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### Dirt Is Flying for Two New Schools

The first dirt is being moved for a new school in Hermiston and also one at Ordinance. The Hermiston building will have seven rooms at a cost of about \$56,000.00 and the one at Ordinance will have four rooms at a cost of about \$28,000.00. Both structures are in the Hermiston school district No. 14 and will be operated by the same board of directors. All this building is being done at the cost of the government, without any expense to the taxpayers of the district.

It is with the utmost sincerity that we here wish to congratulate those in authority for these necessary extensions of the educational facilities in this defense area. Though the war must be carried on at great expense, we must also carry on at home. No effort will be more rewarded than the development of our growing generation of boys and girls. Many college students have been interrupted in their work by the requirements of their country, but those of younger age may be allowed to continue their education unbroken by the ravages of war. By such expenditures as these good school buildings that our government will find itself rewarded in the years to come by better citizenship and more intelligent control of all our affairs. Many phases of the tragedies of war may be overcome. In this connection it is well to compare what our Uncle Sam is doing for his nephews and nieces to what is happening to the unfortunate children of war torn Europe.

### War Front Broadens Scope of Attack

Another war front is being established and a great army of our young men is now streaming northward from the Mediterranean toward the heart of France. We are elated and proud of the success in Southern France. We are more elated and proud that our forces are on so many fronts and are driving forward so rapidly toward the end of the bitter struggle. With men and war material and equipment we are on every front around the world, and when the accounting is made after the final gun, the world must deal with us as the most powerful nation on earth. We hope that our statesmen will stand firm on this claim in the peace settlement, to the end that all the enemies of free government will recognize the power that may be developed under a democratic form of government.

### IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Grace Shoun

Mrs. Roy Minnick and daughter Luella went to Spokane Saturday to visit her son Leroy Minnick, seaman 2/c. He is stationed at Farragut, Idaho, but is to meet them there.

Mrs. Milton Bailey and Mrs. Ernest Stephens and daughter Janet were Pendleton visitors Wednesday.

Wm. Allen returned from Portland. He will be here from 21 to 90 days. He is going to go on working at the Holub ranch until called. He spent the week end in Irrigon.

Chas. Acock Jr. went to The Dalles Sunday to visit the Adren Allen family and to bring his mother, Mrs. C. W. Acock home. She had spent a week with the new grandson, Freddie Lee, and his parents.

Pvt. Joe Wilson is leaving Wednesday after spending ten days with his mother, Nora Wilson, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. L. Suddarth was a Hermiston visitor Friday.

Mrs. Steagall was a Pendleton visitor Saturday. She has completed her work at the Haberlein Cafeteria.

Chester Wilson and family of New Meadows arrived Wednesday to visit his brother, Pvt. Joe Wilson and his mother, Nora Wilson and other relatives. They all went to the Freewater Penitential camp meeting Thursday.

The Chester Wilsons took dinner with Mrs. Emma Steward Monday evening.

The Irrigon melon men are surely busy. Don Kenny, the Haddock family, G. E. Aldrich, Paul Slaughter and the Whipples, Sparks and Provanchos are all busy getting out ripe melons.

Mrs. Lewis Morrissey and baby were Hermiston visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Harvey Warner had a party for her daughter Beth on her 10th birthday with games, presents and cake, including a birthday cake.

Verna Mae Santer arrived Thursday to spend two weeks with her aunt Mrs. Paul Haberlein and family.

Bessie Edwards and children of Cook, Wash., arrived Wednesday to visit her mother, Nora Wilson, and other relatives. Her husband, Herb Edwards, came up after them Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Caldwell left for Port-

land Tuesday where she plans to meet several sisters. Among them are Mrs. Jesse Kane out here from the east and Mrs. Maggie Alloway from Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Connell and sons and Maxine Fraser were Boardman visitors at the Gene Lewis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Cleve of Kennewick arrived Monday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Milton Bailey and family.

Mr. Van Cleve and Mrs. Bailey and Avery Shoun were Heppner visitors Tuesday.

The H. H. Whipples are having a family reunion Tuesday as Cpl. Doug Whipple of the 41st division of Australia and New Guinea with Mrs. Whipple are here to visit. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Whipple of Southern California are also coming up.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams spent Sunday in The Dalles, bringing their sons Donald and Robert home. They spent several days down there.

Mrs. Herman Plass and three children and her father-in-law, Giles Plass of Wallawa were visitors of the H. H. Whipples last week.

Mrs. Minnie Fraser and children and Mrs. James Henderson and children were Hermiston visitors Friday.

George Linn was an Irrigon visitor Monday. He and Mrs. Linn will teach in Boardman this fall. Mr. Linn was the principal the last school term.

The post office inspector was here Monday inspecting the loss of the up going mail that was damaged when the mail sack fell off the hook and was run over by the train.

### STANFIELD GIRL PLACES FOURTH

Mary McCourt, Stanfield, 4-H club member for four years, placed fourth in the 4-H canning contest last week. Mary is an individual canning club member. Other winners are Jean Aichele, Fruitvale canning club in the Freewater district, first; Thelma Morris, Pleasant View district near Freewater, and Barbara Records, Umapine, tied for second; and Jo Esther, Mission Canning club, third. The contest was held in three sections, at the Hermiston high school on August 9, in the Pendleton Junior High school on August 10, and in the McLoughlin Union high school on August 11. Mrs. Mac Hoke of Pendleton was the judge.

Seventeen girls entered the contest. Joann McCourt of Stanfield being the only other contestant from the West end. Prize money is donated by the Spreckels Sugar company. Later in the fall the first prize winner will go to Portland to enter the state contest.

### ECHO NEWS ITEMS

P. C. Hunter, who was Union Pacific station agent at Echo in World War I times, stopped in Thursday for a brief call on friends. Hunter retired from railroad work about five years ago and now resides at Pasadena, Cal. He and Mrs. Hunter are visiting friends in Pendleton.

Mrs. M. A. Parker and sons, Mike and Denny, of Portland, stopped here Friday on her way to Pasco for a surprise visit with her husband on their wedding anniversary Saturday. Mike, who has been in the hospital with sinus trouble went to La Grande from here to spend a few weeks with his grandmother.

N. A. Bleakney, former Meadows farmer, writes from Mabton, Wn., that his son, Bob, is a pharmacist mate 2/c serving with the marines. He was on Tarawa and Saipan and has received a citation for his service there. Neal is a pilot in the navy. He was one of four highest in a class of 150 who received their commissions in May, and is now acting as an instructor at Corpus Christi, Texas. Joe, who graduated from high school this year, has enlisted in the army air corps. All of these boys attended school in Echo several years ago.

The natives of New Guinea are tops, according to Sgt. George Williams, who is home on a furlough. He says they are cooperative, very friendly with the soldiers, good workers and extremely anxious to be helpful to the allied cause. Williams, who entered the service in April, 1941, has been 29 months overseas, stationed for a while in Australia and has seen actual fighting service in New Guinea and elsewhere in the South Pacific. Details of these engagements,

many of which were comparatively recent, are not given for reasons of military security, but as a sergeant in a tank destroyer battalion he has seen plenty of action. During all these months of service Williams has not been wounded or sick. It is notable that Pete Able of Echo, who entered the service with Williams, has been in the same battalion and a buddy of his during all the months in the South Pacific. Able is due for a trip home but his furlough has not been granted yet. The only other Umatilla county man he recalls meeting was Corp. Bud Layton of the field artillery from Pilot Rock. Williams is on furlough until August 27, when he will report to Camp White, Medford. What assignment will be given him at that time is uncertain. Sgt. and Mrs. Williams returned Thursday from Spokane and Idaho points where they visited relatives.

Homer Coppinger completed harvest operations last Tuesday and is now hauling his wheat to Echo for bulk shipment. Four carloads have already been loaded out and about 14 more are to be shipped as cars are available.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Center and two children arrived Thursday from Spokane and will reside in the Dorn cottage opposite the school house. Mr. Center is superintendent of Echo schools for the coming year and is now preparing for opening of school early in September.

Bids have been called for operation of school buses on the Meadows route and the route east of Echo for the coming year. Bids are to be opened August 15.

Archie Dabney, who has been in Portland several weeks, returned Thursday and will live here with his father, John Dabney, this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Culver arrived Saturday to take their daughter, DeLores, home to Gladstone with them. She has been visiting the E. J. Niellands in Echo for the past months. Clarence Culver, who has been visiting here this summer, returned to Gladstone Tuesday.

The new bulk loading elevator which has been under construction at Echo Mills, is expected to be completed in a few days. Due to the change from sacks to bulk handling of grain the Mill warehouse contains comparatively little grain this season. Some barley and also some small lots of wheat are sacked for storage in the warehouse and about half the space is filled with wool. The new elevator will greatly facilitate bulk handling, as about 50 tons a day is all that can be loaded with the old equipment.

(Held from last week)

Bessie and Lisle Young are in Coquille for a two weeks visit with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Fisk.

H. H. Bromell has received a telegram from the government that his son, Pfc. Herman S. Bromell, age 21, has been injured in action and is now in a marine hospital. No information as to the character of the injury is given, but letters from Herman to his brother Fred and to friends here indicate that he was wounded by shrapnel in the shoulder, and that his injury was sustained in action at Saipan on June 16th. Bromell has been in the marine corps since February, 1943, much of the time in the South Pacific. His brother Walter is taking naval training at Pasco, and another brother, Fred will enter the service in four months when he will be 18 years old.

Mrs. Martha Scribner is spending a few days at Bingham Springs with her daughter, Mrs. Cloe Meador and Mrs. George Markham.

Blair Coleman writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Coleman, that he is now stationed at Camp VanDorn, Mississippi. He is in an ordnance evacuation unit. Blair was home on a furlough a few weeks ago after long service in the Alaska theatre of operations.

Bill Esselstyn was taken to the Pendleton hospital Tuesday for treatment for infection of the jaw resulting from extraction of a tooth. He is reported to be improving.

Autoists who desire to purchase federal auto use stamps will be unable to secure them at the local post office as sale of the stamps has been stopped at all third and fourth class offices except at county seats, as of July 31. Short term use stamps can be purchased only from deputy collectors. About \$1000 of these stamps have been sold at the Echo office this year.

Troy Coleman reports that he will complete the wheat harvest at his Stage Gulch ranch next Thursday. The yield was much better than he had anticipated, he says, and is above normal.

## First National Bank of Hermiston

M. D. Parker of Aberdeen, Wash., has been appointed U. P. agent at Echo and assumed charge of the office Saturday. He will bring his wife and children as soon as living quarters are secured.

Sergeant George E. Williams of Echo, who has served 29 months with the Field Artillery in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations, has returned to Echo on a furlough for a visit with his wife, Mrs. Katherine Williams. Mrs. Williams had been expecting he would be granted a furlough but had heard nothing from him recently until Wednesday when he phoned that he was in Portland. She went to the city the following day to meet him.

Sales of war bonds at Echo postoffice during the recently ended drive totalled \$20,593.75. All of these were series E bonds except \$100.00, series G.

Mrs. Leona Thompson visited here Tuesday. Since breaking her arm several weeks ago at Pendleton, she has been staying at the Bryan Branstetter farm. The cast was removed this week from her arm.

Tech. Corp. Wayne McFaul, who visited his mother here last month, is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, in an anti-tank corps. He reports that the summer heat in Umatilla county is nothing compared with prevailing temperature in the Texas camp.

Ten Echo Boy Scouts will leave Saturday to spend a week at the Wallowa

Lake scout camp. Those in the group are Homer Bowman, Daniel Bowman, Donald Eagle, Junior Bloom, James Lilly, Joe Ray Tolar, Dean Rohde, Eugene Wiglesworth, Argol Collinsworth and Mark Cotton. Rev. Earl B. Cotton will accompany the party as leader, substituting for F. C. Chastain, who is unable to leave his work at Ordinance.



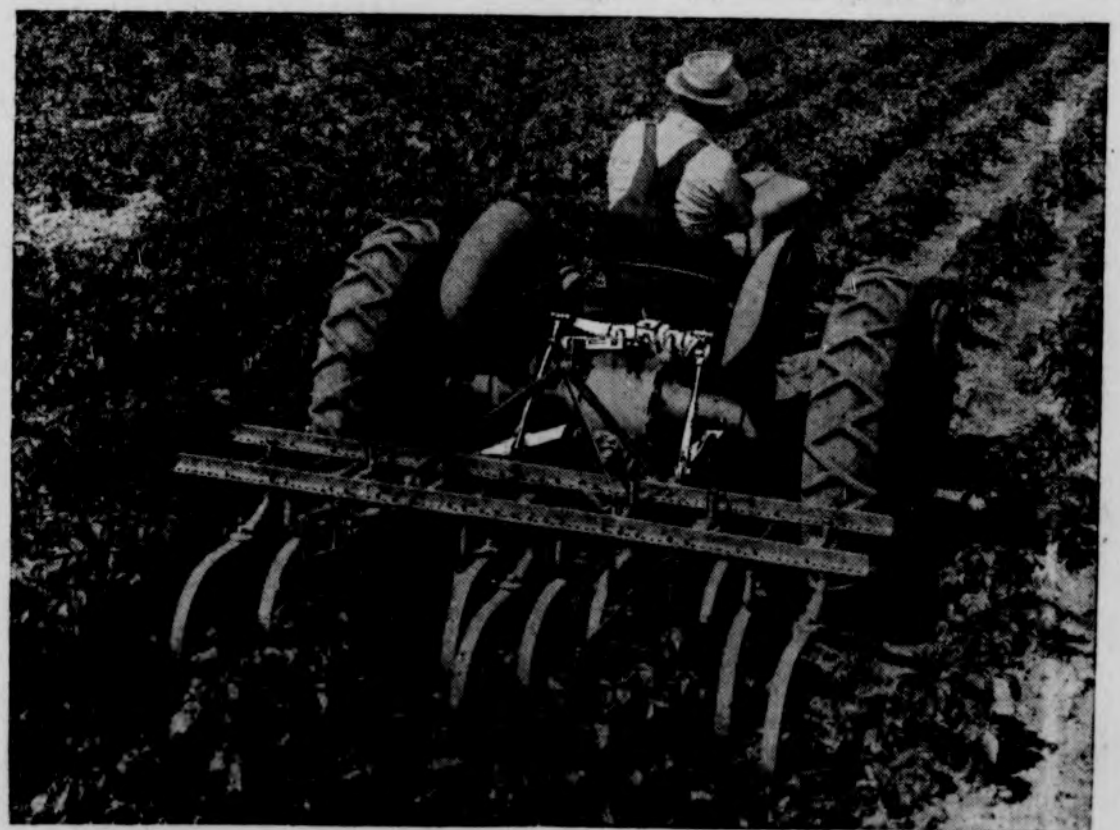
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