

Another big free dance—and radio and program. The UOD Employees Association and the USO are sponsoring a free dance at the USO Friday, January 12. There will be an hour radio program crammed full of entertainment. A very special feature of the evening will be music furnished by the Pasco Naval Station Band. Presentation of awards to the winners in the Sixth War Loan Bond contest will be made by Colonel Buyers.

Everyone come prepared to have a grand time. Wear your badge for admittance.

**Headquarters**  
Captain Avery left Sunday for Mira Loma QM Depot at Mira Loma, California. He will also visit the QM Depot at Tracy, Cal.

Lt. Graves returned Monday from Columbia, Missouri. Captain and Mrs. Sutch returned last Friday from a two weeks vacation in Seattle.

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**Motor Transportation**  
Dorothy Anderson, who formerly worked in Plant Property, is now working in the office at the garage.

Anders Pederson has returned after a weeks visit in Portland.

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**West Area**

Jean Wise from Personnel is now working in the West Area. Mr. Clancy was a dinner guest of Miss Dorothy Madison Sunday.

Miss Mary Jane Laurie returned Monday from a six weeks visit at Camp Roberts, Cal.

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**Plant Property**  
Thelma Henderson visited her mother, Mrs. Ed Denton at Condon, Ore., this week end.

**Training Branch**  
Dollie Duckett is to be the new film librarian.

New Film Library Catalogues will soon be available for all officers and supervisors. The Film Library is always open for all officers and supervisors to assist them in training their personnel.

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**Utilities**

Captain and Mrs. Noland entertained Friday, January 6, honoring their son "Skippy's" third birthday. There were nine little guests and their mothers present. The table was beautifully decorated with a green and yellow color scheme. A large birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Walter Poyfair is spending this week in Portland and Eugene on business.

The Post Engineer reports that the temperature climbed to 60 degrees Sunday which was the warmest day we've had since October 31.

Reminds me of the pansies I found blooming in my mother's yard last Sunday. The pansies are a large variety and many of them are double. California has nothing on Oregon!

John Grant (the "Fixit man" at the Machine Shop) returned Monday from a visit in Havre, Montana. He reports that it was 12 degrees below zero when he left.

Eddie Sene is visiting in Portland this week.

W. W. Kilcup who has been ill for some time is back on the job at the Electric Shop.

Andrew Stewart received word this week that his son who has been in the Pacific is now in the U. S.

Lee Dyer, Andrew Hess and Harley Miller were on the sick list one day each this week.

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**Control**

Eileen Brown, Doris Osborne and Betty Nuanes have moved to Ordinance. Eileen and Doris moved from Rieth and Bety from Echo. Lyndella Olson spent Saturday in Pendleton on business.

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**Fiscal**

Fiscal Branch reports they have some real news—they had a day off on Sunday!

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**Rail Transportation**

Joyce Hendrickson spent last week visiting her brother. Leila Leitch will leave Saturday with her husband for Roanoke, Virginia, where they will visit his parents.

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**Fire Department**

Chief Mohr left January 4th for Memphis, Tennessee, where he will attend a Fire Department Instructors Course. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

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**Magazine Area**

In case anyone would like to know who the tall, slender, dark-haired girl at the Stock Record Section is Mrs. Lila Lee Seale, a new employee. Mr. and Mrs. Seale live in Ordinance.

Seems as though the Magazine Field Office has a "bad" time with their cat "G. I. Josie,"—she's always on the roam. She is missing now and if anyone should find a gray cat with black stripes, just

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## THIRD BIRTHDAY OF USO CLUB FEATURES PROGRAM AND DANCE

### FUNCTIONS MANY SINCE BEGINNING

The local U.S.O. club will celebrate the third anniversary of its founding Friday night with a radio broadcast and dance, featuring the Pasco Navy Station band. The program has been arranged in conjunction with the Employees' Association of U.O.D. and will also include the presentation of awards to the winning salesmen in the recent War Loan Drive.

The regional office of U.S.O. announced this week that the Hermiston U.S.O. club is now the oldest club in operation in the state of Oregon and that it is the only national club functioning in eastern Oregon. U. S. O. began activities here October 1, 1941, and the present club house was dedicated in January, 1942. Since that time, 200,000 persons have been served and the average monthly attendance now ranges around 6,000.

Admittance to the broadcast is limited to U.O.D. employees and their families and to those receiving invitations. The general public is cordially invited to attend the dance at 10:30 p. m. The committee on arrangements is composed of Mrs. Ione Case, Fred Erickson, Max Piger and Rev. H. V. McGee. The radio program, which will be broadcast from 8:00 to 9:00 p. m. is as follows:

Music by Pasco Navy Station band.  
Invocation by Father Hyland.  
Audience singing, God Bless America, led by Max Piger.

Introductory remarks by Master of Ceremonies, Capt. H. C. Sutch, Public Relations Office at U.O.D.  
Mrs. Ione Case, member of U.O.D. Employees' Association.

Award of War Bond Drive prizes by Colonel A. S. Buyers.  
Vocal selection, Alta Mae Guernant.

Address by Roger Folgate, Field Representative of Office of War Communities Service.  
Music by Pasco Navy Station band.

Mayor F. C. McKenzie and Mayor C. O. Peterson.  
Vocal duet, Neree Glasgow and Billie Becker.

Presentation of USO Council by Chairman L. C. Smith.  
Benediction by Rev. H. V. McGee.

Audience singing Star Spangled Banner, led by Max Piger.  
Music by Navy Station band.

## BULLDOGS ROMP OVER VISITORS

Coach Frank Davison's high school basketball team literally "went to town" Tuesday night when they ran up a score of 77 to 15 against a fighting Irrigon five that never gave up until the final whistle blew. Led by Schoonover with 18, Belt with 15 and Connors with 14 points, the Bulldogs made merry most of the evening. Coach Davison substituted freely but the new men scored almost as well as their "older brothers."

Irrigon did not go home without laurels, however. The Irrigon Bees won a one-point victory, 29 to 28, over the Hermiston freshmen.

Hermiston 77	15 Irrigon
Schoonover 18	F Brown
Connors 14	F 2 Stephens
Belt 15	C 4 Smith
Wilcox 4	G 4 Knighten
Harkenrider 2	G 3 Aldrich
Pierson 6	S 2 White
Matott 5	S Rucker
Keller 8	S Haddock
Jensen 2	S Rand
Sires 1	S Zabransky
Follett 2	S

## DON BAEHNE IS IN PHILIPPINES

Pfc. Don Baehe writes his mother, Mrs. Hazel Carson, from the Philippines that he is still in a hospital suffering from dengue fever, but is some better. He came through the battle for the Philippines in fine shape but came down with fever soon afterwards. He writes the letter with a Jap pen.

He has been very busy and has had little time for writing. He plans to look up Bob Miller and Everett Hamman, Hermiston boys in that area, as soon as he is released from the hospital. Don has been overseas about 20 months.

## HARKENRIDER TO HEAD CHAMBER FOR NEW YEAR

At a meeting of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at the USO club, George Harkenrider was elected president for the coming year. Walt Pearson was elected vice president and W. A. MacArthur was re-elected to the post of secretary-treasurer.

Outstanding in the activities of the past year, was noted the subsidy program which the Chamber organized to keep the local hospital in operation. For seven months the Chamber, through the generous cooperation of many organizations, helped finance the operation of this necessary unit. A second notable activity was the beginning of a descriptive folder or booklet setting forth the picture of Hermiston, past, present and future. This pamphlet is still in process of being assembled, but will be turned over to the printers in the near future.

Chamber memberships are now open and due for the year 1945. A committee is in charge of securing all membership fees, Elmer Fritzsche being the chairman, with Ramon Beatty and Merton Ransom. All business people and others interested are urged to see one of these men and secure a 1945 membership.

Mr. Harkenrider heads a group which plans to be most active in the immediate months. Of primary importance is the changing of 1940 census figures, making it possible to secure more funds for the city from state and federal funds based on population figures.

Committee appointments were made by President Harkenrider as follows:

Directors: Al Quiring, Walter Hamm, E. P. Dodd.  
Roads: A. F. Rohrman, F. C. McKenzie, Harry Gailey.

New Enterprise: Lee Quiring, Walt Pearson, Frank Bilderback.  
Membership: Elmer Fritzsche, Ramon Beatty, Merton Ransom.

Agriculture: H. G. Rankin, A. H. Cable, Harry W. Kelley.  
Publicity: Pete Berg, Cliff E. Brower, Elmer Fritzsche.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be held on the first Monday night of February, or February 5. Details will be announced at a later date.

## PEP CLUB GIRLS PRESENT DRILL

A unique feature of the Hermiston-Irrigon game Tuesday night, was the appearance of the high school Pep club in a drill at half time. Their performance was well received and by the reception accorded the drill future appearances are expected.

Those participating were Delores Carr, Nancy Clark, Donna Foss, Myrla Gailey, Mary Hall, Marjorie Hughes, Verda Hunt, Shirley Laurie, Muriel Kingsley, Verla Knapp, Harriet Lind, Fern McFarlin, Sybil Medlock, Clea Nusser, Royce Shaw, Jerry Uleman. The majorities who led the drill were Joan Shanks, Lois Brooks and Barbara Todd.

## Soils Specialist Speaks Here

Art King, soils extension specialist from Oregon State college, spoke before a fine group of interested farmers at the USO club Wednesday night. He was a guest of H. K. Dean, manager of the Umatilla Field Station.

## Their Bonds and Stamps Buy a Jeep



"We're buying one," yelled youngsters at the Whittier School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, when they saw the jeep above. Actually they expect to have bought enough war stamps and bonds by the middle of December to pay for two jeeps for the armed forces. The army sergeants in the picture motored over from Sioux Falls Air Field to show the boys and girls just what their savings are purchasing. (Army Photo)

## Begins to Begin



Pictured above is Mayor F. C. McKenzie busy answering phone calls at the War Price and Rationing office. Mr. McKenzie this week again assumed the duties of mayor following many years of faithful service in that office. He gave his annual talk to the new council on Wednesday night.

## LARGE CARROT IS DISPLAYED

O. C. Pierce, manager of the Farm Bureau Mill, has told many tall fish stories in his day. This week he had a story to tell that sounded "fishy" but he had the goods to back it up. His tale was that he had raised a large carrot on his plot of ground in Hermiston that was a whopper.

And the carrot was a whopper. It tipped the scale at 5 1/4 pounds and would furnish vitamins for an average family for many meals. The giant carrot was displayed at the Red & White store for several days.

## EARL PULLARS BUY BRITE SPOT

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pullar of Umatilla, who recently leased Sy's Place at Umatilla to Harold Kinsey, have purchased Tiny's Brite Spot west of Hermiston. The Pullars expect to operate the Texaco station and will probably open the Brite Spot later on.

Mr. and Mrs. Pullar have operated Sy's Place in Umatilla for several years.

## TURKEY PICKING ENDS THIS WEEK

Approximately 18 carloads of turkeys have been processed this year at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers association. This includes 25,748 birds for a total weight of 482,627 pounds. This is quite a heavy weight average as a majority of the birds killed were toms.

This completes operations at the local plant until the breeder pool some time in April or May.

## TITLE PLAY-OFF IN BASKETBALL ARRANGED HERE

At a meeting of representatives of McLaughlin, Pendleton and Hermiston high schools held last night, the basketball play-off schedule for the eastern half of state district No. 2, was arranged. Pendleton will play the first game at Mac Hi on Monday February 19. Second game is Mac-Hi against Hermiston at Hermiston on Tuesday, February 20. The third game finds Hermiston playing at Pendleton Wednesday, February 21.

The two top teams from this round will play on Friday, February 23. The place will depend on which two of the three teams are high. In the event that the first round ends even, the second round will open Thursday, February 22, with games played by the same teams as in round one, but with the playing place revised. It was decided that student body tickets would not be valid for these games.

Each team will be allowed ten players and games will start promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Visiting teams are to be granted access to playing floor at least twenty minutes before game time.

The winner of the play-off meets the winner of The Dalles-Hood River elimination the week following. The games are to be played on the floor of the eastern winner. Winner of this district meeting will take on the winner of District 1, which includes such teams as Nyssa, Ontario, Baker and La Grande.

## HOME EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET

The Home Extension club will meet Friday, January 19, at the U.S.O. club at 10:30 a. m. There will be a pot luck luncheon at noon. An especially interesting meeting has been planned by the president, Mrs. Ruby Knight. The subject, "Home Sewing with a Professional Look", will be demonstrated by Mrs. McCulley. A movie on the subject will be given by Mary Lou Johnson, USO director.

Members are asked to remember the contest that is on between the Reds and the Greens to get new members. Each member is asked to bring a new member. Mrs. Knight has a surprise in store for the winning side, states Mrs. Thomas E. Chapman, publicity chairman.

## SEWING FOR RED CROSS RESUMED

Red Cross sewing was well attended at the first meeting after the holidays Tuesday. Three new lap robes for hospital soldiers were brought in, one by Mrs. T. J. Means whose Girl Scouts assisted, one by Mrs. Campbell and another by Mrs. Sherwood. One robe was completed at the meeting, the blocks of which were finished by the many women who have attended.

The robes will be on display in an uptown window Saturday. They are truly beautiful, although made from scrap materials. They will be shipped to a nearby hospital next week. A sweater was also made by Mrs. Ruth Pearson.

## JIM NAUGHTON WINS AIR MEDAL

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Sgt. James P. Naughton, 20, of Hermiston, tail gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal of "meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombardment missions in the air offensive against the enemy over Nazi Germany." The presentation was made by his squadron commander, Major Lyndall L. Avery of Bixby, Okla.

He is the son of Mrs. J. R. Naughton of Hermiston. His wife, the former Miss Barbara L. Connor, also lives in Hermiston. A graduate of Hermiston high school, he was employed as a timekeeper for Smith, Hoffman & Wright Co., Portland, prior to his entry into the AAF, March, 1943.

Sgt. Naughton is a member of the 487th Bomb. Group which is a unit of the Third Bombardment Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt airplane factories at Regensburg in southern Germany.

## MAYOR F. C. M'KENZIE MAKES APPOINTMENTS FOR COMING YEAR

### LISTS PLANS FOR COMING PROJECTS

Mayor F. C. McKenzie assumed the duties of that office at the annual meeting of the Hermiston city council Wednesday night, duties which he has faithfully fulfilled for many years. Mr. McKenzie came to Hermiston in 1909, and was named recorder immediately and re-elected for three terms. In 1914 he was elected mayor and, except for a slight interruption in 1922-24, has held the position since that time.

Mayor McKenzie, in his talk to the council, stated that he had devoted much time to city affairs since early days and had seen the city grow from practically nothing. When he first came to Hermiston there were no electric lights, no cement sidewalks and very few roads. He stated that he hoped that this might be his last term, but wished to see several projects completed before he retired. Among these are a new city hall, the new water main from the reservoir completed, and several others. The council voted to send Mayor McKenzie to Salem soon to confer with legislators in regards to a change of census for this community. The city is still receiving allotments from state funds on a basis of an 803 census taken in 1940, this number having increased greatly since then.

This was the first council meeting for two new members, R. C. McReynolds and Harry Gailey. Holdover members are George Harkenrider, J. G. Pearson, A. F. Rohrman, W. W. Felthouse, with Chas. Taylor as clerk. Aside from other business accomplished during the evening, Mayor McKenzie also made committee appointments.

They follow (first named chairman of each group): Streets and lights, Felthouse, Harkenrider, Pearson; Sewer, Harkenrider, McReynolds, Rohrman; City water, Pearson, Gailey, Felthouse; Irrigation, Rohrman, McReynolds, Harkenrider; Police, Gailey, Felthouse, Pearson; Ways and means, Rohrman, Pearson, Felthouse; Fire and audit, McReynolds, Gailey, Harkenrider; Park and U.S.O., Harkenrider, Rankin, Simons.

Mayor McKenzie also appointed a planning commission which will work with the council in planning for improvements needed in the city. The group will be headed by A. F. Rohrman, and the following members: Elmer Fritzsche, J. D. Todd, H. G. Rankin, Walt Carlson, C. O. Peterson, Mrs. N. R. Mueller, Mrs. Walt Pearson, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Roy Tiller, Mrs. Chas. Best and Lee Quiring.

The council also approved Mayor McKenzie's appointments for the following: City attorney, Cliff E. Brower; Chief of police, B. J. Nation; Health officer, Dr. F. B. Belt; Fire chief, O. C. Pierce; Library board, A. F. Rohrman. The council also unanimously elected W. W. Felthouse as group president.

## Tommy Todd Arrives Home

Tommy Todd, Seaman Second Class, arrived home Wednesday night for a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Todd. Tommy began training at Camp Farragut, was then sent to Range Finder school at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and later to Miami. He has now been reassigned and is stationed at 29 Palms, Calif. He has been in the service about nine months.

## Jackson Now First Sergeant

Wm. L. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Jackson of Hermiston, was recently promoted from Staff Sgt. to First Sgt., according to news received here. First Sgt. Jackson has been in the service almost three years and for the past several months has been stationed on the Hawaiian Islands with the anti-aircraft troops.

## Coupon Endorsement Explained

Motorists in this OPA district were advised today not to change the endorsement on their present gasoline coupons when they get their new motor vehicle registration stickers. They are instructed to leave the old license number endorsements "as is" on present coupons as service station operators may not accept coupons on which endorsements have been altered.