

Pingree's Ordnance Caterers will start serving in the Magazine Area office lunch room on April 21, for the day and swing shifts and in the West Area lunch room beginning April 24 for the day shift. Meals will be served during lunch period only. Food to be served from wagon will be: cold sandwiches, hot hamburgers, coffee, bottled pop, pastries, salad, candy bars and ice cream.

Mrs. Harland Gooch is visiting relatives in Nampa, Idaho, this week.

Orville Pedigo of the Fire Department and Mrs. Pedigo went to Portland last Friday. While there she will receive medical treatment.

Zelma Culver, West Area, is ill this week.

Herman Duns, Box Factory, was called to Portland by the serious illness of his father-in-law.

Flora Moyer is working in the Box Factory again.

Lester Willson is a new employe at the Box and Pallet Shop.

Willa Armstrong, Box Factory, is visiting her son in Oregon City this week.

Omer Luttrell, Fireman, and Nate Patterson, of the Equipment Division, entered the Post Hospital this week.

Mrs. Mae Pearl Wilcox of the Mammography Department is on the sick list this week.

Joyce Hendrickson was in LaGrande two days last week for an optical examination. She also visited her family while there.

John A. Cox, yardmaster, left for Miles City, Montana, on a combined business and pleasure trip for a period of two weeks. Mr. Cox has been on the depot over two years and has had a total of only nine days sick and annual leave during that time.

All of the girls of Stock Control office attended the show "Jane Eyre" in Pendleton Friday night. (They said "just gals" but we're not too sure about that.)

Norma Gatchell, West Area, spent Saturday in Pendleton on business.

Lee Dyer from the Electric Shop is on leave this week taking his physical examination for the army.

Miss Alice McGraw has moved the boiler water treatment equipment into the Electric Shop and is now located there.

Mrs. Leora Gibbons, Plant Property, spent the week and visiting her parents in Freewater, Ore.

Vern Lewis, Plant Property, is back after several weeks illness.

Senator Guy Cordon visited the depot last week and the guard force came in for a word of praise from the Senator who remarked that members of the U.O.D. Guard Force gave a snapper salute than any other civilian guards he had seen.

Congratulations to Captain R. S. Purse, Captain R. A. Halverson, 1st Lt. G. W. Snyder, and 1st Lt. John Moore who received their promotions April 19th.

Lt. Col. Hoffman has now taken over the duties of Control Officer.

Captain Hicklin left this week by plane to visit his home in Columbia, South Carolina.

Major Green, who has been on the post for over two years, left Tuesday night. He expects to be assigned to overseas duty soon.

Mrs. Warren entered the post hospital Monday forenoon.

Mrs. Hoffman returned Tuesday morning on the streamliner from a visit at her home in New York.

Captain Avery will leave Wednesday night for six weeks training school at Camp Lee, Va.

Mrs. L. Josephine Haupt, Personnel, who was called to Newton, Iowa, by the serious illness of her sister, returned Sunday. En route she visited her daughter and new granddaughter at Grand Forks, North Dakota. She also visited her son who is stationed at Farragut, Idaho.

Ernest Richardson who has been on sick leave for the past month, reported for work last week.

Kenneth Beebe, who has been employed as brakeman under Rail Transportation, has transferred to the service division as locomotive fireman.

Archie G. Buyers, son of Colonel and Mrs. A. S. Buyers, arrived this week from Martinez, Cal., for a brief visit with his parents before entrance into the navy.

Sgt. Lefstein, who has been on leave visiting in Rock Island, Illinois, returned Tuesday morning.

Off The Record
The Magazine Field office force are wondering if Claude Tefft is going to be able to "talk back" after he keeps that appointment with the dentist Wednesday.

In the tool room in Pier 9 they have a marble which is given to the one who is able to tell the "largest yarn". Two prize winning stories are: One morning it was supposedly so cold in the tool room that a spider was seen walking across the floor with its red flannels and overshoes on. The narrator of that story kept the marble until another man from the tool room told this one: He was driving by Pier 20 on a windy day and happened to glance up and saw a rabbit digging a hole 20 feet up in the air. He was given a marble.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY PROGRAM SCHEDULED TONIGHT AT SCHOOL

DANCE FOLLOWS DINNER PROGRAM

Annual achievement awards will be presented to high school students tonight (Thursday) at a dinner in the high school gymnasium. Approximately 71 students, high school faculty and members of the high school board and their wives will attend the annual function, according to Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen. The meal will be served by the Rebekah lodge in the gymnasium which will be gaily decorated for the occasion.

Program numbers will be as follows: Solo by LaDesca Pieper; reading, Margaret Sommerer; trumpet solo, Dick Belt; violin selection, Hope Reynolds; awarding of the athletic awards, Coach Frank Davison. Following the program and dinner, dancing will be enjoyed with music furnished by the high school orchestra.

According to Mr. Kersbergen, annual awards are given to those students who have participated in extra curricular activities for which regular school credits are not given.

Coach Davison will award athletic awards to the following:

Football—Jack Rodgers, Dick Belt, Bob Alford, Bob Attebury, Erwin Null, Blackie Davis, Tom Todd, Moon Mullins, John McMullen, Bob Jensen, Vance Matott, Kenny Johnson, Hank Hardin, Clayton Buell, Bill Schoonover, Frank Harkenrider, Jim Allen, Glen Wilcox and Lloyd Hughes.

Basketball (A squad)—Jack Rodgers, Dick Belt, Bob Alford, Erwin Null, Blackie Davis, Kenny Johnson, Bill Schoonover, Frank Harkenrider, Glen Wilcox, Robby Connor, Davis Pierson.

Basketball (B squad)—Roy Sires, Dick Kingsley, Jack Belt, Leo Keller, Hollice Brock, Bruce Norton, Dan Pollett, Bill Rowell and Dean Scott.

Baseball—Dick Belt, Erwin Null, Blackie Davis, Vance Matott, Bill Schoonover, Frank Harkenrider and Glen Wilcox. Other baseball letter winners have not been decided and will be awarded at a later date.

ATTEBURY RODEO SET FOR MAY 7

George Attebury of Stanfield is advertising the first rodeo of the season in this area at his ranch Sunday, May 7. Mr. Attebury, a veteran of the rodeo business, this week is taking six of his string of buckers to Hillsboro for a workout. Included in this group are two of the meanest broncs in this vicinity.

Mr. Attebury states that he is lining up a fine program for May 7, including bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, team roping and other rodeo features. Admission prices have been set at 75c and 25c, with service men free. Activities will get underway at 1:00 o'clock.

PAPER DRIVE IS PLANNED HERE

Kenneth Hickenbottom, district Boy Scout executive, has notified local salvage leaders that he will be in Hermiston next week to organize a paper drive. Tentative plans call for a collection of paper on Monday, May 1, at which time a railroad car will be on the tracks here. Citizens are urged to tie up bundles of papers or magazines in flat packages not to exceed 25 pounds or place paper in paper cartons. Further details will be printed next week.

It is also announced that a tin can drive will be held some time following the paper drive.

MANY POTATOES SOLD IN AREA

Approximately 7000 sacks of potatoes have been purchased in this area this year by the Washington Dehydrated Food Co. of Milton. Henry A. Scholls of the above firm was in this community last week and bought approximately 3,000 sacks from different farmers on the Stanfield project and some northeast of Hermiston. Mr. Scholls was accompanied on his visit by Frank Hackler, assistant county agent here.

Mr. Scholls stated that the potatoes in this area compared very closely with central Oregon potatoes in flavor, mealiness and whiteness, which are factors in dehydrated potatoes.

Break in K Line Causes Irrigation Delay



Pictured above is the break in the K irrigation line which has caused a delay in getting water to the east side of Hermiston. The break has now been repaired and water will flow this week end.

SOLDIER WINS BOND OFFERED BY UOD WORKER

M. D. Doty, foreman of crew in the Magazine area recently wrote his name and a small note on the inside of a crate that was to be shipped overseas. In the note he promised that he would send a \$25.00 war bond to the soldier who opened the crate and wrote to him. The lucky soldier was Sgt. Bill O'Brian who is somewhere in the Central Pacific area. He wrote a letter to Mr. Doty and in reply Mr. Doty sent him the bond, which was received July 17, 1943. Since then they have corresponded with each other and now Sgt. Bill calls Mr. and Mrs. Doty "Mom and Dad" and signs himself "Your Other Son, Bill".

Mr. Doty has a step son, Russell Keuster, in the Central Pacific area. The following is taken from Sgt. Bill's letter to "Mom and Dad": Glad to hear that things are really going full blast with "Dad's" crew. That is what makes us out here proud of our American buddies. Whenever I see things from the Umatilla Ordnance Depot I always think of "Dad" and his crew. Have "Dad" say thanks from me to them. For we out here do appreciate what you are doing back home. Now the end of this form so I'll have to close now. Until next time, Goodbye and best regards to everyone. All my love to you. Your other son, Bill."

Several of Mr. Doty's crew have written to Sgt. Bill. Three cheers for Mr. Doty, his crew and "Bill". Sgt. Bill's "thanks" makes us proud of our American spirit and the fact that we are on the "supply line". It's a morale builder that we won't forget. For Sgt. Bill—and all the other boys—let's do more and better work, every day.

WHITE IS NAMED TO STATE JOB

Roy White, energetic business agent of Hermiston Carpenters Local 933, was elected to the office of state secretary of the Oregon Council of Carpenters & Joiners at an election during the convention held this week end in The Dalles. Although Mr. White will have considerable more work to do with the added responsibility, he will maintain his office here.

Bert W. Sleeman, Portland, international representative of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, told those present that carpenters should team together with lumber and sawmill workers "and when big business starts talking to us some day they will be talking to all of us, not part of us."

The three-day meeting was concluded Sunday with the election of officers. A huge banquet was held Saturday night with businessmen of The Dalles joining in the affair. D. E. Nickerson of Portland, state executive secretary, also addressed the convention.

VICTORY SQUARE IS FILLING UP

Only 12 units of a total of 83 now remain unoccupied at Victory Square, according to Mrs. Florence Olmstead, acting manager. These 12 units are one bedroom houses and are renting for \$27.50 per month. This includes stoves, water heater and water. Mrs. Olmstead stated that workers at the huge Hanford project were inquiring about the houses and that some had already moved in.

Victory Square is now a pleasant little spot with green grass, wide streets, concrete sidewalks and other facilities.

SERVICE BOARD IS DEDICATED AT UMATILLA

At an impressive ceremony, the City of Umatilla last Thursday dedicated a large plaque designed to publicly honor the persons of that vicinity now in the armed forces. With W. R. Nugent as master of ceremonies, the program proceeded in fine style with Walter Meacham, Portland, famed Oregon Trail historian, as main speaker. The service board bears 68 names and is so constructed that more may be added from time to time.

Mr. Meacham reviewed the history of the Oregon Trail from 1805 to the present and touched upon the importance of Umatilla in its development—both in early days and today. Another speaker was Lt. Col. W. J. Hoffman of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Mrs. Annie Edwards, one of the very early pioneers, was introduced during the program by Mr. Nugent.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Stanfield band, led by Miss Harmon. The organization of about 30 members is composed of mostly girls and put on a fine performance. Superintendent Norton of Stanfield schools was also present.

The plaque was constructed by the boys of the manual training class of Umatilla high school under the direction of Supt. Thomas Chapman. The detail work and painting was done by John O'Gorman.

In the evening, Mr. Meacham was a guest of the Umatilla Pochontas club where he also gave a short address. Later in the evening he answered numerous questions asked by members.

VETERINARIAN IS SCHEDULED

Dr. Van Doosen, veterinarian of Walla Walla, will vaccinate horses in West Umatilla County for equine encephalomyelitis or sleeping sickness starting Saturday, April 29, according to Frank Hackler, assistant county agent here. Anyone interested in this disease control is asked to leave name and address and number of horses to be vaccinated at the office of assistant county agent.

There will be a definite schedule later for assembling of horses for the different communities and the dates for each group.

LT. MOORE AND FAMILY ARE HOME

Second Lieutenant Elbert Moore and Mrs. Moore and baby arrived home Tuesday night following Lt. Moore's graduation from advanced flight training at Luke Field, Arizona, on April 15. Sam Moore, Lt. Moore's father, who had flown to Arizona to be present at the graduation exercises, accompanied them to Hermiston.

Lt. Moore, who is enjoying his first visit home in 14 months, has made the several steps in flight training in fine order. He began at Fresno, Cal., and from there went to Missoula, Mont., where he received his C.T.D. work. Pre-flight training was received at Santa Ana, Calif., and both primary and basic at Ontario, Calif. Advanced work was received at Luke Field. He will report April 27 at Sacramento for transitional training. Lt. Moore states that although the work is difficult he greatly enjoys the training.

HEALTH CLINICS AND BABY SHOWS TO BE FEATURED

National Baby Week, April 30th to May 6th, will be fittingly observed by USO both in Hermiston and Ordnance. A Pre-School Health Clinic will be conducted in both towns during the week by the Umatilla County Health Department. Professional doctors and nurses will be in charge and the Clinic will offer a complete physical examination, immunization and vaccination for each individual child.

Plans are also being made to have a Baby Show for children under three years of age in Hermiston and Ordnance. All parents wishing to enter their babies for these events are urged to call the USO club. Also anyone wishing further information about the Health Clinic call the USO club for further details.

HERMISTON SETS TRACK MEET

The first track meet in many years will be held on the Hermiston high school field Friday, April 21, beginning at 2:00 p. m., according to Frank Davison, local mentor. Invitations have been extended to Umatilla, Echo, Boardman, Arlington, Stanfield, Helix, Heppner and Athena and have indicated they would come.

There will be three places awarded in each event and the team making the greatest number of points will be the winner.

A special feature for the day is the racing over a half flight of the high and low hurdles.

PETROLEUM CO. OPENS OFFICE

The Inland Petroleum Transportation Co., with headquarters in Seattle, have leased the former location of the Sunset Transportation Co. west of the depot and will open an office immediately. M. Besanson, local manager, stated this week that his company did commercial hauling and would carry Octane and other petroleum to Mountain Home, Boise and other inland points.

Mr. Besanson indicated that a normal crew of 14 to 16 men would be employed here.

BOYS RATE HIGH MARK AT SCHOOL

Something for Ripley to consider, is the situation at Hermiston high school where both the valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's graduating class of seniors will be boys. Johnny Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis, and Gale Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Davis, are winners of the above honors respectively. Lewis has a mark of 1.42 and Davis, 1.52, which are considered as very excellent marks. This is the first time in the memory of Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen that boys have stolen the whole show.

The following are the other eight students who rated among the first ten: Lois Hunt, Martha Jones, LaDesca Pieper, Opal Null, Elizabeth Jones, Maurine Sutton, Courtney Belt and Hope Reynolds.

JUNIOR PLAY IS WELL RECEIVED

The Junior class play, "The Scarecrow Creeps," presented last Thursday in the high school gym, under the direction of Miss Audrey Hall, was a splendid success. The hilarious comedy greatly delighted and mystified the audience and held them in suspense through three hair-raising, thrill-packed acts. First rate characterizations were given by members of the cast, many of whom made their first public dramatic performance in this play.

The events of the play moved swiftly and smoothly to the dramatic climax, at which time treacherous acts of the butler, well portrayed by Frank Harkenrider, were exposed, and moving rockers, valuable diamonds, curious clues, and creeping scarecrows were explained. Vance Matott did outstanding work in his characterization of Roderick, around whom the action centers, and at whose home the adventures take place.

Parts of conniving, scheming relatives were played by Joy Reed, a nervous, excitable relative who was extremely proud of her son (played by Bill Schoonover); Peggy Sommerer, an aunt gifted with psychic powers; Gordon Shown and Ruth McCulley. (Continued on Last Page)

POWER COMPANY TO PAY DIVIDENDS TO REGULAR CUSTOMERS

AMOUNT HALF OF MONTH'S BILL

Customers of Pacific Power & Light Company will receive a \$300,000 "rate dividend" early in May under a war-time-earnings-sharing plan approved by the Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner and announced at Salem on Wednesday.

Amount of the dividend will be approximately one-half of each customer's average monthly electric bill, according to Homer Beale, district manager for the company.

To be paid to each participant by check instead of by credits on bills, the "rate dividend" will return approximately \$28,000 to electric users in this district, he stated.

"Designed to meet the abnormal condition created by wartime loads and revenues, this 'rate dividend' is just one more consistent step taken by P. P. & L. to give customers the benefit of greater volume of business," said Beale. "Its effect will be to reduce still further the low average price of electricity on our system."

All active customers who were billed for electric service between February 20 and April 20 and who are on the company's books on May 1 will share in the dividend.

Regular seasonal customers will also benefit proportionately, Beale explained. Their checks will be computed on the basis of their average annual use. In this class are such uses as irrigation pumping, canneries, packing plants, spraying installations and other seasonal activities.

The most recent system-wide rate reduction made by the P. P. & L. company was a slash of \$487,000 in 1941. Other rate cuts in late years include a \$212,000 reduction in 1939, \$110,000 in 1937 and \$305,000 in 1936.

Not including the present "rate dividend," total rate reductions made by the company since 1936 have resulted in estimated annual savings to customers of \$1,114,000.

RAINS PAY VISIT TO THIS AREA

Hermiston and vicinity has done its best during the past few weeks to keep up with the Willamette valley in the matter of rainfall but has finally given up. Portland, with 14 days of steady rainfall, is too much competition. Intermittent rains, however, have saved lawns and gardens which otherwise might have suffered due to lack of water when the K line ditch "went out" two weeks ago.

The report, according to Chas. Taylor, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
April 12	57	45
April 13	57	34
April 14	62	38
April 15	58	35
April 16	62	34
April 17	63	35
April 18	67	29

'HIAWATHA' IS FINE PORTRAYAL

A fine crowd was in attendance at the junior high school presentation, "Hiawatha," presented Tuesday night in the high school gymnasium. The performance indicated a great deal of diligent practice and the youngsters performed notably. Various teachers of the junior high school cooperated in the event.

Music for the occasion was under the leadership of G. C. Humphreys who also assisted greatly in the paintings and costumes.

LOCAL LAUNDRY UNION MEMBER

The Hermiston Laundry & Dry Cleaners of Hermiston has been accepted into full membership by the American Institute of Laundering, research and industry representative of a majority of the United States' 5000 professional laundries.

This announcement was received today from George H. Johnson, General Manager of the Institute, which has its national headquarters, laboratory, and model plant in Joliet, Ill.

The Institute is international in scope, directly representing professional laundries of the United States and Canada, and has active members in a number of foreign countries.