

Attendance In Union Schools Decreases Some

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UNION.—(Special)—(Comparison of total enrollment in the Union public schools at the end of the first half month with that of the same date of last year shows a slight slump, averaging about five in each elementary grade and about 25 for the entire high school. Superintendent E. A. Rayne and County Nurse Alice Marquardt are visiting the Union schools Thursday in the interest of their respective lines. Mr. Rayne looking after exhibits of the boys and girls' club work and Miss Marquardt getting information into the homes of the pupils concerning spread of disease.

Oral Rosewall, a local young man, has joined the stock company which is giving entertainments in this county and along the branch line in Wallawa county.

Clarence Rosewall, an employee of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, is spending a couple of weeks at home on his annual vacation.

Everything was all set for the picking and packing of prunes by the local association at the beginning of the week but the Sunday night rain will delay this work. Some picking had already been done, but picking was to start Monday morning. Some of the growers are intending to use the drying plant located in a local orchard, while others will pack at the Tom Adams sheds it being understood that Shucklands of Cove will buy this part of the crop. One cent per pound for packed prunes and about 7 cents for dried fruit is reported as the prices offered.

Miss Dorothy Cushman, who has been visiting in Union for several days, returned to Pendleton Sunday evening to resume her work in the city high school, which was closed for the week. Miss Cushman was formerly English teacher in the Union high school. A meeting was held at the Methodist church Sunday evening and the matter of reorganizing the Epworth League was discussed. It was decided to complete the organization and elect their officers at the next regular meeting. Dr. H. S. Hamilton was present at the morning services and occupied the pulpit at the regular preaching hour. After services he held the first quarterly conference of the year.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church is sponsoring a lyceum program at the church Wednesday night. The Lewis players, seven in number, will be here and give a varied entertainment, consisting of ventriloquism, magic, musical numbers and character impersonation. Proceeds will go into the treasury of the church to help pay the expenses of some interior changes and improvements which the aid has planned for the church building.

Miss Thelma Ervin was hostess for a number of young women at a tea well patronized at her home Thursday evening, September 19, for Miss LeVerne Clark who left Saturday for Gooding, Idaho, together with Miss June Smith to enter the Methodist college there. Miss Clark was a freshman and Miss Smith returns as a sophomore.

Local guardians were out on the range again Sunday morning practicing for the annual match which will be held next Sunday.

Miss Fern Stundy, who has been here for the past week visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lathrop, left Friday morning for Bellingham, Wash., where she will enter the normal school. Her sister, Fay, will also be a student in the same school. Headlock.

Five Join Blue Mountain Grange; J. A. Nice Speaks

By Mrs. Charles Spencer,
(Observer Correspondent)

GRANGE HALL. (Special)—Five new members, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. George Hysenarson and Hans Sjoerdsma, took the third and fourth degrees of the initiatory work of Blue Mt. Grange when that organization met Saturday in regular session. This was the first all-day meeting since the early summer. Section three served dinner at noon. J. A. Nice, master of Union county Pomona lodge, with Mrs. Nice, were present for the afternoon session and during the short talk he gave, he urged Blue Mt. Grange to cooperate with other granges of the county and work out a shipping plan, one similar to that being used by grangers of Wallawa county. After the initiatory work was completed, the rest of the time was taken up with making arrangements for the grange fair which will be held at the hall Oct. 4 and 5. In order to make the work in regard to the fair more convenient for the committee in charge, the next meeting of the grange will be Oct. 2, the first Thursday of the month. Instead of Oct. 2, the first Wednesday, the regular meeting date. Section one will serve dinner.

In honor of Mrs. Inez Jenkins, teacher of the school here, members of the Liberty Parent-Teacher association entertained at an informal party at Blue Mt. Grange hall Friday evening. There were 30 present for the jolly time, including several guests from La Grande. An indoor track meet, with Mrs. Jenkins and Ernest De Long as capitalists, furnished the evening's amusement. Mrs. Bert Grout and Mrs. Charles Spencer had charge of the contest and Mrs. Ernest De Long, Mrs. I. D. Smith and Mr. Jenkins acted as judges. When the games were finished and the scores were counted it was found that Mr. De Long's side, the losers, would have to furnish the program for the Parent-Teacher association when the first regular meeting of the new year will be held next Friday evening at the school house. At the conclusion

of the merry time light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Anson, Mrs. Minnie Probasco, who has been visiting relatives in the valley several weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Anson and Miss Minnie Holman went on the railroad excursion to Pendleton Saturday morning and attended the Round-Up. With the exception of Mrs. Probasco, who remained in Pendleton till Sunday morning when she left for her home in Long Beach, Cal., the party returned home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hill and sons, Frederick and Mrs. L. P. Wise, of Elgin, spent Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Probasco, who remained in Pendleton till Sunday morning when she left for her home in Long Beach, Cal., the party returned home Saturday evening.

The Rev. and Mrs. Shirley Smith left Thursday for Joseph after visiting at the home of Mrs. L. D. Smith since Tuesday evening. Mr. Smith has been pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of New Meadows, Ida., for some time but was recently transferred to Joseph and while enroute from his former home to his new pastorate, he and his wife attended several conferences and other religious meetings in Idaho and Washington.

Mildred Spencer, Beulah and Wilma Schroeder accompanied La Grande friends to Pendleton Friday where they spent an enjoyable day at the Round-Up.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest DeLong and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallingham of Valeria Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nice, of Wolf creek, who were grange visitors Saturday afternoon, brought their children, Virginia and Charles, and Owen Graham, members of the Wolf Creek pig club, to La Grande Saturday morning to accompany Wray Lawrence, county agent, to the state fair. The party left for Salem Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Knight of La Grande, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Spencer.

Wallowa Enters Many Displays In County Fair

By MRS. EDNA HUNTER
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WALLOWA. (Special)—Wallowa will be well represented at the County Fair this year, both in agricultural and livestock displays. The Wallowa Grange will have a booth in the exhibit building and several individuals are planning to take specimens of crops. Among those who are taking livestock are C. D. Bramlet with their purchased Shorthorn cattle, Clifton Gillespie with five Guernsey, E. K. Hunter with nine purchased Jerseys and Merrill Bechtel will be with purchased and grade Jerseys from the T. T. Chen ranch.

Mrs. Susie Davis has gone to the state fair at Salem with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gowing, of Joseph. They will be away about 19 days and while on their trip, Mrs. Davis will visit her daughter, Mrs. H. E. McLean, of Corvallis.

A lovely six-table bridge party was given Thursday by Mrs. Charles Haapio and Mrs. C. B. Smith at the home of Mrs. Haapio. The ladies were seated at the tables at 2:30 and played until five when the prizes were awarded and delicious refreshments served. The guests were Mrs. L. P. Allen, Mrs. C. A. McCharran, Mrs. Ward Evans, Mrs. Earl Pfeiffer, Mrs. Joe McCharran, Mrs. Reese Staphlin, Mrs. George Dale, Mrs. C. A. Hunter, Mrs. P. P. Barton, Wade, Mrs. Housh, Mrs. Bruce Cox, Mrs. O. P. Chamberlain, Miss Edna Earlbrown, Mrs. Edwin Marvin, Mrs. John Bratton, Mrs. A. Searle, Mrs. Hugh Daugherty, Mrs. Joe Kiddle and Mrs. H. H. Hainen. Mrs. John Bratton from high school and Mrs. L. P. Allen had few scores.

Mrs. A. Searle and Mrs. O. P. Campbell drove to La Grande this morning with Miss Edna Earlbrown who took the train from there for her home in Portland. Miss Earlbrown has been visiting for a week with her cousin, Mrs. Campbell.

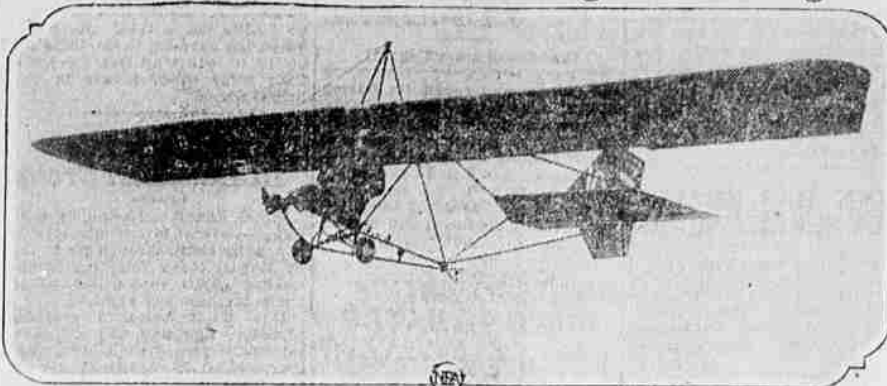
A large congregation heard the Rev. James Cornelius, missionary to the Unsettled Indians, speak Sunday evening. His talk was made colorful by songs sung in Indian pictures and interesting incidents of Indian life. Mr. Cornelius is an authority on Indian culture as he has been their missionary living on the reservation and sharing their life. He has gained their friendship and confidence completely. The orchestra from the Lutheran Protestant church furnished special music for the service.

The school fair held in the high school gymnasium Saturday was well attended and was very successful. The business men of the town donated generously to the premium list as a result the exhibits were varied and plentiful. A great deal of interest was shown by the people this year in the local fair.

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Ties Knot for Her Daughter



The Rev. Mrs. Hilda Libby lives an ordained minister of Presumpt. Mr. has officiated at many weddings—but no marriage ceremony ever seemed as important to her as one she performed at Portland, Me., recently, when she married her daughter, Elizabeth, to Alger B. Chapman of Glen Cove, L. I. She is believed to be the first woman preacher in the country to officiate at the wedding of her own daughter.

6-B STUDENT WRITES STORY OF ASSEMBLY

The following news report of the first assembly of the model training school at the E. O. N. was written by Viola Rogers, 6-B student at the school:

Children Hold First Assembly

The first assembly of the E. O. N. S. training school was held Friday morning, Sept. 20, in the auditorium. Many of the children brought flowers to decorate the stage. Among them was Celestine Cook (first grade) who brought a lily. Her grandfather had brought the bulb from California.

The program was as follows:

1. Four salutes—led by Thomas Cook and Johnny Grange.
2. Song—America.
3. First grade—John Anderson read a story called "The Cotton-tail."
4. Third grade—Song "Autumn Leaves."
5. Fourth grade—The Story of the Grasshopper. Speakers: Marion Christensen, Maxine Martin, Helmine Lee, Eugene Southall, Keith Patton. Mr. Grasshopper (poet), Betty Lee Burns.

The Nurses Story of the Tooth. The nurse—Phyllis Douglas; children: Fern Humphreys, Wanda Quirk, Leslie Herman, Lorena Smith.

The Story of the Babylonians: (a) When and Where They Lived, (b) How They Lived, (c) How They Died, (d) What We Have Learned from the Babylonians. Betty Karther.

6. Sixth grade. Original poetry: Pearl Arkell "Our in the Country," Viola Rogers "The Birds," Mildred Green "The Woods," Betty Dean "The Yellow Jacket," John Grange "Snowflakes," Thomas Cook "Music from Everywhere."

Piano solos: Nadia Baxter "The Waterfall," Mendelssohn; Mildred Green "The Circus Parade," Cadogan; Lorraine Cude "Dreaming," Lohner; Viola Rogers "Swing Song," Bentley; Nadine Zwettel "Jolly Dances," Teichner; Natane Samuels "Legato Melody," Woodman; duet "Spring Song," Mendelssohn; Eugene Hunt violin; Nadia

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VIOLA ROGERS, 6-B

Loughran Eager To Show Wares As Heavyweight

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—Tommy Loughran, pride of the Pennsylvania, and Jack Sharkey, the Boston Brawler, moved into New York today for the final outdoor audience to be granted heavyweights by the Metropolitan Light faithful this season.

Heavier than ever before, the former king of the light heavyweights eagerly sought the opportunity of showing his wares against Sharkey. The loutish tar was equally anxious to get his gloves on the debutant Loughran, whom he freely confessed is one fighter made to his very order. The entire matter will be thrashed out over the 15-round route tomorrow night in the Yankee stadium.

Victory will have more than ordinary significance to both battlers since Phil Scott, the massive Briton, silenced in the time being at least the power game of Chicago Campolo. The stage is now set for a three cornered series, ending next winter on the sandy shores of Miami, between Scott, Max

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Rockne Seeking Shock Absorbers

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 25 (AP)—Knute Rockne, who is usually looking for shock troops, now is seeking shock absorbers for his football team.

The defense of the Ramblers so far this season during practice has been far from satisfactory to Rockne and he is giving many of his players a chance in the line. He is chafed over the offense, however.

World's Biggest Tree
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Four States Plan Highway Bond Issues Involving Large Amounts

PORTLAND, Sept. 21—Four states are preparing to vote on highway bond issues in an amount almost equal to the federal government's total investment in federal aid highways, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

Texas heads the list of states proposing to vote on bond issues this year with a proposed issue of \$225,000,000. Oklahoma plans to secure from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 for road construction, while Georgia is pushing a \$75,000,000 issue, and Iowa plans to secure \$100,000,000. The latter state passed a bond issue for the same amount in 1928, but the bonding act was declared unconstitutional although the coinage made it clear there was no objection to the theory of issuing road bonds.

These figures were reported to the motor association recently by the American Automobile association in support of the drive being made by the A. A. A. for an increase in the federal aid appropriation. With the states proposing to do an even larger share in highway construction, the A. A. A. pointed out in a report to its affiliated clubs, congress can hardly afford to ignore longer the need for a large contribution from Uncle Sam to the cause of road-building.

Growing Need
"There is a growing need for larger contributions from the federal government in order that the construction on the federal-aid system of important interstate roads may be speeded up," said Thomas F. Henry, president of the A. A. A. "The government has invested \$625,687,144 in this system at the close of 1928. It is clearly evident that Uncle Sam is not contributing a fair share of the nation's road building cost."

The A. A. A. is conducting an aggressive campaign to have congress increase the annual appropriation for road building only one-tenth of what four of the 48 states propose to do. It may be said to the credit of congress, however, that progressive members are lending a sympathetic ear to the highway needs of the country.

Coming on the heels of progressive action in 1928, the proposed road bond issues will go far in meeting the demand for adequate highways. Last year Missouri authorized a \$75,000,000 bond issue and wrote into the state constitution a provision limiting the gas tax to two cents a gallon and motor vehicle license fees to the present rate for a period of 10 years. Louisiana authorized a thirty million dollar bond issue and West Virginia \$35,000,000. In addition, the legislature assured Maine \$15,000,000 for highway construction, New Hampshire \$8,000,000, and South Carolina \$45,000,000.

A Massachusetts professor says women teachers are feminizing the thought of the nation. There must be some reason why men smoke cigars, at that.

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