

**Headquarters**  
Pft. John D. Hoffman arrived Wednesday morning from Ft. Benning, Georgia, to spend a ten day furlough with his parents. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hoffman.

Lt. Milliman is spending this week in Oakland, Cal., attending a Salvage School at the California QM Repair Sub Depot. Mrs. Milliman accompanied him.

Lt. Billington, who has been on detached service with the Chief of Ordnance, Safety & Security Branch in Chicago for the past two months, returned Friday, August 25. He has been assigned primary duty as Motor Transportation Officer.

Captain and Mrs. Avery and Captain and Mrs. Randolph left Monday for a short vacation at Wallowa Lake.

Captain Baxter, who recently arrived here from Red River Ordnance Depot in Texas, has been assigned primary duty as Storage Plans and Control Officer.

All officers and families enjoyed a picnic on the Umatilla river Sunday.

**Inspection**  
Earl Muse and Bill Young, ammunition inspectors, left Monday for Portland, Longview, and Pasco on official business.

**Motor Transportation**  
Miss Zola Patten was honored by a farewell party during the lunch hour last Friday. Cake and ice cream were served. She was presented with a suitable gift.

Miss Dolly Correa is spending a short vacation in Portland this week.

Mrs. Flavel Chastain is a new employee.

**Fiscal**  
Walter Carlson left Monday morning for Seattle on official business. He expects to be gone three or four days.

Miss Elsie Holstrom and Mrs. Ruth DeBoe were ill this week.

**Safety**  
Norma Harris left Saturday night for Great Falls, Montana, to visit her home for two weeks. This is her first visit home in a year and a half.

**Box Factory**  
Tom Brown is in Boise this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pickeral went to Dayton, Wash., Saturday evening to visit Mrs. Pickeral's mother.

Lloyd Scyler, petty officer first class, from Pasco, Mrs. Scyler, and Mrs. Emma Jaster were guests Sunday of Mrs. Daisy Dexter.

Matilda Willingham has a new grandson born Sunday at the Hermiston hospital. The young chap is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Anderson.

**Headquarters**  
Congratulations to Lt. Frank Munch who was married to Miss Elizabeth Stevens from Altonna, Penn., Thursday, August 24, at 2:00 p. m. in Walla Walla, Wash. Capt. and Mrs. H. C. McGuire attended the ceremony. They returned to Ordnance Thursday evening and were given the "traditional ride" on the lift truck "buggy" preceded by the fire truck. The officers escorted them to the club where a reception was held. Immediately following the reception they left for Wallowa Lake for a honeymoon.

**Rail Transportation**  
Miss Joyce Hendrickson went to La Grande to visit her parents over the week end.

Mrs. Charlotte Montgomery, Mrs. Janet McNabb and Mrs. Sybil Pettys have moved from Boardman to Ordnance this last week.

Clarence Berry, Yardmaster, is spending a weeks vacation in Spokane, Wash.

Miss Dorothy Pierson is back on the job again after an appendectomy.

Andy Hess spent the week end fishing at Frances Lake.

**West Area**  
Miss Jean Brown underwent a tonsilectomy at the Post Hospital last Wednesday.

Mary Jane Laurie is visiting in Portland this week with her brother, Lt. Albert Laurie who is in the Air Corps stationed there.

Frances Culver spent a few days in Lewiston, Idaho, visiting relatives.

**Plant Property**  
Miss Aliene Mallory left Monday for her home in Union, Oregon. From there she plans to go to Memphis, Tenn., where she will marry Lester Wilcox, S. 2/c, who is in training school for radio gunner.

**Personnel**  
Guess what! Dorothy Prahl is growing up. She had a birthday Thursday, August 24th. The Personnel office girls had a party for her with cake and ice cream as refreshments. She was presented with some "charms" (the kind that come in a box) for her bracelet.

Mrs. Marjorie Gordon and daughter Janice, left Wednesday, August 30th, for Newport, Ore., where they plan to spend a week. En route they will visit friends in The Dalles and Portland.

**Magazine Area**  
Art Redfearn and Julius King are both strutting around a bit this week. (Continued on Last Page)

**JOHN HENRY NYE IS WAR CASUALTY, SAYS WAR DEPT. MESSAGE**

**BOBBIE FOLLETT REPORTED DEAD**

Hermiston was saddened Wednesday morning when news spread that Mrs. John Henry Nye was in receipt of a telegram from the War Department stating that her husband, with the U. S. Marines, had been killed in action. The contents of the telegram are not for publication and the full story will not be told until relatives receive a letter which will follow the telegram.

Mr. Nye was the youngest among the business men of Hermiston, being part owner of the Hermiston bakery route and part owner of a lease of Hale's Confectionery. He was recently reported as injured but it was thought his wounds were not serious. More details will be printed later.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Follett received word from the War Department this week stating that one year had elapsed since their son, Flight Officer Bobbie W. Follett, had been reported missing and that he now was considered as a war casualty.

"Since your son, F. O. Bobbie W. Follett, was reported missing in action August 11, 1943, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning your son shows that he was a member of the crew of a B-17. Returning in formation from a bombing mission to Terni, Italy, on August 11, 1943, his plane was attacked by an enemy fighter and fell into the Tyrrhenian Sea about 60 miles southwest of Rome. Searches were conducted but no trace of your son was found."

Although hope has been entertained by both his relatives and friends that Bobbie would be found, it is now presumed that he has sacrificed his life for his country.

Bobbie Warren Follett was born at Lebanon on October 20, 1920, and came to Hermiston at the age of 13 months. He attended Hermiston schools and enlisted February 3, 1941, with the Air Force. He was in Hawaii at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Melvin of Baker, Pvt. Bruce of Camp Roberts, Calif., and Dan of Hermiston; four sisters, Mrs. Frank Hanson of Lakeview, Doris of Walla Walla, Barbara Emert and Frances of Hermiston.

**MRS. BELT NAMED DISTRICT PREKY**

Mrs. Helen Belt was notified this week of her appointment as president of District 6, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon. This district includes nine towns in eastern Oregon: Arlington, Ione, Milton, Freewater, Mitchell, Condon, Fossil, Heppner, Hermiston and Pendleton. With Harry Kelley, Hermiston, as district commander, this city will be well represented in Legion activities during the coming year.

Mrs. Gladys K. Lemons of this district is the department president for 1944-45. Mrs. Belt has just concluded a year's service as local unit president and last year served as department historian.

**STANFIELD GIRL WITH MARINES**

Marine Private Margaret Eileen McCourt recently began several months training as an aviation machinists mate at Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. McCourt of Route One, Box 34, Stanfield.

Private McCourt will be assigned to a Leatherneck ground crew to replace a male mechanic after completing the course. She was formerly employed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Her brother, Francis, is a Marine paratrooper.

The woman Marine took her basic training at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

**Rankin Returns Home**

Harold G. Rankin, prominent turkey grower of Hermiston, returned to this city Thursday afternoon from Portland where he recently underwent an operation in St. Vincent's hospital. Harold was all smiles, indicating that he was none the worse for the experience.

**Begins Campaign**



W. R. (Bill) NUGENT

Pictured above is W. R. (Bill) Nugent of Umatilla who this week is beginning his campaign for election as Republican candidate for county commissioner for the four-year term. He will be opposed by Wm. R. Meiners, Democrat, of Pendleton. Mr. Nugent, a retired railroad employee, has been a resident of Umatilla county for 29 years and consented to run for county commissioner at the request of many Umatilla county residents.

**PROJECT FARM TO MEET SEPT. 9**

The Umatilla Project Farm Bureau will hold its next monthly meeting Friday, September 9, at the Columbia park club house. There will be a pot luck dinner preceding the business meeting.

The annual election of officers will be held at this meeting. The fiscal year of the County Farm Bureau starts October 1, 1944.

**LICENSE MAN DUE WEDNESDAY**

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Wednesday, September 6, and will be on duty at the Legion hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

**BELLS TO RING AT COLUMBIA**

Bells will ring out at the Columbia grade school next Tuesday morning at 8:30 when the bus will stop at the usual stops on regular schedule. School will be dismissed shortly after 12:00 noon so that students can catch the bus from Hermiston. There will be no classes in the afternoon. The regular schedule will get underway Wednesday morning.

The three teachers at Columbia this year will be Miss Betty Putnam, Miss Helen Zehendner and Mrs. A. H. Cable.

**JEANETTE SABOE NEW PRESIDENT OF AUXILIARY**

Mrs. Jeanette Saboe was installed as president for the coming year of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 37, at a recent meeting of that organization. Those serving with her will be: Mrs. Christina Greer, first vice president; Mrs. Zavana Means, second vice president; Mrs. Ethel Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. Grace Logan, financial secretary; Mrs. Helen Belt, historian; Mrs. Marie Todd, chaplain; Mrs. Hattie Hamm, a past unit president, acted as installing officer. The junior past president, Mrs. Helen Belt, was presented a beautiful past president's pin in recognition of her year's service.

Very interesting reports of the state convention were given by Mrs. Saboe and Mrs. Ethel Tiller. Plans were discussed for the fall rummage sale and refreshments were served at the close of the business meeting.

The next meeting will be held the fourth Thursday in September.

**TED RIPLEY HAS MANY MEDALS**

Although he is not very prone to tell much of his experiences, 2nd Lt. Ted Ripley is sporting a chest full of medals. Included among his "collection" is a distinguished flying cross, a Purple Heart, four president citations with oak clusters, a good conduct medal, a pre-Pearl Harbor medal, a bar for American Operations with one battle star and a European Theatre bar with four battle stars.

Ripley received some flak wounds several months ago but now is quite well, although there is still some flak in his leg. He will report back in a few weeks at which time the extent of his injuries will be determined. He is not certain as to his future orders.

**PURPLE HEART IS RECEIVED HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamm are in receipt of a Purple Heart award recently awarded to their son, Corp. David E. Hamm, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. The award was for wounds received in action against the enemy in the Central Pacific area on July 22, 1944. The Purple Heart was received here Tuesday of this week.

Although no definite word has been received as to the nature of his wounds, it is understood that he is getting along nicely.

**PREMIUM LISTS ARE MAILED OUT**

Frank Haekler, assistant county agent, announces that Four-H club members who did not receive a 4-H club fair premium list may have one by calling at the office of the assistant county agent. The books were recently mailed out from his office.

The fair will be held Saturday, September 9, at the Hermiston fair grounds. Particulars may be had at Mr. Haekler's office.

**Church Speaker**



A. C. BATES, evangelist, is holding meetings at the Central Church of Christ each evening beginning at 8:00 o'clock. The meetings began Wednesday and will continue through Sunday. The Churches of Christ will be celebrating 100 years in Oregon in 1946.

Evangelist Bates was pastor of the Klamath Falls church for 10 years, but left his pastorate January 1, 1944, and is now going into the churches of the state in interest of the centennial program and hold short meetings. He will speak Friday evening on "Church Invalids," Saturday evening, "Christianity Made Easy," Sunday morning, "Drink Ye All of It," and Sunday evening, "The Church Faces Her Task."

The public is invited to these meetings.

**EVANGELIST TO HOLD MEETINGS**

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bray of Umatilla from their son, Walt Bray Jr., who is stationed "somewhere in New Guinea" that he recently met his older brother, Marcellus, whom he had not seen for over three years. The boys enjoyed a half day's visit. Both are graduates of Umatilla high school. Marcellus graduating in '39 and Walt in '42. The former has been in the navy five years and Walt two.

Still another brother, Eddie, is a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Air Corps, and is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Marcellus is a M.M. 1/c, and Walt a R. T. 2/c.

**BRAY BOYS HAVE FINE REUNION**

Chaplain (Capt.) M. B. Ballinger writes from the Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., that he is improving but will be in a cast for some time yet. "I was injured in a fall from a high wall and sustained a fractured spine. This happened in England on July 5th. After spending two weeks in one hospital and 10 days in another, I was placed on the U. S. Army Hospital ship, "Wisteria," and evacuated to the United States.

"After four days in the Stark General Hospital in Charleston I was placed on a hospital train and brought here. Ft. Benjamin Harrison is 11 miles from Indianapolis and 30 miles from where my family lives. I have been in a body cast since July 13 and will have to remain in such a cast probably until Thanksgiving.

"I have been able to walk ever since I have had a cast on. I hope to be able to get back to active duty by the first of the year."

Rev. Ballinger was formerly pastor of the local Methodist church.

**HOP PICKER IS OF INTEREST**

Something brand new in the way of machinery will begin work this week at the hop ranches east of Hermiston, according to Harry Kessler, a member of the firm of Williams, Hart & Kessler. The new machine is a hop picker which will take the place of many human hands in stripping hops from the vines. Although Mr. Kessler states that he is not experienced with the machine, they have been in operation for several years in other parts of the country.

The public is cordially invited to see the machine in operation at the ranch Sunday or any day thereafter during the picking season.

**SCHOOLS OPEN HERE TUESDAY, SEPT. 5; ENROLLMENT SAME**

**TWO VACANCIES AT HIGH SCHOOL**

Hermiston schools, both elementary and high school, will open for the 1944-45 session Tuesday morning, September 5. Arrangements for the opening day will be on the same basis as last year. Whatever adjustments that may be necessary will be made after school opens.

All elementary students will report to the elementary building in Hermiston for room assignment. The single exception will be children in grades one, two and three, who live in the Ordnance housing area. These children will report to the commercial building at Ordnance, where temporary quarters are available, pending the completion of the school unit recently started at that project.

Buses will run the same routes at the same times as last May, on the opening morning. However on the opening day, Tuesday, buses will leave at 12:00 noon. Thereafter at the usual hours in force last year.

It is expected that enrollment will be approximately the same as last year. Early registration for high school classes is about the same and indicates a September enrollment of about 225.

It is estimated that the elementary enrollment will be about 700. Due to late resignation, the high school faculty is not complete. One instructor is needed and a cafeteria manager. However, all classes will meet with the use of a substitute in some classes until a permanent instructor can be secured. All positions were filled in July, but in August the two vacancies occurred as result of resignation.

**WALTER DUFF TO SPEAK HERE**

Rev. Walter Duff, the Irish evangelist, will conduct a very unique series of evening services at the Baptist church beginning on Sunday morning, September 3, and continuing each night of the week.

Mr. Duff carries with him a half ton of fascinating scientific demonstrations, for the purpose of spiritual illustration from the laws of nature and modern science. During the services such experiments are used as high voltage discharge to body, high amperage current held with the bare hands and yet melting metals into a rain of fire, cold heat, black light, the amazing electric eye, etc.

Young people of high school age will want to see and hear Mr. Duff's messages which prove the old adage that "truth is stranger than the strangest fiction".

There will be no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken as in all regular services.

**NUGENTS ATTEND G. O. P. MEETING**

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nugent of Umatilla recently attended a Republican club meeting in Portland. They report large crowds for both day and night meetings. Last Saturday morning Mrs. Nugent attended a breakfast at the Benson Hotel sponsored by Mrs. Ruth Rose Richardson. Mrs. Nugent is state committeewoman from Umatilla county.

The Saturday night meeting was held in the Masonic Temple with Congressman Dirksen of Illinois as the principal speaker. He told those present of the need of a straight Republican ticket in the fall election. Every county but one in the state was present at the meeting.

Mr. Nugent, who is a candidate for the 4-year-term as county commissioner, was greatly enthused with the atmosphere of the meeting.

**MILK RECEIPTS ARE NOW DUE**

Cream and whole milk receipts for July and August feed payments may be brought into the assistant county agent's office any time after September 1, according to Frank Hackler. Farmers are urged to bring in the receipts as soon as possible.

Cooperation in this matter will greatly expedite the handling of future details.

**Dewey Family Group**



Gov. and Mrs. Dewey, Tom Jr. and John.