

Christmas greeting from the Commanding Officer to all personnel of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot:

"This third Christmas of the war has the sun scheduled for its usual short period above the horizon, and the clouds may make that period seem even shorter. However, we know that it has started back on its way north to brighten and warm our lives. The war, too, has turned in a more favorable direction, making this the brightest and most heartwarming Christmas of the three since the 7th of December, 1941.

"It has been, and may well yet be, a long pull; let us continue to make it a strong pull, and a pull all together, joining in thankfulness for our freedom to observe another Christmas season."

Mrs. Charlotte Nelson is recuperating in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton after an appendectomy. She is getting along very well, and has the best wishes of the Depot in her convalescence.

The big Christmas tree at the Depot helps one remember at this season that the Spirit of Good Will will again reign. While there is not peace in the world, there can be peace in our hearts and good will among men.

The Personnel Branch held its traditional Christmas party and gift exchange Friday noon. Isn't it fun to see the happiness people get from giving?

West Area is celebrating Christmas in its own way. Parties are the order of the day.

The Umatilla Ordnance Depot employees join in wishing the Commanding Officer and his Staff and their families the best for the holiday season.

The money you can't spare may save a soldier's life. Bonds are the present with a future!

Christmas? Ask Mr. Dan Weber, our Foreman of Utilities, what it means to him. For this week he received a letter dated December 7 from his son, Bill, Cpl. W. R. Weber of the United States Marines, now stationed at a rest area in the South Pacific. That letter brought him the glad news that Bill had come through unscathed the horrible battle of Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. Out of 5000 Marines who entered the battle, of the 1500 Marines remaining alive and unscathed after those inconceivable 76 hours, Bill was one. He wrote, "... It was a bloody mess ...," and included in the letter Japanese invasion money, on which he had written the date, 11-22-43. Christmas holds a special significance, indeed, for Mr. Weber, and for his three sons.

Members of the cafeteria staff enjoyed several hours of gay yuletide entertainment at their Christmas party Sunday, December 20. Turkey dinner, candlelight, and good fellowship combined to make one of the nicest parties of the many being given around the depot this season. All concerned reported a fine evening.

WHY "RETREAT" IS THE TERM
(Washington D. C. ALNS)

When Julius Richman of Headquarters Co. 661 T. D. Bn wondered why the evening formation in the Army is called "Retreat" he started something. Nobody around his camp knew. He wrote to the American Legion here, which wrote to the Army War College, where Katherine Greenwood, librarian, dug up the tomes and advised what the records of Her Majesty's forces, British, had to say:

"It is ordered in Her Majesty's Regulations for the Army, p. 253, that 'the Retreat is to sound or beat at sunset; after which no trumpet is to sound, or drum to beat, in the garrison except at watch setting and Tattoo, and in case of fire or other alarm.' The word is only the French retrace, signifying the retirement of the men from their daily duties or perhaps originally to their quarters. This is the only significance of the word in military parlance, the word RETIRE being always used to express a backward movement."

Miss Greenwood's research went farther, into British and French military lore, and finds that in early days it was the custom for the rifle and drum corps to march through the camp streets and for each soldier to "repair to his tent or quarters" and remain there. Later the custom changed to a formation while the flag was lowered. The use of "Retreat" in this sense was found as far back as 1689 in British documents, and in 1779 in the United States which followed many British army customs.

CO-OP CREAMERY HAS FINE YEAR AS \$7000 IN DIVIDENDS PAID

NEW PROJECTS FOR YEAR TALKED

The Umatilla Cooperative Creamery has just concluded a very successful year, in spite of the various war time shortages and the curtailment of number of producers. Manager Herman Plass announced this week that Mrs. Frankie Lane and Mrs. Neva Kensler, office workers, had completed the task of writing out and mailing out dividend checks amounting to around \$7000.00 for profits over and above the market price of butterfat for the first 11 months of 1943. The checks were mailed to 495 producers selling products to the creamery, ranging from a few pounds of cream to large producers.

The three high dividend checks went to W. H. Quick and Son, \$131.30; George Gettmann, \$100.68, and Fred Heman, \$87.20.

Although the concern did a fine business this year because of the high price of butterfat, actual production dropped off 7% or maybe even more. Many farmers have gone out of the dairy business for various and sundry reasons and others are selling whole milk. Farmers are finding it more profitable, in some instances, to sell whole milk than churning cream.

The association this year again paid off another year of undistributed equity in the plant, proceeds for the year 1932. Each year, if business warrants, the association erases a year's equity, last year paying off proceeds of 1931. Members of the concern in 1932 this year were paid the sum of almost \$4000, distributed according to patronage.

At a meeting of the board of directors and others interested in the milk and cream business last Saturday plans were formulated for next year's business. Present was G. A. Brown, sales manager for Interstate Association of Creameries and representative of the cooperative creameries of Oregon. He spoke of the trend of some producers going into the whole milk business.

The local creamery is considering the possibility of installing a bottle milk and condensed skim machinery. Another possibility is the opening of a retail dairy store which would be located in the northeast corner of the present building. This type of business has proved popular in other cities and is considered to be a profitable venture for a creamery to undertake.

SCOUT LEADER IS LOCAL VISITOR

R. D. McDermott, scout executive of the Blue Mountain Council, with headquarters at Walla Walla, spent Tuesday in Hermiston and Stanfield conferring with scout leaders. He announced that on the beginning of the year, Kenneth Hickenbottom, field scout executive, formerly located in La Grande, will have his headquarters at Pendleton—serving Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties. This will make possible a much extended service to these counties.

Hickenbottom at present is attending the scout executives training school at Mendham, New Jersey. Claire Cahill of College Place, Wash., is also attending and will be stationed in Baker as field executive.

The council membership has increased greatly this fall and the membership now stands at 1200 boy scouts and cubs.

WARNER TO HAVE MEDICAL CARE

W. J. Warner, Hermiston attorney, has returned to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for more medical attention. Mr. Warner has been failing in health for the past year and recently underwent a major operation in Portland, following which he returned to Hermiston. He has not responded too readily and it was thought best to return to Portland for further treatment.

Mr. Warner narrowly escaped further complications Sunday. He had planned to go to Portland in a Pendleton ambulance but the latter machine was wrecked near Stanfield due to icy pavement. That evening he was taken to Umatilla by the local ambulance and placed on the train. Word Tuesday was to the effect that he stood the trip nicely but was very tired.

GLEE CLUBS AND BAND PRESENT FINE PROGRAM

The music department of Hermiston high school presented a splendid Christmas program Wednesday night in the school auditorium. A large crowd was present to hear the different numbers. G. C. Humphreys directed the entire program.

The band personnel includes: Bob Alford, Bob Attebury, Marian Andrews, Lois Brooks, Ilene Blodgett, Dick Belt, Jack Belt, Lillian Canfield, Rex Casper, George Cooper, Patricia DeLany, Betty Jean Eldridge, Lois Elwood, Dan Follett, Jo Anne Graves, Bob Greer, Janet Hodge, Marilyn Hudson, Betty Jean Hartsock, Louise Hammer, Viola Hammer, Rosalie Hammer, Frank Harkenrider, Lucy Hollomon, Cecil Hunt, Wilbur Hunt, Jack Jackson, Leo Keller, Richard Kingsley, Annie Lindsay, Betty Lytle, Kay Logan, Virgil Logan, Ruth McCulley, L. V. McGraw, Betty Marker, Vance Matott, Bruce Norton, Patsy Peterson, Dora Lee Paul, David Pierson, Henry Pardon, Ann Pierson, Irvin Putnam, Byron Ross, Burgess Ross, Ralph Richards, Joy Reed, Joan Shanks, Roy Sires, Margaret Sommerer, Guy Steward, Delores Sturm, Barbara Todd, Peggy Todd, Nancy Jo Wines, Thomas White.

Glee Club numbers were presented by the following members: Betty Ascherl, Bob Alford, Bob Attebury, Lois Brooks, Ilene Blodgett, Faith Corey, Vera Cross, Delores Carr, Betty Jean Eldridge, Dan Follett, Alta Mae Guerrant, Mary Gundelfinger, Alice Geer, Bob Greer, Nadine Hammack, Betty Jean Hartsock, Louise Hammer, Rosalie Hammer, Marilyn Hudson, Geneva Hughey, Janet Hodge, Martha Jones, Muriel Kingsley, Melba Kelly, Rosemary Keller, Harriet Lind, Annie Lindsay, Ruth McCulley, Fern McFarlin, Barbara Munns, Beverly Norton, Irvin Putnam, LaDesca Pieper, Dorothy Peck, Charlene Rowland, Joan Shanks, Dolores Sturm, Joy Strecker, Gordon Shown, Maureen Sutton, Marilyn Snyder, Peggy Todd, Barbara Todd, Shirley Wallace, Nancy Jo Wines, Vida Wadsworth, Donna Witthoff, Marie Willcutt, Barbara Jean Woodward.

LICENSE MAN COMING DEC. 29

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Wednesday, December 29, and will be on duty at the Legion hall between the hours of 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack
WITH
WAR BONDS

CHRISTMAS EDITION BRINGS MESSAGE FROM HERMISTON MERCHANTS

The editors of the Hermiston Herald sponged somewhat on a fast-dwindling newspaper supply and burned a little extra midnight oil this week in order to bring to its readers the annual Christmas edition. Many advertisements were brought to the Herald office this year and very little soliciting was done, merchants seeking this means of greeting their friends and customers, and wishing them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ORDNANCE MAN BUYS WAR BONDS

Charles E. Gill, of the post engineers at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, bought himself a real Christmas present this year when he purchased four one thousand dollar war bonds this week.

Mrs. Lockhart, formerly of the west area, purchased a \$500 war bond this week at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot.

Item Is Corrected

An item appeared in last week's issue of the Herald in which it stated that Charles Hodge of the Hermiston Auto Co. was contemplating putting in a line of International farm machinery in his new building. In reality Mr. Hodge stated that he was contemplating a line of farm machinery and would list the International line as his first choice if given the opportunity. This line, however, is under contrast with the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co.

Dental Office Closed For Repairs

Dr. W. L. Morgan's dental office will be closed from noon, Friday, December 24, to Monday morning, January 3, for remodeling purposes. Several changes will be made in room arrangement in Dr. Morgan's office.

PVT. BOB HARRIS SEES ACTION IN ALASKAN FRONT

Among Hermiston soldiers who rank high in the amount of service seen in the present war is Pvt. Bob Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, who is home on furlough after 41 months of overseas action. He has been in the service about six years and in that time has seen a considerable portion of the globe and many fighting fronts.

Much of his most active fighting has been in Attu island and other northern areas. Wounded twice, once by a bayonet and another by a sniper's bullet, Pvt. Harris has experienced all the thrills of warfare. He is awaiting several medals, including a purple heart for wounds received in action, a silver star for bravery in action, and several bars, including the Asiatic-Pacific campaign, an American defense service medal and a foreign service medal for pre-Pearl Harbor service. Others are a western defense service bar and a medal for good conduct.

Pvt. Harris received his original training at Missoula, Mont., and reenlisted when war was declared following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941. He will report to Vancouver January 2 and expects to be stationed there or at some similar location for some time. He appears in excellent health although somewhat shaken by some of his experiences.

STATE GUARD TO SEEK MEMBERS

Company E, 22nd Bn., Oregon State Guard, is sponsoring a dance tonight (Thursday) at the Hermiston park hall, according to Capt. V. E. Daugherty. The affair will be a benefit dance for the local guardsmen who are now planning for activities for 1944.

Capt. Daugherty stated this week that an effort will be made during the next month to increase the membership of the local company. Because many of its members have entered the armed forces and others have moved away, the ranks are somewhat depleted. However, it is thought that the project is very worth while and needs backing by the community. Various plans will be announced shortly after the first of the year.

Anyone interested in joining the company is asked to get in touch with Capt. Daugherty.

BIAMONT NAMED COMMISSIONER

H. C. Biamont, republican of Pendleton and pioneer resident of Umatilla county, Tuesday was named Umatilla county commissioner, filling the vacancy in the county court that has existed since the death May 23, 1943, of Commissioner Allen Thomson, republican.

Mr. Biamont has been a farmer most of his life but the last five years has been in business in Pendleton. He will give up his work and devote his entire time to his new duties. "I hope to do the best I can in this office and treat all persons in the county alike," stated Mr. Biamont.

CAUTION URGED NEXT FEW WEEKS

Dr. F. B. Belt, city health officer, has cautioned residents and visitors to avoid congestion as much as possible during the next several weeks to aid in preventing a spread of scarlet fever, flu and other diseases. Several new cases of scarlet fever have been reported this week although the matter is still not considered very serious.

The doctor urges that one should stay away from people with sore throat, an early symptom of scarlet fever. The fever usually breaks out about seven days after being exposed. The disease is quite serious and many times leaves damaging results.

SARAH CAROLYN WHITE

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Carolyn White were held at Lexington Monday. Mrs. White, who was 80 years of age August 9, has been in ill health for some time.

Surviving her are four children: Mrs. Lee Gilbreath, Dayton, Wash.; Claude White, Lexington; Neil White, Lexington; Gerald White, with armed forces, Charleston, So. Carolina. All the children were present except the latter who visited at his mother's bedside last September when he came home on a special furlough.

Mrs. Gerald White attended the funeral Monday.

PAUL RAVER REPORT SHOWS URGENT NEED FOR UMATILLA DAM

POWER SUPPLY TO BE AUGMENTED

The following Associated Press news story was released Thursday—The annual report of the Bonneville power administration, released by Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, urged early construction of Umatilla dam and other projects to insure an additional power supply by 1946.

The report, by Administrator Paul J. Raver, said the combined capacity of Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams is expected to reach 1,316,400 kilowatts by next spring, and is now about 1,275,000 kilowatts. The report said rough estimates indicate an additional capacity of about 1,700,000 kilowatts during the first postwar decade.

Umatilla dam, long advocated by the United States army engineers who built Bonneville, has been approved by the rivers and harbor committee of the house.

Raver said the Bonneville advisory board has recommended a program involving rapid completion of generating units at Grand Coulee, Bonneville's tenth and final generator was placed in service December 14, but the board is pressing for reinstatement, with adequate priorities of units 7, 8 and 9 at Grand Coulee.

Mr. Raver's report stated that the facilities of the Bonneville-Coulee system were taxed to capacity during the year. Reasons included the unprecedented drought conditions and added demands by war industry which make it necessary to overload generators in excess of 10 per cent much of the time.

Raver said industrial progress of the Pacific northwest demonstrated during 1943 the importance of a "strong power market developing program."

NEWS RECEIVED FROM LOCAL BOYS

Mr. and Mrs. John Jendrzewski have received a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Geo. N. Welter who now resides in So. San Francisco, saying that her husband, 1st Lt. Geo. N. Welter, recently had a nice visit with 1st Lt. Walter Jendrzewski "somewhere in Australia." Lt. Welter says that Lt. Walter Jendrzewski is looking fine and is back in Australia in a rest camp after spending six months on the New Guinea fighting front.

They are now started with the amphibious training where Lt. Jendrzewski is stationed. He has been in service since July 1, 1941, and has been with Gen. MacArthur since March, 1942. He has sent his wife, who resides at Klamath Falls, several Jap souvenirs, including a woolen blanket, bayonet, water flask and a huge sea shell.

Lt. Welter is in army transport command. Mr. and Mrs. Jendrzewski also have received a letter from 1st Lt. Bernard Jendrzewski saying he is again in the ground school, but this time in the largest transport that is coming into service. He says he is kept very busy, even the evenings are spent in class rooms, including Sunday evenings.

PARROTT HELD FOR DRUNKENNESS

Leo D. Parrott is in the county jail in Pendleton following a drunken spree Tuesday night which besides other things cost him all his household furniture. He was arrested Wednesday by Chief of Police B. J. Nation following issuance of a warrant for his arrest. He was placed under \$1000 bond and taken to Pendleton Wednesday night by state police.

Parrott is alleged to have taken a hand axe Tuesday evening and break up all the furniture in the Parrott cabin, including beds, cedar chest, chair and other valuables. He is being charged with drunk and disorderly conduct and willful destruction of property.

Local Girl Gives Blood

Nellie Peterson, Storekeeper 3c, of Hermiston, was among the 70 Coast Guard Spars who gave blood that may save the life of a fighting brother overseas in a mass Christmas present December 14 at Norfolk, Va. After a regular working day, the Spars assembled at the District Coast Guard office in Norfolk to donate their blood.

There is Hope
OUR OWN community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. This thunder echoes in our ears as we once more celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Yet this newspaper sees no irony in the scars of war and the message of hope that is Christmas.

For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace on Earth."

While it is true that the columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war lords on our normal way of living—we know that the peace-loving "little" men of goodwill far outnumber the evil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it was for these same "little" people that Christ came into this world 1943 years ago.

So Christmas belongs to them and not to those who plunge the world into darkness.

Let this true spirit of Christmas dominate your thinking and you can say to all your friends as we now say to you—

A Merry Christmas

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