

Don't Forget—Hermiston Park Hall, December 23rd, Saturday night. The big UOD Christmas dance. Special features for entertainment and a good time for everybody. If you don't have a badge, borrow 50c and come anyway.

Headquarters

Archie G. Buyers, Hospital Apprentice 2/c, son of Colonel and Mrs. A. S. Buyers, arrived Friday to spend a short furlough with his parents. He expects to leave Thursday for Columbia University where he will attend the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmans School.

Major Simola was in Portland on official business several days this week.

Captain and Mrs. Sutch left Thursday for Seattle. They expect to be gone two weeks.

Captain Purse was in Portland over the week end. He was accompanied by Captain McGuire, Captain Randolph and Lt. Warren. The latter two attended the Shriners Convention.

Personnel

Uadyne McKenzie, LaVelle Hunt, Esther and Essie Jones, all spent Wednesday in Walla Walla.

Dollie Duckett is a new employee in Personnel. She was formerly employed at the Union Pacific Depot at Ordinance.

Control

Mrs. Eileen Brown and Martha Jones spent Saturday in Walla Walla.

Fiscal

Three cheers and a vote of thanks from the Personnel of the entire depot goes to the girls in Fiscal who this week worked four successive shifts, 32 hours, to get the payroll out so the checks will arrive before Christmas. We think it's swell of them! The fiscal girls: Hazel Finley, LaVada Barnes, Alva Hunt, Ruth DeBoie, Jessie Marlow, Jessie Filsen, and Elsie Holmstrom. Walt Carlson stayed on the job, too.

Plant Property

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark spent Saturday evening shopping in Pendleton.

Payroll

Mrs. Emma Chastain is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schull and daughter Jean of Wasco, Ore., were guests of Misses Betty and Shirley Juhnke over the week end.

Hyla Kensler and Delores Moran were guests of Mary Ellen Hancock Friday night.

West Area

Charlotte Montgomery has transferred to the West Area from the Medical Department.

Motor Transportation

Ella Smith from Personnel has been assisting in the office this week.

Arthur Davis is a new employee.

Captain Billington, Royal Stanton, Hank Miller, George Brown and Willis Reuber were in Hanford on business last week.

Mary Gelette is on leave while her son is here on a furlough from the Navy.

The garage is boasting of the new electric lift installed on the door to the "Lube" rack.

We now have UOD bus service to Irrigon and Umatilla.

Rail Transportation

The new traffic manager at Rail Transportation is George A. Lockie from Everett, Wash. Mr. Lockie formerly worked at Paine Field.

Utilities

Dan Hill "the oil man" reported for induction into the army in Portland this week.

Fred Weber will spend a short vacation visiting his home in Montana.

Obert Standerfer, former employee who recently received a medical discharge from the navy, visited the machine shop Tuesday.

Mrs. Omohundro and Mrs. Cutting are on the sick list this week. Seems as though the Box Factory is doing a landslide hospital business!

Mrs. Charles McFall, who has been in the Post Hospital, is recovering nicely and has returned to her home.

Charles Bacon was also able to leave the hospital Friday.

Emery Mace, who has been ill with the flu for a week, is back on the job.

Miles Barager is now in the Post Hospital.

Springsteen's crew is working in the Box Factory this week.

Magazine Area

Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Baranowski left Wednesday for Astoria, Oregon, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

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YULETIDE PROGRAMS TO BE FEATURED IN HERMISTON CHURCHES

PUBLIC INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

The annual Christmas program of the Methodist church will be held Sunday night, December 24, at 7:30 p. m. The primary group will give their part of the program under the direction of Mrs. Lydia Quiring, which will include readings, songs, and the like.

The second half of the program is under the direction of Mrs. Max Piger, and will include all members of the junior and senior departments of the church school. "Christ to the Nations" is the title of this section, in which Mrs. Piger has arranged the various Christmas carols in order of the original country, and through the use of flags will show the influence of Christianity in these countries. The church choir is assisting in this program, which includes solos, duets, trios, and mixed chorus.

Treats will be given out to all the children present, and every attempt will be made to complete the program at 9:00 p. m. so that families may return to their homes for any Christmas Eve functions they may have arranged. Chimes in the church tower are through the courtesy of Willard Stratton of U.O.D.

The Hermiston Baptist church choir has arranged a number of special Christmas numbers for the Sunday morning worship service. This program of music will be the culmination of several weeks of practice. The Christmas story will be read from the Scriptures and a message for the times will be given by the pastor. Everyone is invited to join in this service of worship at the eleven o'clock hour.

The Sunday School will present their annual Christmas program Sunday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. Each department of the church school will have a part in this program.

The annual Christmas program, centering around the theme, "White Gifts for the King," will be presented Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the Central Church of Christ. The white gifts are to be sent to the Turner and Beaverton homes this year.

The program will consist of Christmas carols, recitations, and a worship service and will be presented by the children's division.

Following is the Christmas schedule of Masses in Our Lady of Angels Parish: Hermiston, High Mass and Benediction at midnight; Pilot Rock, Solemn Mass at midnight; Echo, Solemn Mass at 8:00 a. m.; Boardman, Solemn Mass at 8:00 a. m.; Ordinance, Solemn Mass at 9:30 a. m.; and Umatilla, High Mass at 9:30 a. m.

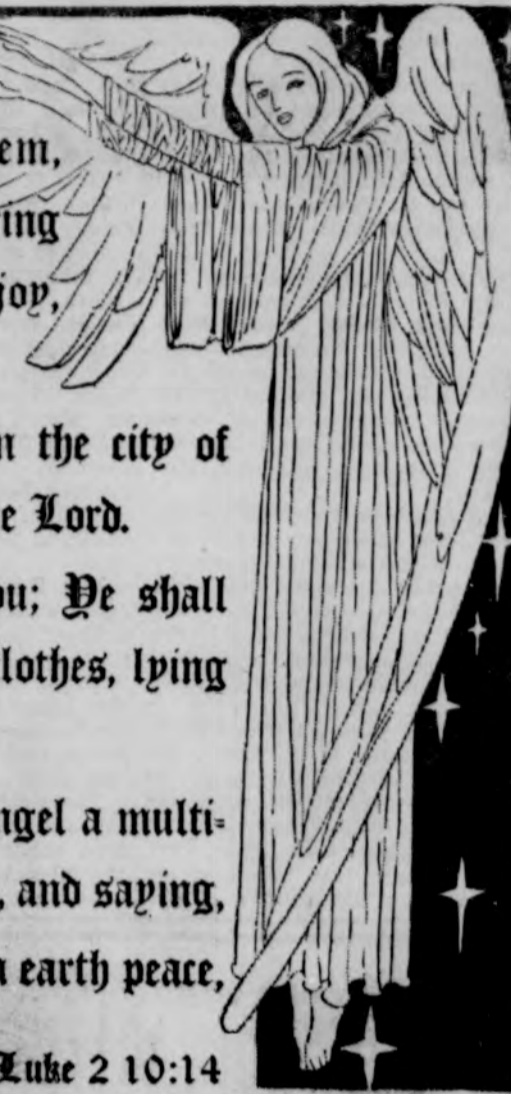
MRS. GRAVES PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Virginia L. Graves, age 29, wife of Lt. Francis L. Graves, passed away at the U.O.D. hospital last Friday morning at 6:30. Lt. Graves is Post Medical Administrative Officer. Mrs. Graves, who was born in the Hawaiian Islands, had been ill only a very short time and her passing was quite unexpected.

Rosary was held at the Chapel at 7:00 p. m. Sunday with funeral services Monday afternoon at the Hermiston Catholic church, with Rev. Father Cornelius conducting the services. Monday night Lt. Graves left with the body for Columbia, Missouri, where last rites will be performed. Columbia is the former home of Lt. Graves.

Irrigon Church Plans Program

The annual Christmas program of the Assembly of God church in Irrigon will be held Sunday evening, December 24, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, according to Mrs. Lillie B. Warner. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



**And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for behold, I bring
you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.**

**For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

**And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall
find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying
in a manger.**

**And suddenly there was with the angel a multi-
tude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.**

Luke 2 10:14

COURT TEAM IS LOSER AT PASCO BUT WINS THREE

The Hermiston high school basketball team tasted defeat for the first time this week, but continued merrily on the victory trail by annexing three more wins. Coach Frank Davison's proteges have far outshone opponents in a majority of the contests played to date, except for the 33 to 27 defeat received at the hands of the strong Pasco five last Friday at Pasco.

The Washington lads got off to a good start and were leading at the end of both the first quarter and at half time. However, the Bulldogs fought back in the third quarter to tie the score at 23 all, but could not match the Pasco sharpshooters in the final frame.

At Boardman Saturday night, the Morrow county boys fought bravely against a taller and more experienced Hermiston five and for a time made stiff competition. However, the Bulldogs soon found the range of the small gymnasium and romped on to 43 to 22 victory, with the second team seeing a great deal of action.

Tuesday night at Columbia high was Bill Schoonover night. He celebrated his last game prior to leaving for his pre-induction physical by sinking 24 points, ably assisted by Dick Belt with 15. The remainder of the team also enjoyed a scoring spree and when the fog had lifted, the Bulldogs had won another contest, this time by a score of 61 to 26.

The third win of the week came Wednesday night at Pilot Rock with the second stringers winning from the Pilot Rock first team, and the third team winning from the Pilot Rock second team.

The Bulldogs will go to Richland Friday for one of the most important contests of the year. The

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OLYN HODGE BUYS ANOTHER DAIRY

Olyn Hodge, owner of the Hermiston Dairy, has completed arrangements whereby he takes over the entire stock and equipment of the Birch Creek Dairy of Pendleton. As much of the equipment that can be used will be moved to Hermiston with the local dairy "taking over" the former customers of the Pendleton firm. Mr. Hodge states that the Hermiston Dairy now serves many of the Pendleton stores with fresh pasteurized milk.

With the new increase, the Hermiston Dairy is now one of the largest firms in this entire region.

CHRISTMAS GREETING EDITION SENDS WISHES TO MANY SUBSCRIBERS

The annual Christmas greeting edition of the Hermiston Herald this year not only will be sent to all the subscribers in this vicinity and surrounding territory but will find its way to many corners of the globe wherever Hermiston boys and girls are serving in the armed forces.

A total of 1550 papers are printed every week, with approximately 75 going to members in the armed forces. Anyone wishing to send a copy to a relative, may obtain one at the Herald office.

Much time and effort has been spent in preparing the edition this year. The pictures and greetings have been prepared with the cooperation of the Western Newspaper Union. The thoughts contained therein are very appropriate and worthy of reading.

The Herald editors and their families add their best wishes to those expressed by Hermiston merchants and business men and women.

BEST WISHES ARE EXPRESSED

Harold Rankin, chairman, and F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk, Hermiston War Price and Rationing Board, wish to take this means of sending all the residents of this area best wishes of the holiday season. They wish also to thank the residents for their cooperation during the past year.

Other members of the board are: F. E. Hackler, Thelma Harkenrider, H. H. Gailey, Ramon Beatty, L. C. Smith, W. W. Felthouse, Curtis Simons, Tom Tucker, Mrs. Harry Nelson, Mrs. Daisy Best, Lee Quiring, Mrs. Hattie Hamm, F. B. Swayze, Sam Moore, Gwyn Hughes, George Harkenrider, Mrs. Julius Gimble, Mrs. Betty Cooney and Mrs. Roy Hale.

Pfc. Kuhn In Italy

Pfc. Charles E. Kuhn, Rt. 2, Hermiston, an ammunition bearer, is fighting with the 363rd Infantry Regiment in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy. The regiment is part of the 91st "Powder River" Division with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army. The 363rd entered combat in Italy last July 4 north of the Cecina River on the right flank of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, to which it was then attached.

SGT. S. RANKIN MAKES JOURNEY AROUND WORLD

Probably the first Hermiston boy to completely encircle the globe while serving with the armed forces is Sgt. Stuart Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rankin of Hermiston. He recently landed on the west coast, about 27 months from the time he "shoved off" from the Atlantic coast. Upon his return to the States he went to Salt Lake where he met his wife and 20 months old daughter, Carole Jean, who did not know her Daddy as she had never seen him.

Sgt. Rankin, who has not seen another man from Hermiston during his travels, entered the armed forces in October, 1941. He was sent overseas in September, 1942, going to England. He then spent 18 months in the European theatre of war, seeing Sicily, Italy, Egypt, and other places.

Being attached to the medical corps, Rankin was then transferred to the Asiatic theatre, spending nine months in India. He estimates that he has travelled about 25,000 miles and has changed his watch a total of 24 times, at one time spending two successive Tuesdays. Of course, the biggest thrill of his homecoming was his little daughter, but he is overjoyed by receiving a delay in route visit now and may receive a furlough when he reports January 16.

STUDENTS SELL MANY WAR BONDS

Hermiston high school students went to work with enthusiasm in the recent sixth war bond drive, with a total of \$20,185.00 in bonds sold during the campaign, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen. The students purchased many of the bonds themselves out of earnings saved.

This total greatly added to the total number of bonds purchased by Hermiston townspeople.

FRIDAY LAST DAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen announces that classes will be dismissed at 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon and will not be resumed until 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 2, giving the students and teachers slightly over a week for vacation.

No school activities of any kind are slated during that period.

GOVERNMENT MOVES INCOME DECLARATION TO JANUARY 15TH

LAW AFFECTS MOST FARMERS

Joseph D. Numan, Pr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has reminded individual income taxpayers that Congress has changed from December 15, 1944, to January 15, 1945, the final date for filing Declarations of Estimated Income Tax, either original (as in the case of farmers), or amended, and paying of installments of estimated tax for the calendar year 1944.

Among the taxpayers affected by this change in dates are: farmers who exercised their right to defer filing declarations last April 15; others who have already filed 1944 declarations but desire to change their estimates by filing amended declarations; all persons who owe the final installment of 1944 estimated tax.

If a taxpayer who would otherwise be required to file an original or amended Declaration of Estimated Tax by January 15, 1945, files his annual income tax return for 1944 (on Form 1040) and pays all tax due by January 15, his return will serve as both a return and declaration and he need not file the 1944 declaration.

Also, if a taxpayer files his final 1944 return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15, he need not pay the final installments which otherwise would be due on his estimated tax.

A bill from the Collector for the final installment of 1944 estimated tax may be ignored by a taxpayer who files his annual return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15.

These changes will enable a taxpayer, if he desires to do so, to wind up all his 1944 income tax obligations by January 15, but it does not affect the filing of his 1945 declaration which will be due March 15. Also, taxpayers who do not file their final 1944 returns by January 15 must do so by March 15.

GIFTS FOR YANKS PLAN RECEIVES FINE SUPPORT

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary wish to thank all those who contributed gifts and money for the "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave" program. Besides the gifts donated the cash receipts were as follows: Echo, 9.98; Stanfield, \$16.43; Hermiston, \$123.38; Umatilla converted its cash into gifts valued at about \$20.00, making a total of over \$169.00. The total value of gifts when ready for shipment was about \$225.00.

It is with a feeling of pride and with a great deal of satisfaction that these two organizations make the final report of a program entrusted to them by Eddie Cantor. The American Legion and the Auxiliary have been honored by being asked to undertake this great task of providing gifts for the sick and wounded service men and women and the members are very grateful to those who contributed so generously and made the program a success.

The Legion and Auxiliary also wish to thank the Hermiston Transfer and the Portland-Pendleton Motor Freight who handled the "Gifts for the Yanks" free of charge. It is cooperation and generosity such as were shown in this program which make any undertaking a success.

Pvt. Rogers Completes Training

Private Emsley W. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Rogers of Hermiston, has completed training and has been graduated from the Chanutte Field Army Air Forces Training Command in Illinois. While attending this school he received instruction in the electronics course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

