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ART EXHIBIT  
IS DISPLAYED  
IN LA GRANDEProductions of Oregon  
Artists Admired by  
Local AudiencesEASTERN OREGON  
PICTURES SHOWNOne by Mrs. Frank B.  
Appleby, and One by  
Pendleton Pastor, At-  
tract Much Comment

By Mildred Mulholland

In spite of the fact that it has been said that Oregon has no artists, an art collection, in oil and water colors, was exhibited yesterday afternoon before the women of the La Grande Neighborhood club, which, it is believed, would compare favorably with the art collection of many states in the union.

Nineteen Oregon artists are represented in the collection and among them two from Eastern Oregon, in which the people of this section are especially interested. Therefore much of the interest at yesterday's exhibit centered around the picture "Morning on the Dunes: Scotch Broom," by the Rev. Melville T. Wire, of Pendleton, and "The Red Battle," by Mrs. Frank B. Appleby, of La Grande, although every picture in the collection was viewed with interest and appreciation.

## Recognized Over State

The Rev. Mr. Wire has painted many pictures, several of the ultra art collectors of Oregon having his pictures in their homes, especially in Portland and Western Oregon. He is a landscape artist of marked ability, as his picture exhibited yesterday shows. The picture is that of the Scotch broom in the early morning sunlight.

Several of his pictures were shown in La Grande early this spring, when he addressed the Neighborhood club. Mr. Wire is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pendleton.

## Portrait of Son

Mrs. Appleby's picture, "The Red Battle," is a portrait of her own little son. Following is what the Pendleton East Oregonian said in regard to this part of the exhibit:

"Eastern Oregon may well be proud to claim Rev. Wire and also Mrs. Frank (Jerome R.) Appleby, of La Grande. Mrs. Appleby has painted 'The Red Battle,' a charming picture of her little son. The expression of the face of the child is noteworthy, as is the foreshadowing of the fingers which grasp the rattle. The child wears a white sailor coat and cap and Mrs. Appleby has painted this in most realistic fashion. No smutty brush was used in the painting, yet the effect of warmth and softness is there."

Alfred B. Shroff, head of the fine arts department of the University of Oregon, is one of the exhibitors. His picture is "The Lost Night," and depicts the first com-

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500 TO TAKE  
STATE EXAMS  
OVER COUNTY

State examination questions have been sent out to all of the schools in the county except those in La Grande and examinations will be held tomorrow and Friday.

Over 500 students will take the examinations. E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent reports. Students of the sixth grade will be given the examination in physiology and Oregon history, seventh grade students will take the Geography examination and eighth grade students will write on the tests in all of the subjects.

State examinations are not required in the La Grande schools, each school conducting its own examination.

12,000  
PEOPLE ON  
THE STREETS

A crowd of over 12,000 people on the streets in the business district is seldom seen in La Grande. Probably for the first time in the city's history there will be that many people downtown at one time during the Legion convention in July—with resultant business volume of considerable magnitude.

Regular contact with a crowd of that size by a business firm is possible only through The Observer as it goes each day to over 12,000 readers. You can't pass a store's door every day but you keep daily contact with the store when its advertising message is found regularly in The Observer. You have regular, detailed information on what is new and different—and it is only natural that you should show a steady spending preference for those stores.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

About \$250 More  
Is Realized For  
Mississippi Fund

Elks' Benefit Dance Successful—Mrs. C. N. Palmer Reports Several More Donations.

The benefit dance sponsored by the Elks lodge last evening in the Elks ball room will add nearly \$250 to the fund being raised here to be used in relief work in the Mississippi valley. A few tickets were still out this morning and a definite check had not yet been made.

More than 100 couples attended the dance. The La Grande municipal band played on the street before the dance and furnished music for the dancers, donating its services.

Members of the committee worked for two days before the dance selling tickets. Mrs. Jack Hatt gave her services in assisting the committee and sold around 100 tickets.

Members of the committee were R. L. Lowe, chairman, Clint Van Fleet, Dottie Green, Claude Berry and Frank Lee.

An additional \$26 has also been received by Mrs. C. N. Palmer, chairman of the American Red Cross chapter here, toward the relief fund. The parent-teacher association of Willow school sent in \$7.70 yesterday, the Methodist Episcopal church south, \$19.15 and Mrs. McCulloch, \$1.

Straw Hat Day  
In Oregon Will  
Be Friday, 13th

Friday the thirteenth, which happens to be day after tomorrow, is Oregon's straw hat day this year.

Friday morning, if the sun shines, summer-seeking souls may doff the old caps and velours and bedeck their heads in the lighter sunshades that signify that in fancy, if not in fact, the summer of the year is here.

A few straws have been in evidence on the streets for several days but Friday will be the official opening of the season. And, in preparation, local stores have just laid in a new stock of hats from which the purchaser may pick out to suit his individual fancy.

Urgent Appeal  
For Rooms Made  
By Legion Post

As the time nears for the Oregon American Legion convention which will be held in La Grande during the third week of July, members of the local post are sending out urgent appeals for anyone who will have an available room during the convention—July 21-25, inclusive—to list it as soon as possible.

Many applications have been received more than rooms and accommodations for several hundred more legionnaires are needed. Hereafter La Grande has always been able to furnish housing facilities during conventions, and the legionnaires are anxious that enough rooms are secured to take care of the visitors.

Anyone having a room that will be available is asked to telephone the chamber of commerce offices immediately.

Bank Club Meets;  
Program Enjoyed

The Officers' and Employees' club of the La Grande National Bank met last evening in the directors' rooms of the bank in regular session.

An interesting program was presented during the evening. E. K. Tomlinson giving a paper on "Bank Defense," and H. A. Zurbach a paper on "A Musical Inspiration." His talk was featured by music from a pianette, furnished through the courtesy of the Eastern Oregon music company.

After the program H. E. Coolidge gave a report on what transpired at a meeting of the public service commission in Portland, which he attended in regard to the Lewiston-Homedale railroad.

Hemorrhage Death  
Cause, M. D. Avers

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, May 11. (AP)—The testimony of Anthony Surgeon A. F. Wagner that Ray Raymond, stage actor, for whose murder Paul Kelly is on trial, died mainly of a suicidal hemorrhage caused by nothing else than violence, remained unshaken when the defense completed cross-examination him today.

Kelly is on trial for the murder of Ray Raymond, stage actor, who died following a fist attack alleged to have been made by the film athlete. The affections of Raymond's wife, Dorothy Mackay, stage actress, which Kelly was said to have admitted he sought, was declared by the state to have been the cause of the fight.

HONOR PINS  
ARE AWARDED  
BY HI-DADS

Lois Nelson, Flossie Vedder, Dorothy Eberhard, Ivy Charlton High

13 OTHERS MAKE  
REQUIRED POINTSLa Grande High Band  
Plays First Concert at  
Student Body Assembly  
This Morning.

The La Grande high school band played several selections before the main student body this morning when an assembly was called for 9:00 o'clock. The band has recently been organized by the musical director of the high school, W. W. Nussbaum, and this was its initial appearance. There are 46 members of the band and the audience agreed that they work in splendid harmony.

Awarding of the Hi-Dad honor pins by Grand-dad W. C. Perkins to the members of the senior class who have remained on the honor roll for the last three semesters, having 34 points as required, was the main feature of the morning. Seventeen students received pins this year—four more than were received by the graduating class of 1926. Lois Nelson won distinction this morning when it was learned that she had earned 81 points, more than double the amount that was necessary. Dorothy Eberhard and Flossie Vedder tied for second place, each having 76 points. Ivy Charlton was third, having 72 points. Other members to receive the Hi-Dad honor pins were Esther Blockland, Elmer Glenn, Richard Lyman, Kenneth Thompson, Mildred Spencer, Cornelia Hansen, Joan Williams, Samuel Walker, Beulah Schroeder and Ann Stange.

The Hi-Dad organization, believing that the students who are able to complete the high school course should be rewarded for their achievement, decided to present the honor pins to those seniors who earned 12 points per year during the completion of their high school course.

In the words of Grand-dad Perkins as he presented the pins, he said: "As you stand this in the end of the school year, this is the last activity in which the Hi-Dads will participate as an organization. For that reason, we, the Hi-Dads want to take this opportunity to say to the entire student body and the faculty that this has been a most pleasant year for us. We have watched with keen interest this school carry through to a wonderful completion the program which they mapped out at the beginning of the year."

All members of the Hi-Dads were present and a number of parents of students were also in attendance.

CORVALLIS MEET  
NEXT FOR TIGERSLa Grande High to Send  
9 Men to West Oregon  
—Leave Tomorrow

When 40 Oregon high school track and field teams meet in a state championship tournament at Corvallis Saturday, La Grande high, coached by Captain David, will be represented by a strong squad. In fact, La Grande's entries represent men who scored 54 on La Grande's 37 made in the annual East Oregon meet at Baker last Saturday.

Captain Dan MacKeppie announced this morning that he would take the team to Corvallis tomorrow night by train, which would bring the La Grande team into Corvallis at 10:30 Friday morning.

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## Large Exhibit

In the industrial arts building there was the usual exhibit of manual training, shop work, cooking and sewing, and were unusually fine.

The exhibit was a proof of the excellent work being done in the high school, and those attending

left the building with a feeling that much is being accomplished in the school.

Evening at 7:30 o'clock a program was given, every seat in the downstairs part of the auditorium being filled, besides several people being seated in the balcony.

The high school orchestra, directed by W. W. Nussbaum, played several numbers, after which J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools in La Grande, welcomed the parents in behalf of the school. Colonel E. Eberhard, chairman of the school board talked in behalf of that organization.

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La Grande Wins  
Most Contests  
At TabernacleSpeakers and Singers of  
This City and Baker to  
Compete in Boise L. D.  
S. Event.

Music and public speaking contests of the cultural improvement associations of Baker, Cove, Imbler, Union and La Grande were held in the L. D. S. tabernacle here last evening before a large crowd.

Members of the La Grande M. L. A. were successful in winning the majority of the contests, having more contestants entered and probably putting more efforts into the contests. Baker was successful in winning the men's public speaking contest, and the soprano and tenor solo contest, however.

Winners in last night's contest will represent the Union stake M. L. A. in a contest with the Boise stake. David Erdley, winner in the public speaking, Mrs. Claire Ord, soprano solo winner, and Mr. Peck, tenor solo winner, will go from Baker. From La Grande there will be Miss Lucille Metcalf, winner in the young women's public speaking, Mrs. Myrtle Russell, winner in the alto solo contest, and Elwood Hatt, winner in the baritone, besides the male quartet composed of Marion and Wilford Stoddard, Elwood Hatt and Lee Moser, and a girls chorus of 13 voices, with Mrs. Blanche Stoddard as director and Miss Ruth Bramwell as pianist.

The judges last night were Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. H. N. Ashby and C. L. Dutton. Mrs. Williams acted as chairman in presenting the winners.

Tonight there will be contests in drama and dance at the tabernacle, beginning at eight o'clock.

Three Boys Hurt  
In Auto Accident  
Near La Grande

Three high school boys were injured yesterday afternoon while on their way home from Stadium Springs, where the members of the senior class went for their annual picnic. Harold Smith, who was driving the car which was traveling behind a truck. The highway was slippery from the rain making it necessary to travel at a slow rate of speed. The car started to slow down more and in putting on the brakes skidded on the wet pavement and went into the ditch.

The car was not upset. The driver received slight injuries, William Snodgrass received a cut over his eye and bruises about the head and Charles Wilson was more seriously injured about the head. All three were taken to the hospital, but all but the Wilson boy were able to leave last night. He is reported to be getting along nicely today.

The accident occurred near the White Pine box factory.

Students Strike  
In Sacramento Hi

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 11. (AP)—A hundred Sacramento high school pupils walked out today in protest against the ousting of Principal John F. Dale by the board of education of Sacramento county. Prior to school opening time a thousand students were concentrated on the grounds and in the streets, but the majority returned to classes when Dale asked them that the effort in his behalf be dropped.

## GOVERNOR SPEAKS

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Annual High School Exhibit Draws  
Crowd of 600; Short Program Given

The most successful exhibit in the history of the La Grande high school, both from the point of interest and attendance, was held last evening and was attended by at least 600 interested parents and friends of the high school students.

In previous years the exhibit has included only articles made during the school year in the industrial arts department. This year there were exhibits from the English, history, science, language, mathematics, commercial and all other departments of the high school.

Samples of the year's work in each of the subjects was a part of the exhibit, in addition to clever and original posters made by the students.

Physical Demonstration

After the program those present were dismissed to view the exhibits, after which they were ushered to the school gymnasium, where a demonstration in physical education in behalf of the school was given.

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lots for WetsSERVES NOTICE  
ON POLITICIANS

"Thinking Women Alarmed at . . . theory that public Office Is a Reward" Mrs. Bens Says.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 11. (AP)—Closing its third annual convention here today, the Woman's National Law Enforcement committee unanimously adopted the reports of the committee which pledged members throughout the country to vote only for a presidential candidate in 1928 whose public utterances and private performances showed him to be a supporter of the 18th amendment.

The convention, upon suggestion of the Kentucky delegation, protested the proposal of General Lincoln C. Andrews that the United States start immediately upon the manufacture of medicinal whiskey, declaring that this move could be deferred for at least three years because of the amount of whiskey now in possession of the government for medicinal purposes.

Resolved Officers.

Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, of Beverly, Mass., general chairman, and other officers were reelected.

"It is time to serve notice on the political leaders that unless they stand for the principle they cannot have the following of conscientious, thinking women," declared Mrs. Samuel J. Bens, of New York, at the national conference of women's committee of law enforcement here today.

"The appeal from party leaders, men and women, to stand by the candidates and the party, whether they repudiate their promises or not, is a far cry from principle," she said.

"Thinking women are alarmed at the increased acceptance of the theory that public office, instead of being a public trust, is the just reward of partisan service and success to be distributed to politicians by party chief."

"We do not owe blind obedience to any party, unless that party proved that it is standing for principle."

"Stolidous forces," Mrs. Bens added, "are at work to undermine organizations that are working to make this a better world to live in. Whispering campaigns are started against women and organizations who dare to oppose regular party candidates on any ground."

Liquor Arrests  
During April 82

SALEM, Ore., May 11. (AP)—William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner, reports to Governor Patterson that during April agents of the department participated in 82 arrests, that fines were imposed in the sum of \$4492 and jail sentences imposed aggregating 924 days. A total of 6555 gallons of mash were destroyed, 1070 gallons of liquor seized and nine stills and three automobiles taken.

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## WOMAN HELD



Miss Alice B. Todd, secretary of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land bank, is one of the officers of the bank indicted on charges of diverting \$1,008,000 of the bank's funds to construct a great artificial lake near Bagnall, Mo. Walter Craven, president of the bank and four others also were indicted. The hydro-electric power dream included plans for the lake to become the Riviera of the west.

NO TRACE FOUND  
OF TWO BIRDMENAnxiety of French In-  
creases—Ill Feeling  
Subsides

By the Associated Press

The sea and land gave back no answer today to the incessant calls for word of the missing aviators—Captains Nungesser and Goll. The Radio Corporation of the Independent Wireless and the navy swept the wide Atlantic with radio queries and met a wall of silence.

"The 'White Bird' was forty-four anxious hours overdue at New York at eleven o'clock this morning on her flight from Paris and was last seen heading northwest off Killybeg, Ireland, Sunday morning. There was a report early today that the plane was found at Truro, N. S., but this was quickly proved to be false.

## Navies Searching Seas

Naval vessels are searching the seas off New England and the Nova Scotia waters while the French government has a fleet of destroyers heading west in hunt for the French aces. So far their efforts to locate the plane have been fruitless. Lookouts on the trans-Atlantic liners bound east and west scan the horizon for signs of the plane now believed forced down by weight of ice formed on her wings in flight.

Searchers remain of the finding of the missing men, who many believe fell into the sea north of the charted course of steamships. Others suggest that the "White Bird," spun down in the waters off Newfoundland, and unless the aviators were rescued by a fish-landing smack, they fell victims of the ice that crushed their fragile plane.

Captain Saint Roman and Commander Mouneyroux, two other French flyers have been missing since last Thursday, when they hopped off from St. Louis, Senegal, for Pernambuco, Brazil, in an attempt to be the first to make an uninterrupted flight over the South Atlantic.

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Expect Levees  
Will Give North  
Of New OrleansFertile "Sugar Bowl" In-  
undation Feared—Res-  
cue Fleet Mobilized to  
Minimize Life Loss.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 11. (AP)—Levees at Bayou Des Glaises, about 170 miles above New Orleans, were expected to collapse at any time today, allowing a rush of muddy water across the "sugar bowl" of Louisiana where most of the domestic cane is grown. Word from that section to Adjutant General L. A. Tombs at Baton Rouge said the levee appeared ready to collapse.

The fight had not been given up, however, and at Big Bend where heroic efforts of citizens have been concentrated to bolster the weakening rampart, work continued.

## Rescue Fleet Ready

Should the crevasse occur today, it was believed that much of the strain on the levees along the Mississippi would be relieved, minimizing the danger of an additional break along that line. A collapse at Bayou Des Glaises, would however, inundate thousands of acres of the most fertile soil in the state, flooding many sugar houses and driving additional thousands from their homes to refugee camps. A rescue fleet has been mobilized in the danger zone and prospects of loss of life have been reduced.

Vidalia, La., remained inundated by waters from a crevasse in the protection levee that held back waters from the four crevasses in lower Concordia parish. Precautions had been taken at Vidalia and loss of property will not be great. Many citizens moved their household goods to high ground, more than two weeks ago, when the levees along the river front seemed in danger of collapsing.

The crests of two floods were moving toward Old river today, one formed of the waters from breaks in the Arkansas levees and the other of the torrents pouring through the Cabin Creek and Winter Quarters crevasses in northern Louisiana. The latter is due at the mouth of Old river between May 11 and 15.

## Record Water Mark

Waters in the Tennessee basin were deeper today than at any time in the history of the state, weather bureau officials reported. It still was rising at a rate of five inches in twenty-four hours.

A \$1,000,000 finance corporation for rehabilitation of farmers in the flood-stricken Arkansas where residents of several isolated villages were reported destitute.

Weather observers found little to connect the series of freak storms that started in Kansas Saturday, swooping down on Northern Texas early Monday morning and then skipped through Arkansas.

Crop Report In  
Oregon Not So  
Rosy This Week

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11. (AP)—The weekly Oregon crop report today said:

Winter wheat is mostly fair to good, except where injured by frost; spring seeding continues; corn planting continues and some corn is up. Growth of grain is slow; some rye and winter barley are headed, and wheat is in the boot in the warmer localities.

Pears are setting well where they escaped frost damage. Apple bloom is late. Peaches are good in localities, but in most places are light. Peaches and cherries have been much injured by frost. A few strawberries have been marketed in southern counties. Evergreen blackberries are starting well. Loganberries and raspberries show much winter killing in places.

Apples are in flower, are improving in western districts, but elsewhere have been retarded by low temperatures.

Flax is doing well but needs warmer weather. Asparagus is backward. Potato planting continues.

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