

**Headquarters**

Grace Thomas and Beryl Logue spent Saturday evening in Pendleton. Marjorie Cochran is a new employee in Mail & Record. About a year and a half ago she terminated from this department to be with her husband at Fort Lewis. He has now been transferred from there, probably to go overseas, so she has resumed work here.

Pauline Jensen spent the week end in La Grande.

Miss Margaret Herd, Mail & Record, will leave on a special train May 28 from LaGrande for New York where she will take her basic training at Hunter College, in the Waves.

**Garage**  
Charles Grubbs, Roy Ramos and Elmer Moyer have reported for their physical examination for the army. Theresa Frazier is assisting in the office at the repair garage. She formerly worked in the storage garage.

**West Area**  
June Goodwin of Irrigon is a new member of the West Area office force. Mrs. Zelma Culver and daughter Frances spent Mother's Day in Lewiston, Idaho, visiting Mrs. Culver's mother.

**Plant Property**  
Alene Mallory is back at work this week after spending the last few weeks in Colorado with her grandfather who is ill.

Mrs. Leora Gibbons resigned this week. She spent the week end in The Dalles and plans to move to her home in Freewater soon.

Virginia Herd spent the last of the week in Portland.

**Guards**  
Word has been received that Kelson Spain, who was formerly with the Guard force here, is missing somewhere in Austria. He was a rear gunner on a bomber.

**Electric Shop**  
Louis Galligan took annual leave and spent three days last week in The Dalles. He reports that he was taking a physical examination to keep his draft board happy. Did your draft board make you happy, Ted? And now Andy Hess tells us he wants annual leave for the same purpose—can it be contagious? Who will be next?

Ray Laird and family visited over the week end with family and friends in Lewiston, Idaho.

Several of the boys from the Electric Department said they spent Sunday fishing and picnicking with their families and friends. All fishing reports read like this: A beautiful day, a great time but small fish.

Mrs. Lora Harritt left Tuesday with her family for Idaho. She was dispatcher in the Electric Shop for the generator crew and will be missed by all the Electric Department. Mrs. Esther Mordhorst will take her place as Dispatcher.

**Headquarters**  
Lt. Col. W. J. Hoffman left Monday for San Francisco on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Simmons entertained Sgt. Lefstein and the two prospective Waves, Rayjean Hendrickson and Trevah Weissenfluh, at a dinner Wednesday evening. The three guests report a delicious meal with pumpkin pie and gobs of whipped cream for dessert. "Simsie" displayed an interesting collection of souvenirs sent home by their son, Arden, who is in the Navy on active sea duty.

**Transportation**  
Captain R. R. McCoy and John Dooley accompanied Paul Graff, General Manager of the Portland-Pendleton Motor Transport, on a business trip to Wallowa county last week.

Mrs. R. R. McCoy will arrive by auto from Chicago this week. She will be accompanied by Lt. Munch who is driving for her. He is returning from school. Mrs. Irvine, wife of the secretary of the Illinois Optometrist association, will also accompany them to visit her daughter in Tacoma, Wn.

New employees in Transportation are Ruby Forbes, Jeanne Carter, Robert Alexander, Charles Hutchison and Oscar Malicot. Recent transfers to Transportation are Floyd Sherwood and C. W. Belt.

Janet McNabb is enjoying a visit from her husband, Warrant Officer George McNabb, who has been stationed in Seattle.

**Procurement**  
Beverly Clarke was hostess at a picnic in honor of her mother, Leone Clarke, at the Columbia park Sunday. Twenty guests were present.

**Box Factory**  
C. H. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Anna Wilson, from Baker, Ore., is visiting at his home this month.

Ensign Donald Houghton who has recently graduated from Camp Perry, Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houghton of Irrigon. He will report to Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, Tuesday morning.

Dick Thomas and family spent Sunday in Walla Walla.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION SERVICE HELD HERE TUESDAY

### COL. A. S. BUYERS IS SPEAKER

Annual graduation exercises were held Tuesday afternoon for 57 eighth grade students in the high school auditorium. Col. A. S. Buyers, commanding officer of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, gave the principal address and praised the students for their achievement. W. G. Kersbergen, superintendent of schools, presented diplomas to the graduates. Rev. J. W. Stuart gave the invocation and benediction, and the grade school orchestra played several numbers. T. J. Means is principal of the grade school.

The list of graduates, which is one of the largest in local school history, follows:

Roy Anderson, Gladys Bacon, Nellie Bannick, Beverly Barker, Leslie Brown, Sam Buford, George Busler, Milton Casper, Mary Doherty, Billy Downing, Lola Pearl Dungan, Vivian Dungan, Leon Elwood, Vernon Erickson, Donna Foss, Earl Fowler, Fred Frederickson, Pauline Graves, Mary Hall, Dick Hammer, James Harris, Lora Harritt, June Hayes, Patricia Hinton, Marjorie Hughes, Shirley Kelly, Lorena Lamm, Norman Lish, Francis Lind, Charles Looseveldt, Lela McConnell.

Roscoe McGraw, Virginia McKenzie, Earl Miller, Rodney Middlesdorf, Donna Mohr, Kenneth Moore, Gene O'Brien, Dorothy Olson, Reginald Penny, Annabel Peterson, Laura Dee Peterson, Bobby Phelps, Paul Pierson, Wilma Rand, Bonnie Rennecker, Jerry Rodgers, Twylla Roubush, Tommy Schoonover, Betty Shearer, Frances Smelcer, Roland Stuart, Bennie Shumaker, Charles Terrell, Robert Thomas, Delores Watkins and Mary Jean Wilson.

## FREAK STORM IS HIGHLIGHT OF WEEK'S WEATHER

This week's weather menu was ushered in by a freak electrical and wind storm Sunday evening which did some damage in various parts of the county and quite generally drenched the countryside. Heavy clouds began to gather towards evening and by eight o'clock lightning and thunder was featured. Soon afterwards strong gusts of wind and heavy showers were interspersed with a display of lightning.

Various church services, including the baccalaureate service at the high school, were left in darkness for about 12 minutes when lightning struck a transformer at Freewater. The R. E. A. reported that several trees were blown over below Boardman and at Umatilla the roof of the roundhouse was blown off. The south doors of the building were left open and one of the stronger gusts struck just right, removing the entire roof, damaging power lines and scattering debris in all directions.

The wind seemed to go in streaks as some farmers reported no wind at all and a short distance away trees and small buildings were blown over. According to news reports lightning struck the Methodist church at Dufur and burned down before the firemen could come to the rescue.

The report for the week, according to Charles Taylor, recorder, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
May 10	62	40
May 11	70	45
May 12	73	42
May 13	81	40
May 14	87	50
May 15	80	51
May 16	73	51

A total of .11 in. rainfall was noted.

## LUCAS ACQUIRES MORE HOP LAND

Barney Lucas of Portland, who recently purchased the Joe Baumgartner place and is planting it into hops, this week added 32 more acres to the project by acquiring the adjoining ranch to the north belonging to Victor S. Stockard. It is planned to plant this land to hops this fall.

The new addition will make a total of 75 acres which will all be in hops next year, according to Mr. Lucas. About 25 acres have already been planted.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY, MAY 22

Plans are nearing completion for the annual Union Vacation Day Bible School which begins Monday, May 22. Mrs. Al Quiring will be in charge of the Beginners department, or the boys and girls up to school age; Rev. H. V. McGee, pastor of the Baptist church, will have charge of the primary department or from the first to third grades; Rev. S. E. Graves, pastor of the Pentecostal church, will have the junior department, fourth to sixth grades; and Rev. W. A. MacArthur, pastor of the Methodist church, will be in charge of the intermediate group, eighth and high school pupils.

The school will meet each morning through Monday until Friday and nine o'clock and dismiss at 11:30, for two weeks. The beginners and intermediates will meet in the Methodist church and the primary and junior groups in the Baptist church. All departments will meet Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the Methodist church for general assembly.

Rev. C. Warner, pastor of the Central Church of Christ, is dean of the school, which in years past has proven very popular with the younger folks.

## BIG POPPY SALE IS PREDICTED

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is predicted by Mrs. Helen Belt, president of the local unit, who said yesterday she would not be surprised if more than double the usual number were sold.

As few people know what the arrangements are for making these Memorial Day flowers, Mrs. Belt explained that the materials are furnished free to the veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteer workers teach the disabled men to make the poppies. The entire poppy program, from the supplying of the poppy materials to the distribution of the finished flowers to the American public, is under the management of the Auxiliary.

"The veterans and their dependents are the ones who benefit from our poppy sale," she said, "not only from the money that results from selling poppies, but also from having something tangible to do instead of having to rest, read or talk. These men in the government hospitals are delighted to keep their fingers busy and their minds occupied with the intricacies of fashioning the poppies. Needy wives and children also reap benefits from the sale of the flowers."

"We have been selling these Memorial Day flowers for twenty-four years and each year the poppy becomes more closely identified with the American Legion Auxiliary and with our disabled men. We hope the service will continue indefinitely."

## ANNUAL MEETING FOR METHODISTS FRIDAY EVENING

Friday evening, May 19, at 7:00 o'clock, the annual Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Hermiston Methodist church will be held in the banquet room of the church with the district superintendent, Dr. Silas E. Fairham of Salem, Ore., presiding.

The reports of progress for the church year just now ending, and the proposed plans for the coming year will be highlights of the evening. All members and interested friends are urged to attend this gathering.

A program including music has been arranged, and an enjoyable evening is in store for all who attend.

## TRIBUTE PAID TO WAR MOTHERS

The American Legion Auxiliary entertained the mothers of service men of World Wars I and II at a delightful tea on Saturday, May 13, at the U.S.O. club. A "tribute to mothers" was given by Opal Null and musical numbers presented by Peggy Todd and Ruth Greer. Mrs. Guy Shaw had the distinction of having the most sons in the service—five in all.

The tea table was most attractive with orchids, iris and pink locust blossoms. Mrs. Hattie Hamm poured. Cake and tea were served.

## SECOND CEMETERY CLEANUP SCHEDULED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The cemetery cleanup committee is announcing the second and last cemetery cleanup of the season for Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock. It is hoped that a good crowd will again be on hand in order that the work might be completed as rapidly as possible. A fine showing was made several Sunday ago and it is hoped to complete the job this week. The committee asks that all those who furnished trucks last time be on hand again. Also sharp grubbing hoes, axes and wheelbarrows will be needed.

## TRAILDUSTERS HAVE CONTEST

The annual president's ride of the Traildusters saddle club was held at the Hereford ranch of Golda W. Myrick east of Hermiston Sunday with a good-sized group attending. The events were run off in snappy time with a lunch served at noon. Lee Beckner of Morrow county served as judge and W. H. Morrison of Pendleton as timer and scorer.

Results follow:  
Three-gaited saddle horse: Rena Fleener, first; Crystal Ober, second; Sam Moore, third.

Sack roping: D. W. Bliss, first; Sam Moore, second; Al Shaw, third.

Boot race: Sam Nye, first; Crystal Ober, second; Al Shaw, third.

Three-gaited pairs: Rena and Robert Fleener, first; Thomas O'Grady and Mrs. Gordon, second; D. W. Bliss and Capt. Herbert K. Iverson, third.

Stunt race: Bob Fleener, first; Sam Nye, second; D. W. Bliss, third.

## SPECIAL SERVICE HONORS MOTHERS

The Sunday morning services at the Central Church of Christ were devoted to Mother's Day with special recognition given to various mothers who were present for the service. Ben Gerking, formerly of Hermiston but now attending the Eugene Bible School, delivered the sermon in the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. Warner.

Those receiving special recognition were: Mrs. Bettel, oldest mother, 80 years and five months; youngest mother, Mrs. Clarence Crampton; youngest grandmother, Mrs. Harold Hunt; largest number of children in Bible School, Mrs. Harold Hunt; most sons in the service, Mrs. Bradshaw, three sons and two grandsons.

## DUMPING OF DEAD ANIMALS TOLD

Numerous reports during the past several months have reached the Herald office of the general practice of dumping dead animals, or parts thereof, on public roads and highways. The most recent incident occurred on Rt. 2, Echo, and farmers in that area are quite disturbed over the matter.

Such a practice is strictly against the law and violators will be prosecuted.

## LT. CRITCHFIELD IS VISITOR HERE

First Lt. and Mrs. Ray Critchfield, recently of Wichita Falls, Texas, visited for a short time here Wednesday morning en route to Kearn Field, Utah, an overseas replacement depot. Lt. Critchfield, former high school coach here, enlisted two years ago and has spent much of that time in Texas. Lt. Critchfield was connected with the physical education setup early in his army days but about six months ago transferred to the air corps.

### Stanfield Four-H Club Meets

At a recent meeting of the Stanfield Four-H club, temporary president, Jimmy Lamont, presided. Plans were discussed for having a vegetable booth down town and raising vegetables to sell, a percentage of the proceeds to go to the club. It was also planned to raise popcorn and sell it at school shows next year. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

## HERMISTON WAR MOTHER TO BE NAMED BY PUBLIC

With the cooperation of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Hermiston U.S.O. is planning to reorganize the Women's Service club which is composed of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of men in service. The first meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 29, at 8:00 p. m. at the U.S.O. club. At this time officers will be elected and committees appointed for the ensuing year. This first meeting will be in honor of the woman chosen by the public to be the Hermiston War Mother. The Auxiliary and U.S.O. are offering a special program and prize to the Mother who has the most sons and daughters in the armed services of the United States.

Anyone may enter the name of a Mother for this contest and the names should be submitted either to the Herald office, a member of the Legion Auxiliary or to U.S.O. Mrs. Walter Hamm and Mrs. James Todd, as representatives of the Auxiliary, are serving with the U.S.O. staff in planning this event.

## USO CLUB PLANS SUMMER PLAY

In recognition of the need of a summer recreational program for school age children, the U.S.O. club is planning such an activity for youngsters from the first through the eighth grade. The U.S.O. staff, however, wants the children themselves to help formulate their own projects.

There will be a meeting of all grade school children at the U.S.O. club Monday afternoon, May 22, at two o'clock, at which time summer plans will be discussed. Every child interested in summer recreation should be present.

## PARTY RECITAL GIVEN MAY 12

A party recital was held at the home of Miss Golda Mumma, Friday, May 12, at 2:30 p. m. for her Hermiston grade school pupils. The program consisted of piano, solos, duets, and vocal numbers after which refreshments of jello, ice cream and cookies were served.

The invitation list included Kayella Rohrman, Charles Rohrman, Shirley Addleman, Carolyn Haag, Judie Black, Lovie Morgan, Kathleen Kelley, Shirley Allstoft, Joy Law, Betty Liles, Donna Scott, Dorothy Lamm, Roberta McCutcheon, Ruth Greer, Marjorie Graves, Zane Phoenix, Joyce Fagan, Margaret Peterson and Pauline Graves.

## WALT PEARSON IN RIDING MISHAP

Walt Pearson, owner of the Shell Service station here, was the victim of a fall from his horse Sunday afternoon while attending the Traildusters saddle club party at the Golda W. Myrick ranch east of Hermiston. Walt suffered a broken ankle and other bruises. The break will incapacitate him for some time.

The accident occurred during one of the races.

## WILCOX TO HEAD STUDENT BODY

The student body election was held last Wednesday, and the officers for the school year 1944-45 were chosen. The voting was by ballot and was conducted by the student council.

The following members of the class of 1945 will serve as student body officers: Glen Wilcox, president; Dan Pollett, vice president; Ruth McCulley, secretary, and Donna Jean Meyers, treasurer.

Other members of the student council, such as the yell leaders and class representatives, will be elected next fall.

### Willard Felthouse Returns Home

W. W. Felthouse, prominent hay dealer of Hermiston, made his return to the city this week after an absence of several months. He has spent the summer buying, baling and shipping hay in the Ontario region and reports that "business was good." Mr. Felthouse stopped at Baker en route home and picked up his young grandson, who will visit here for several weeks.

## VOTERS TO DECIDE ON IMPORTANT POSITIONS AT POLLS FRIDAY

### WRITE-INS SPUR UP INTEREST

By the time this paper gets into the hands of its readers, politicians and their friends will have completed their campaigns and the fate of the participants will be entirely in the hands of the voters. Although a light vote was predicted some weeks ago, last minute whirlwind campaigns have created considerable interest and it is thought that at least 50 per cent of the voters will go to the polls Friday.

In Hermiston voters in Precinct 32 (west of First street) will vote in the Jens Skovbo building near his honey house north of the Tum-A-Lum. Precinct 33 voters (east of First street) will vote in the basement of the library.

Very little interest has been shown in county politics where no contests are slated; however, it is rumored that friends of W. R. Nugent, retired railroad man of Umatilla, are writing in his name for county commissioner for the four year term on the republican ticket. Rumor also has it that there will be some other write-ins in other parts of the county.

The following lineup prevails: Republican ticket, county commissioner for two year term, Henry C. Biamont; county commissioner, four year term, no one has filed but several write-ins are expected; county sheriff, W. P. Graham. On the democratic side: County commissioner, two year term, no one on ballot, but some write-ins are expected; county commissioner, four year term, Wm. R. Meiners; county sheriff, R. E. Goad.

Considerable interest has developed in the naming of delegates to the republican national convention for the nomination of candidates for president and vice president. E. P. Dodd, veteran political figure and able representative of this area, will no doubt pile up quite a lead in districts outside of Portland, being the only candidate outside of the Portland area.

The main two races which have been drawing the public eye in recent weeks are the Charles A. Sprague-Guy Cordon contest for U. S. senator (short term) on the republican ticket. Sprague is generally conceded a fair chance to come out ahead. The Rufus Holman-Wayne Morse contest for the long term seat in the senate has developed into a political bonfire and neither candidate has pulled punches in recent newspaper advertisements and radio broadcasts.

It is the duty of every voter to cast a ballot.

## HOME CANNING TO BE TALKED

Of interest to all homemakers will be the canning demonstration to be presented by Mrs. Vivian Freeman, Northwest authority for 10 years on all methods of home canning on Friday, May 26, 1:30 p. m., at Ordnance.

Mrs. Freeman will bring information from the National food preservation conference at Chicago and the recent 6-state meeting in Portland about new methods and procedures and what we can expect in the way of canning equipment this year. Working in an educational capacity, the demonstration will last 2 hours and will show not only canning procedures but show all types of jars on the market and their proper uses.

Time is reserved for a canning question and answer forum. All homemakers are invited to attend. Come prepared with any and all canning problems.

## STATE GUARD TO ENTER CONTEST

The Hermiston State Guard company held its regular meeting Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10:30. Guard duty was the topic for study and practice. Arrangements have been made to participate in the state rifle contest. Ammunition and targets have been received from state headquarters.

An elimination shoot was held last Sunday with another slated this coming Sunday.

**Remember: To Vote Friday -:- Second Cemetery Cleanup Sunday Afternoon**