

The workers of West Ordnance really celebrated New Year's Day by having a pot luck dinner, including fried chicken. New Year's Day should come more often.

Have you noticed the huge patch on Fenner Foster's nose? The reason is that he got in the way of a steel drum and it really did its damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gooch spent New Year's week end in Caldwell, Idaho, visiting friends.

Mrs. Cora Miller has been enjoying a visit from her two daughters, Mrs. Roberta Chilcutt of Seattle, Wash., and Marjorie of The Dalles.

The Magazine Field Office will lose two of their clerks this month. Miss Leota King will leave for South Dakota to be with her sister and Mrs. Martha Ragan is going to St. Louis, Missouri.

Cecil Williams has been enjoying a week's vacation from his duties at the Magazine Field Office.

On Saturday evening, New Year's Day, Colonel and Mrs. A. S. Buyers entertained officers and civilians of the depot in the traditional spirit of the season. During the course of the evening guests arrived and departed, bringing with them good wishes for a better and a victorious 1944, and carrying away a sense of well-being produced by pleasant surroundings and the graciousness of their host and hostess.

Miss Trevah Weissenfluh, secretary to the Adjutant, arrived back at work Monday from Christmas vacation spent with her family at Ukiah, seemingly ready to tackle whatever problems might have accumulated during her absence, even though her return to the office was postponed somewhat by "Dat Ole Debbil Flu."

The formal dance given by UOD Officers' Club January 1 was well attended and much enjoyed. Music was furnished by the Pendleton Field Dance Orchestra, and snacks were served all during the evening.

Payroll Deduction Over The Top
The Umatilla Ordnance Depot reached its goal of a 10% payroll deduction in the War Savings Bonds. It is a little low, however, in its total number of depot employees participating. For the pay period ending December 15, 11.6% of the gross pay of the depot went into the purchase of United States War Savings Bonds. The Time and Payroll section was highest in putting 21.9% of its pay into War Bonds. They are to be congratulated. Eight divisions on the depot have 90% or more of the employees taking war bonds under the payroll deduction plan.

Two more depot employees received recognition this week through the suggestion plan. R. F. Stanton and Roy L. Henderson each received a check for having made a suggestion that was accepted and put into practice on the depot.

From "The Challenge" (published by the Civic Association of Herlong, Calif.) "Every time a store clerk gives with this line: 'Well, you might as well spend your money because the government will take it in taxes anyway, he or she, as the case may be, should be severely reprimanded. Every time you spend a dollar for something you don't need, you add one more dollar to burst the bubble of inflation that hangs over our heads. If you want to keep from paying taxes, buy more war bonds so that Uncle Sam will not need tax money with which to fight the war."

SGT. STOCKARD IN HEADLINES

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stockard received a clipping from a newspaper from Deming, N. M., in which appeared a picture of their son, Sgt. Shirley Stockard, holding a young mountain lion. The story reads, "This pussy, mascot of the Quartermaster Company, is on strictly a milk diet now, but wait until he grows up. Adopted by Sgt. Shirley Stockard, who found him while hunting in near-by Black Range mountains, the mountain lion should be quite an asset to the K-9's DAAF's dog guards. His name is Leo and the QM boys say he's nice to have around."

Mr. and Mrs. Stockard also have two other sons in the armed forces: Second Lt. Clemit Stockard in Italy, and Lt. Col. Paul Stockard of Greensborough, N. C., but recently of the Aleutian area.

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INTERSTATE HOMES ANNOUNCES SALE OF NEWLY BUILT UNITS

FIRST COME TO BE SERVED FIRST

The announcement, awaited by many for several months, is finally being made. Julius Schuetz, local representative of Interstate Homes Inc., announced Thursday that applications for the purchase of the 35 homes recently constructed by that firm will now be received. Mr. Schuetz stated that the old adage of "First come, first served" would hold true in deciding which purchaser would get a certain house.

The present 35 houses were constructed by Interstate Homes Inc. under the F.H.A. plan, which must approve a purchaser before he can occupy a new home. Details and further information for the transactions can be obtained by calling 2752 or seeing Mr. Schuetz at Sixth and Ridgeway streets.

About 2 1/2 years ago Hermiston was allotted a total of 50 homes by Federal Housing Administration. At that time the Hermiston Housing Corporation was formed and later constructed first ten units of the allotment of 50 homes. When these were completed by Tri-State Construction Co. of Portland for the Hermiston Housing Corporation they were immediately sold to U. O. D. workers and others.

About a year ago, arrangements were made with Interstate Homes Inc. to construct the remainder of the units in the original allotment. To date 35 of these are nearly completed and are now being offered for sale.

Home Ec Club To Meet

The Westland Home Economics club will meet with Mrs. G. E. Sturm Wednesday, January 12, for an all day meeting. The next Westland Grange meeting will be Friday, January 14.

RATIONING CALENDAR

RATION BOOK NO. 3

(Brown stamps) for purchase of meats-fats, etc.

January 1—Expiration date of brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q.

January 29—Expiration date of brown stamps R, S, T and U. S series valid January 2, T on January 9, U on January 16. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

RATION BOOK NO. 4

(Processed fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies.)

January 20—Expiration date of green stamps D, E and F. Green stamps G, H, and J valid January 1 to February 20.

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

Purchase certificates available at local ration boards.

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.

February 8—Expiration date of period 2 coupons.

March 14—Expiration date of period 3 coupons (become valid January 4.)

GASOLINE

January 21—Expiration date of No. 9 stamps in A book, each good for 3 gallons.

Value of gasoline coupons—A, B-1, C-1, 3 gals.; B-2, C-2, R and T, 5 gallons; D, 1.5 gals.; E, 1 gallon.

TIRE INSPECTION

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.

PRICE CONTROL

Refer price inquiries and complaints to the price clerk of your local war price and rationing board.

HAMM RATED STAFF SERGEANT

Staff Sergeant William D. Hamm, 23, on duty with the Marines at Tutuila, American Samoa, was recently promoted to his present rank. He is attached to a Marine aviation unit. The former public utility company employee enlisted in February, 1942. "Bill" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hamm of Hermiston.

GENE PIERCE NOW RATED CAPTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pierce have been notified that their son, Gene, has been promoted to a captaincy. Captain Pierce has been in the armed forces for two and a half years and has been overseas for about 18 months, being stationed in Australia most of that time.

Captain Pierce is a graduate of Hermiston high school and later was employed as head teller in the Pendleton branch of the First National Bank of Portland. Capt. Pierce was married last summer in Australia, and his wife, who is an army nurse, is now in New Guinea.

CARPENTERS ARE HOSTS AT DINNER

A fine crowd was in attendance last Friday when the Hermiston Carpenters Local 933 entertained a group of Hermiston business men and wives of members at a turkey dinner in the Union hall. Nick Steiner was on the serving end of the table and heaped generous portions of food on each plate.

Roy White, business agent, was master of ceremonies and called on various guests and members for short talks. Later in the evening Mr. White discussed the history of the Umatilla Rapids dam and indicated that he thought early construction is contemplated.

DUCK FEATHERS ARE REQUESTED

Frank Bilderback of the Hermiston Rod & Gun club has received a request from David B. Charlton, president of the Izaak Walton League of America, Oregon Council, for unused duck and goose feathers. These have been requested by the War Production Board for use in manufacturing army clothing. Two feather bags have also been sent to Hermiston for this purpose.

Although it is too late for the duck and goose season, it is thought that some hunters saved up some feathers and would be willing to donate them. Also someone may have an old comforter or pillows not in use and would like to donate these. If interested please notify Roy Hale, or Frank Bilderback and Sam Nye at Hale's Confectionery.



LOCAL YOUTH IS MISSING IN WAR SAYS TELEGRAM

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Belles have received word from the Adjutant General, Washington, that their son, Pvt. Kermit A. Belles, is missing in action. The telegram follows:

"Mrs. Rhody Belles: The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Pvt. Kermit A. Belles, has been reported missing in action since November 26 in the North African area. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified."

The telegram was received last Friday and to date the Belles have had no further information.

ROCK CRUSHING JOB UNDERWAY

Oscar E. Joelson of Eugene and his crew of men began work this week of furnishing approximately 12,000 yards in stock piles to the Oregon State Highway commission. The gravel will be used on the Cold Springs and Holdman highways. A rock crusher has been set up at the junction of the Wallula cutoff and Highway 730.

Mr. Joelson stated that a crew of eight or ten men would be employed for about two months on the contract.

TEACHERS OUT WITH INFLUENZA

Although two grade school instructors are ill with flu, the attendance mark of the students is holding up remarkably well, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen. Although a number of pupils are absent in the grade school, the high school attendance is up to par.

Mrs. Ollie Moreland and Mrs. Laura Morris are the two teachers who are taking a forced leave of absence, being replaced by Mrs. Frank Sargent and Mrs. Dorothy Klinefelter.

ELECTION SET FOR SCOUT GROUP

A meeting will be held at the U. S. O. Thursday, January 20, at 8:00 p. m. to elect officers for the Girl Scout association. The nominating committee has prepared a ballot, but nominations will be made from the floor.

It is very imperative that everyone interested in the establishment and continuation of a strong Girl Scout association should be present.

BULLDOGS WIN AT BOARDMAN

Coach Frank Davison's high school Bulldog basketball players did not forget all they learned prior to the holidays because they came back strong Wednesday by scoring 46 points at Boardman while holding the Morrow county lads to 24. The contest was played on the latter's floor.

The Bulldogs will engage the fast Arlington five on the local floor Friday night in the first contest between these two teams in several years.

W. & H. HOP RANCH ENLARGES FIELD

Harry Kessler, foreman of the Williams and Hart hop ranch east of Hermiston stated this week that an extensive enlargement program is now underway. The old field of 28 acres is now being improved with new wires and the height of the poles are being increased from 12 to 17 feet and other improvements made.

Mr. Kessler also stated that about 25 more acres are being levelled and will be planted to hops next year, making a total of approximately 55 acres. The quality of the Hermiston hops have been excellent in the past several seasons.

TURKEY PLANT IN FULL SWING

Birds are arriving from far and near at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers. One of the farthest shippers this year is Wallace Campbell of Prairie City who brought in about 800 birds from his ranch there.

A turkey picking machine was installed this week which will facilitate that end of the process. Activities will continue for the next several weeks until the end is reached.

WEDDING RITES INTEREST HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Brown of Lebanon, Ore., announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys Delores, to James M. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson of Hermiston.

The wedding was solemnized Christmas eve in the Rose City Presbyterian church in Portland and was attended by relatives and a small group of friends. Those attending from Hermiston were Miss Jane Jackson and Miss Vera Sisson.

WAVE RECRUITER IN THIS REGION

Recruiting Specialist Joan Ramskill of the WAVES will be in the Pendleton area until January 8, inclusive, to assist young women here in learning about their opportunities in the WAVES, reports Chief John H. Bedford, in charge of U. S. Navy recruiting activity in the Pendleton-LaGrande area, including WAVES applications.

Recruiting Specialist Ramskill will be on duty at the U. S. Navy Recruiting substation at Pendleton, Ore., in Room 205, Post Office Bldg., from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. Young women from this area who wish to talk with her about the WAVES are requested to write her for an appointment at U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Pendleton, or to call on her to set the time.

For the special convenience of young women who work through the day and find it inconvenient to schedule interviews during the business hours, night interviews are available. These can be arranged for by writing Recruiting Specialist Ramskill or Chief Bedford at the Pendleton address above.

Visits to cities near Pendleton will be made by Recruiting Specialist Ramskill on which announcements will be made.

COONEY NAMED NEW DIRECTOR

Emmett Cooney was named a director of the Hermiston Irrigation district this week by the other members of the board. He will fill the unexpired term of H. V. Thompson, deceased.

Mr. Cooney is well known in this area, spending his time between his ranch and in the carpentry trade.

FIRST MARKET SALE SCHEDULED HERE FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN

Much interest is being manifested in the forthcoming series of market day auction sales to be held every Friday afternoon beginning tomorrow (Friday) at 12:30 p. m. at the sale yards at the east end of Main street. The sales, which are being sponsored by the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co., will provide a meeting place for buyers and sellers of the entire west end of the county.

The membership of the commission is composed of a group of farmers and business men of the west end of Umatilla county all of whom have contributed funds in equal amounts towards the expense of building the sale yards and pavilion. None, however, hold a controlling interest. The contributing members have long seen and felt the need of an active market where livestock and other merchandise may be bought, sold and traded in at all times.

R. C. Peters, popular auctioneer, and Pete Berg, clerk, have been engaged to perform those duties at the forthcoming sales. Both are experienced in their lines. They will be assisted by other members of the commission and others to perform the various duties necessary in promoting this type of project.

Special features will be presented from time to time. For instance, next week, Friday, January 14, the program will be broadcast over the Pendleton radio station.

Listed for this week's auction are all types of livestock, including milk and beef cows, heifers, as well as farm machinery, household goods, and numerous other items usually expected at an ordinary sale.

From the interest being shown, it is expected that a large crowd will attend the first sale Friday.

NIGHT CLASSES PLAN NEW TERMS

The adult night commercial classes conclude their first term of work in January. Inquiries have been coming in about when new classes will begin. Miss Thomas, instructor, reports that registration for second term courses in typing and shorthand will be at the high school Monday, January 10.

Classes which began in October will continue with their second term of work. Good work has been done by these classes, and fine progress has been shown.

Classes are held Monday and Wednesday nights, from seven to nine. Those wishing to begin typing or shorthand courses may do so, and those who want to "brush up" so that they may fill clerical positions are urged to drop a card to Miss Helen Thomas, Box 573, as classes begin January 10. A nominal registration fee is charged.

COLD WEATHER IS WEEK'S MENU

The thermometer dropped to 15 degrees above one night the past week for the coldest mark of the present winter. Snow threatened for several days but to date no fall has been experienced.

The readings for the week were:

Date	Max.	Min.
December 29	29	22
December 30	28	26
December 31	28	27
January 1	37	30
January 2	48	31
January 3	45	22
January 4	39	15

Waterman To Teach In Portland
Vernon Waterman, who has resided on a ranch east of Stanfield for the past year, has secured a teaching position in one of the Portland schools beginning next week. Mr. Waterman is a former teacher but has not taught for the past several years. The Watermans are moving to Portland this week end.

Project Farm To Meet
A regular meeting of the Project Farm Bureau will be held Friday, January 14, at the Columbia park hall, according to the secretary, C. L. Upham. A pot luck dinner will be served at 7:30.

TO SPEED OUR BOYS HOME!

Help shorten the war—save American lives—with a precious fighting weapon—FOOD

Save yourself and your family. Do you do these things in the heat of your abilities and opportunities?

PRODUCE as much food as you possibly can?	SHARE your food?
On the farm?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By sharing it willingly with our fighting men and fighting Allies?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
In the Victory Garden?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By accepting rationing cheerfully?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
CONSERVE your food?	By buying no more rationed food than you really need?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
By wasting nothing—cleaning the plate?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	PLAY SQUARE with food?
By preserving food in your home?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By always turning in your stamps when you buy rationed foods?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
By substituting plentiful for scarce foods?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By paying no more than top legal prices?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
By saving the right foods for strength and health?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	

FOOD IS THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON OF THEM ALL

Basketball - Friday Night - Arlington High vs. Hermiston High