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75 STUDENTS ARE HONORED AT BANQUET

Hi-Dads Elect Officers Following Session—Dr. Peare New Grandad.

13 STUDENTS WIN SCHOLASTIC HONOR

Basketball and Track Athletes Among 75 Guests—Baccalaureate Services to be Sunday.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of 132 seniors are to be held at the L. D. S. tabernacle on Sunday evening, with the Rev. Vernon E. Hall, of the First M. E. church, to deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

With about 75 students present as guests, the Hi-Dads held their annual spring banquet in the Scaevewa Inn last night in honor of the baccalaureate and track athletes at the honor students. Dr. William Peare presided as toastmaster and introduced E. D. Towler, high school principal, as the first speaker, who pointed out the standing of La Grande students in colleges, particularly in reference to athletics.

Miriam Hanna, representing the honor students, spoke briefly and Coach R. W. Christie, in a brief talk, told of the increase in students who turn out for athletic activities as compared with former days.

Wolfe and Keffer Spoke Harmon Wolfe, basketball captain, and Leslie Keffer, track and field star, spoke for their respective teams.

Charles Reynolds told of the records made by former teams, also mentioning the fact that fewer students turned out for athletic activities in those days.

J. E. Reynolds, grandad, was the concluding speaker. Clark Ruckman played an instrumental solo which was vigorously applauded.

Following the banquet, an executive session of the Hi-Dads was held and officers were elected for the 1929-30 year. Dr. Peare was elected grandad. Ernest DeLong, step-dad, R. E. Westenhaver, bud-dad and Harry Zurbicher, pay-dad. They will take office next September.

13 Win Scholastic Honors Of the honor students present, thirteen of them were also winners of scholastic honors in the high school, which means that they had an average of 80 or more in all work during their four years in high school. Most of them also participated very successfully in several other activities, including

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FIRST PRIZES WON BY LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

La Grande participants made a clean sweep of first prizes in the final contest work at the M. I. A. Stake day in the Recreational hall last evening.

In the public speaking contest, with both Baker and La Grande taking part, Irma Turner, of the La Grande Second ward, was the victor. Carlyle Nibley, of La Grande, was the winner in the young men's public speaking contest.

La Grande was also the winner in the cotillion. Partners were Ho Hanks and Ida Nebeker, Guy Andrews and Edith Moore, Melvin Baxter and Barbara Hlatt and Grant Stringham and Ethel Harneden.

The drama, "The Invisible Hand" presented by the First Ward, was judged best. Those taking part were: Elwood Gwilliams, Clark Webb, Lee Stockdale, Blanche Stoddard, Mrs. Rose Anderson and Myrna Ward.

The winners will go to Salt Lake City in June where they will contest with winners from 161 other stakes from all parts of the nation.

WEATHER TODAY 73.9 a. m.; 82 above. Minimum: 55 above. Condition: Mostly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 79, minimum 51 above. Condition: Clear.

WEATHER MAY 23, 1929 Maximum 87, minimum 45 above. Condition: Clear.

Preparation For Peace Urged By Frederick Libby

National Secretary Of Council for Prevention of War Gives Address in La Grande.

Speaking before an appreciative audience in the La Grande hotel last night, Frederick J. Libby, of Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, delivered an address on "The Kellogg Pact—And After."

Mr. Libby, who stopped in La Grande en route to Portland from Boise, was introduced by J. J. Handsaker, president of the Oregon council. "The war department says that there is danger of war and we must prepare adequately for peace. The peace movement says that there is danger of war and we must be prepared adequately for peace. There can be compromise in the national policy between these two viewpoints but in principle they are irreconcilable. One means increasing armaments. The other means increasing world organization with general reduction of armaments. One is based on fear and suspicion, and the other is based upon faith and cooperation. Ultimately the nation must choose between them and develop one policy to the gradual exclusion of the other," Mr. Libby said.

Development of this statement, Mr. Libby said, that adequate preparation for peace requires attention to four factors: adequate machinery for the settlement of disputes between nations; cultivation of public opinion in support of this machinery; the teaching of good-will instead of hate in the schools of the world; and the reduction and transformation of armaments and navies by international agreement to police forces.

He spoke strongly in favor of the world court. "Our entrance into the world court is undoubtedly the first step immediately before us in the carrying out of a peace plan."

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Pirates To Play At Enterprise On Next Sunday

The La Grande Pirates, now in a deadlock with the Baker Elphinstone for second place, will go to Enterprise Sunday for the second game with the Chieftains. Incidentally, Sunday's play will mark the end of the first half of the season, although one Blue Mountain league game between Baker and La Grande was postponed and will have to be played at Baker some time in the near future.

Pendleton is far out in front with five straight wins, trouncing Enterprise and La Grande and taking the first game from Baker. The Enterprise team occupied the other extreme in the league, with five losses.

Enterprise's plans for Sunday have not been announced here as yet but local fans are expecting the Chiefs to present a string of lineup than played here May 19. The same team that has represented La Grande in previous games will make the trip to the Wallowa county seat.

The present batting average of the Pirates, unofficially figures, follow:

Table with 4 columns: Name, AB, H, Pct. Helms, 13, 6, .462. Stokke, 16, 5, .312. Knight, 16, 6, .375. Sylvester, 3, 1, .333. Moore, 16, 4, .250. King, 16, 4, .250. Duff, 16, 3, .188. Murchison, 14, 2, .143. McKennon, 2, 0, .000. Garity, 2, 0, .000. Price, 2, 0, .000.

Margaret Riggs Again In Lead

Margaret Riggs is again in the lead in the American Legion beauty contest, according to announcement today. Her votes now total 5,200, just an even thousand ahead of Maxine McNeil, who is in second place. Phyllis Ansell is third with 4,700 and Leah Bramwell fourth with 2,600 reported votes.

The winner of the contest, which ends early in June, will represent the American Legion at the McKay dam celebration and at the Salem state convention.

State President Of Eagles Here

Lester Jones, state president of the Eagles lodge, came to La Grande last night after visiting the Pendleton lodge, and tonight will be guest of honor of the local lodge. Mr. Jones makes his home in Salem where he is employed at the State House, under Secretary of State Hal Ross. He is well known here as he attended the Eagles convention in this city last year, making many friends in La Grande.

The Eagles will hold their regular meeting tonight which will be followed by a social, to which the families of the lodge members are invited.

PLANE SOARS INTO FIFTH DAY IN AIR

"Fort Worth" Making Real Threat on World's Endurance Record.

TENTH REFUELING DURING MORNING

Two Civilian Fliers Give No Indication of Breakdown—Must Fly Until Saturday.

PORT WORTH, Tex., May 23 (AP)—Soaring along on their fifth day in the air, Reg. L. Robbins and James Kelly, commercial aviators, today were making a real threat on the world's endurance flight record of the army monoplane Question Mark.

The Texans completed 96 hours of continuous flying in the single motored monoplane Fort Worth at 11:33 a. m., and were going strong.

The plane was refueled with 110 gallons of gasoline and 4 1/2 quarts of oil in the tenth contact with the auxiliary ship at 7 a. m. Food, changes of clothing, newspapers and mail were lowered to the pilots, R. L. Robbins and James Kelly.

The two civilian fliers, who have kept their rebuilt Ryan monoplane in the air more than half a week, gave no indication of a breakdown in their own iron nerve or the mechanism of their single motored ship as they soared dauntlessly toward their goal, the goal, if attained, will find them still flying at nightfall Saturday evening with a new record written on the cockpit of the Fort Worth.

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If the Fort Worth is still aloft at 6:15 p. m. Saturday the Question Mark's record of 150 hours, 40 minutes and 15 seconds will have

DISTRICT TO BE SUPPLIED WATER

Commission Authorizes Inclusion of Sum for Work in 1930 Budget.

Water will be provided for residents of La Grande in the vicinity north and west of Palmer and south of the railroad right of way. It was decided at the city commission meeting last night. However, because of budget limitations, it cannot be accomplished until next year but the commissioners passed a motion to include a sum of money sufficient to do the work in the 1930 city budget. It is estimated that it will take \$1300 or more to take the water to the district, where there are half a dozen or more homes at present that are not connected to the city water system.

City Manager W. C. Crews reported last night that the water and sewer work at the Eastern Oregon Normal school has been completed, adding that Architect Bonnes has asked that the city look up the boiler blowoff. A motion was made to investigate this.

A communication was received from T. H. Moore, of Oak and Grandy, asking that the city compromise with him on a sidewalk and retaining wall matter. This was laid over until next week.

On motion, the city ordered that steps be taken to see that the alley in the block bounded by M and G and Cedar and First, be cleaned up.

Several other routine matters of business were handled before adjournment.

Virginia Rahn, Helen Melville And Gladys Roberts Win Essay Contest

Fourth, fifth and sixth grades: Helen Melville, Central; Gladys Roberts, Central; Virginia Rahn, Willow. Third, Margorie LaBorie, Willow; Evelyn Spencer, Riveria; fourth, Verna Mae Ward, Greenwood; LaVada Millerling, Willow; John McPerron, Central, special mention.

Seventh and eighth grades: Gladys Roberts, Central; first, Max Stoddard, Central; second, Winifred Scott, Central; third, Dorothy Walker, Girrol Price and Ola Mae Hough, all of Central, special mention.

Judges said that the essays were so well written that it was difficult to select the winners. Pupils at the grade schools were presented with "The Story of the Poppy" today to take home to their parents as a preliminary to the annual poppy sale to begin Saturday.

Amendments To Tariff Measure Are Presented

Scores of Changes Suggested at Conference Today—No Farm Bill Agreement Reached.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Scores of amendments, many of them involving important rates, were placed before the republican house membership today by the republicans of the ways and means committee in an effort to allay dissatisfaction among members over the pending tariff bill.

Surrounded by utmost secrecy a conference began today in an effort to smooth out differences. The purpose of the gathering, the second of its kind since the republican tariff measure was introduced May 7, was to agree upon a rule to expedite passage of the measure by placing restrictions on amendments.

Hope for United Support Republican leaders were hoping to win united support for a rule which would permit amendments to be offered only by republican members of the ways and means committee and if agreeable to the measure but such an agreement hinged upon the concessions, which the tariff framers have agreed to make to those dissatisfied with certain proposed rates.

Chairman Hawley of the committee entered the conference with an armful of books and papers including the amendments which the ways and means committee republicans have agreed upon after a week of supplemental hearings. There were to be discussed at the conference and if agreeable to the dissenters an agreement was looked for on the amendment limiting rule.

NO FARM BILL AGREEMENT WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The latest move of the farm relief conference committee to settle the export debenture controversy between the house and senate appeared today to be on the verge of failure.

This was indicated when Representative Garner, of Texas, the committee leader, announced he had decided against moving to recommit the tariff bill to the ways and means committee with instructions to include the debenture plan.

The scheduled meeting of the farm relief conference committee was postponed today until tomorrow to give house conferees the opportunity of attending a republican caucus.

La Grande Mercury Climbs to 90 Above

Old Man Sunshine reached the 90-degree mark in La Grande today exactly two days earlier than in 1928, according to weather records prepared by the U. S. government. Yesterday the mercury raced up to 90 and at an early hour this morning, was again climbing toward as high a peak.

For awhile today clouds gave promise of a much needed rain but this possibility was erased about noon when the skies began clearing. There has been no rain since May 13 and then only light precipitation, hardly enough to do much good to crops.

To Grade 8.8 Miles Of Roosevelt Road PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—The state highway commission today let a bid for grading 8.8 miles of the Waldport-Yachats section of the Roosevelt highway. The work will not be completed until May 31, 1930. The stretch is regarded as one of the most difficult and dangerous sections of the highway.

H. B. Van Duser, chairman of the commission, quoting one of the residents of the sections, said: "We need two more curves in that stretch but we can't find enough straight places to put them."

Completion of this section moves the frontier of the Roosevelt highway nearly nine miles south.

Radio Officials Seek Air Pirate

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—The National Broadcasting company today was seeking an air pirate who has been broadcasting false news reports over the same wave length as station WJZ.

The illegal broadcaster is believed to be operating in the vicinity of Paterson, N. J., where radio fans have reported hearing strange sounds over WJZ for the last three months. This culminated a week ago last Saturday when seven persons reported they heard the station announce the assassination of President Hoover and the serious illness of Vice President Curtis.

Baker Barbers To Make No Changes

BAKER, Ore., May 23—There will be no increase in prices at local barber shops, it was learned today. The master barbers association has taken action against the proposed increase asked by the trade in La Grande when they raised May 15.

An attempt was made to have the barbers in both Baker and Pendleton increase to the new La Grande scale. No word of any action for an increase has come from Pendleton.

MEMORIAL ARMORY FOR REUNION



A lasting memorial armory, shown in architect's perspective, is being rushed at Charlotte, N. C., to house the confederate reunion June 4-7. Gen. A. T. Goodwyn (right) is commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans. Mrs. F. Marlon Reid, wife of the mayor of Charlotte, will be active in convention arrangements.

Master Barbers Will Meet Here; Baxter Now Head

ASTORIA, Ore., May 23 (AP)—La Grande was selected as the 1930 convention city by the Oregon State Master Barber's association in annual session here yesterday, and R. Z. Baxter of La Grande was elected president of the organization.

Other officers are: A. F. Edsall, Klamath Falls, first vice president; Bert Endicott, Astoria, second vice; J. F. Paradise, Baker, third vice; Al Matvey, Portland, fourth vice; F. P. Penner, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

Dog License Didn't Seem To Satisfy Him

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 23 (AP)—A rural romance that didn't end happily has riven the Kentucky court of appeals something to work on. The case is up before the learned justices on several angles, which have to do with breach of promise, dog licenses and Sabbath observance.

The best of ordinary laymen can get out of the mass of briefs, petitions, etc., in this case.

Miss Kenova Dameron and Wayne Hall, of Flemingsburg, were engaged to be married Sunday Feb. 17, 1929. Hall didn't show up for the wedding. Miss Dameron felt injured to the extent of \$11,750 and sued for it.

Hall says he doesn't owe her anything. He says a relative of Miss Dameron was delegated to buy the license and bought a dog license instead of a marriage license, showing it around to other relatives and friends of the girl, thereby exposing him to great ridicule.

Moreover, he says, Sunday is a legal holiday on which no business can be transacted legally and he can't see that he ought to be penalized for breaking the law in that respect.

More Indicted In Movie Land On Tax Returns

LOS ANGELES, May 23 (AP)—Income tax returns, the lane of excitement for an increasing number of the movie colony, ushered two more of federal courts today.

The names of Eleanor Boardman Vidor, indicted on charges of evading payments and her director-husband, King Vidor, accused in an information with failing to pay his tax were added to the list yesterday with return of a federal grand jury.

Less than two weeks ago Tom Mix faced indictments while a short month before names of eleven others, most of whom are prominent on the screen, were listed in charges of fraud filed against Miss Margorie J. Berger and Edward H. so-called income experts.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 23 (AP)—Another 36 hours of dry weather was hoped for today by workers fighting to keep the Mississippi river and its tributaries within their banks.

At Hickman, Ky., and Moons Landing, Miss., where the river has threatened to break through levees and at Kennett, Mo., where the St. Francis did break through and flooded approximately 25,000 acres lowlands had been strengthened today sufficiently to withstand another onslaught of the high waters.

NO RACCY FOR MINISTERS LANCASTER, Pa., May 23 (AP)—Use of tobacco of snuff by members of the church of the United Brethren in Christ has been prohibited by the general conference of the church.

Fiendish Crime Perpetrated By Spokane Bandit

Man Shot Four Times, Girl Attacked and Both Left Bound in Burning Automobile.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23 (AP)—A bandit shot William J. Johnson, 29, four times, attacked his companion, Hazel Hutter, 28, then bound them with wire and set fire to their automobile and left them bound across the bridge when the Inland Empire highway near her. Johnson's condition was described as "dangerous" today. The girl was suffering from shock, scratches and bruises.

The bandit obtained small sums of money from them and a watch and diamond ring.

The couple had gone for an automobile ride, and were making a turn at the Mullan bridge when a man with a pistol stepped from the shadows and ordered them out of the car.

Both Chloroformed Johnson's ankles and wrists were lashed with copper wire and Miss Hutter's wrists were tied. Clothes soaked in chloroform were bound across their faces, they said. Johnson declared he was thrown back into the car, while the bandit dragged the girl away. Johnson struggled to free himself and help the girl, and the assailant fired four shots at him, hitting him in the jaw, right arm, neck and right breast.

Then the bandit went to the gasoline tank, opened it and set fire to the car. In a hysterical condition, Johnson freed himself, he said, and staggered from the burning car. The bandit fired several more shots at him, without effect.

A passing motorist brought Johnson to the police station, but he was unable to give a coherent account of the attack. He reported that the girl had been burned to death, but meanwhile she had also escaped and made her way to a house two miles from the burning car. Physicians reported that she suffered only from shock, scratches and bruises.

Norris Lodges Petition Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, lodged a protest today against the authority of the rules committee to report out a resolution asking the senate to condemn the senate or senate employes who divulged information on a secret session. He contended the committee was without authority to propose such a resolution which is now on the senate calendar.

Jury Finds Boy, Age Six, Guilty Of Killing Child

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., May 23 (AP)—A jury here today found a boy, guilty on a charge of manslaughter for the killing of his eight-year-old playmate, Cecil Vanhoose, following an altercation over a piece of scrap iron.

The boy was sentenced by Judge John W. Butcher to serve until he is 21 in the reform school at Greendale, Ky.

John Wheeler, defense attorney, announced he will file motion for a new trial.

Paul C. Hager, called as a witness, said he asked the Mahan child why he had shot his playmate and that the boy answered that the Vanhoose youngster had struck him and that he (Mahan) meant to kill him. The act was committed with a heavy shotgun.

Lupe Velez Will Bow Before Judge

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 23 (AP)—Lupe Velez, screen actress, will play the leading role in a court scene here soon.

The fact became known yesterday when she was arrested on charges of speeding and operating an automobile without a driver's license.

Miss Velez a month ago was served a ticket for driving 49 miles an hour in a 20-mile an hour zone. In a burst of anger she tore up the summons and threw it in the officer's face whereupon she drove away, police said. She was allowed freedom on \$30 bail. No date for her hearing was set.

Zeppelin Starts Trip to Germany

CIERS, France, May 23 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin left its emergency landing field here at 8:25 p. m. (2:25 E. S. T.) to fly to her home port of Friedrichshafen.

Roosevelt Accepts Island Position

SHANGHAI, China, May 23 (AP)—Kermit Roosevelt, member of the Roosevelt-Field Museum expedition to the interior of Asia, who arrived here today en route home, said his brother Theodore Jr. had decided to accept the governorship of Porto Rico.

ICE CREAM PLANT BOMBED CHICAGO, May 23 (AP)—A bomb exploded early today at the plant of the Good Humor Ice Cream company. Labor troubles were blamed. The damage was given at \$1000.

LA FOLLETTE GOES TO BAT FOR PAPERS

Proposes Senate Amendment Allowing Reporters to Visit Floor.

ACTION FOLLOWS VOTE OF DENIAL

Letter From Madison, Wis., Editor, Criticizing Senate, Read by Senator Barkley.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Amendment of the senate rules to extend the privilege of visiting the senate floor to representatives of the press associations was proposed today by Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, who yesterday objected to the use of the floor by any newspaperman after the rules committee had voted to deny the privilege of the United Press association.

The action against the United Press association was taken on the basis of the publication of a purported roll call of a secret meeting of the senate by which Irving L. Lenroot of Wisconsin, was confirmed as a federal judge. The roll-call has been described as inaccurate.

Soon afterwards Vice President Curtis announced that the rules prohibited newspapermen from going on the senate floor in doing their work.

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La Follette to prevent him from publishing of his communications now to vote in secret. La Follette called upon the rules committee, which had subpoenaed a newspaper man to appear before it for publishing a purported roll call on the confirmation in executive session of Irvine Lenroot as a judge of the court of customs appeals, to start its investigation first with the members of the senate.

Letter From Paper Read At the request of Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, a letter from the owner of the Capital Times of Madison, Wis., was read to the senate today, criticizing that body for holding secret sessions and praising all efforts to obtain secret roll calls. The letter said the Times would continue in the future to publish all secret roll calls and publish them.

Senator Blaine, Democrat, South Carolina, introduced an editorial from the same newspaper with the statement that "each of you senators who like to be insulted ought to read it." Vice President Curtis said that if the editorial contained anything insulting it ought to be submitted for examination but the editorial, nevertheless, was permitted to go into record.

Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, protested, saying it was "an editorial from a paper nobody ever heard of."

"This editor seems to rejoice that there are thieves and liars in the senate and that he is in touch with them," Caraway said.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. American League Games: Washington 8, Boston 7. National League Games: St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3.

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