

# URGES RIGHTS FOR INDIANS

### Clubwoman Says Redmen Should Have Constructive Legislation and More Attention.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—On behalf of the American Indians constructive legislation is needed "to correct an economic situation which is fundamental and basic," Mrs. H. A. Atwood, of Riverside, Cal., chairman of the committee on Indian welfare of the General Federation of Women's clubs, said before the federation's biennial convention in session here.

"An economic survey should be made at each reservation," urged Mrs. Atwood, "with a careful consideration of its individual needs. A careful estimate should be made of what is necessary in money and cooperation with established government agencies to give the Indians adequate equipment and information so that they may be enabled to help themselves."

"They should be given a restricted citizenship, which would give them the privileges of our civil laws. They should have a right to go to court and have an

accounting of the guardianship over them. They should be permitted to enjoy the religious freedom guaranteed to the people of the United States under the constitution. They should not only have the right, but should be encouraged to organize and discuss their affairs. All these activities are necessary for progress toward an ultimate and complete citizenship.

"Education, of course, is the most potent factor in helping a race toward that goal, and your chairman, who is primarily a school woman, has ambitious but practical plans for the development of the educational system for the Indians. She looks forward to the time when the reservation schools shall be manned by trained teachers who will have contact with the homes of the children."

Mrs. Atwood traced the efforts of her committee to aid in combating disease among the Indians. Discouraging alleged injustice to them, she referred to the order of Indian Commissioner Burke prohibiting certain Indian religious dances and ceremonies.

"During the latter part of April," the speaker said, "Commissioner Burke came out to the Indians and demanded that the Indian boys who had been taken out of school for a few days of religious instruction be returned immediately and that it should not occur again. He called the Indians 'half animals' and would not shake hands with them."

"The ordinary person does not realize that the Indian's religion is a part of every act of his life. He is a Pantheist and feels that

God is in everything. To take away from him his religion is absolutely to destroy all the nobler virtues in him, and in the light of the fact that the constitution of the United States guarantees religious liberty, the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo asserted that none of their ceremonies could be interfered with, and that the state enabling act contained the same assurance, it seems impossible to think that the American people would stand by and see an injustice perpetrated.

"We cannot legislate morals in to anybody; that comes only through a long process of education and evolution. Since the government does not interfere with the dances of the white people, even when conducted as a part of religious ceremony, one cannot quite understand why our Indians should have their inner, precious life destroyed."

## UNION HOLDS SCHOOL VOTE

UNION (Special)—The annual school election for District No. 5 was held at the high school Monday afternoon, to elect a director to succeed N. E. Miller, the retiring member of the board. Mr. Miller was a candidate, but succeeded himself and Mrs. W. H. Hutchison was nominated for this office. Fred N. Fox

## G. O. P. Women Leaders Confer



Four women leaders of the Republican party in conference at Cleveland. Left to right: Mrs. George Davis, Vermont; Mrs. Harriet Upton, Ohio; Mrs. W. K. Duggan, Delaware; and Mrs. Charles Sablin, New York.

was the only name placed in nomination for the office of clerk and he was re-elected to that office. When the votes were counted it was found that Miller had 112 and Mrs. Hutchison 42. The clerk's report showed that the district is rapidly working out from under the debt contracted when the high school was built. Another interesting fact brought out in the report was the fact that different organizations such as the American Legion, Firemen's Union, Commercial Club and Stock Show company contributed over two thousand dollars toward the gymnasium fund.

Most of the race horse men and animals are now gone from the stables at the stock show grounds. Some went to Richville, Wash., and others to John Day for the races at these places. John Wortman and Mrs. Lilly Castor took the teachers' examination in La Grande last week. Rev. C. A. Quinn and family motored to Wallowa Lake Tuesday for a few days outing and rest. They will return about Thursday.

Irvin Wolf returned to Union Sunday from Boise where he had been working for a few weeks. He reports that living in the Idaho capital is so high that it takes nearly all a man's wages to pay board and other expenses. Members of the local committee have resumed rehearsals on the stock show program which was postponed on account of rain and expect to give it in about a week.

Work on the filling station which Dr. Little expected to install on his recently purchased property on Main street, has been stopped, temporarily at least, owing to the location being inside the fire limit, and the building he was preparing to put up did not comply with the city ordinance.

From the certificates already received by the secretary there will be about 40 delegates to attend the business meeting of the District Association of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to be held here the last part of the week. The Saturday meetings and luncheons were scheduled to take place at the city park, but Goodbrod Lake has been chosen instead and the meetings will be held on the bank of the lake. About fifty dollars worth of emblem jewelry has been selected to be given out as prizes. The local Rebekah lodge, although not a member of the association, will aid in entertaining the visiting ladies while they are in Union.

Al Gardner, formerly a resident of Union, where he ran a jewelry store for many years, and his wife are in town shaking hands with old friends. They are accompanied by their niece, Mrs. Barbara Franz, also a former resident of Union. John Wortman and family spent the week-end camping at Wallowa lake. They returned home Monday.

The Jacobs and Hess sawmill near North Powder, has shut down and as far as could be learned, the resumption of sawing by this mill is rather indefinite. Another mill in the same locality, and also owned by Union people, the Fred Davis mill, is planning to start sawing the latter part of this week.

George Hudson, an old Union resident, but now located in Seattle, is here for his annual visit with old friends. The Irvin Hess and Thomas Brasher families and Bernard Shanks left for Portland Monday for a visit in the Rose City. Bernard Shanks will visit at the Frank Slater home and accompany Gilbert Slater to the training camp where the boys will go into training.

E. F. Wilcock and family and Miss Lavinia came over from La Grande Sunday and visited at the W. V. Connor home. They returned to La Grande the same evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jernstedt and baby, who have been here for a couple of weeks visiting with Mrs. Jernstedt's mother, Cora B. Busick, left Monday for their home in Carlton, Oregon.

The S. I. Benson and Tony D. Smith families motored to Wallowa lake for a Sunday outing. Richard and Elwin Davis, who went to Portland in their roadster a few days ago, returned to Union, one of the boys driving the roadster and the other driving a new Studebaker Big Six which the boys' father, Charles Davis, had shipped to them from California.

GIRL BURNS SCHOOL. LOS ANGELES, (AP)—A fourteen year old girl, whose name has been withheld, confessed today to setting fire to the Hops Development school near here which burned on May 21st at which time 24 lives were lost. The child was an inmate of the home and she told Prosecuting Attorney Keyes, he said, that she set the home afire without any assistance or suggestion from anyone. He said the girl gave no reason for the act and added that she volunteered the information.

## AVIATOR NOW AT WALLOWA

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Dr. Gregory was called to the Dry Creek section Friday afternoon, to attend Joseph Beem, who is seriously ill with acute indigestion. He is reported to be slightly improved at this writing. Norris Cussins of Lostine, was among the Wallowa business visitors the latter part of the week. Mr. Cussins reports that crops are coming on nicely in that section of the country, and that he expects to begin irrigating his spring grain in a few days.

Eugene Minnaugh came from Lewiston, Idaho, Friday morning, making the trip over in a new airplane, which he recently purchased. He states that the time required in making the trip over was about an hour. He attained a height of 11,000 feet. Mr. Minnaugh has been a student at the aviation school at that place for the past several months. Eugene's many friends here are greatly pleased to note the rapid progress he has made in this method of travel.

Mae Gastin of Lostine, was a business visitor here from Lostine the latter part of the week. He expects to work for H. C. Beggs during harvest. Floyd Hylton returned home the latter part of the week from a short business visit at La Grande and other outside points. While away he purchased a Dodge car.

Harry Maughan finished his season's cut at his sawmill on Pow-walka ridge the latter part of last week. He has sawed between 750,000 and 1,000,000 feet of lumber. He is preparing to begin hauling the lumber to this place with a large auto truck when it will be shipped to outside markets.

Wayne Prince of Pow-walka, was among the Wallowa business visitors the past week and reports the crops in that section have not been greatly damaged by the drought, and are making a rapid growth since the rains of last week.

New Downs of Pow-walka, was a Wallowa business visitor the first of the week. Glen Plans and a crew of several other men have been busy the past few days doing some road work on a new road beginning at a point on Parapip creek, through a canyon into the western part of the Leap section. The new stretch of road is about two miles in length and will connect with the Lostine-Evans-Leap market road and the hill road, running east from Wal-

lowa to the Leap country. About a third of the stretch is through a deep rugged canyon, requiring a considerable amount of blasting. It is expected that the road will be finished in time for grain hauling this fall.

Many citizens of this section are looking forward to attending the joint meeting of the Wallowa County Pioneer association, and the Oregon Trail meeting to be held at the head of the Lake June 24th. Due to the importance of the meeting it is expected to draw the largest crowd of people of any meeting which has been held in the county for some time. Pioneers from other sections of eastern Oregon are expected to be present in large numbers.

If present plans of the state highway commission can be worked out and put into effect soon Wallowa county will in years to come still be possession of some of the beauty spots along the highway. An effort is being made by the commission to secure a strip of land for a width of five hundred feet each side of the highway through the Wallowa canyon in order to preserve the natural beauty, by preventing the timber from being cut off. At many points from the head of the canyon to Minam, numerous small boulders afford excellent camp grounds for autoists and by cleaning out some of the logs and debris these could be made more accessible.

E. A. Downing and wife and daughter left by auto Saturday morning for a few days visit with relatives at Echo and other outside points.

H. O. Anderson and wife left Saturday morning by auto for Payette, Idaho, where they expect to spend a few days visiting friends. A number of young men from this end of the valley, expect to leave the first of the week for Camp Lewis for a short period of military training. The ground has begun to become quite dry again, many of the farmers are in hopes rain will again visit this section.

Mine Emptied of Water. BAKER, Ore. — After having been idle for 17 years, water is being pumped from the old Balsey-Elkhorn mine west of here. Pumping started April 25, and having accidents will be emptied of water by June 25. The mine workings were estimated to have contained 10,000,000 gallons of water when pumping started.

The shaft is 405 feet deep from the adit level and has a vertical depth of 650 feet from the surface croppings. An electric driven centrifugal pump was installed last week which throws 600 gallons of water a minute. A pump that was left in the mine 17 years ago when it was

closed down was found connected up and started off the same as if it had been down by a day. The opening of this mine is in line with the tendency to further development of the mining resources near Baker. Gold is the principal metal sought, together with silver and copper.

No Chance for the Rabbit. SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. (AP)—The mysterious nocturnal roar of motorcycles in the open fields at Del Rosa, near here, which for some time caused farmers in the vicinity many sleepless nights, was explained recently by a youth who declared that rabbit hunting on motorcycles by night was fast becoming the popular sport of the town cyclists. He explained that riders chased the rabbits through the fields until the animals neared exhaustion, then drew up alongside and grabbed them by the ears.

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