

Free Dance Saturday
The U.O.D. employees association is sponsoring a free dance Saturday, December 23rd. It will be the annual U.O.D. Christmas dance and the badge admits all employees. All others 50c. There will be special features for entertainment that night at the Hermiston park hall.

On Bonds—
Total cash bond sales on the depot have reached \$33,476.56 as of December 16. We have nearly reached our goal. Let's keep up the good work.

The Sixth War Loan is a sure test of our common sense, our ability to take it and a true measure of our obligation to the men we have sent overseas to do our fighting. Our fighting men are doggedly forcing a decision on the battlefield. They attack and counter-attack. Let's do our part in attacking the Sixth War Loan and go over the top with bonds.

Here To Stay
Let's suggest a "better way". Save time and money and win a cash award. Those employees receiving cash awards in November were: Willard F. Stratton, Geraldine A. Scheerger, Ralph L. Krause, G. E. Garn, F. W. Schoonover, Walter W. Poyfair, Maryellen Hancock, LaVelle Hunt, Robert L. Snyder, Elton Frazer, C. E. Armstrong, Gilbert C. Thomas, Walter B. Carlson and Em' A. Herrmann.

Payroll
Delores Moran is enjoying a visit from her brother, Pfc. Delbert Van Schoiack, who is home from the Aleutians.
Hyla Kensler recently received word that her husband, Pvt. Orville Kensler, is in the 1st army in Germany.

Fiscal
Jessie Marlow is a new employee. Mr. Marlow is in the Fire Department.

Miss Roberta Thomas is leaving soon for Miles City, Montana, where she will make her home.

Motor Transportation
Roy Norman of Stanfield is a new employee.

Medical
Juanita Whittaker spent the week end visiting her home in Pilot Rock. When she returned she brought every one in the department a nice Christmas tree. We'll send her home again!

West Area
Miss Fay Davis is enjoying a visit from her brother, Pfc. Vernon Davis, who is home on furlough after being in the service for 34 months in China.

Headquarters
Virginia Allen and Barbara Brown were in Pendleton Saturday.

It pays to advertise! If you don't believe it, ask Lt. Graves.

Plant Property
Galen Matthews, Phm. 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews, returned to Seattle Monday after spending several days here. Roland LaLiberte, Phm. 2/c, was here with him.

Homer Pearce, S. 1/c, who has been visiting his brother Bill Pearce, left Wednesday for San Francisco. He expects to return soon as his wife is arriving Tuesday evening from Johnstown, Penn.

Personnel
Estie Correa and her 'Mom' and Virginia Richards spent Thursday in Pendleton.

Utilities
Captain and Mrs. Noland were Pendleton visitors Thursday.

The other day some wild ducks flew down in front of the electric shop. There was a "mad scramble" and someone got a nice duck for dinner!

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Krause and family spent three days in Portland this week.

Magazine Area
Sue Graves attended a basketball game in Pasco Friday night when Echo played there. Yep! Echo won!

Fairy Van Housen is back on the job after being ill with the flu for a week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Chastain were Mr. Chastain's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Chastain of Pasco, Wash.

Box Factory
Several employees have recently transferred from the Magazine Area to the Box Factory. They are: Milo Graves, David Hoffman, Helen Bolton and Gertrude Foss.

Charles Bacon and Daisy Dexter are patients at the Post Hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaster were pleasantly surprised over the week end when their son, W. Lee Jaster, W. T. 1/c, paid them an unexpected visit. Lee has seen action in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

Miss Vera Jaster of La Grande visited her parents over the week end.

Miles Baragar has been ill several days this week.

Inspection
Mr. and Mrs. William P. Daly were in Walla Walla Monday.

John Kartchner is back on the job after being ill with pneumonia.

Bill Sweitzer returned Saturday from a two weeks visit in Caldwell and Weiser, Idaho.

BASKETBALL TEAM WINS THREE GAMES DURING PAST WEEK

WIN OVER PASCO IS HIGHLIGHT

Coach Frank Davison's high school basketball team are still undefeated to date with three more wins added during the past week. Although the squad still needs polishing in various spots, members are performing much better than they were at this time last year.

The first win of the week came last Friday at Athena with a score of 42 to 22, with the Bulldogs clicking in all departments. The shooting of Bill Schoonover was outstanding with Glen Wilcox shining on the defense. Belt, slow in getting started, bucketed 10 points late in the contest.

Athena returned the visit Saturday night and ran into a 39 to 32 defeat. Hermiston, obviously tired from the long trip the previous night and playing without the services of Frank Harkenrider, stellar guard, who is ill, did not perform as well as the night before but always maintained a comfortable lead.

The highlight of the week came Tuesday night when the Bulldogs did themselves proud by defeating Pasco 24 to 19 on the local floor. Pasco, fresh from a win over Walla Walla, ran into unexpected trouble from the hard-fighting Bulldogs and could not cope with the clever Bulldogs. Wilcox and Belt handled most of the scoring chore.

The B. squad has been falling right in step with their older brothers by winning 23 to 4 and 25 to 9 from Athena but losing a 18 to 20 thriller Tuesday night against Pasco. Hermiston scored a basket a half second after the final whistle or the contest would have gone to extra innings. Ralph Richards, Jim Rugg, Jack Belt and several others have been dividing scoring honors.

Lineups follow:
Hermiston 42
Schoonover 14 F
Connor 3 F
Belt 10 C
Wilcox 7 G
Harkenrider 3 G
Matott 4 S
Pierson 1 S

22 Athena
10 Sheard
5 Johnson
1 Spurgeon
6 Thompson
Gray

Hermiston 39
Schoonover 3 F
Matott 2 F
Belt 12 C
Wilcox 12 G
Pierson 2 G
Connor 4 S
Keller 4 S

19 Pasco
2 Keane
4 Glenn
6 Jensen
7 Kirk
Foxley
Sportland

WEDDING RITES ARE REVEALED

Announcement is being made of the marriage of Miss Hildagarde Roselund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Roselund of Roseburg, and Russell Piersoll, Electrician's Mate, Seaman 3/c, son of Mrs. R. H. Piersol of Hermiston. The ceremony was held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Roseburg Methodist church before a large crowd of relatives and friends.

Miss Virginia Roselund, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Glenn Warner, formerly of Hermiston, was best man.

Mrs. Piersoll is a graduate of Roseburg high school and is now attending University of Oregon as a senior. Mr. Piersoll, who is home on leave from the U. S. Navy, will report at San Francisco January 4. He has just returned from service in the southwest Pacific.

The couple will visit in Hermiston until Mr. Piersoll leaves.

James Todd Now Civilian

James Todd, who has been in the service for the past two years, arrived home last week following an over-age discharge. He immediately resumed his mail route here. Mr. Todd was in the postal department in the U. S. Navy.

Rotary Plans New Year Dance

The Hermiston Rotary club will sponsor a New Year dance Saturday night, December 30, in the Hermiston park hall. The affair will be a benefit for the financing of the Teen Age club recently underwritten by the Rotary members.

GALE FELTHOUSE DIES WITH CREW IN PLANE CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Felthouse have received word from the War Department as to the manner in which their son, Sgt. Frank G. (Gale) Felthouse, met his death. A telegram was received here September 28 that Gale had been killed in action over Norway but no explanations had been received directly from the War Department since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Felthouse had, however, been informed by relatives of other members of the crew that the entire personnel of the plane had died in a crash.

The letter from Bernst Balchen, Colonel, Air Corps, follows: "Please accept my sincerest sympathy on behalf of your son, Sgt. Frank G. Felthouse, 19110388. There are very few details that I can give you other than that your son was flying with his crew on hazardous combat missions. The airplane crashed and all members of the crew died in action. On behalf of this entire organization may I extend my sincerest sympathy to you in your great loss."

Gale was a Front Armorer Gunner, directly behind two 50-caliber guns with very little protection from enemy gun fire.

GRADE SCHOOL TO GIVE OPERETTA

"At the End of the Santa Claus Trail", an operetta in five scenes, will be presented Tuesday evening, December 19, at 8:00 o'clock, in the high school gymnasium by the intermediate and primary grades of the Hermiston grade school. The price of admission will be 25c for adults and 15c for children.

The story goes something like this. Tommy and Alice Benson are making a snow man who comes to life and tells them where to search for Santa and calls Northwind to guide them. Following considerable preparation, the children leave for the north in their search. Upon arrival they are informed to do something to make Santa Claus real and to have faith in him instead of searching for him.

They return home to find everything looking like Christmas. Best of all, Santa arrives to tell them there is a Santa who lives and lives forever, and whoever does his part towards making Christmas a time of loving kindness knowing that Santa is very real and very near.

VILLERMOURE HEADS LODGE

Annual election of the Hermiston Masonic lodge was held December 5, with J. V. Villermoure, local electrician, named Worshipful Master. Others elected were: Ralph Saylor, Senior Warden; Julius Gimble, Junior Warden; F. B. Swayze, Treasurer; J. R. Huffman, secretary.

Installation ceremonies will be held Tuesday, December 19, including the appointive offices.

High School Glee Club And Band To Present Program

The annual Christmas program at Hermiston high school will be presented by the band and chorus Thursday, December 21, at 8:00 p. m., under the direction of G. C. Humphreys.

The program follows:
Band Numbers
March — Hosts of Freedom, King; Medley of Christmas Songs, Selected; Waltz, Mystic Night, King; (a) Humoresque, Dvorak, (b) Barcarolle, Offenbach, (c) Poeme, Fibich; March, Our Director, Bigelow; Saxophone Ensemble, La Golondrina, Mexican Air; (a) Sextet from Lucia di Lammermoor, Donizetti, (b) Pilgrims Chorus from Tannhauser, Wagner, (c) Dance of the Happy Spirits, Gluck; March, Bay State Commandery, Burrell.

Chorus Numbers
Lucy Hollomon, accompanist
Silent Night, Gruber; Crusaders Hym, Traditional; Mattinata (Womens voices) Tosti; Gabriel (Special Number by Chorus) Traditional; Violin Solo, Cantique de Noel, Adam, Jimmy Linn, with Lucy Hollomon, accompanying; Popular, Christmas Candles; Leven; Novelty, Special Number by Chorus III, Pierpoint; Finale-Chorale, The Lord is Born, Holden; Adeste Fideles, in Latin, Traditional, by Chorus; Oh, Come All Ye Faithful, Traditional, by Chorus and Audience.

WAR BONDS In Action



Signal Corps Photo
"The War Department regrets..." Some American home received a fateful telegram as a result of this happening after a Japanese air raid on Munda. This soldier's sacrifice cannot be matched by you, for he gave his life. All you are asked to do is to lend your money. Can you do less? Buy an extra War Bond today.

WEST END HIGH IN BOND SALES, SAYS CHAIRMAN

A. F. Rohrman, west end bond chairman, was informed by Guy Johnson, county chairman, late Thursday that the west end of Umatilla county has gone "over the top" in sixth war loan bond sales, with a total of \$211,000.00. Mr. Johnson stated that he was greatly pleased with the results in this end of the county. The county has now sold \$2,216,112.50 in bonds, over-subscribing the quota of \$1,600,000.00 to that extent.

The local campaign was greatly augmented by a bond auction sponsored last Thursday by the Carpenters Local Auxiliary 429, which raised over \$14,000.00 in bonds. Col. A. S. Buyers, commanding officer at the U.O.D., opened the ceremony with a short address, with the auction in charge of R. C. Peters.

The auxiliary members wish to thank those who donated merchandise prizes and Roy White, executive secretary, Oregon State Council of Carpenters, for his efforts in managing the show.

Bond winners in the drawing were George Sutton, O. T. Lockridge, T. Graybeal, Keith Rodenbough and Pete Kalovos.

WAYNE STEVENS PASSES AWAY

Wayne Ray Stevens, nine-year-old son of F. E. Stevens, who is with the armed forces overseas, and Mrs. Delores Nelson of Hermiston, passed away December 7 following an extended illness. He had been ill for more than a year with rheumatic fever and died following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 1:00 with Prann's Funeral Parlors of Hermiston in charge of the arrangements.

SENATE PASSES UMATILLA DAM BILL AT 69 MILLION

Washington—The United States Senate on December 13th passed the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors bill authorizing the post war construction of projects in 44 states at a cost of \$500,000,000.00, and including the Umatilla Rapids dam at a cost of \$69,470,000.00.

The Senate made a few changes in the measure from the house bill passed some months ago and these will be referred to the conference committee and as soon as agreed upon, the bill goes to the president for his signature.

The measure carries no appropriations but this may be done at any time by congress on recommendation of army engineers and the president.

The bill is designed for post war improvements, but contains a clause providing for construction on any project before that time if deemed necessary.

The bill contains authorization of \$30,000,000.00 for Snake river dams and for a number of small northwest river and harbor improvements.

LT. KELLER IS REPORTED SAFE

The safe return of Lt. Leonard Keller to American lines near St. Nazaire, following his escape from the Germans, was the glad tidings received by Mrs. Keller and young son here this week. Lt. Keller, who is a pilot of a transport plane, was reported missing as of October 30.

No detailed news of his escape has been received but the fact that he is safe behind American lines is quite sufficient.

CREAMERY TO PAY DIVIDENDS

Members of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery association will receive their annual dividend checks for the first 11 months of this year, on December 20, according to Herman Plass, manager. Approximately \$4,300.00 will be paid out to approximately 550 members.

Among the high producers receiving the largest checks are: W. H. Quick, \$74.08; W. C. Kik, \$58.56, and H. H. Kinchloe, \$42.29.

Mr. Plass states that building operations are proceeding as fast as possible at the plant and that the contractor estimates that he will conclude his work about January 15.

BELT RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Pfc. Wm. H. (Bill) Belt is the "recipient of a purple heart" according to word received here by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Belt. Apparently he received a wound in his left knee on October 29 when he spent the night under ambush behind enemy lines with an advance group.

He writes, "Received the wound while speedily alighting from a truck, when I got one in the left knee." Typical of an American doughboy, Bill makes light of the matter and says not to worry, that he is alright.

VACATION DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen this week announced that the annual Christmas vacation for local school students and teachers will begin at 4:00 p. m. December 22. Classes will be resumed at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 2.

Due to traveling difficulties, it is expected that very few out-of-town trips will be made.

ENGDAHL GETS SENATE SEAT

Carl Engdahl, a representative from this county for the past 10 years, and re-elected for a sixth two-year term at the recent general election, was named state senator by the Umatilla county court Wednesday. He succeeds Senator J. A. Best who has resigned. Mr. Engdahl has resigned his position as representative which necessitates an appointment for that position. Secretary of State Robert Farrell will set a date for the county court to meet to name his successor.

Various parts of the county are showing considerable interest in the job, with candidates being prominently mentioned by various groups.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY DINNER DRAWS MANY FOUR-H YOUNGSTERS

AWARDS GIVEN FOR YEAR'S WORK

Approximately 200 Four-H youngsters, their leaders and guests met Saturday night at the Hermiston USO club for the annual achievement day banquet. Walter A. Holt, Umatilla county agent, was master of ceremonies for the evening, which featured an excellent turkey dinner. Invocation was by Rev. W. A. MacArthur, local Methodist minister. Miss Jennie Marie Warren led the group for the pledge to the flag and also the Four-H club pledge. Miss Warren is the home demonstration agent.

W. E. King, Umatilla county school superintendent, was present and made several appropriate remarks. He then presented the first year awards to eligible youngsters. Miss Warren and Frank Hackler, assistant county agent here, presented other awards.

Special award winners were: Style revue, Eda Marie Zeek, Mavis Sturm, Betty Ascherl; cooking and canning, Eda Marie Zeek, winner at the Pacific International; livestock, Harry Baker won the Hereford calf awarded by C. E. Fisk, and Ray Zeek won a dairy calf awarded by the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery, presented by H. J. Ott. Also honored was Elaine Hogg who placed second at the Pacific International in hog judging.

Mary McCourt of Stanfield was the winner of the Speckle Canning Co. award for her work in canning demonstration.

Various firms who donated items for the dinner were Hermiston Grain & Feed Co., 10 gallons of ice cream; E. R. Buzzard, turkeys; members of the Columbia grange, Mrs. P. H. Corman, who was chairman of the dinner arrangements, and others. Moving pictures were shown following the dinner.

Award winners follow:

Livestock and Crops
1st Year Pins—Vern Steward, John Madison, Junior Baker, Jimmy Moncrief, Clyde Nobles, Dale Sturm, Chris Sturm, Vincent Watson, Robert Beck, Rieta Graves, Richard Snyder Granville Dennis, Billy Ray Martin, Edward Bellingier.

2nd Year Certificates—Harry Baker, George Steward, Ray Zeek, Prudence McCourt, Travis Beaver, Phyllis Plourd, Larry Dyer, Willie Borthwick, Jimmy Borthwick, Harry Newton.

3rd Year Pins—Betty Graves, Robert Rice, Gerald Borthwick, Edna Jones, Joan McCourt, Joann Correa, Dorothy Sturm, Phyllis (Continued on Last Page)

SALE OF SEALS IS SUCCESSFUL

Mrs. O. O. Felthouse, chairman of the T. B. Christmas seal sale in this area, reports that seals were mailed to hundreds of local citizens about November 27 and a good majority have returned the enclosed envelopes with checks. Everyone who received an envelope containing Christmas Seals is asked to return the envelope with a check or other form of money as soon as possible.

Anyone who did not receive seals and would like to cooperate in the movement, is asked to contact Mrs. Felthouse.

RATION BOARD TO BE MORE STRICT

With strict orders coming from the state War Price and Rationing office, the local board will be forced to view requests for extra fuel oil and gasoline with more concern. The board has been informed that its duty is to cut consumption, whenever humanly possible, to a minimum.

F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk here, announced Wednesday that both gas and oil are available for emergency cases but urged that no requests for extra rations be made unless absolutely necessary.

Mr. McKenzie also advises that applications for supplemental gasoline must be accompanied by mileage ration slips given with A books or they will be returned. Also employers, who sign applications for supplemental gas for employees, must state specifically the number of miles employee must drive to work and the number of days he is employed.