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A PATRIOTIC PRAYER—Remember not the sins of my youth, nor the transgressions, according to the mercy, remember thou me for thy goodness' sake. O LORD. Psalm 103.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." But not along the lower Mississippi.

### MEDICAL LIQUOR

The American Medical association has started a campaign against the Volstead law which it finds obnoxious. By unanimous vote of its "house of delegates," the association condemns the "unfortunate provision" which limits a physician to prescribing one pint of liquor for a patient every 10 days. It is drafting a bill for presentation to the next congress to remedy this. It is the function of the physician, the association declares, to determine "what amounts of liquor may be needed by patients."

The doctors have a perfect right to fight that issue out with congress. Some laymen will agree with the doctors and some with the law makers. But the law makers have a big advantage—at least, unless and until the supreme court upholds the doctors' contention. Congress may stand pat, maintaining that it is dangerous to give physicians blanket authority over liquor prescriptions, because there are men even in the medical profession who would abuse such discretion and prescribe liquor in large amounts for people who don't need it at all. Moreover, it is well known that opinion as to the medical value of alcohol varies greatly among physicians.

Every profession is naturally zealous of its prerogatives, especially one so old, honorable and useful as the medical profession. But in this case, isn't the profession making a pretty big claim? If it has a right to make liquor laws, without hindrance, how about bankers making the banking laws, and merchants making the laws governing their business operations?

### NEW THRILLS TO COME

Nothing has given the thrill-seeking American public quite the thrill that Lindbergh's flight to Paris gave. Hopping from San Diego to New York in the fastest coast-to-coast time ever made, with only one stop at St. Louis, this previously unknown aviator astonished air experts and laymen alike with his plan to make the New York-Paris flight alone, without spectacular preparation, taking upon himself the dual role of pilot and navigator for a feat that had never before been accomplished.

Foolhardy it may have been, but it remains the most daring, the most remarkable exploit of a single individual in this century if not in all history. Americans can well be proud, not only that he was successful in the flight but that he had the nerve and the confidence and the ambition to undertake it the way he did. Pondering the characteristic of this youth, we can better appreciate the reasons for America's unexpected and unprecedented success even with green troops in the recent war. Fine physical youth, courage, and a job to do were the only requirements.

The significant thing about Lindbergh's flight to Paris is the emphasis it gives to the progress of aviation. Most adults of the present generation can well remember when the very fact that man stayed in the air with a heavier-than-air machine was the cause for an equal thrill and for much disbelief until one had seen the miracle with one's own eyes. Now we require a 3600 mile flight across the dark waters of a great ocean before our attention is again brought forcibly to flying developments.

In addition to proving that "It can be done" Charles Lindbergh has served to prove again that we are merely at the threshold of the aerial domain of the future. Gradually will other "impossible" things be accomplished and new standards be set up. Idle boasts will cease to be idle boasts and certainty will be as matter of fact and as ordinary as predicted by a Berlin newspaper recently which commented on the trans-Atlantic flights thus: "If in the near future one of the colossal Junkers-Rumpier airplanes attempts the Atlantic, we shall look quietly at our watches and say, 'Now it must be there,' and in ten minutes we will hear it through the radio."

## Cove High Gives Diplomas To 11 In Senior Class

COVE, Ore., May 22. (Special)—Commencement exercises were held at the M. E. church Thursday evening, May 19. The church was beautifully decorated with tulips and narcissus in pink and white. Eleven received their diplomas, six girls and five boys: Corner, Daniel, Irene Haag, Lara Barker, Ouel Burford, Jean Weimer, Eva Weimer, Ray Rundell, Robert Coad, Robert Paige, Emory Hartley and Carl Coad.

The program follows: (1) "William Tell" overture. (2) "Spanish Dance"—high school orchestra. Invocation: The Rev. Alvin Payne. "Simple Arvo"—high school orchestra. Address to class, "The Rewards of Life" by J. D. Wala, D. D. Selections from the opera by the high school orchestra. Presentation of class—K. E. Coad.

Presentation of diplomas—By the chairman of the board, A. A. Anderson. A scholarship from the Pacific coast colleges was awarded Miss Corner Daniel, for attaining the highest average in the class. The county school superintendent, E. A. Bayre, presented diplomas to 11 eighth grade graduates. They were Harold Blank, Clara Roberts, Dorothy Galey, June Isant, Virginia Goodell, Ada Lloyd, Gertrude Peterson, Royal Bourkman, Maxine Murchison, Francis Comstock, Monte Brothers, Allen Mills, Millard Van Donge, Alvin Stacy and Neva Lincoln. Four of these students were awarded a certificate for perfect attendance by the state superintendent, E. A. Howard. They were Harold Blank, Alvin Mills, Frances Comstock and Gertrude Peterson.

On Memorial Day a program of music and readings will be given at 10:30 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. After the program a dinner will be served at noon. The proceeds from the dinner will be the country fund. After dinner the flowers for decorating will be taken to the cemetery.

## Insurance Firm To Open District Offices In City

Representing the Washington Fidelity National Insurance company of Chicago, Leon E. Howard, general agent of state of Oregon, Frank Collins, Eastern Oregon manager, and Ansell Wood, Southern Oregon supervisor, arrived here today and will spend some time appointing agents and investigating the field for appointment of a district manager to be stationed in La Grande.

## Obituary

MRS. CATHERINE RHODES  
Mrs. Catherine Rhodes, 57, native of the state of Illinois, died at the Grande Pointe hospital this morning, who had lived in La Grande for about seven years. The body is at the Woodruff and Stone-eman chapel pending funeral arrangements.

## The Plane That Carries De Pinedo's Hopes



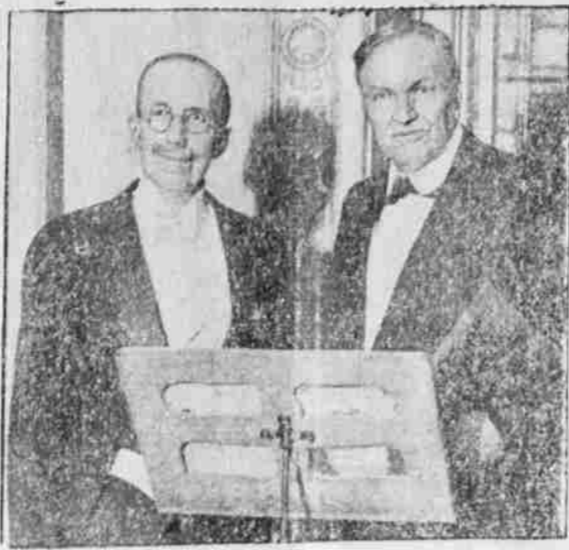
The Focke Wulf II, in which Mercedes Frenschus De Pinedo will continue his flight, is shown above after its arrival at Billie Field, New York. The commander's first plane, in which he crossed the Atlantic, was burned at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and this one intended for his return flight.

## FLYERS WHO SAVED THOUSANDS IN FLOOD



Victors, circling over the flooded waters of their Little Rock, helped in the rescue work by locating the many of Arkansas subjects, and flying to the flooded areas, have saved thousands of lives. The handsome group of whom were perched on house-tops, narrow levees or in trees throughout the flooded area.

## BEFORE THE BATTLE



Clarence Darrow (right) and Wayne B. Wheeler, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, just before their New York debate on prohibition. Under his arm, the Chicago attorney, whose contentions, of course, were "wet," carries the tablet on which his notes were written. (Observe the name—"Dry Club.") (INIA Service, New York Bureau)

## LOSTINE PERSONALS

LOSTINE (Special)—Mrs. Sadie McNaughton, of Joseph, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Whelan.

Mrs. Westfall, of Enterprise, spent Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hamilton.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Portland, filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. He is preaching in the pulpits of the good ministers' pension fund.

Fred Edwards and Lloyd Chapman left Monday morning for Astoria where they will be delegates to the grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gladis Crow and Mrs. Annas Masell who are representing the Rebekah lodge. They went by Mrs. Edwards' car. Edith Nolan also was a guest on the trip. She will visit friends in Portland during the summer.

The Rev. Mr. Jones, of Enterprise, delivered the baccalaureate services in the Christian church Sunday afternoon to a large number of pupils and friends. For his theme he took the three fundamental of life, its vocation, life's partner, and life's mission.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy and daughter, of Imbler, stopped at Lostine Sunday on their way to Flora for a week's visit with friends.

Reports from Lostine are to the effect that farmers are doing their best trying to exterminate the squirrels. Several hundred sacks of poison grain is going out each week. The state law compels the farmers to try to exterminate as many of the rodents as possible.

Mr. Profit drove to Mitchell Saturday on business returning Sunday evening.

There is only one more week of school and the children will again take up the vacation routine of duties. Some will go to other places, some will assist on the farms and others will enjoy the sports of Wallawa county.

Miss Leroy Parsons and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Parsons' parents near Elgin.

Leonard Parsons and his father came in Sunday morning from Elgin and were joined by Roy Parsons and they all went Friday. They returned with a fine catch.

The Pacific Fruit truck driver ran into the service station Monday and slightly damaged the roof. Mr. Allen, the postmaster, is improving the interior of the post-office with new fixtures, paint and paper.

Mr. Berger, of the Blue Mountain Candy company, was calling on friends at Lostine Monday.

Two Hug and family, of Flain, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

The farmers are rejoicing over the warm showers that have fallen the past few days which will bring the crops along in fine shape. They have fine prospects this year if nothing unforeseen happens.

Mrs. Dorrison Cole is spending the week with friends at Joseph.

The Rev. Mr. Jones, of Enterprise, preached Monday evening in the Christian church.

Raymond Houser and Alver Roberts left Friday for Camelsburg, Pa.

Mildred Keeler, of Wallawa, visited over the week end with Nita Willett.

Lester Huffman and sister, visited over Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ober Ward.

Harlan Huffman and family, of Wallawa, stopped on their way to Joseph and took Mr. and Mrs. William Plesner with them. They visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. M. and Mrs. Huffman, of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Scott.

Mrs. George Childers and daughter, Verda, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Childers spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Herring, of Astoria.

Relatives were called to the bedside of Grandpa Hammel this week who is very ill. They were Ed Allen and Mrs. Pat Aukley, of La Grande; Lena and Bert Hambock, of Bontz; William Miller, of Ontario; and Lela Hammel, of Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Farrell visited Sunday with Mrs. Wimmer, who is soon leaving for the east.

Mrs. Howard Williamson, of Mud Creek, is spending this week at the home of her father, Mr. McGill while her mother is spending the week of grande tete at Astoria.

Mrs. Mildred Lesley, of Joseph, visited Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Page.

Walter Hener, of Joseph, visited his old friend, Mark Gray, recently.

A jet which cut into the tracks of a Union Pacific passenger train from Ogden, Utah, to Chicago.

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