

A spontaneous desire to help the families of the disaster victims led to a voluntary contribution being sponsored by the Employees' Association and the response was magnificent from the entire personnel of the depot, both civilian and military. Dearest sympathy is extended to the bereaved by all on the depot.

Mrs. H. C. Sutch entertained at a dessert bridge party last Friday afternoon at her home. Three tables of bridge were in play during the afternoon.

Lt. and Mrs. Simpson are in Gellote, Wyoming, visiting Lt. Simpson's parents.

Mrs. Ransdell transferred from Time & Payroll to the Fire Department.

Helen Fix and Mrs. Triplett from Fiscal are ill this week.

Colleen Wallace is spending a week visiting at the home of her parents in Condon.

Felix Baty is enjoying a visit from his grandson.

Georgia L. Cummings of the Magazine Field Office underwent an appendectomy at the St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton last week.

Ramona Cloud transferred from the Dispensary to the Magazine Field office.

Do you know that the Civilian Employees of the government are investing enough in War Bonds through Payroll savings to carry on the war for only 6 hours and 15 minutes of every month. This means that our boys can depend upon supplies paid for us only 6 hours and 15 minutes every 30 days and the rest of the time what? Come on let us increase our bond deductions!

On March 19, Captain McCoy, Rail Transportation Officer, and Mr. Dooley, Sr. Traffic Manager in the Rail Transportation Office, took an educational tour to Walla Walla, Pasco, Umatilla, Messner, Irrigon. Boardman, and back over Highway No. 30 to the Umatilla Ordnance Depot to acquaint Captain McCoy with the surrounding territory and railroad connections.

Roy F. Taylor of Stanfield has joined the Rail Transportation Division at the Depot.

Janet McNabb is on annual leave visiting her husband in Seattle who is in the Harbor Defense.

James Sutley and Joyce Hendrickson volunteered during an emergency to work a 16 hour shift. That's the spirit! Thank you.

The Roving Reporter—Did you ever notice that the things that go the farthest toward making life worth while are the little things that cost so very little in either money or human effort—for instance that pleasant smile—it only takes 26 muscles and it won't crack your face, so let us see it often—it always brings a smile in return.

Geraldine Nelson, Elizabeth Hankins and Helen Greer are new employees in Personnel. Mrs. Jackson has returned from a short trip to Eugene where she attended her son Bob's wedding. Mrs. Fitzpatrick has returned after a few days off.

Clara Correa underwent a major operation at the post hospital Friday March 24. She is improving nicely.

Everyone in the box factory reports a very enjoyable noon Friday, March 24. The occasion was Mr. Johnson's birthday. He was surprised by birthday greetings. Cake and ice cream were served to all.

Norman Anderson, Fire Department, has entered the armed forces.

Ben Munzenreder is back on the job after six days off.

Catharine Wahner, Guard Force, is improving.

Marilyn Rawls and Bonnie Mansight spent the week end visiting in Huntington.

Jerry Batchelor spent Saturday in Pendleton on business.

Mr. MacLean, Office Service Command Engineer, Fort Douglas, Utah, is visiting Plant Property and Post Engineers.

Mr. Power is taking charge for Vern Lewis who is absent due to his wife's illness.

Sam Parsley has reported for work after two weeks leave.

Carl King is now in the U. S. Navy. Edith Snyder, Box Factory, is back on the job having taken only 18 days off for an appendectomy. Plucky girl.

Viril Willson just back from Seattle reports much snow in the mountain pass.

Mathilda Radford underwent a tonsillectomy at the Post Hospital last Wednesday and is recovering nicely.

Pat O'Brien was called away by his mother's illness.

Paul Van Patten, Rail Transportation, returned after two weeks illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowen visited in Portland last week. Mr. Bowen had a pleasant reunion with his associates of the S. P. & S. Railroad. They were glad to get back to our "windy" city.

The "railroaders" are looking forward to a good ol' get-together in the near future.

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## UMATILLA RAPIDS DAM PASSES HOUSE IN REVISED FORM

### PROJECT RATED AS POST WAR JOB

Washington—Estimated cost of the Umatilla dam on the Columbia river was increased last week \$20,000,000 to make it a \$69,479,000 project.

The increase was included in a rivers and harbors postwar planning bill passed by an overwhelming 213 to 36 vote by the house. The bill authorizes construction and improvements costing nearly \$400,000,000.

The measure carried no appropriation, however, and the report of the rivers and harbors committee stipulated that no work could be undertaken until after the war unless specifically recommended by a war agency. The bill now goes to the senate.

The additional cost of the Umatilla dam is expected to increase power output. Originally the dam was scheduled to produce about 450,000 kilowatts. It is now expected to go up to 690,000 kilowatts. This would make it larger than Bonneville dam, farther down the Columbia river, where 540,000 kilowatts are produced.

The bill also included a \$30,200,000 proposal for the Snake river. It would provide four dams between Pasco, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho. With the Umatilla dam they would make navigation to Lewiston possible.

Washington—The proposed \$70,000,000 Umatilla dam across the Columbia river between Washington and Oregon would be named the McNary dam in honor of the late Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon under legislation proposed Tuesday by Senator Bailey (D-NC).

His proposal is in the form of an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill recently passed by the house. The bill would authorize construction of the dam after the war.

## EXTRA B GAS IS FALSE RUMOR

Reports that "B" gasoline coupon holders will receive additional mileage allowances are "entirely without foundation at this time," the Portland district OPA office has been advised by Leo F. Gentner, regional administrator of the Office of Price Administration.

Gentner also declared that reports that expiration dates on "A" coupons would be removed were equally "inconsistent with fact."

Gentner's statement was issued after a long-distance telephone conversation with Col. Bryan Houston, OPA national ration chief in Washington, who declared the reports gained currency through "misunderstanding."

## COAL USERS ARE URGED TO STORE

The government has announced that temporary solid fuel surpluses are becoming available and may continue to be made available for a time. This interpreted into every day English means that for the next several months there may be a surplus of coal and dealers may be able to receive increased shipments during that time.

It is urged that anyone using coal should stock up now while the surplus is available. The lesson of this order proved quite valuable to many during the past winter when those with full fuel boxes had plenty of coal when others who had failed to heed the warning were considerably worried.

The Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. is telling of the new government order on Page 5 of this issue.

## HACKLER TALKS TO GARDEN CLUB

Frank Hackler, assistant county agent, met with the "Out for Victory" garden club March 26 at the home of Rieta Graves. This being the first meeting since the new books for the club have been received, Mr. Hackler showed the members how to fill out the records and also answered questions. It was decided that with the aid of the other 4-H clubs in this community a program will be given before the Columbia grange some time in May.

The various 4-H clubs are also planning an Easter party but no definite plans have been announced.

## LARGE GROUP LEAVES TUESDAY FOR INDUCTION

A large group of Umatilla county men and some transfers from other counties left Pendleton Tuesday night for induction into the U. S. Navy in Portland. All previously had taken and passed their physical examinations.

As announced by the county selective service board, the navy inductees are:

Dale O. Stephens, Warren Mitchell Estoup, Lawrence Robert Haney, Jackson David Reeves, Cecil Irwin Strong, Jasper Shippentower, Perry Milton Jones, Charles Burton Carnes, LeRoy Benjamin Kicker, Floyd Edwin Long, Elwin Kerking Beck, Forrest Milton Hodgen, Gerald Robert Bruce, Don Daniel Allstott, Howard Alford Butler.

James Metteer Knox, Walter Harvey Alenbaugh, John Thomas Hanke, Alton Estel Sisson, Charles Edward Wells, William Donald Largent, Ralph James Mooney, Lewis Samuel Lowary, Chester Lyle Knapp, Alvin Cowser, James Herbert Boylen, William Donald Coe, Darrell Dee Coppock, Leslie William Jarvis, Neal R. Nielsen, Hartley Cooper.

LeRoy John Hoover, Richard Melvin Walker, Roy Edward Goodman, Donald Harold Coe, Harry Abe Snyder, Lloyd Eugene Claunch, Louis W. Quemptis, James Penny, Howard E. Campbell, Derwood Dean Berry, Donald Melvin Thomas and Charles Huston Martin.

Ben Boylen, brother of James Boylen and also of Hermiston, left tonight for Fort Lewis for induction into the Army.

## TAX DEPUTY TO BE HERE APR. 10

The Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, has notified the Herald that a deputy collector will be in Hermiston April 10 to assist taxpayers in preparing their Forms 1040ES, Declaration of Estimated Tax for the calendar year 1944. These forms are now in the process of being mailed out, some here having received their forms during the past week.

The final day of filing the Declaration of Estimated Tax is April 15, the same date that the state income tax statements are due.

## TRAILDUSTERS MEET AT USO

The first social meeting of the year for the Traildusters riding club was held at the U. S. O. club Wednesday night, in the form of a pot luck supper. A goodly crowd of about thirty enthusiastic riders attended this gala affair and made plans for the coming season.

The club is now looking forward to a busy summer with the following occasions already arranged for: A Cowboy Breakfast at the Attebury ranch, with Jack Hartman as host, in April; the President's Ride at the Golda Myrick ranch in May; and an all day picnic at the Lee Beckner ranch at Jone in June.

## EDWIN ISENSEE NOW PAY CLERK

Mrs. Joe Baumgartner received word this week from the Commanding Officer, U.S.N.R., that her son, Edwin Archie Isensee, C.S.K., has been recommended for appointment to Acting Pay Clerk, under a temporary appointment. The message further stated that Isensee had been in the pay clerk activities since August, 1943, and during that time has proven himself to be of the highest military and personal character.

Isensee was made Chief Store Keeper October 1, 1943, and since that time has earned the promotion by his work, according to the message received by Mrs. Baumgartner.

## VOTERS SHOULD REGISTER NOW

Voters for the coming primaries and election may register at the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. Any one who has lived in the state six months and 30 days in the precinct and who is an American citizen may register. Anyone who has previously registered and has changed his residence to another precinct must also register to be eligible to vote.

The primaries will be May 19 and the registration closes for the primaries 30 days before that date.

## "Lost in Action"



Pictured above is Technical Sergeant Vern Daugherty Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Daugherty of Hermiston, who recently was announced "Lost in action." He was a member of an American Ranger battalion and was in action on the Italian battlefield. No further word has been received by his parents but this week letters written to Vern were returned, indicating that he has not as yet been located.

Sgt. Daugherty has been overseas for approximately a year, going first to North Africa and then being sent to the Italian battle zone. It is thought that he was a member of the battalion that took part in the Anzio beachhead action below Rome. The last letter received here from him was dated January 2.

Vern graduated from Hermiston high school in 1942, later working at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Following his enlistment at Walla Walla, he was assigned to the armored forces and received his training at Fort Knox, Ky. He later transferred by request to the Rangers.

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## LT. CASSEDAY ENDS MISSIONS

Mrs. Wayne Casseday received a cablegram early this week from her husband, First Lieutenant Wayne Casseday, that he had completed his 26th mission over enemy territory, the goal of all airmen. Although it is understood that he is eligible for a furlough, the cablegram did not state what his future plans were.

Lt. Casseday's base has been somewhere in England and his missions have taken him into the heart of enemy territory.

## SCHOOLS PLAN ONE-ACT PLAYS

The student body of Umatilla high school will present a one-act play, entitled "The Farmer's Daughter", Friday evening, March 31, at Umatilla high school. This playlet is a genuine, old-fashioned "meller-drammer" with a hero, heroine and a villain. The cast is composed of Don Kennedy, Ellames Ewing, Ann Mary Sherlock, Sara Wurster, Joe Tucker and Jimmie Linn, with Mrs. H. L. Hansen as director.

During the same evening, one-act plays will also be presented by Echo high school ("A Quiet Home Wedding") and by Stanfield high school ("Waiting for the Trolley"). The first play will begin at 8:00 o'clock with the other two following immediately.

### Caldwell Is Visitor Here

Myrnie "Tiny" Caldwell, who recently completed six weeks of boot training at Camp Farragut with the U. S. Navy, is spending a short furlough here with his family. Mr. Caldwell, who operated the Pheasant Cafe prior to entering the service, states that some sort of sea duty is expected soon after arrival back at Camp Farragut April 4. He came through the rigid training in fine shape.

## PENDLETON MEN TO TALK BEFORE CHAMBER GROUP

Sam Moore, president of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, has announced that C. L. "Buck" Lieuallen and Carl Engdahl, state representatives of Pendleton, will be present at the regular meeting of the Chamber group Monday night, April 5, to discuss various items of interest now confronting the state legislature. The meeting will begin at 7:00 o'clock at the U. S. O. club with a dinner served by Pete Laas of the P. & G. Cafe.

Several items of importance are slated for discussion at the meeting Monday which will be the first under the new set of officers elected at the last session of the group.

Tickets for the event will be placed on sale this week end.

## RENNECKER HAS RIDING ACADEMY

A. M. Rennecker, who recently opened the Hermiston Riding Academy, states that considerable activity is being displayed in the venture. He states that with the coming of better weather, his horses will be kept quite busy but will add more to his string if the needs require. The academy is located at the "big red barn" one block south of the Hermiston hospital.

Mr. Rennecker, who has had many years of experience in handling horses, states that he will give free riding lessons every Saturday morning to children who wish to ride. Prices for riding horses are \$1.00 for the first hour and 50c for each hour thereafter.

## THERMOMETER IS POPULAR TOPIC

Catfish fishermen, baseball gloves and spring gardeners were very much in evidence here the middle of the week when the thermometer hit a high mark of 74 degrees Wednesday, reminding citizens that it won't be long now. A total of .13 inch rainfall was recorded for the week, according to Chas. Taylor, weather man.

The report follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
March 23	60	38
March 24	55	33
March 25	54	35
March 26	54	40
March 27	56	15
March 28	67	21
March 29	74	23

## GOOD FRIDAY TO BE OBSERVED

The churches of Hermiston will observe Good Friday in a united worship service. This will be held in the Baptist Church at twelve noon.

"The Cross Interprets Christianity." Minor differences of opinion as to proper methods of worship disappear in the shadow of the Cross. God's sacrifice, prompted by divine love, molds into one mighty body all who profess the name of Christ as the "Only Begotten Son" of God the Father.

With this in mind the churches of Hermiston unite in calling to remembrance the event that changed the history of man.

## ALL IS SERENE AT UOD FRONT

The past week has seen a return to normalcy at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot following the igloo blast of Tuesday, March 21. Workers were taken to the scene of the tragedy and were assured that the destruction of one igloo would in no way endanger people working in nearby magazines.

### Former Hermiston Man Named

The announcement that Henry M. Gunn of Portland had been named new superintendent of Eugene schools was of interest here. Mr. Gunn formerly resided here, attending Hermiston schools. He graduated from Hermiston high school in 1916, being president of the student body in his senior year. He later was teacher and coach at Umatilla elementary school from 1923 to 1925. For the past 19 years he has been connected with the Portland school system. The new position comes as quite an advancement.

## UNITS IN VICTORY SQUARE ARE OPENED BY NEW RULING

### NO RESTRICTIONS ON NEW HOUSES

Housing conditions in Hermiston are better today than they have been in many years. With the renovation of 83 Victory Square units, the construction of 35 houses by Interstate Homes, Inc., the 10 units constructed by the former Hermiston Housing Corp and many others built by private owners, the conditions for suitable housing have been greatly relieved.

D. W. Bliss, manager of the town of Ordnance and Victory Square in Hermiston, has received word from Geo. W. Coplan, regional representative of National Housing Authorities of Seattle, that the government has relaxed from the restrictions governing the renting of units in Victory Square and that now they can be rented to practically anyone with the proper credit credentials. Heretofore, they were restricted to employees of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot and the various oil companies.

The houses in Victory Square, which have only recently received considerable improvements, will rent for \$27.50 per month for one-room units and \$30.00 for two bed rooms. The houses are unfurnished except for kerosene kitchen ranges, coal heaters and electric refrigerators, according to Mr. Bliss. The appearance of Victory Square is very pleasant with its new streets, sidewalks, lawns, community hall and other additional buildings.

Floyd Bressler, a member of the concern of Interstate Homes, Inc., phoned The Herald Thursday morning stating that all restrictions have been lifted by F. H. A. for the purchase of a new home in Hermiston. Interstate Homes, Inc., recently constructed 35 new housing units here and about 18 still remain to be sold.

Mr. Bressler stated that anyone having a good credit rating may enter an application for the purchase of a new home. Some member of the firm will be in Hermiston next week end but in the mean time applications may be left with Elmer Fritzsche at the Hermiston Hotel.

## WESTLAND HAS FINE MEETING

A nice crowd was in attendance at a meeting of the Westland Grange March 24 which was in the form of a farewell to Don Alstott who recently entered the Navy. Musical selections by Mrs. W. T. Davis and a reading by Arthur Greer were enjoyed. Movies were shown by Frank Hackler and later a dance was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Michel furnishing the music.

A surprise visit was made to the club by the past master, Harold A. Laird, U. S. Navy. The next H. E. C. meeting will be held April 12 at the home of Mrs. Elmer Watson. The next grange meeting will be April 14 with initiation in the third and fourth degrees. A scheduled pie social and 4-H entertainment have been postponed because of the presence of scarlet fever in the neighborhood.

## LARIVE ACCEPTS REDMOND JOB

M. E. Larive, who has been the head of Echo schools for the past two years, has been elected superintendent of the Redmond union high school and has signed a contract for that position. Mr. Larive states that he regrets leaving Echo, but the new position is an advancement in his profession with a material increase in salary and he feels that he cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

He will remain at Echo until July 1 to assist the local board and his successor in lining up a program for next year.

### No Points On Frozen Foods

Point values of all frozen fruits and vegetables, accounting for about 6 per cent of all rationed processed foods, will be at zero for the period of April 2 through April 29, Willard Case, district OPA food rationing executive, announced today, following advice from Washington. The action was taken at the request of the War Food Administration to release cold storage space for meats, dairy and poultry products, and other foods from 1944 production.