

The U. O. D. dance March 9th at the Hermiston gymnasium was enjoyed by many employees and their friends. A large attendance and the best of times was reported by all attending. The net proceeds was donated to the Umatilla County Red Cross Drive. The Hermiston U.S.O. cooperated with the U.O.D. Employees' Association in making this event a success.

Headquarters
Major Alford Robison arrived Monday from Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico, and will be stationed here.

Captain Randolph returned Monday from Mantiwoc, Wis., where he visited his home. He spent some time at Pueblo Ordnance Depot, Pueblo, Colo., before going to Wisconsin.

Lt. Milliman spent several days at Vancouver Barracks this week attending an athletic conference.

Captain Lynch and Lt. Warren spent several days in Seattle last week on official duties.

Did you notice it's "Captain" Lynch? A little late, but congratulations, Eddie.

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Plant Property

Lt. Don Case and Cpl. Elwood Mack, former employees in this Division, were visitors here Friday. Lt. Case is home on leave from the Merchant Marine and Cpl. Mack is stationed at Chico, Calif.

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Fire Department

Orville Pedigo is visiting relatives in Nampa, Idaho, this week. A brother whom Orville has not seen in five years, is home on leave from the Navy.

George Russell was in Ione, Oregon, Monday on business.

Sam Meade is spending a quiet twenty-one days at home while his wife has scarlet fever. Better watch out for the "Fever bugs", Sam, or you'll be spending another twenty-one days shut in.

Bob Bennett spent several days in Portland on business this week.

We hear Steve Westfall of the West Area station is going to have some "posies" this summer.

Guards

Sybil Petteys was in the Post Hospital last week with an attack of appendicitis. She returned to work last Tuesday.

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Personnel

LaVelle Hunt spent several days visiting her home in Baker, Oregon. She returned Friday.

Miss Janice Gordon, daughter of Marjorie Gordon, had the misfortune to put her arm through a glass window and cut it quite badly while playing at school last Wednesday.

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Fiscal

Elsie Holstrom and Norma Harris were hostesses at a card party at their home Thursday evening. Six guests were present. Delicious refreshments were served.

Fiscal said, "Happy Birthday" to Hazel Finley Saturday when they had a party for her through the lunch hour. Cake and ice cream were served.

Jessie Wilson returned to work Monday after a week's illness.

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Payroll

Maryellen Hancock will leave Saturday evening for Corpus Christi, Texas, to join her husband who is stationed there.

Payroll celebrated Mary Springer's birthday Thursday with cake and candles and all the trimmings. Many happy returns, Mary.

Irene Munns is a new employee. Mr. Munns is an employee of the Magazine Area.

Zelma Schwan is on leave while her husband, Cpl. Richard Schwan is here on furlough. They are spending a week in Portland.

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Utilities

Alice McGraw is leaving soon for Washington, D. C., where she will enter Garfield College and will take a medical course. She had a three year pre-medics course previously.

Edna Mulkins enjoyed a visit last week end from her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Mulkins, who have been in Denver, Colo.

Erwin Williams of the U. S. Navy, former employee of the electric shop and son of Clarence Williams, visited at the shop Monday afternoon.

Clifford W. Wenzel is a new employee. He came here from Paris, Mo.

Marion Pock recently transferred from the Magazine Area to the Roads and Grounds department.

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Stock Control

Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler are enjoying a visit from Mr. Tyler's mother, Mrs. Geo. Tyler of Beverly Hills, Calif.

Marion Hibbard and Marjorie Tobin were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Rail Transportation

Mrs. Anna Myrick entered the

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WESTLAND DISTRICT MAKES IMPROVEMENT IN IRRIGATION WORK

MANAGER LISTS DITCH DETAILS

In an interview with The Herald this week, J. D. Corliss, manager of the Westland Irrigation District, released the following facts concerning his district:

The bonded indebtedness of the district has been taken care of and the 1942 bond assessment at the tax office will soon all be paid, which will put the district's delinquent taxes much lower than they have been for years. Several places have changed hands in the past few months and prospective buyers are looking for more places. There should be some more good land available in the future. The titles to many of the farms in the district have been or are being cleared and the district as a whole is in a much more favorable position than ever before. Tax payments are coming in a little slower than usual, due, no doubt, to the large drain of cash from the district in meeting the bond payment. It is expected that tax payments will increase now that the irrigation season is at hand.

Despite a serious illness and the extreme difficulty encountered in obtaining men or equipment, considerable work has been accomplished.

One hundred and forty-seven yards of concrete went into the large catch-basin on Butter Creek. Since that time, the flume crossing Butter Creek has been re-floored; 165 yards of concrete have been put in turn-outs and small flumes, replacing wooden structures most of which have been in use since the canal was first constructed. Approximately 600 feet of concrete pipe has been or is rapidly being installed for replacement outlets. About 45 miles of roads have been built on the canal bank.

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LARGE SALE IS SLATED FRIDAY

The Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. salesyard, which has been receiving considerable attention in recent weeks from stock buyers and sellers of eastern Oregon, this week reports another gigantic sale, including approximately 400 head of livestock, including both beef and dairy stock.

Prices are ranging high at the local yards, being probably the highest in Oregon at the present time. In addition to livestock, Friday's sale will also include numerous miscellaneous items.

TWO NEW CLERKS AT LOCAL BOARD

Appointments have been received for two new clerks at the local War Price and Rationing Board office, according to Harold G. Rankin, board chairman. They are Mrs. James Naughton, who has been on the job for several weeks, and Mrs. W. L. Jennings who began work the first of the week. Mrs. Roy Hale retains her status as part time clerk.

Mrs. Harry Gailey has been assisting in the office on a temporary status for the past several months. Mrs. Charles Best still holds high honors for contributing the most voluntary hours, according to F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk.

CO-OP STORE SETS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hermiston Mercantile Co-operative will be held Saturday afternoon at the U.S.O. club, beginning with a luncheon at 12:00 noon. Members and patrons of the store are cordially invited to be present.

Included in the day's business will be an election of officers, the annual report and other matters of importance will be discussed.

Window Display Prepared

Lt. Don Case, U. S. Merchant Marines, who is home on leave following an extended trip which has taken him to many parts of the war zone, has prepared a window display at Moore & Ripley Drug Store of some of the souvenirs he has accumulated along the way. He was reluctant in "showing off" his trophies but was urged to do so by his friends, because of their present interest.



As wounded American boys come back from the battle fronts they find American Red Cross workers in all military and naval hospitals ready to help them. This year there will be more need than ever before for Red Cross service in domestic hospitals.

LT. FRASER IS LISTED MISSING

Mrs. Margaret Fraser this week received a telegram from the War Department stating that her son, Lt. Thomas Fraser, has been missing over Germany as of February 21. No further word has been received to date and relatives and friends alike are anxiously awaiting additional news.

Lt. Fraser, who had written his mother practically every day since going overseas, completed his flight training last spring in California, being sent overseas last summer. The last letter received by Mrs. Fraser was dated February 18, stating that he was extremely busy but in fine spirits otherwise.

KNERR WINS HIS SILVER WINGS

Pfc. William M. Knerr, son of Mrs. Alta Knerr of Box 264, Hermiston, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew.

Along with his diploma, he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises held in Texas.

He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification, stripping and reassembling of machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by air firing on towed targets.

LICENSE MAN COMING MARCH 21

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Wednesday, March 21, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., according to a recent announcement received by The Herald 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.

Garden Gasoline Available

Local OPA boards will start accepting applications for Victory garden gasoline on March 26, E. W. Eggen, OPA mileage rationing representative, announced today, with one additional limitation not previously in effect which requires that the garden must not be more than 15 miles from the gardener's home or place of work.

LOCAL YOUTH IS REPORTED DEAD

Another Hermiston youth has been reported killed in World War II. This week Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Russell received word from the war department that their son, Pfc. George C. Russell, a member of a paratroop division, had been killed in action February 13 on Luzon island in the Philippines.

Pfc. Russell was home on furlough several months ago and had only recently gone back into active duty. He was well known in Hermiston, his father being a member of Carpenters Local 933. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are anxiously awaiting further word from the war department concerning their son's death.

FRED BERRY HELD IN HIT-RUN CASE

Fred Berry, 28, of Hermiston, was arrested early Sunday morning by state and local police, on a charge of hit and run. He was taken to the county jail but later released on \$1000.00 bail, according to District Attorney C. C. Proebstel, who is in charge of the case.

Police report that Isaiah (Jerry) Rogers, 48 years of age, was walking down the diagonal road about half a mile northwest of Hermiston early Sunday morning when he was struck by a car allegedly driven by Berry. Officers claim that the driver of the car did not stop and render aid, but drove on.

Following report of an accident, officers rushed to the scene and took the injured man to the hospital, where it was found he suffered a compound fracture of the left leg, a fracture of the right arm, shock and severe bruises. His condition at first was considered quite serious but at latest reports he is progressing nicely.

The case is being bound over to the grand jury which will meet the latter part of this month.

4-H Leaders To Attend Meet

Mrs. H. G. McCulley, Mrs. Chris Sturm and Mrs. J. A. Ascherl of Hermiston and Miss Mary McCourt of Stanfield will attend a 4-H Leaders Conference March 16 and 17 at La Grande, Ore. All of the state 4-H leaders and their assistants will be present to discuss timely subjects with the leaders. The conference will be held on the campus of the Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Field Supervisor Coming Here

Frank Hackler, assistant county agent, has received word that C. A. Riley, field supervisor for the Emergency Feed and Seed Loan association, will make two trips to Hermiston in the near future, the first March 20 and the second April 30. Mr. Hackler asks that anyone interested in this matter contact him on those dates in the afternoons.

COURT CONTEST SLATED TUESDAY, BENEFIT AFFAIR

The season's final basketball dish will be served at Hermiston high school next Tuesday evening, March 20, when Coach Frank Davison will send his next year's hopefuls against this year's seniors. The two teams have been engaging in some interesting practice periods and scrimmages in recent weeks with the result that they are going to "play it out" in a regulation contest.

Rivalry between the two teams is quite keen, with the youngsters attempting to prove to their older brothers that Hermiston high school will be heard from next year. This year's veterans at the same time are of the opinion that they can outscore the youngsters anytime, anywhere. A preliminary and other features are also being arranged.

The evening's entertainment is being sponsored to raise funds to help defray hospital expenses for a member of this year's team who undergoes an operation on his leg in Portland Friday.

RED CROSS FUND MAKES PROGRESS

Hermiston is again falling in line with the usual custom of making an excellent showing in the various war effort campaigns. Mrs. Roy Tiller, local Red Cross chairman, reports that a total of \$2,200.00 has been subscribed to date, with over two weeks still to go. She states, I am indeed grateful for the generous donations, but even though it is certain we are going over the top, we do not want to pass up anyone.

Numerous opportunities for contributions are still available. The Oasis Theatre, cooperating in a national theatre campaign, will sponsor a drive next week. Mrs. Tiller states that she will be at the bank this week end to receive donations, which also may be left at the Herald office if no other means are readily available.

GLENN WILCOX HAS OPERATION

Glenn Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox, expects to undergo an operation on his thigh bone this week end in the Emmanuel hospital in Portland. Glenn, local high school senior and prominent in athletics, was injured last fall in a football game and his present difficulties are a result of that bruise.

He was accompanied to Portland by his parents. Mrs. Al Kennings accompanied them as far as Troutdale where she will visit at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilcox.

SPECIALIST IS SLATED FOR TALK

H. P. Ewalt, assistant dairy specialist from Oregon State college, will be present for a dairy meeting which will be Tuesday evening, March 20, at 8:00 p. m. at the U.S.O. club. Mr. Ewalt will talk on such subjects as Dairy Management, Improvement, Sanitation and the bills that were introduced at this year's legislature, according to Frank E. Hackler, assistant county agent.

A film will be shown relative to improvement of artificial breeding over ordinary, common pasture breeding.

PROJECT FARM DONATES \$100

Members of the Project Farm Bureau last Friday night voted to contribute \$100.00 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Red Cross Club Mobile under the sponsorship of the Federated Women of the National Farm Bureau Federation.

At present the Club Mobile project is playing an important role on the fighting fronts, administering aid and good cheer among service men.

Harold Neill Writes Parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Neill received an interesting letter this week from their son, Harold, A.O. M. 1/c, U. S. Navy. Harold writes that his ship recently celebrated another birthday and gave some statistics concerning activities of his ship—indicating that Harold has seen some pretty lively times. He states, however, that he is feeling fine and "try not to worry too much."

SIX U.O.D. EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

COL. A. S. BUYERS LAUDS WORKERS

Tuesday afternoon six employees of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot received War Department Meritorious Civilian Service Awards for their personal contributions in furthering the war effort. The presentation took place at a ceremony conducted on the Depot before the assembled employees.

C. F. Baranowski, a Depot guard, was presented with an award for his services the night of the igloo explosion, March 21, 1944. It was due to his keen observation and prompt action that officials of the Depot were able to reach the scene of the explosion in a very few minutes. The citation accompanying his award reads:

"In recognition of exceptionally meritorious service at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, during an explosion of an igloo at that establishment on March 21, 1944. Mr. Baranowski, without regard for his personal safety, entered the affected area to give assistance to injured personnel and those whose lives were endangered through the possibility of other explosions."

The policy of the War Department is to recognize the contribution being made to the successful prosecution of the war by its civilian employees, and to encourage a greater awareness of their active personal participation in the achieving of ultimate victory by presenting emblems to civilian employees who have rendered faithful and meritorious service.

Col. A. S. Buyers, Commanding Officer of Umatilla Ordnance Depot, presented the awards in the name of Lt. Gen. Brechon B. Sommerville, Commanding General, Army Service Forces.

Emblems for Meritorious Civilian Service are presented to currently employed civilian personnel who have displayed initiative in devising new and improved work methods and procedures that result in substantial savings in manpower and time or improving safety of workers.

D. E. Johnson, of the Depot garage, received an award for devising a water cooled exhaust which permits gasoline driven fork lift trucks to be used in connection with small arms ammunition.

Two employees, Cliva C. McVicker and Art A. Redfern, built a safety ladder which provides a safe and convenient means for people to enter and leave trucks.

Canned milk, which is stored at U.O.D. in large quantities, must be turned over from time to time to keep it from spoiling. For producing a machine which will turn 48 cases of milk over at once, an award was presented to Arnold F. Weber.

William R. Dozier, a gang boss, devised a simple strap steel guard rail for roller conveyors to keep explosives from falling off the conveyors.

The program which was broadcast over station KWRC included music by the Hermiston high school band, conducted by G. C. Humphreys.

PIANO ARTISTS ARE SCHEDULED

Pierre Luboshutz and Genia Nemenoff, duo-pianists of note, will be presented in a concert at the Vert Auditorium Wednesday evening, March 21, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Their appearance is sponsored by the Pendleton Civic Music association, with many members from outlying towns.

Members of the association from this locality are looking forward to hearing this piano team.

'KING OF KINGS' TO BE SHOWN

A moving picture, "King of Kings," portraying the life of Christ, will be shown at the Ordnance recreation hall Sunday, March 25, beginning at 7:30. The picture was recently shown in Hermiston and greatly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.

No admission charge will be made but a plate offering will be taken. The picture is being sponsored by the Ordnance Sunday School, with Benjamin Franklin as superintendent.

Final Basketball Games of the Season - Tuesday, March 20 - H. S. Gym