

The entire personnel of the Depot wish to extend deepest sympathy to Chief Mohr and Donna in their recent bereavement. Mabel Mohr was known and loved by all. She is greatly missed by her many friends who came in contact with her and will long be remembered for her friendly, cooperative spirit and pleasing personality.

A beautiful Easter Sunrise Service was held at the park in Ordinance Sunday with about 75 people present. The program was under the direction of Miss Pauline Bullard, ably assisted by Mrs. Lydia Baltz and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Those assisting in the singing service were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox, Charles Peterson, Charlotte Nelsen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baltz and Mrs. Brooks. Reverend MacArthur of Hermiston delivered the sermon.

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Last Thursday, March 29, a large number of people enjoyed an old fashioned square dance which was held at the recreation hall in Ordinance. No bones were broken so there must have been plenty of old-time "grace and action"! The promoters are planning to make these dances a weekly feature. They will be held every Saturday night in the future.

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Headquarters—
Capt. Herb A. Miller returned Saturday from Wingate Ordnance Depot in Gallup, New Mexico.
Lt. Col. H. S. Halsted and Lt. A. Edmonds left Sunday for Ogden Arsenal, Ogden, Utah, where they will attend a Fire Suppression Training Conference. They expect to be gone about ten days.
Capt. R. S. Purse is attending a War Bond Conference in Seattle this week.

Beryl Logue spent last week end visiting friends in Echo.
Marjorie Cochran returned Tuesday from a weeks visit in Salem and Silverton, Ore.
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Medical Department—
We wish to extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Minder in the loss of their infant son born last Wednesday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Morris Lieb, nee Elaine Belieu, left last week for a trip to California and Texas on their honeymoon. They will also visit relatives. Good luck and happy landings back at Ordinance!
Lt. and Mrs. DePasquale treated the staff in Ward II the other day with real home-made cream puffs—it was real honest-to-goodness cream too. They ate them all up, even to the last crumb like real epicureans.

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Payroll—
Ione Case was on leave several days last week enjoying a short vacation while her husband, Lt. Don Case, is home on leave.

Irene Munna spent a few days visiting relatives in Walla Walla last week.
Betty Juhnke is in the post hospital this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Chastain spent the last week end visiting relatives in Pasco.

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Personnel—
May Daugherty returned Monday from a two weeks leave of absence.

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Safety—
Doris Osborne was honored at a farewell party last Friday evening in Ordinance. Hostesses were Betty Nuanes and Irene Brown. Doris left for California this week.

Doris Gollyhorn, recently of Heppner and formerly employed here, is now working in Safety.

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Inspection—
David Breeding visited his son in Lexington, Oregon, over the week end.

William Sweitzer spent two days in Pendleton last week receiving medical attention.
Frank Wilson who recently underwent an operation in LaGrande is able to be at his home.

Bob Bailey has grown up now! He went to Pendleton and registered for the draft last week!
Mr. and Mrs. H. Bentley and Mrs. W. P. Daly were Pendleton visitors Thursday.

Veta Montgomery visited her father Sunday. He is in the St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton.

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Motor Transportation—
Harold Keith is in the Post Hospital.

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Utilities—
Bill Wilson is back on the job to keep our lawns green and flowers blooming once more. Maybe he'll have some more nice roasting ears this summer, too!

Roy Henderson is a bit older this week than last! A number of friends gathered at his home last Friday evening and helped him celebrate his birthday in fine style. We wish you many more Happy Birthdays, Roy.

Jesse Baker, locomotive fireman, reported to Boise, Idaho, last week for induction into the army.
Charles W. Pickering left this week, due to his health, for Missoula, Montana.

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LADIES GUESTS AT CHAMBER MEETING MONDAY EVENING

IMPROVEMENT OF CITY DISCUSSED

A fine crowd was in attendance at the annual "ladies' night" Chamber of Commerce dinner held Monday night in the U.S.O. club with members of the Columbia grange serving an excellent dinner. Guest speaker of the evening was Col. A. S. Buyers, commanding officer at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, who gave many interesting sidelights of the part that army ordnance plays in present day warfare.

"Even though reports on the radio and in the press seem quite encouraging these days, the war is still far from being over. It will still cost many men and enormous material to bring hostilities to an end. So we must keep on buying more and more government bonds in order to do our part in the war." Col. Buyers proceeded to back up the above statement by quoting various statistics as to amounts of materials and costs of fighting a war under present day conditions.

Following the reading of the minutes by Secretary W. A. MacArthur, President George Harkenrider called on various members (and their wives) for suggestions for the betterment of this city. Among the men making short reports were: Pete Berg, on highway signs; Olyn Hodge, owner of the Hermiston Dairy, on the milk situation; Miss Ina Moore, urging a program stressing the importance of using pasteurized milk; Dr. F. B. Belt, on the forthcoming clothing drive, ably assisted in his discussion by his wife, Mrs. Helen Belt; Elmer Fritzke, on housing problems.

Later in the evening President Harkenrider called on various members (Continued on Last Page)

BOY SCOUTS TO HAVE CAMPOREE ON APRIL 21 - 22

Boy Scouts from the 18 Umatilla county troops will meet in Pendleton Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, to compete in the 1945 Camporee, which will be held at Indian Village, Round-Up Park.

The troops will check in at the Camporee Grounds between 12 noon and 2 p. m., Saturday, the 21st. After the assembly and inspection at 2:15, the Scouts will compete in a series of Field Day events, earning "Efficiency Awards". These will be issued to Scouts qualifying in the following events: Signalling, First Aid, Knot-tying, Fire Building, Flap-jack Cooking, Fire by Flint and Steel, Fire by Friction, Tent Pitching, and various athletic events.

Officers of the United States Army, on behalf of General Eisenhower, who is sponsoring the nationwide Boy-Scout Wastepaper Campaign, will present to those Scouts who have collected 1000 pounds of paper during March and April, the General Eisenhower Pin, and also the 75mm. engraved shell containers to the troops winning the award.

On Sunday morning, Catholic (Continued on Last Page)

AUXILIARY TO SHIFT MEETING

The Hermiston American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday, April 10, instead of Thursday, April 12, at which time several new members will be initiated. Members of the group are urged to be present.

The meeting was set up two days so that members might attend the banquet for the national president, Mrs. Helen Gilbert, which will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Pendleton Presbyterian church.

PFC. BILL JONES STILL IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Jones have received word from their son, Pfc. Bill Jones, that he is still stationed in Italy and getting along nicely. Pfc. Jones is connected with an ordnance crew repairing B-24 Liberators. His unit recently celebrated the 200th mission over enemy territory.

Pfc. Jones is a graduate of Hermiston high school, being salutatorian with the class of '42. His parents reside in the Columbia district.

EXTENSION UNIT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD APRIL 12

The Home Extension Unit of Umatilla county will hold its annual Spring Festival at Pendleton April 12, at the Vert Memorial building. The session begins at 10:30 and ends at 3:30. A car-pool will meet at the U.S.O. building in Hermiston at 9:00 o'clock. All those who can and plan to take a car are asked to please report to Mrs. Duff Knight as soon as possible and state how many their car will hold.

There will be ten units of the Umatilla County Home Extension Unit represented at the Spring Festival. The Hermiston Unit will display three types of Re-upholstered chairs. Other displays are Rolls and Bread, Cheesemaking, Buffet Meals, Carried Lunches, etc.

The Units represented are Umapine, Fruitdale, Pilot Rock, Reith, Weston, Westland, Echo-Stanford, Oregon Trail and Ukiah.

HERMISTON UNIT IS ACTIVATED

State Adjutant General Ray Olson this week announced that the war department has approved placing the Hermiston state guard unit, Co. E, 22nd battalion, on the active list along with eight other communities in the state of Oregon. Capt. Vern Daugherty, Hermiston commanding officer, states that this means that this unit is now on call for service in any part of the state.

It is hoped that this movement will stimulate the construction of an armory here. The recent act of the state legislature in passing House Bill 362, which had to do with the construction and equipment of state armories, placed Hermiston well down in the list. General Ralph P. Cowgill, head of the Oregon State Guard, recently stated that the American Legion and other veterans organizations greatly aided in passage of the bill and would continue their support.

SGT. KRAUSE IS NOW IN FRANCE

A recent item from the Ninth Air Force Service Command Base in France contained the name of Staff Sgt. John Krause, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Krause of Stanfield. He is a member of a crew that maintains new A-26 Invader bombers.

During an interview, he was asked what he intended to do following the war. His answer was, "Think I'll go back to the farm for a while," and with a twinkle, "may get married, too!" He is a graduate of Stanfield high school and is well known here.

PROJECT FARM SETS MEETING

A regular meeting of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau will be held Friday, April 13, at the Columbia club house. A program of entertainment is being arranged and there will be some good speakers on the program.

A pot luck dinner will be served at 7:30.

KEEP ON BACKING THE ATTACK WITH WAR BONDS

FLASH!

Announcement was made by the Hermiston Irrigation district office shortly before press time that city irrigation will commence next Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14. No special significance was placed on the fact that the first water will run through the mains on Friday, the 13th.

ARCHIE KUHN IS LISTED KILLED

Tech. Sgt. Archie Kuhn, son of Mrs. Pauline Kuhn of Hermiston, has been reported killed in action in Burma, January 7, 1945. He previously had been reported "missing in action." A telegram telling of his death was received this week.

Tech. Sgt. Kuhn was born in Wallawa county April 10, 1915, attending school in that area. He was inducted into the armed forces Quartermaster Corps, from Payette, Idaho, in September, 1943, and had served overseas for some time.

He is survived by his mother and four brothers and three sisters.

DR. BELT NAMED CAMPAIGN HEAD

Announcement has been made that Dr. F. B. Belt has been named chairman of this area for the forthcoming national clothing collection campaign, headed by Henry J. Kaiser, ship building magnate. The purpose of the collection is to secure the maximum quantity possible of good used clothing for free distribution to needy and destitute men, women and children in war-devastated countries.

The drive, which is scheduled for the entire month of April, will swing underway here next week, according to Dr. Belt, with the pickup probably on April 20. More details as to the drive and methods of gathering the clothing will be announced next week. Resident are urged to begin planning for the event.

AIR MEDAL WON BY LOCAL YOUTH

15th AAF IN ITALY—Cpl. Wilbur L. Hughey, 20, Hermiston, Ore., a tail turret gunner with a B-24 Liberator group commanded by Col. Brooks A. Lawhon, Tacoma, Wash., has been awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activity against the enemy."

Hughey was graduated from the Gonnors Ferry high school, Gonnors Ferry, Idaho, and worked as a catskinner for the John J. Henning Co., Naples, Idaho, before entering the AAF in October, 1943. He won his gunner's wings at Yuma, Ariz.

His father, Douglas P. Hughey, lives at the Hermiston address.

VICTORY GARDEN PROJECTS TO GET HIGH APPROVAL

The national victory garden conference, which was held in Washington some time ago, voted unanimously for a goal of twenty million victory gardens in 1945. The Department of Agriculture has asked that every family with suitable land grow a garden, said Frank E. Hackler, assistant county agent.

There will be 35 per cent less canned vegetables available to civilians in 1945 than in 1944. We are likely to need tremendous quantities of food long after the war is ended. We cannot afford to take a chance on not having enough. Better have more than enough, than less than enough. The man or woman who grows a victory garden not only serves his country but himself as well.

In 1944 the victory gardeners made a real contribution to the national food supply by producing over 40 per cent of the fresh vegetables consumed. The need for this contribution during 1945 is just as important as in the past. Besides adding to the total food supply, victory gardens help assure adequate family diets, and relieve difficulties of transportation, processing, and storage, pointed out the assistant county agent.

STILLINGS WINS THE SILVER STAR

Corporal Hiram J. Stillings recently was designated as winner of a Silver Star by the U. S. Army. The citation states that the award was made for gallantry in action in December, 1944, at Holbach, France. During action on that front, Corp. Stillings, under constant enemy fire, succeeded in establishing communication lines to an observation post.

According to information received here, the citation reads, "Corporal Stillings' intrepidity, determination and unswerving devotion to duty, at great risk to his life, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service."

WATER OUTLOOK MUCH BRIGHTER SURVEY REVEALS

That the water content of the snow on the Umatilla river water shed improved materially during March was the outstanding finding of the Umatilla River Snow Survey committee meeting in Pendleton April 2.

The increase in March was 150 per cent of that which had accumulated during the winter to March 1. The water content is now 128 per cent of normal and 131 per cent as of the same date last year on the four snow courses which have been measured 6 to 14 years.

Cold Springs reservoir has 42,000 acre-feet and McKay reservoir 63,500 acre-feet in storage, and both will fill to capacity with the run-off still to come. Conditions indicate sustained flow of the river until late as the ground is only slightly frozen which will permit penetration of the moisture rather than rapid run-off.

TIRE SHORTAGE BECOMES ACUTE

F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk of the Hermiston War Price and Rationing board, reports that the tire situation is becoming quite acute here. He reports that the local quota for April is but 35 Grade I tires, or only half of the quota in March which had already been cut severely from quotas of previous months.

Because of this serious situation, tighter control of tire certificates have gone into effect. Drastic curtailment of tire certificates will be necessary and motorists are urged to keep this in mind. A "check your tire" campaign is being launched, asking the cooperation of all motorists to see that tires are properly inflated, retreaded before it is too late, and otherwise helping to keep tires in good repair.

PVT. RAINWATER REPORTED DEAD

News was received here Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hibbard telling of the death of Mrs. Hibbard's nephew, Pvt. Everett Rainwater. He lost his life while in action at Manila March 11. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rainwater of Snohomish, Wash., but formerly of this vicinity.

Pvt. Rainwater's family of a wife and one child reside near Snohomish.

TRAIN-AUTO WRECK FATAL TO HERMISTON MATRON SATURDAY

FUNERAL HELD HERE APRIL 4

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Flora Mohr were held Wednesday, April 4, at 10:00 a. m. at the Prann Funeral Parlors in Hermiston, with Rev. W. A. MacArthur of the Methodist church in charge. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery in The Dalles.

Mrs. Mohr was killed and her husband, Leon L. Mohr, fire chief at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, was injured when their car was struck by a Pendleton-Spokane Union Pacific train just north of Hermiston Saturday night about 10:15. The Mohrs had been visiting friends in Cox addition and were driving toward the highway westward when their car stalled on the track.

Due to the dust storm in progress, Mrs. Mohr who was driving, had missed the crossing and the car became stalled with the two front wheels in the middle of the track. Mr. Mohr shoved sand from the rear wheels and was attempting to move the car again when the train hit them. Mrs. Mohr was killed instantly but Mr. Mohr escaped with only an ankle injury and shock.

State and local police, who investigated the accident, stated that the car was carried a considerable distance. Apparently due to the wind and being occupied with getting their car off the tracks, the approaching passenger train was not noticed. Mr. Mohr was taken to the Ordnance hospital following the accident.

Mabel Flora Mohr was born in Tripplett, Missouri, on February 24, 1903, and passed away at the age of 42 years, one month and seven days. The Mohrs have resided in Hermiston and vicinity since July, 1941, coming here from The Dalles.

She is survived by her husband, Leon L. Mohr; one son, Leon Jr., of the United States Navy; one daughter, Miss Donna Mohr, Hermiston high school student; one brother, Earl Ashbrook, The Dalles; and four aunts, Mrs. Gertrude Fagan, Mrs. Myrtle Rogers, Mrs. Merle Culver, and Mrs. Mattie Martin, all of The Dalles.

TRACK ARTISTS VIE FOR PLACES ON CINDER TEAM

Track enthusiasts at Hermiston high school are undergoing strenuous training these days in order to prepare for the first competition of the year, the Carnival of Speed, at Milton-Freewater Friday, April 13. Other meets are also being arranged with the annual Hermiston track meet scheduled for Friday, April 20. This event proved very popular last year.

Coach Frank Davison last week held an inter-class meet to determine the material on hand. "Times and marks were fair considering the early season," stated Coach Davison.

The results of the meet follow:

100 yard dash—Follett, Schoonover, Matott, Shoun and Hibbard.
220 yard dash—Follett, Schoonover, Harkenrider, Shoun and Rowell.

440—Follett, Shoun, Harkenrider, Hibbard and Chapman.

880 yard—Harkenrider, Hibbard, Chapman, Matott and Hunt.

1 Mile—Harkenrider, Follett, Matott, Hibbard, Chapman and Hunt.

High hurdles—Thomas, Rowell, Gimbel, Shoun and Matott.

Low hurdles—Follett, Rowell, Schoonover, Shoun and Laurie.

Pole vault—Laurie, Pierson, and Richards.

High jump—Thomas, Follett, Kellar, Rowell, Myrick, Richards and Schoonover.

Broad jump—Matott, Rowell, Follett, Thomas and Shoun.

Shot put—Keller, Rugg, Rowell and Follett.

Discus—Rugg, Thomas, Rowell, Matott and Schoonover.

Javelin—Myrick, Schoonover, Kellar, Hughes and Hunt.

Former Resident Passes

Mrs. Neva Pilon of Umatilla returned this week from Toppenish, Wash., where she was called by the death and funeral of her brother, Arthur C. Spinning, who passed away March 17. Mr. Spinning was well known in this community. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sara DeMange, a sister, Mrs. Neva Pilon, and a son, Gale Spinning of the U. S. Navy. Mr. Spinning was 49 years of age.



MARINE HERO WINS NAVY CROSS
MAJOR GORDON WARNER HURLED INSULTS AT ENTRENCHED JAPS DURING BOUGAINVILLE ACTION TO DRAW THEIR FIRE AND REVEAL POSITIONS—THEN LED A COMBAT TEAM DESTROYING ENEMY—THE MAJOR HAD PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THE JAPANESE—HE IS THE OWNER OF A SWORD PRESENTED BY THE JAP GOVERNMENT FOR DEFEATING THEIR NAVY CHAMPION IN A DUEL.