

## Sacred Heart Academy Founded In La Grande By Sisters in Year 1894

### Private School Offers 12-Year Course, Strong Music and Art Dept.

La Grande's only private school is the Sacred Heart academy, which was founded in La Grande September, 1894 by the sisters of the Catholic church. It was at that time that the main part of the present academy building was constructed at 1100 1/2th street.

The academy had about 20 students at that time, but as the years went by the enrollment grew and in 1914 an additional wing was added to the school, the increase in the attendance making the new addition necessary.

That was just 13 years ago and at the present time the school has grown until more room is needed. At present the school has about 150 students in attendance during the school year, including those who board at the school and the day pupils.

**12-Year Course Offered.** The school embraces the eight grades of the regular grade school and four years of high school. In addition to a commercial department, besides this there is a large music department and art department, which are among the best in this section of the state.

The music school furnishes primary, intermediate and advanced music, leading to graduation with piano, violin and harp.

A high school credit is given for music and with the beginning of this year it will also be possible for the school to give a high school credit for all, China and water colors. It has been recently authorized by the state superintendent of public instruction to give this credit to high school students meeting the requirements, which are similar to the music requirements.

### Art Department

The art department of the school was enlarged considerably last year, commercial drawing being added. An art exhibit by the students this spring showed to the public the things that are being accomplished in this line at the academy.

The school now has nine instructors, including four grade teachers, two high school teachers, two music instructors and one art instructor, all of whom are sisters of the Catholic church.

The school is not confined to students of the Catholic faith, but is open to everyone. As the school is private a tuition fee is charged. This year's school term at the academy will open Sept. 6.

The school has made such a marked progress in La Grande that possibilities now are for a new school building, although there are no definite plans to date.

### Berlin Exhibits War Time Pictures

BERLIN (AP)—An exhibition of more than 1,000 works of art depicting phases of the world war was opened in the Zoological Garden with an inaugural address by Professor Hans Holtdt.

All the artists exhibiting saw active service. Among the most prominent are the maritime painter Claus Borge and Professor Willy Stoewer, the genre painter Professor Hans Holtdt, the landscape painter Professor Mattheus, the famous portraitists Professors Max Habes, Professor Hugo Vogel and others.

## Normal School To Be Built Here In Very Near Future

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Flowers and shrubbery and in general, all of the most beautiful campus grounds in the Northwest. The western part of this additional plot may be used for an athletic field, state affiliate indicate, and a grandstand, grandstands and bleachers for spectators, and an oval track will probably be built there.

The buildings of the school proper will be erected on the acreage east to the town of the hill and with overlook the entire city and a large part of the beautiful Grande Ronde valley. A boulevard around the edge of the hill has been discussed and may be built in the future. It is said.

### First Buildings

First buildings will probably be the main building, housing the assembly rooms, class rooms, etc. A dormitory and library are also on the agenda early program of construction, but these are not likely to be erected until further funds are appropriated. There has been some discussion of a locally-built dormitory, which would revert to the state after a reasonable length of time, in which local supports of the plan would be reimbursed for their capital outlay.

State officials declare that within a short time after the normal school is built, it will be made a four-year teachers college, which is expected to serve as an added impetus to students of the inland Empire.

### Branch School Held Here

This summer the Eastern Oregon branch of the Oregon Normal school summer session was held in the La Grande high school building and attracted nearly 100 students, the greatest attendance in the summer session's history. For-

merly this session was held in Pendleton but it was removed to La Grande this year because of the selection of this city as a site for the normal school.

John Benne's architect, was authorized to go ahead with plans for the buildings and the school grounds at a recent meeting of the board, although at the same time immediate construction was opposed because of financial conditions. Mr. Benne is designing the school on the most modern principles and it is expected that the institution will compare favorably with any in the West.

### Large Attendance Expected

The school is expected to attract 200 to 250 students its opening year and because of its geographical location—in the center of the Eastern Oregon territory, will be about equivalent to all parts of the district, excepting the Klamath Falls area which naturally sends its students to the Ashland Normal school, because of its proximity.

A large faculty will be provided and a spirited campaign is now being conducted by several educators for the position of superintendent.

The decision to erect a normal school in Eastern Oregon came from the people of the state when at the last November election, a large majority voted to establish the school in Eastern Oregon, leaving the matter of location up to the board of regents, who conducted a careful survey of all likely sites before awarding the school to La Grande.

### Several Factors Considered

Several factors entered into the decision to build the school here besides its geographical location. The fact that La Grande already had a large and very efficient public school system was important and another factor was the strong church element in this city assuring the right kind of a moral atmosphere. The climate, which is temperate at all times of the year, was still another leading factor. Transportation was also considered.

In connection with the building of the normal school here, the city commission is making arrangements to make of a two-block tract it owns in Remondale, a rest park. This park would be only a short distance from the school proper and is favored not only locally but by the state school authorities.

This will be the only large college east of the Cascades in Oregon when erected, and for this reason, is expected to attract an especially large number of students.

## La Grande Schools Largest and Best In Eastern Oregon

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high school in addition to this work teaches two or more academic classes and teaches at high school athletics in addition to having under his direction a man teacher in each of the grade schools who teaches full time in the grade schools in addition to handling physical training and athletic sports in the grade schools. Men teachers were added to the grade schools for this purpose for the first time last year the plan meeting with considerable success.

The crowning event of the year in physical education in the grade schools is the annual field day, which has been held for two years now. Large numbers of children compete in this feature, which gives the children of the grade schools a motive for physical education during the year.

The purpose of the reorganization of these various departments and stressing the importance of music, physical education and art in addition to the three R's, is to give the children a well-rounded, well-balanced education which is calculated to prepare them better

for citizenship and for handling the affairs of the country in the future.

In an effort to determine whether or not the three R's are taught as effectively now as they were in 1914, a list of questions given in Springfield in the year 1914 were given in the eighth A students of La Grande last spring, with very gratifying results. The examination showed that the subjects were not only studied as thoroughly now but more so. Among the girls who took the examination 84.4 per cent were correct in La Grande in 1927 and 27 per cent were correct in Springfield in 1914. Among the boys 51.4 per cent were correct in La Grande and 42.9 per cent among the boys.

During the past two years the La Grande board of education, consisting of E. A. Kpling, chairman, Dr. H. P. Landis, Colon H. Eberhard, R. S. Eskin and G. S. Birnie with H. E. Williams as clerk, has spent considerable time and some money in reconditioning the school buildings and equipment, which was needed badly. By the time school opens this year every building and practically all equipment will be in first class condition. All desks in all of the school buildings, with the exception of Willow where the desks are new, have been refinished, sanded off and given new coats of stain

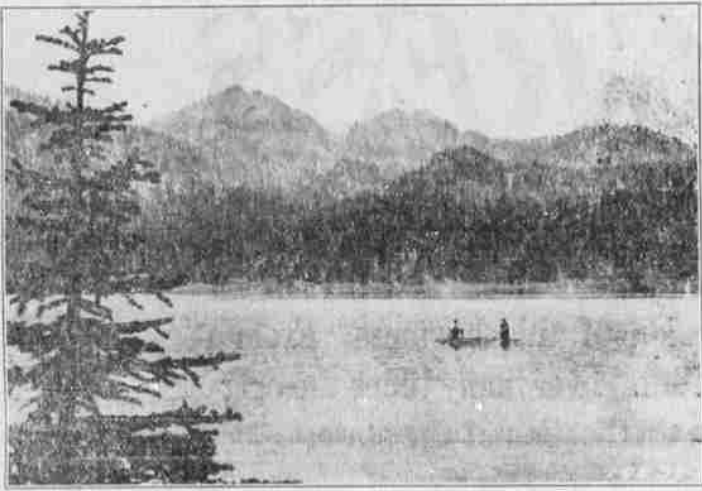
and varnish. The school grounds have been improved, trees and shrubs planted, and this summer the space between the high school building and athletic field has been graded and gravelled for the parking of students' cars.

With the beginning of this year all high school students will not be allowed to park their cars on Fourth street or M avenue, but space will be assigned to this parking lot and the students will be required to park there. This step was taken to prevent accidents due to the congestion in traffic on Fourth and M at the opening and closing of the school session.

### Expects 100 More Students

With the opening of the 1927-28 term of school, Sept. 6, additional increase in the school enrollment is expected. More than 100 new students are expected to enter the high school with probably more than that number starting out in the elementary schools. Last year the elementary schools graduated the largest class in its history, more than 30 students receiving their diplomas on commencement night. The schools are crowded to capacity, as they have been since the first two-room public school in La Grande more than 60 years ago, and it will be only a short space of time before another school building will be a necessity in La Grande.

### SCENIC ANTHONY LAKE



This attractive picture of Anthony lake, one of the North Powder lakes which are reached from North Powder, Ore., is representative of the wonderful scenery that graces that part of the nation. Anthony lake and its partner bodies of water have not yet been developed as resorts to the point which will be attained in the near future, but already attract hundreds of visitors each season.

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