

The Umatilla Ordnance Depot now makes 10% payroll deductions.

Cliva McVickers, No. 1023 of the Magazine Area, lost his merit badge with an Adopted Suggestion bar attached.

Mrs. Charlotte Nelson is back after a week's illness. The magazine field office is glad to see her back.

Our regards to those boys who are going into the service of their country. We know that you will do the job there as well as you have done the job here.

Clem Henry, inspection and safety employee, whom we all remember as the safety shoe salesman, is in the Walla Walla hospital undergoing a major operation.

If anyone knows of anyone who has wood for sale, why not call Mr. Bliss or Mr. Williams at the Ordnance Housing Project? Or you can call Frances Troesch at 3805 Hermiston and she will see that the wood gets around.

Mrs. Josephine Haupt spent the past several days with her son who left for the navy on Tuesday, December 14.

Buy Bonds For Christmas; The Present With A Future

Bond sales are going in high gear. Employees are giving 10% of their gross pay report of the 30th of November shows.

Only 3.9% of employees now working are required to make the 90% required for a minute man flag.

A progress chart is being distributed to all divisions showing the percent of participation and percent of gross pay for the three pay periods from October 16, 1943, to November 30, 1943.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Percentage. Includes Safety (100%), Guards (100%), Personnel (100%), Control (100%), Dormitories (100%), Signal (100%), Plant Property (97.9%), Fire Department (93.2%), Inspection (92.3%).

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There is a touch of Christmas around U.O.D. Various divisions are drawing names and plans are going forward for parties with gift exchanges and the good wishes of the season.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson is back with us after spending several days at home. We are glad to see her face back in the hiring hall.

The violin concert at the U. S. O. was well attended. It was certainly worth while. The Employees Association is to be complimented on the presentation of such exceptional talent.

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GIRL SCOUT TROOPS ARE ORGANIZED HERE AND MEET REGULARLY

FULL PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED

Seven Girl Scout troops have been organized in Hermiston and are now having regular meetings. An association has been formed, and the members of the Hermiston-Ordnance Council will be elected at the association meeting to be held at the U. S. O. on Thursday evening, January 13.

The troops, leaders, assistant leaders, troop committees, and sponsors are as follows:

Troop No. 1—Senior Service Scouts, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade girls; leader, Miss Marie Cooper, assistant leaders, Mrs. T. J. Means, and Mrs. H. V. McGee. The troop committee is: Mrs. F. B. Belt, Mrs. W. G. Kersbergen, Mrs. Jim Todd, Mrs. P. Hollomon, Mrs. N. G. Robertson.

Troop No. 3—The Freshman Troop, girls 14 and 15 years of age; leader, Mrs. J. Saboe, assistant leader, Mrs. Ed Clark. The troop committee is Mrs. Russ Piersol, Mrs. H. Connor, Mrs. L. Todd, Mrs. W. Hamm, Mrs. W. Logan.

Troop No. 2—The Intermediate Girl Scouts, 7 and 8th grade girls; leader, Miss Helen Thomas, assistant leaders, Mrs. A. Greaves, Miss Myrta Gailey, and Mrs. Wanda Graham. The troop committee is Mrs. Russ Piersol, Mrs. Al Quiring, Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mrs. Glenna Jones and Mrs. Frank Brace.

Troop No. 4—Intermediate Girl Scouts, 5 and 6th grade girls; leader, Miss Thelma Myer, assistant leaders, Mrs. Pete Berg and Mrs. Frank Hacker. The troop committee: Mrs. Harry Andrews, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. H. Kelley, Mrs. Bud Beard, Mrs. L. S. Burrell, and Mrs. David Mittleford.

Troop No. 5—Brownie troop of fourth grade girls; leader, Mrs. H. H. Gailey, assistant leader, Mrs. J. M. McClard. Troop committee: Miss Irene Brown, Mrs. Barbara West and Mrs. Cecil Fagan.

Troop No. 6—Brownie troop of third graders; leader, Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, assistant leader, Mrs. John Briscoe. Troop committee: Mrs. L. Black, Mrs. Claude Van Arsdale, Mrs. Anna Bell, Mrs. Tom O'Grady, and Mrs. Harry Nelson.

Troop No. 7—Brownie troop of second grade girls; leader, Mrs. Ches. Friday, assistant leader, Mrs. Al Shaw. Troop committee: Mrs. N. R. Mueller, Mrs. Paul Brapher, Mrs. Ruth Piersol, Mrs. Lee Quiring, and Mrs. Roy Hale.

Reserve persons who will give aid and assistance to the troops are: Mrs. J. R. Huffman, Red Cross work, arts and crafts; Miss Lavina May Lynch, sports; folk dances; Mrs. Leighton Smith, social entertainment; Mrs. Georgia Sutch, interior decoration, homemaking projects; Miss Helen Thomas and Mrs. A. F. Rohman will work as coordinators for the seven troops.

BEARDS LEAVE FOR VANCOUVER

O. M. Beard, an employee of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot for the past several years, began work this week at the Vancouver Barracks as head of the civilian training division and director of field safety.

Mr. Beard was employed in the meat department in several Hermiston stores prior to employment at the U. O. D. Mrs. Beard and Shirley will leave for Vancouver in a few weeks.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our friends for the kindness and sympathy shown during the loss of our mother, Mrs. Sarah Attebury. We especially want to thank those who assisted with funeral arrangements and those who presented floral offerings.

Roy Attebury, George Attebury and other members of the family.

STEINER HOME FOR FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS

Pfc. Emmett Steiner came this week to spend until January 8 with his father, Nick Steiner. He has been in the service about two years, having seen duty in many fields.

Steiner, who has grown several inches since joining the Marine Corps, now stands a cool six feet, four inches. Prior to his illness he weighed 180 pounds but now tips the scales at only 155.

During the 16 months he was away from the United States, he has seen duty on three islands. He wears several marks of distinction, including expert bayonet, sharpshooting with pistol, marksmanship with rifle, hand grenades and wears bars denoting service in the Asiatic Pacific and American Theatre.

Apparently he is not entirely fed up on shooting up ammunition as he accompanied Roy Hale and A. H. Cable on a duck hunt Wednesday morning.

SCHOOLS TO HAVE WEEK'S VACATION

Thursday, December 23, will be the last day of school until Monday, January 3, according to W. G. Kersbergen, superintendent of Hermiston schools. This will give students a week and a day of vacation.

A number of holiday features are being planned during the next few days. The Christmas formal, sponsored by the senior class, will be Monday night. A special high school assembly will be held Thursday at 2:00 o'clock.

WEATHER TURNS RATHER COLD

The past week has been mostly cloudy and cold—ideal weather for duck hunters but not so for residents of the community who are having difficulty with their fuel supply.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Max, Min. Shows temperature trends from Dec 8 to Dec 14.

High School Basketball Team Wins And Loses Against Pendleton Bucks

The Hermiston High Bulldogs went from the heights to the depths of basketball in a space of twenty-four hours last Friday and Saturday when they split a two game series with the Pendleton Buckaroos.

The game at Hermiston was a thriller all of the way with the Bulldogs ahead by a narrow margin throughout. Hermiston's victory was brought about by a superior brand of team play and a third period scoring spurt which provided the final margin.

The Pendleton team was erratic on their shots and did not show much team spirit, but they trailed by only one point at the half, the score being 6 to 5 for Hermiston. This was due to grace of three free throws and a good defense.

High point man for both teams was Paul Williams, who had eight.



CHORUS - BAND TO GIVE CONCERT NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Hermiston high school band and chorus, under the direction of G. C. Humphreys, will present the annual Christmas program next Wednesday, December 22, in the auditorium beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

The band numbers follow: 1. Bay State Commandery March, Burrell. 2. Christmas Medley for 1943, Special. 3. Parade of the Wise Men, Vance. 4. Straussiana Waltzes, Seredy. 5. A Cossack Christmas, Lenikov. 6. Hungarian Dances 7 and 8, Brahms. 7. Christmas in the Balkans, Karoly. 8. Medley of Service Songs, Special. 9. Andantino, Lemare. 10. March, Banquetters, Holmes.

The chorus numbers follow: 1. Silent Night, Gruber. 2. Crusader's Hymn—12th Century Traditional. 3. Christ Child, Carol-Nichols. 4. Croon Carol, Whitehead. 5. In Lowly Manger Bed, Francis. Sextette of Betty Jean Eldridge, Alta Mae Guerrant, Janet Hodge, Annie Lindsay, LaDesca Pieper, Barbara Jean Woodard. 6. I'll Be Home for Christmas, popular. 7. Nocturne, Mendelssohn. 8. Carol of the Bells, Leontovich Wilhousky. 9. Baby Sleeping in a Manger, negro carol, MacGuire-Lee. 10. Adeste Fideles, 13th Century Hymn.

Government Buys Turkey Toms

Picking operations at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers is running along smoothly with a small but efficient crew under the watchful eye of C. A. Flanagan, picking manager.

Friday to load a car of toms which has been purchased by the government to feed soldier boys a Christmas dinner.

HERMISTON BOY GETS AIR MEDAL FOR FINE WORK

Northeast India Airbase — Three enlisted men of the quartermaster corps were awarded the distinguished flying cross and 18 enlisted men and one officer of the same corps were awarded the air medal today (November 21) for dropping supplies upon advance allied troops fighting in the Burma jungle.

Those receiving the awards were not pilots of plane crew members, but the men assigned to the hazardous job of tossing bundles out of open door of a plane flying so low that parachutes would be useless.

The pilot and crews have become so accurate in dropping food to places marked on the ground by the troops below that recovery of the supplies is now about 97 per cent. When the job started it was considered a good job when 75 per cent was recovered.

Those getting the air medal for this type of work included Private Archie Kuhn of Hermiston, Ore.

RUN-AWAY TEAM INJURES CONRAD

George Conrad, whose farm is located south of the reservoir, was quite painful but not seriously injured, about 11:30 today (Thursday) when a team of horses became frightened and ran away.

He was brought to Dr. A. E. Marble's office where he was reported as getting along nicely.

STERR BUILDING GOES FOR RIDE

Residents who happened to be looking out of the window Wednesday morning were startled to see through the fog and haze a large building going riding down the street.

Although Charles Hodge, owner of the Hermiston Auto Co., is out of the city, it is understood that he has purchased the building and vacant lot and plans to sell International tractors and farm machinery, including parts for same.

COMMUNITY TO ENJOY SING FEST

The U.S.O. club will be the scene of a huge community Christmas sing on Sunday afternoon at 4:30. This program is being jointly sponsored by the West End Umatilla Ministerial association and the U.O.D. Employees association.

There will be special musical numbers presented by the following: A quartet from the Central Church of Christ; vocal duet from the Missionary Baptist church; choral group from the Hermiston Baptist church. A Christmas caroling group from the U.O.D. will also make its initial appearance.

As this community sing is being held for everyone, a cordial and special Christmas invitation is extended to each and all.

WESTLAND CLUB IS PRIZE WINNER

At the December meeting of the Westland grange, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kelly were initiated into membership and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greer have transferred from another grange. It was decided at the meeting to omit the next regular gathering which would come on Christmas eve.

Plans were made to take all officers and several members to Pendleton on Wednesday, December 15, where state officers installed all county officers. The Westland grange was awarded a prize of \$2.50 for having 16 officers present at the meeting, in addition to several other members.

U. S. ARMY DOCKS AT UMATILLA DESTROYED BY FIRE TUESDAY

MUCH DAMAGE IS CAUSED

A damaging fire of some unknown origin razed the loading docks and office of the U. S. Army oil terminal at Umatilla Tuesday evening about 4:30. The flames spread so quickly that absolutely nothing was saved from the office, including all equipment, files, records and two dogs which could not be released.

The Umatilla and Hermiston fire departments answered the call but were too late to save the building but were instrumental in keeping the flames from spreading to the nearby gasoline and fuel oil storage tanks.

Ursel Hiatt, Umatilla fire chief, reported Thursday that it was estimated following the fire that damages would reach the \$50,000 mark.

AIR BASE ROOM NEEDS GOODIES

By Mrs. Helen Belt The local committee of the Camp and Hospital Council is busy with the Christmas program for their room at the Pendleton Air Base. This room, the only one at the Base furnishing a tree for the enlisted boys, will be used by more than 500 men—seeking a little homelike Christmas spirit.

Will anyone wishing to contribute a batch of cookies or any of the above mentioned articles please leave them at either one of the local drug stores by Monday, December 20. Will you not help to add a little Christmas cheer to these boys who are separated from their families and friends at this Christmas season?

RANKIN OBTAINS BREEDING TOMS

H. G. Rankin, one of the most prominent turkey raisers of the project, made a trip to Aurora this week to get a flock of 140 broad-breasted turkey toms for breeding purposes.

Mr. Rankin is laying plans for another busy year, having recently installed another brooder.

BULLDOGS LOSE TO ECHO FIVE

The Hermiston high school basketball team ran into a snag at Echo on Tuesday night when they lost a 16 to 14 contest to a hard-fighting Echo quintet. The half-time score was 6 to 5 with neither team being able to connect for field goals consistently with practically all scores being made via the foul line.

The Bulldogs travel to Heppner Friday night for the first clash of the season with their Morrow county rivals. Saturday night Coach Davison's crew will entertain the strong Athena five on the local court.

KNOW YOUR CITY ORDINANCES

Any building now within the fire limits of the City of Hermiston may be enlarged, repaired or changed only when permission for such enlargement, repair or change shall have been granted by the City Council.

All requests to enlarge, repair or change any building now within the fire limits shall be presented to the City Council in writing and shall be accompanied by plans and specifications showing the proposed changes in detail.

1 WEEK UNTIL CHRISTMAS. Rushed? Use this paper for a buying guide. 1943