

The Electric Shop personnel celebrated Friday noon, April 28th, with cake and ice cream. Anyone can tell it was "Strats" birthday by the way he rolls his pant legs up to show his fancy hose. Special mention goes to the coffee made by the "Phoebe Rumley Secret Method".

An example of how closely our Ordnance is linked with the different battle fronts of the world was emphasized last week when Dorothy Prah, Personnel, received a letter from PFC David Hamm, U. S. M. C., who is stationed in the Guadalcanal Zone, containing part of a data card from the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. It was signed by Chief Ammunition Inspector Wm. P. Daly. David remarked in his letter that the ammunition was in "good working order".

Rose Evans, formerly of Motor Transportation, has transferred to Magazine Area.

Effie Pennick, cook at the Officers' Club, spent the week end in Stanfield.

The U. O. D. bowling team, consisting of L. C. Smith, George Turner, Larry Scheerger, Harry Nelson and Walter Carlson, has made a record of which to be proud. This team won the championship in 1942, tied for second place in 1943, and won first place again this year in the Hermiston League. Highest single game, totaling 966, and the highest series totaling 2561, were bowled during the current season. Also, Larry Scheerger bowled high single game for league play with a score of 256 pins.

The women's softball team from the Magazine area will play the team from the Administration, and West Area Tuesday after work on the field behind the Fire and Guard building.

D. R. Weber's daughter, Mrs. Frances Harworth, and granddaughter, Virginia, from Spokane, Washington, arrived at the Depot Sunday for a short visit. They were met in Pasco by Mr. Weber.

Utilities extends a hearty welcome to Woodrow Wilson who is now entering our ranks from the staff of the Resident Engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gee, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gibbons and family of Freewater visited Mrs. Leora Gibbons, Plant Property, Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hankins and family were in Pendleton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lewis's son, Harry, returned to camp this week end after spending about a week at home. He is in the medical detachment at Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Jackson was in Pendleton Monday, May 1, on business.

Matilda Willingham, box factory, is moving to Hermiston from Ordnance. Tom and Laura Watkins are busy building a new home.

Henry Flynn, Box Factory, is on sick leave.

Mrs. Thelma Henderson and family visited Sunday at the home of Jack Smith and family of Irrigon.

Mr. Power's son Thomas came home Thursday from Farragut where he has just completed training. He returned Friday for further assignment.

Mrs. Laurio, West Area, will assist Charlotte Nelson in the Magazine Field office for two weeks.

All Fork Lift equipment and operators have been put in one section under the supervision of Capt. Halverson.

Betty Fleming, Stock Control, may join her husband who is stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas. He expects to be sent overseas soon.

Project made road magnet will be started Tuesday to pick up nails over the area. These scattered nails have been detrimental to tires.

Mrs. Haupt, Personnel, spent the week end in The Dalles, visiting Lois Hamer.

Capt. and Mrs. Sutch, Lt. and Mrs. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley are driving to Portland Saturday for the stage play, "Sons of Fun" with Olson and Johnson.

Miss Viola Schlenker is terminating to join her husband in Portland. Mr. Schlenker is in the army.

Sgt. McDaniel's wife and daughter arrived from Phoenix, Arizona, and are to make their home in Ordnance.

Rail Transportation was pleased to hear from Verl Crane, recently of U. O. D., who is now working in the mines at McCall, Idaho.

Several Trainmen have been working overtime to relieve the rush. Their willingness to do so is noted and appreciated.

Capt. McCoy and Mr. Dooley went to Celilo on the river boat Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Pug, to you) Heathman spent Friday and Saturday in Pendleton seeing dentists and doctors. No more smokes for Pug, and he is really being watched. While there they also visited their son Dale Heathman who leaves soon for the Navy.

Both stations seem to be badly in need of a cook—now that the Firemen are on 24 hour duty. Smoke at the West Area Station brought out the whole department but when the smoke cleared away, it was found that Scotty had burned the potatoes—again.

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HOP INDUSTRY TO BE EXPANDED HERE BY PORTLAND FIRMS

LUCAS TO PLANT NEW CROP NOW

A new business enterprise is being launched at Hermiston this week with the establishment of a second hop yard to be known as the Hermiston Seedless Hop Yard No. 2. What was last week the Joe Baumgartner dairy farm is now being plowed under to make the new yard. It is planned to put in only 25 or 30 acres of hops this summer and during the winter months another 25 acres will be planted.

The new yard is being put in by Williams & Hart, owners of the other hop yard at Hermiston, and Barney Lucas, all of Portland. Lucas is taking an active part in the construction of the yard and will be at the ranch until the hop crop is harvested.

Harry Kessler, superintendent of the Williams & Hart yard, has taken over the task of putting the new yard in. He is confronted with putting in a hop yard in two months that would take six months to construct ordinarily.

The new venture is being eyed with great interest by hop growers in the Willamette Valley. Land in the Hermiston section is most suitable for hops and it is expected that a number of hop growers will be following the lead of Williams & Hart in coming to the Hermiston section.

MUSIC PROGRAM BY GRADERS IS WELL RECEIVED

A demonstration of music development in the elementary schools was given in the high school auditorium on Monday afternoon before the student body and an assemblage of invited parents and friends.

The assembly began with the orchestra, which played a number of varied selections, performed from a crowded stage by a group of more than fifty performers—the largest in the school's history.

Following this, the program was continued by the students under the direction of Mrs. Alma Greaves, the elementary vocal department teacher.

These young people contributed choral and solo singing, tap dancing, baton twirling and an amusing version of a negro minstrel show. Ethel Barnes, with a remarkable soprano voice, delighted the audience with "Carry Me Back to Ol' Virginia", and Lelaire Norton, in a white uniform trimmed with gold, gave a demonstration of baton twirling with much grace and skill.

The following youngsters made up the orchestra: Florence Andrews, Marjorie Burr, Bernadine Baker, Charles Cantrall, Elton Castellow, Gail Cross, Mary Doherty, Vernon Erickson, Duane Gailey, Harold Guiland, Marjorie Graves, Ted Hammer, Patricia Hinton, Alfred Holden, Richard Hammer, Lora Harritts, Robert Kendall, Shirley Kelly, Robert Keyes, Charles Roosevelt, Lenora Lamm, Donna Mohr, Rodney Middlesdorf, Earl Miller, John Mueller, Roscoe McGraw, Lelaire Norton, Harry Newton, Lyle Peck, Stanley Pierce, Donald Plourd, Zane Phoenix, Sammie Parsley, Laura Dee Peterson, Paul Pierson, Reginald Penney, Richard Snyder, Yvonne Smith, Roland Stewart, Jimmy Spencer, Lee Spencer, Tommy Schoonover, Robert Thomas, Lois Van Arsdale, Dolores Watkins, Norma Watson and Melvin Willcutt.

Those taking part in the chorus, minstrel show and novelty acts were: Louise Belt, Patricia Ballinger, Dena Casper, Jennie Busler, Nancy Conley, Janice Daugherty, Joyce Fagan, Veronica Furrer, Ruth Greer, Betty Graves, Mary Gillespie, Mary Hall, Marjorie Hughes, Maxine Hinkle, June Hayes, Lela Mayes, Lela McConnell, Marilyn Miller, Dorothy Olson, Margaret Peterson, Corlena Pedigo, Twylla Roubesh, Jerry Rodgers, Dorothy Sturm, Mavis Sturm, Betty Shearer, Marlene Turner, Jean Smith, Doris Williams, Gloria Wardwell, Roy Anderson, Ronald Attebury, Leslie Brown, Ray Brown, Sam Bufford, Kenneth Moore, Kenneth Bjerke, Fred Barker, Richard Borwick, Ed Ballinger, George Busler, Milt Casper, Roswell Canfield, Fred Frederickson, Roy Ford, Jim Harris, Richard Harris, Marvin Jonts, Frank Lind, Jim Lieb, Norm Lish, Gene O'Brien, Richard Scott, Ben Shoemaker and Herb Robinson.

FINE TURNOUT FOR CEMETERY CLEANUP SUNDAY

Community spirit and cooperation is still alive in Hermiston. This fact was evidenced Sunday afternoon when approximately 100 people gathered at the cemetery to give it a general cleanup. Brush was grubbed out, trees trimmed, rubbish cleaned up and irrigation ditches opened. The effort not only proved very profitable but created a spirit of cooperation and friendliness of the participants.

Although fine progress was made Sunday, one more "work bee" will be necessary to complete the job. The next date has been set for Sunday, May 21, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00.

The committee in charge Sunday included Harold Rankin, Roy Hale, George Harkenrider and A. W. Prann. These men wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who turned out and state that they greatly appreciated the cooperation shown.

PETERS RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

R. C. Peters, popular Hermiston auctioneer, returned this week from La Meta, Calif., where he had been called by the death of his father, Emanuel Peters, who passed away at the ripe old age of 94 years, 11 months. The latter was one of the oldest pioneers of Webster county, Nebraska. Funeral services were held while R. C. Peters was at La Meta.

Upon his return to Hermiston, Mr. Peters stated that he wouldn't trade the whole of Los Angeles county for Umatilla county. "You don't know how lucky you are to be living in this region. Traveling conditions and other accommodations in California are terrible," stated the vigorous Mr. Peters.

STANFIELD GIRL WITH MARINES

Margaret E. McCourt, former employee of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, has joined the ranks of the women marines. Miss McCourt enlisted April 27 through the Portland recruiting station and is now awaiting orders to report for "boot camp" at Camp Lejeune, N. C., training base of all women marines.

Private McCourt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. McCourt of Stanfield. Her brother, Corporal Francis H. McCourt, is a marine paratrooper. She has been employed at the Ordnance Depot for the past 17 months.

AUCTION SALE IS SLATED MONDAY

One of the largest auction sales in recent weeks is scheduled for Monday, May 8, at the former Joe Baumgartner ranch recently purchased by Barney Lucas of Portland. Heading the list is a herd of 17 Holstein dairy cattle, an Angus bull, much dairy equipment and farm implements. A complete list on page 7.

R. C. Peters will be auctioneer and Pete Berg, clerk.

WEATHER TURNS MUCH WARMER

Although the nights are still quite cool, the maximum temperatures are gradually rising and it won't be long now until summer weather will be the order of the day. Tuesday night the thermometer dropped to 31, the coldest in several weeks with some frost reported but no damage done.

The report for the week, according to Chas. Taylor, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
April 27	79	50
April 28	83	38
April 29	79	52
April 30	74	45
May 1	68	42
May 2	71	31

Pfc. Stone Is Visitor

Pfc. Albert Stone left Wednesday night for Fresno, Calif., after several days visit here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Prann. He has recently completed training for maintenance work with Bell Aircraft planes and has been stationed most recently at Niagara Falls. For outstanding work he has received the Certificate of Achievement and also wears several other minor medals. En route to Fresno where he will be reassigned, he will visit his mother, Mrs. Alice Stone, formerly of Hermiston. He has been in the service about 16 months.

Honor Guest



AUXILIARY HOST TO STATE HEAD

The American Legion Auxiliary of Hermiston honored its department president, Mrs. Floye Von Borstel of Grass Valley, and the vice president, Mrs. Gladys Lemons of Pendleton, at a delightful luncheon Tuesday, May 2. The Legion hall was beautifully decorated with lilacs and narcissi. Corsages of violets and lilies of the valley were presented to the honored guests. The committee in charge was Mrs. Jeanett Saboe, Mrs. Christine Greer and Mrs. Zarana Means.

Initiation of new members will be a feature at the next regular meeting, Thursday, May 11. Saturday, May 18, the annual Mother's Day Tea will be held at the U.S.O. from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock. All mothers of men in World War II as well as World War I are cordially invited.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET SATURDAY

Mrs. Ruth Rose Richardson of Portland, candidate for delegate at large to the national republican convention, Mrs. Ruth Kerns of Pendleton, candidate for the same position from this congressional district, and Genevieve Cook, secretary of the Republican state central committee, were in Hermiston Thursday in the interests of the Republican campaign.

They will return here Saturday, May 6, to hold a meeting of Republican women. Arrangements have been made for the meeting at the Legion hall at 2:00 p. m. and all women who are interested in the welfare and success of the Republican party are invited to be present. Mrs. Richardson is an attorney and prominent in the state and will speak. She is an interesting talker and will give a brief outline of state and national political affairs.

FRANK R. WRIGHT PASSES AWAY

Frank R. Wright, 73-year-old Hermiston resident, passed away Monday night in a Walla Walla hospital where he had been brought for medical care. He was a native of Missouri, having been born in that midwest state January 23, 1871.

The body was brought to Hermiston where funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Hall of Pendleton was in charge of the services.

Sewing Club Has Meeting

The Swift Stitches sewing club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. McCulley, Saturday, April 29. The members present were Verda Hunt, Edna Jones, Grace Wilson, Pauline Shein and Leila Hunt. Pauline Shein and Grace Wilson were chosen to demonstrate at the Grange meeting May 20. Leila Hunt was appointed as reporter to take the place of Norma Hyde who has recently moved away. The next meeting will be held at the Henry Sommerer home on May 13th.

Former Resident Candidate

Walter B. Hinkle, formerly city engineer of Hermiston and also of the Westland Irrigation project, is a candidate for the legislature from Multnomah county. His friends in this territory believe that he would make an able member. He has also had much state wide experience in the services of the Federal Land Bank.

RICHARD L. BABCOCK

Richard L. Babcock passed away here Monday after a short illness. He was born in Richland, Wash., and passed away at the age of 53. The body was shipped to Baker for funeral services and later to Richland for burial.

NAVAL BASE CHAPLAIN TALKS AT LADIES NIGHT

"Why Doesn't God Do Something" in connection with the present world conflict, was the topic for an address delivered by Lt. Harold Proppe, Senior Chaplain, Pasco Naval Air Station, at the annual ladies night of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Monday night at the U. S. O. club. Pete Laas, of the P & G Cafe, was the chef for the evening.

During a short business meeting, President Sam Moore called on various committees for reports of their findings. Pete Berg stated that progress of obtaining a veterinary for this area was slow but progressing. Frank Sargent stated that it looked like an impossible task of constructing a cold storage locker building at this time. E. P. Dodd stated that the hospital committee was working on its project and Harold Rankin thanked those who assisted with the cemetery cleanup last Sunday.

Jimmy Linn, talented young violinist of Umatilla, pleased the crowd of 80 guests with several numbers, accompanied by Miss Golda Mumma at the piano.

FIRST RODEO OF SEASON SUNDAY

Everything is in tip top shape for the first rodeo of the season Sunday at the George Attebury ranch one mile southeast of Stanfield beginning at 1:00 o'clock. Mr. Attebury has placed roadmarkers leading to the ranch to make it easier to find. Bull riding, bronc riding, novelty races, cowboy sports and calf roping events have been scheduled and it is understood that competition will be keen.

The Traildusters will be present en masse and will perform during the day. Admission prices of 75c and 25c have been established with service men admitted free. Mr. Attebury states that 50 per cent of the gate receipts will go to the cowboys.

MANY TONS OF PAPER NETTED

The paper drive in Hermiston last Saturday was very successful from the standpoint of tons of paper gathered. However, some citizens either did not have any scrap paper or failed to cooperate as the Boy Scouts noted that many homes had no paper on the park strip as trucks passed by.

A total of almost 18 tons was gathered here and added to that which was picked up in surrounding towns.

Special Service Planned

The Girls League of the Echo high school will give a special program in honor of their mothers next Sunday morning, May 7th, at the Echo Methodist church. Everyone is invited to attend this service and join in the privilege of giving credit to their own mothers. Everyone is asked to put a flower on their lapel and attend the Mother's Day service.

MANY HORSES VACCINATED

Frank Hackler, assistant county agent, stated this week that Dr. Van Hoosen of Walla Walla vaccinated a total of 354 horses in this area Saturday and Sunday. A return visit will be made this week end to the same farms for the second shots.

Eddie Lowell Local Visitor

Eddie Lowell, formerly employed at the Hermiston First National Bank but more recently employed by the Morris-Knudsen Construction Co., visited in Hermiston for several days this week. Mr. Lowell was a guest at the George Harkenrider home while here. He has spent the past two years on Midway island and others in the same locality on construction work with the above concern. He expects to enter the armed forces soon.

Church Holds Noon Dinner

The members and friends of the Methodist church are invited to a pot luck noon dinner following the morning worship service. A time of fellowship will be enjoyed and also a discussion of some important matters relative to the closing of the church year on May 28th will follow. It is hoped that a goodly number will attend this occasion and thus help to better understand and help the church.

Local Youths Enter Service

Earl Watson and James Getchell left Monday afternoon for Portland where they expected to take final examinations for induction into the U. S. Navy. No word has been received as to the results of the tests.

ALL MEATS BUT BEEF STEAKS AND ROASTS NOW RATION FREE

SURPRISE RULING IS WELCOMED

Washington, D. C.—The office of price administration Wednesday made all meats except beef steaks and beef roasts ration free, effective at midnight Wednesday night.

The removal of ration points, announced by OPA Administrator Bowles at a surprise press conference, covers all cuts of pork, veal, lamb and mutton; all beef except the steaks and roasts; beef hamburger, beef stew, all kinds of variety meats, sausage, ready-to-eat meats, canned meats and canned fish.

The action was taken, Bowles said, because lend-lease buying had been halted for the time being; also because of reduced army and navy demand, the crowded storage space and the hope that the action will bring more meat to market this summer.

Because of the wide variety of meats now becoming available without the spending of red ration points, OPA announced that housewives would have to make their red points last twice as long—stretching over a four week period instead of the present two week period.

In the past OPA has validated 30 red points every two weeks. Starting next Sunday, OPA will validate 30 points every four weeks. Red stamps R8, S8 and T8 became valid Sunday for the purchase of butter, margarine, cheese and cheese products, evaporated milk, beef steaks and roasts—the only items now requiring red points—but no more red stamps will be validated until June 3, four weeks hence.

OPA officials indicated they were fairly certain the new status would endure for three or four months at least, but Bowles declined to prophesy beyond that time, stating that the cattle feed situation was the governing factor. A bad growing year, he indicated, would mean restoration of rationing next winter.

Point values for beef steaks (except flank, made point free) and roasts will remain the same, ranging from 7 to 13 points a pound. The sudden action removed from rationing 57 per cent of the volume of products originally covered by red points. It removed 85 per cent of all meat.

Bowles said he was "happy" to make the changes, which he said were in line with an OPA policy of holding rationing to the minimum.

LT. COL. SCOTT IN NEW POSITION

Lt. Col. Ralph Cook Scott, formerly commanding officer of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, is now commanding officer of Green River Ordnance Plant, Dixon, Ill. Native of Nebraska, Col. Scott served as ordnance officer in the first world war and later was in the officers reserve corps while in the investment business in Los Angeles. In 1940, Col. Scott was called to active duty with the Ordnance department and was graduated from the Army Industrial School at Washington, D. C.

His next assignment was with the Bureau of Economic Warfare and still later came to Hermiston when the ordnance depot was activated. After some time here he was transferred to the Black Hills ordnance depot, Provo, S. D., and still later to the office of the Field Director Ammunition Plants in St. Louis, Mo.

JOEL A. LEWIS

Joel A. Lewis, 47, passed away late Wednesday in a hospital in Walla Walla. He has been employed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot for some time. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints church, the Odd Fellows at Grangeville, Idaho, and the American Legion at La Grande. He was born in Franklin, Idaho.

He leaves his wife Gladys and three sons, Tech, Sgt. Joel T. Lewis, U.S.A., in China; Gerald Lewis, U.S.A., in Louisiana, and Robert M. Lewis in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Guilwits At Conference

Mrs. Frank Guilwits, secretary in the office of Frank Hackler, assistant county agent, returned Tuesday from a two day convention held at Baker for extension secretaries. Nine counties were represented at the conference and Mrs. Guilwits states that many important items were discussed. Others going from Umatilla county were Miss Ruth Domschott and Mrs. Rodda Hickenbottom of Pendleton, and Mrs. Pauline Gravelle of Milton.