

Baccalaureate Services Held Sunday at Elgin

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UNION, Ore. (Special) — Baccalaureate services for Elgin high school seniors were held Sunday at the Christian church with the pastor Dr. D. P. Harriman preaching the sermon. Seasonal flowers were used in profusion about the church. A large crowd attended the meeting.

Henry Hug is having a new tank added to his ice plant in his meat market so that they can manufacture ice for market. Since the closing of the City Meat market there is no place to obtain ice for home use.

Elgin had several musical programs in observance of National Music week. On Wednesday morning the De Moss company gave a concert in the school auditorium.

The De Moss troupe has been in Elgin before and always played to a appreciative audience. Mr. De Moss told the listeners that that day marked the end of the 58th annual tour of the company.

Fifty-eight years ago they began their engagements with a concert at Cove and one at La Grande and the week's entertainments were the closing ones for this year at Elgin and Watrous.

On Wednesday afternoon the pupils of the high school and grades put on a very creditable program of music. The first and second grades sang several songs including one motion song. The third and fourth grades each gave "Rhythm band" selections, the fifth grade sang two-part songs. The upper grades gave vocal numbers and the high school glees.

Under the direction of Superintendent E. E. Arant sang two numbers. Miss Gretchen Lyman was in charge of the grade music. A large number of parents and those interested attended the program. The Women's club sponsored a program of music given at the opera house Thursday evening.

The choir from the Presbyterian church of La Grande, Mrs. Trebbe from Baker, Mrs. George Huntington Currey, Miss Hanks and Paul Knautz, of La Grande gave well received solos and Miss Gladys Roberts and Miss Sally Siegrist gave interpretative dances. Mrs. Harley Richardson, Mrs. Lee Reynolds and Mrs. Merlin Batley were accompanists for the evening.

A. L. Richardson is director of the choir. Following the program a reception was held at the R. L. Shoemaker home. Mrs. M. M. Arant was in charge of all arrangements and credit is due her for the splendid success of the evening.

Mother's day was marked by a number of family gatherings in Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall, Margaret and Elsie, went the day with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nicolson at the H. H. Weatherspoon farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brack and children of La Grande, spent Sunday in Elgin with Mrs. Brack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold and with Mr. Brack's mother, Mrs. Joe Jones.

Lucien Shelton and family visited Sunday with Mrs. John Shelton. Mrs. Francis Miller, Mary Shelton and young son, Kenneth also spent the day with her mother and will continue her visit for the rest of the week. Her home is in Minam.

Julius Bendshadler of La Grande spent Sunday at the home of his sons in Cleket Flat.

Mrs. C. D. Huffman and P. M. Huffman, of La Grande, were Sunday visitors at the Lynn Hill home.

The baseball game played at the local grounds on Sunday afternoon resulted in a 16 to 12 victory for the Umatilla Indians.

Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Brosius have been visiting friends in Elgin during the latter part of the week. On Friday they visited at the Chester Boswell home near Stubblefield mountain and on Sunday they were guests at the Lynn Hill home. They will return soon to their home in Sandy.

Last Tuesday a number of members of the Nazarene church in La Grande drove to Elgin and spent the day at the Lester Long home. They sewed during the afternoon on garments for a family of several small children whose mother passed away several months ago.

Charles Churchill had on display recently a carp weighing 12 pounds which he had caught in the river north of town. He had also a good string of catfish and one black bass.

The Elgin Women's club held a meeting last Friday with Mrs. L. Denham at her home on Sixth street in La Grande. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. Those attending from here were Mrs. Earl Chandler, Mrs. Stella Witty, Mrs. F. W. Keller, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Mrs. William Roulet, Mrs. George Gordon and Alice Anita, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Burnough, Mrs. Brook Galloway and Delmer, Mrs. J. F. G. Galloway, Mrs. Lee Golding, Mrs. L. B. Williams, Mrs. Dick Osborne, Mrs. E. E. Harman, Mrs. M. M. Arant and Elaine, Mrs. Bernal Hug, Mrs. R. L. Shoemaker, Mrs. D. P. Harriman, Mrs. Lynn Hill and Lloyd, Mrs. C. E. Huffman and Mrs. William Russell who are members of the club who live in La Grande, were also present.

In the afternoon the business meeting was held. At this time Mrs. Bernal Hug, president-elect, was appointed to attend the state federation which is meeting in Salem.

Mrs. Helen M. Stranahan paid an official visit to Orionette chapter, Pythian Sisters on Monday night. A very pleasant and instructive business session was followed by dainty refreshments. Arthur Hallgarth, representing the local order, presented Mrs. Stranahan with a covered glass candy jar.

Mrs. Bert Hill is seriously ill at her home here. Her daughter Mrs. Guy Arnold, of Enterprise, has been here for the last week caring for her. Her condition shows but slight improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug, Mrs. Earl Chandler and the three Hug children left Sunday morning for a trip which they expected to continue for ten days or two weeks. They planned to stop at Salem where Mrs. Hug and Mrs. Chandler would attend the state federation sessions. After that they planned to drive to Crater Lake and to the beaches. They went by way of the McKenzie pass and will return through Portland and the Columbia river highway. The unexpected death of Mrs. Claude Holbrook, who was Mrs. Hug's sister, will doubtless cause them to shorten their trip before it has been completed.

Mrs. William Miller, of Boise, and her brother, Carl Holbrook, of the vicinity of Chicago, Ill., spent a few days last week with their sister, Mrs. Bernal Hug and their brother Claude Holbrook. Mrs. Miller had with her her two-year-old son, Jimmie and her infant daughter, Barbara Ann. They returned to Boise Sunday. Mr. Holbrook has just returned from an extensive tour of the southwest including a trip to Texas to visit relatives.

Mrs. Frank Giltner spent Friday in La Grande with Mrs. Ed Clausen.

Mrs. Bernal Hug and Mrs. Lynn Hill attended the meeting held Friday at the Baptist church in La Grande honoring Mrs. Susan Damon and her daughter, Mrs. Grace McAnish, of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Damon will leave soon for an extended visit at her daughter's home. On the way they plan to spend some time with Ellis Kirtley and will also visit with her younger daughter who will be remembered as Miss Naomi Kirtley and who has lived for the last several years in Arkansas. A very pleasant afternoon was spent in talking over old days.

Oscar Knight, who is erecting a filling station at the corner opposite the city hall, plans to have his opening the first of June.

Albert Klostra, veteran stationery engineer, has been employed for the last few days getting the engine at Reed's new mill in tune. The plant is expected to be in operation before long now.

Mrs. M. M. Arant spent Mother's day in Baker with her mother, Mrs. Murray. Mr. Arant was in Baker over the weekend on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bingaman, of Imbler, were in Elgin Tuesday morning. They returned to La Grande, taking with them their daughter, Mrs. Iron Osborn and children. They returned the same day.

Dwight Barnes and Frank Wade drove to Stanfield Monday to look after property interests there. They will be away several days.

SALEM, Ore., May 14 (AP) — In the first case to be tried in Oregon under the declaratory judgments act of the 1925 legislature Judge Louis P. Hewitt of the circuit court for Multnomah county yesterday passed upon the liability of the state highway commission relative to four damage claims made by Guy K. Atkinson, a contractor. The total amount of the claims was about \$54,000. In two of the claims the court held that the state is not liable. In two others it held that the state is liable if the contractor can prove damages.

COURT GIVES DECISION ON LIABILITY OF STATE

SALEM, Ore., May 14 (AP) — State Engineer Rhea Luper yesterday entered into a contract with the United States geological survey for a topographic survey of the Dufur quadrangle in Wasco county and a portion of another quadrangle on the Oregon side of the Columbia river in the vicinity of The Dalles.

The cost of the survey is to be apportioned \$4000 to the federal government, \$3000 to the state and \$3000 to Wasco county.

MINER IS KILLED

WALLACE, Ida., May 14 (AP) — Killing from a slope in the Sunshine mine yesterday, Max Jacous, 40, Osborna minor, was covered by many tons of muck and rock that slid after him. He was standing on the slope when his partner opened the shoot, releasing the ore. His body was recovered.

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