city recorder.

The water rates shall be due and payable at the office of the city recorder on the first day of each month and if not paid within the first ten days thereafter the water shall be shut off the premises. It shall be the duty of the city recorder, on the 11th day of each month, to make a complete list of all water consumers who are in arrears and report same to the water superintendent, who shall immediately cause to be shut off from the mains all such consumers as are in arrears and not again supply them with water except as provided.

On failure to comply with the provisions of these rules as a condition to the use of water or pay the water rates in the time and manner herein-after provided, the water may be shut off until payment is made of the amount due, with one dollar additional for the expense of turning the water off and on.

Any person or persons who shall turn on or cause to be turned on, the water after it has been turned off by the said superintendent at any curb or corporation cock shall be, upon conviction, thereof before the recorder, be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00, twenty days in the city jail, or both.

LOCAL HUNTERS SHOOT HONKERS

Ben Connor and Verne Franklin, Hermiston hunters with ranches north of town, achieved a hunter's dream Wednesday by bagging a limit of Canadian honkers. Connor, who usually gets his share of game, had shot very few geese since coming to Hermiston and consequently was quite proud of his two birds which weighed 11 and 11½ pounds each.

Otto Pierce and Lee Quiring brought two geese into town this week but were of the smaller Brant variety.

JAMES GEER NOW LISTED DEAD BY SEC. OF NAVY

Mrs. Ira Geer received the following letter this week from Secretary of Navy Frank Knox:

"Dear Mrs. Geer:

"A year has now elapsed since your son, James Elgin Geer, Torpedoman's Mate first class, 393 24 64, United States Navy, was reported 'missing in action'. He was a member of the crew and serving aboard the U.S.S. Laffey, and was reported missing following the participation of that vessel in the Third Battle of Savo Island on November 13, 1942.

"In view of the immediate and subsequent searches made for the personnel after the battle, and due to the length of time that has elapsed without any indication that your son survived, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that he is deceased. Pursuant to Section 5 of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, his death is presumed to have occurred on the 14th day of November, 1943, which is the day following the day of expiration of an absence of twelve months.

"I extend to you my sincere sympathy in your great loss and hope you may find comfort in the knowledge that your son gave his life for his Country, in order that freedom may again reign throughout the civilized world.

"Sincerely yours,
FRANK KNOX."

AIR BASE HALL IS DECORATED

The committee on camp and hospital for the Pendleton Air Base is busy making arrangements for decorating the recreation hall with a Christmas tree and other Yuletide fineries. The recreation hall, which is sponsored jointly by Umatilla, Echo and Hermiston, will be the only room with a Christmas tree at the air base.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are working on the same project, making decorations for the tree. As approximately 500 boys will visit the hall during the Christmas season, it is hoped that a sufficient quantity of candy, nuts, oranges, apples and other goodies will be made available. Anyone wishing to help towards this cause is asked to contact the committee—Mrs. F. B. Belt, chairman, Mrs. Tom O'Grady and Mrs. W. J. Logan. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

News Reporter Finds Much Activity at Hermiston Dairy

"Mama, may I have another glass of milk?" "Yes, dear, drink all you want." This short but very frequent dialogue will be assured in the future at Umatilla, Ordinance and Hermiston as long as Mr. and Mrs. Olyn Hodge and sons, Ted and Dick, operate the Hermiston Dairy.

"I was in the last war," stated Mr. Hodge to the reporter this week when he made a visit to the dairy, "and I know what it means to be short of various foods. As long as there is a bountiful supply of milk no one will need suffer. It is our aim and purpose to supply this milk to the residents of this area."

At the present, the Hermiston Dairy is milking 85 cows of a herd of 125 milk stock, with an additional 50 young heifers which will guarantee a milk supply in years to come. The cows range on sub-irrigated meadows on the 240-acre ranch located below the Cold Springs reservoir—an ideal setting for a dairy, truly a "home for contented cows." As a supplement to pasture feed, Mr. Hodge stated that he had purchased 500 tons of hay

MRS. LONGHORN PASSES AWAY MONDAY MORNING

Funeral services for Mrs. W. R. Longhorn, who passed away Monday following an extended illness, were held in the Prann Funeral Parlors Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. H. V. McGee officiating.

Mrs. Longhorn was born August 31, 1868, in Bradford Township, Iowa. She married W. R. Longhorn February 29, 1888, in Nashua, Iowa, in a double wedding ceremony. In 1900 they migrated to Lewiston, Idaho, and in 1907 settled in Hermiston.

Three boys blessed this union. Milton, Raymond and Ralph, who are left to mourn her passing, beside her husband, W. R. Longhorn. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Phyllis, Wesley, Wilham, Eddie and Mrs. Marion Weber.

Mrs. Longhorn, who was well known about the community, had been ill for almost eight years and bedfast for many months.

There is a note of interest in the fact that Mrs. Longhorn was born 2½ miles from "The Little Brown Church". She and her husband united with the Hermiston Baptist church soon after settling here. Mr. Longhorn took the contract to build the present Baptist church edifice.

ORDNANCE HAS NEW POSTOFFICE

An official U. S. postoffice has been established at Ordinance, beginning as of Wednesday, December 8, 1943. All communications for the Umatilla Ordnance Depot will hereafter be addressed Ordinance, Oregon, instead of Hermiston.

The new office is housed in the administration building at Ordinance.

Dale Hiatt On O.S.C. Squad

Dale Hiatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Hiatt of Umatilla, is a leading candidate on the Oregon State college basketball team for a forward berth. Although to date he has not been named on the starting five, he is listed in pre-game publicity as "sure to see action."

Dale, who was a star on last year's Umatilla high school team, has greatly improved under Coach Slats Gill at Oregon State and home folks are hoping that he will see considerable play this year.

Maurine Sutton Takes Over Duties

Maurine Sutton has taken over the office duties at Hermiston high school during the absence of the former Miss Claudine Hale, who is now Mrs. Rodney B. Shoen. Lieutenant Shoen expects to leave soon for Texas to report for duty with the Army Air Corps. Mrs. Shoen plans to join him later.

Project Farm To Meet

The Project Farm Bureau will meet Friday evening at the Columbia park club house with a pot luck supper to be served at 7:30. A fine program has been prepared and several items of importance will be discussed during the business meeting.

U. O. D. Civilian Employees Honored Wednesday for Faithful Work

BULLDOGS WHIP PILOT ROCK FIVE

Bouncing back from a defeat at the hands of Columbia high Friday night, Coach Frank Davison's high school basketball team soundly whipped the Pilot Rock team Tuesday night on the latter's floor, 43 to 11. The Bulldogs are improving nightly and by Friday night, when the Pendleton Bucks come to Hermiston, should be in fine fettle. Hermiston scored the first basket Tuesday night at Pilot Rock with the Gladiators countering with a gift throw a few moments later. This was the closest the Gladiators ever came to the Bulldogs for the rest of the evening. Taking the ball off the backboard almost continuously, the Bulldogs controlled the ball for most of the game, holding the home team to three field goals and five free throws.

The half-time score was 14 to 6 for Hermiston, with Schoonover, Wilcox, Williamson, Rodgers and Belt carrying the attack. The second half started with Pierson and Null at the guard spots, Harkenrider and Johnson at forwards and Connor at center.

BOY VIOLINIST TO GIVE CONCERT

James Linn, young violinist formerly employed at the U.O.D., will be presented at the U. S. O. in a Sunday concert sponsored by the Umatilla Ordnance Employees association. There will also be other selected musical numbers presented by Hermiston and Ordinance talent.

Jimmy Linn began playing the violin when he was eight years old and was soloist in the Laramie, Wyoming, high school orchestra while he was still in the seventh grade. At the age of twelve he played regularly with the University of Wyoming orchestra. After three years with the University Orchestra, Linn moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Linn to Portland where he studied violin under Boris Sirpo, celebrated violinist and conductor of the Conservatory of Music of Viipuri, Finland.

Jimmy is attending Umatilla high school this year but finds time for a weekly lesson from Sirpo, traveling to Hood River each week for his lesson. As a member of the Hood River Symphony Orchestra, Jimmy was presented in concert at Hood River last week.

The program for Sunday's concert at the U.S.O. in Hermiston will include a concerto, several shorter classical selections and light classics. The sixteen year old violinist is known to have a number of popular encore pieces.

Accompanist at the concert will be Golda Mumma, well known Hermiston pianist.

PAST WEEK SEES MUCH RAINFALL

Although the total for the week was only .09 in. rainfall, practically some rain or heavy mist fell almost every day. The sun peeked through on several occasions, especially Wednesday, but as a whole the past several days have been dark and cloudy. The thermometer dropped to 20 degrees above Monday night but raised to 31 again the next evening.

The report for the week according to Charles Taylor, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
December 1	54	39
December 2	59	36
December 3	58	53
December 4	53	42
December 5	46	23
December 6	45	20
December 7	51	31

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this opportunity to thank our neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the recent extended illness of our wife and mother, Mrs. W. R. Longhorn. We especially wish to thank those who presented floral offerings for the funeral and assisted with funeral arrangements.

W. R. Longhorn
Milt Longhorn
Raymond Longhorn and family
Ralph Longhorn and family

Wednesday, December 8, became one of the milestones in the history of Umatilla Ordnance Depot, when employees of the day and swing shifts assembled between changes of shifts in the Administrative Area on "Civilian Awards Day" designated by the War Department in recognition of the contribution being made to the successful prosecution of the war by its civilian employees.

Colonel A. S. Buyers, Commanding Officer, explained the nature of the awards to the workers. The War Department has established service award ribbons comparable to those of service men to be presented to its civilian employees. The highest award—for exceptionally meritorious service—will be presented for outstanding performance, either within or beyond the call of duty, while the award for meritorious service will be given for service in line of duty. Six months' satisfactory work will mean that employees of this depot who qualify will soon be wearing blue service ribbons on which is reproduced in miniature the official insignia of the Army Service Forces, the familiar blue star surrounded by white field and red border. The Umatilla Ordnance Depot itself has developed an emblem of recognition in a metal hanger bearing the name of the depot with suspended bars representing various exemplary achievements. Adopted suggestions, no lost time in six months, nine months or a year or more entitle workers to this award.

At this point in the program, Colonel Buyers introduced to the assembly the son of one of Umatilla Ordnance Depot's employees, Arden Simmons, Gunner's Mate, 3rd Class, of the Navy Armed Guard, just returned from a successful Atlantic crossing made by his convoy of transport vessels. Gunner's Mate Simmons is a product of this section of the country, having been reared in Sherman county. He enlisted in the Navy in February, 1942. In the time since then he has seen more than his share of action and some of the major battlefronts of the war. He served in gun crews on merchant vessels which transported goods south along the Eastern coast of the United States into Central America. Then he was assigned duty as Gun Captain in charge of a gunnery crew on transport ships convoying supplies, ammunition, and men to the North African and European war fronts. He, in three ocean crossings, has seen his ship torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic, and his convoy fight off two bombing attacks off the coast of Algeria.

Then, as a total surprise, both to the audience and to the individual concerned, Colonel Buyers introduced Wilbur B. Simmons, father of the Navy man, and said, "Mr. Simmons has been employed here since January 1942, and has rendered faithful and excellent service at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, in addition to furnishing a son for the Navy." Colonel Buyers then handed to Gunner's Mate Simmons the two awards earned by Mr. Simmons, the War Department "Emblem of Civilian Service" and Umatilla Ordnance Depot's hanger with bar reading, "No Lost Time for One Year or More". Young Simmons pinned the two emblems on Mr. Simmons' coat, while the assembled employees applauded heartily. "Simmons", as he is known to workers at the depot, is one of the most popular employees on the post, and goes quietly about his job, setting for others a fine example of conscientious, dependable service.

Since it was not feasible to present to all employees the emblems earned by them, the awards have been distributed to the heads of branches for presentation.

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Basketball - Pendleton Bucks vs. Hermiston Bulldogs - Friday