



With the Hun on the way out, there is unusual cause for rejoicing this New Year's of 1944. So, let us make merry in the fullest sense of the word.

We wish you a Happy New Year, and look forward to greater service to all of you in 1944.

Hermiston Dry Cleaners

R. H. PIERSOL, Prop.

Athena Defeated Here Saturday In Fast Contest

(From the Bulldog)

Coach Frank Davison's Hermiston Bulldogs made it two in a row when they defeated the strong Athena Gladiators on the local floor Saturday night, 33 to 19. Although the Bulldogs were never out of the lead, the game was not on ice until the last few minutes.

The Bulldogs, who were playing their second game on their own floor, just showed too much scoring punch for the upper county boys as they won their fourth game of the season. The first quarter was tight all the

way with neither team being able to break the other's defense. Belt and Connor finally broke the ice for the locals on quick baskets before Gheard, Gladiator forward, could toss in a free throw on a foul by Rodgers. The first quarter ended 4 to 1 for Hermiston.

The second quarter was much faster with both teams having more luck with the hoop. Johnson started the ball rolling for Hermiston with a lay-in, but Zerba, Athena center, and Gray, guard, accounted for four quick points to put them back in the running. Connor and Belt then hit the hoop, followed by Wilcox, and before the smoke had cleared away, the half was over with the Bulldogs leading by a comfortable margin, 15 to 9.

The second half was much faster as both teams sharpened their eyes and before the third quarter was finished, it was 20 to 15 for Hermiston.

The Bulldogs scored 13 points in the last quarter while holding Athena to only four.

The lineups were:
Athena—Sheard and Zerba, forwards; Connor, center; Gray and Thompson, guards. Subs were Johnson, Spurgeon, Young, Wood and Hodgen.

Hermiston—Rodgers and Connor, forwards; Belt, center; Pierson and Wilcox, guards. Subs were Schoonover, Johnson, Null, Williams and Harkenrider.

Christmas Formal Is Again Popular

(From The Bulldog)

The annual Christmas Formal was held in the school gym last night with music furnished by Wright's orchestra. The gym was transformed into a winter scene of snow-laden Christmas trees and red and green streamers hung from the ceiling lights. A huge picture of Santa Claus and one of a Castle graced either side of the stage. The pictures were furnished by G. C. Humphreys.

The dance was sponsored by the senior class and their advisers, Mrs. Wanda Bracher and Miss Lavina May Lynch. The class of '44 has sponsored the dance every year for all four years they have attended this high school. This year numerous members of other classes, especially the juniors, assisted in putting up the decorations.

Trees for the occasion were generously donated by Joy Reed.

Here's Norse Legend: Kiss Under Mistletoe Sign of Reconciliation

In Norse mythology, Balder, the god who personified the sun, was hated by Lok, who planned to destroy him. Balder's mother obtained a promise from all living things, except the mistletoe, that they would not harm Balder. Lok made an arrow from the mistletoe and gave it to Balder's blind brother, Hoder, explaining how he could throw it. The arrow struck Balder, killing him, but he was restored to life and the mistletoe was placed under his mother's care so that it would never again bring harm. The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace under the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be an instrument of evil.

'... And a Doll'



Not even Santa Claus, who has heard all the stories, could resist the blandishments of this young charmer. If she doesn't get her way, Santa's reputation for generosity is pretty well exploded.

Christmas Thanks

We thank Thee, Lord, for the world so sweet—
We thank Thee, Lord, for the food we eat—
We thank Thee, Lord, for the birds that sing—
We thank Thee, Lord, for everything.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Grace Shoun

Mrs. F. E. Forbes returned Friday from visiting Mr. Forbes in the Pendleton hospital. He is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haberlein were Pendleton visitors Friday as were also Sinice Moore, Sgt. Moore and the Sinice Moore children.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinice Moire, Grace O'Brien, and Betty Acoc were Walla Walla visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Shoun spent Thursday at Dayton, Wn.

Bert Benefiel, Carl Hadodck and C. W. Acoc were Hermiston visitors Monday.

Earl Connell returned from Spokane and is going on with his work here.

Ernest Stephens was in Umatilla Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill are parents of a girl born Thursday in the Pen-

dleton hospital. This is their fourth daughter. Their youngest daughter is improving after an appendicitis operation two weeks ago, but is still in bed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCoy left for San Diego, Calif., to visit their sons Benny, AOM 3/c of San Diego, and Charles McCoy. They went by car, starting Wednesday.

Miss Lavelle Markham upset her station wagon at the Ordnance on the slippery road. She was not hurt and her car was not damaged very much.

H. A. Riley of the electric crew took Mr. Flannery's place as foreman. Mr. Flannery is leaving for Portland for another position.

Batie Rand went to Pendleton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sparks have moved to Pendleton to operate a dry cleaning house during the slack season on the farm.

The Irrigon high school had its Junior-Senior banquet Monday evening with two large turkeys for the main dish.

The Pentecostal church is having their Christmas program on Christmas eve.

The E. R. Snyders left Tuesday for Seattle to get their daughter Darlene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grim were Umatilla and Hermiston visitors Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Acoc was a Hermiston visitor Tuesday.

Rev. C. Warner has been delivering the mail on the route for Mrs. Gerald White while she has been to Lexington where her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah White, passed away and was buried Monday.

Mr. Griffin is repairing his well drilling outfit Tuesday, getting ready to start drilling on the Stephens well again.



At Christmas Time!

YES — MANY OF OUR BOYS ARE GONE — AWAY FROM HOME IN STRANGE LANDS . . . BUT THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GLOWS DEEP IN THE HEARTS OF THE MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES — NO MATTER WHERE THEY MAY BE. IN THE FRIGID OUTPOSTS OF THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, YULETIDE IS BEING CELEBRATED. IT IS CHRISTMAS, TOO, FOR

OUR BOYS IN THE STEAMING JUNGLES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, IN AFRICA, CHINA, BRITAIN AND BRAZIL. THEIR WISH — UPPERMOST IN THEIR MINDS — IS TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN ENDING THE GREAT CONFLICT IN ORDER THAT THE FAMILIAR CHRISTMAS SCENES AT HOME MIGHT AGAIN BECOME A REALITY. WE AT HOME MUST "CARRY ON" BY PRESERVING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SO DEAR TO OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM. WE MUST REALIZE THAT RISING ABOVE THE TURMOIL AND THE CARES OF THE WORLD IS THE MAJESTIC STORY OF OLD BETHLEHEM. MAY THE STAR THAT SHONE THEN STILL CAST ITS LIGHT FOR YOU AND ALL OF US — REVEALING NEW PATHWAYS TO HAPPINESS, ALWAYS TRUSTING THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING BRIGHTER DAYS . . . OUR JOB IS TO KEEP UP THE HOME FRONT— WITH THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND, WE WISH YOU ALL A

Happy New Year!



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