

DIPLOMAS TO BE GIVEN TO CLASS MAY 25

Plans For Commencement Week at La Grande High Are Announced

BACCALAUREATE TO BE SUNDAY, MAY 22

Junior-Senior Banquet Set For May 14—Dean Jewell to Speak at the Commencement.

Another class of seniors will leave their high school activities behind them and set out in the world of college or business following the commencement exercises on May 25, at the L. D. S. tabernacle, A. L. Grallapp, principal, announced this morning in outlining the graduation activities. Dean Jewell, newly appointed head of the schools of education, now of Oregon State college, will be the commencement speaker.

Rev. W. H. Herzog, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, of La Grande, will deliver the baccalaureate address at the tabernacle Sunday evening, May 22. The music for both the commencement exercises and the Sunday evening service will be furnished by the band and will be announced later.

May 14 is the date set for the junior-senior banquet which will be held at the Sackajawa Inn, under the direction of Miss Agnes Palmer, junior advisor. Committee for the banquet include Burke Inlow, president of the junior class and ex-officio member; Virginia Shepherd and Dale Standley, decorations; Barbara Coudige and Burke Inlow, program; Wayne Foster, finance; Clara Norris, secretary. All are uniformed assistants will be appointed later to all the committees.

WOMEN ARRIVE TO BE PRESENT AT CONVENTION

The 8th annual convention of the western district of the Woman's Missionary society of the Idaho conference will open this evening at the local church and will continue throughout tomorrow. Miss Mabel Keech, of the Manley Settlement center, of Portland, has arrived here and will be the principal speaker of the convention. The first session of which will open tonight at 8 o'clock at the church.

Next Year's Mimir Staff is Elected

The staff heads for the Mimir, La Grande High school annual publication, 1932-33, were chosen yesterday at an election held at the high school. Wallace Keaney was elected editor and Paul Finlay was elected manager.

DIES AT GALLOWAYS

LONDON, Ont., Apr. 26 (AP)—Wallace Ramesbottom of Sarnia, who was 18 years old the day before last Christmas, paid the death penalty in the local jail yard galloways early today for the killing of Samuel Weinstein, London merchant. The 65-year-old grocer was shot by a hold-up man who fled without loot.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled and cool tonight and Wednesday, probably with showers in the southwest portion; moderate changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—49 above.
Minimum: 44 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 73, minimum 39 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—34 degrees.

WEATHER APRIL 26, 1931

Maximum 71, minimum 38 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—33 degrees.

F. N. Finch Will Succeed O'Brien On Next Sunday

Becomes General Manager of O.-W. Effective With Retirement of Former La Grander.

Frederick N. Finch, for the past eleven years general superintendent of the O.-W. R. & N. unit of the Union Pacific, will become general manager of the unit on May 1, according to an announcement by W. M. Jeffers, vice president-oper-



ation, Union Pacific System. Mr. Finch succeeds J. P. O'Brien, who retires on that date according to the reached the age limit provided under company rules for retirement. Mr. O'Brien is 70 years of age today. Mr. Finch was born November 10, 1873, at Galesburg, Illinois. He began his railroad career in 1890 as a machinist apprentice. From

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East Penn Home Guttered by Fire; Nothing Saved

The third fire in 30 hours occurred at 8 o'clock this morning when the fire trucks were called to the Murchison home at 1805 Pennsylvania near Island avenue to extinguish a backfire that started apparently from a destructive blaze that occurred shortly after midnight. No additional damage was done this morning. At 2:45 a. m. an alarm was turned in when it was discovered the Murchison home was ablaze. The fire had such a start it was impossible to save the house, although the flames were extinguished before they totally destroyed the one and a half story building. Nothing was saved from the house, although there was no great quantity of furniture in the home, according to the firemen. The cause of the fire last night is unknown. H. M. Wells owned the house which was insured for \$2500. Insurance contents was in the amount of \$1600.

The first of the three fires was a true fire just after noon yesterday.

Art Exhibit To Be Held May 6 In The Schools

The annual art exhibit will be held in the elementary schools in May 6, terminating the activities in the art department during the year, under the direction of Mrs. L. L. Douglas, art supervisor of the public schools. Art work representing practically every season and many historical events, on which the children have been working, will be attractively displayed in the grade schools of the city during the afternoon.

Each child will be represented in the exhibit, according to the custom of former years, and parents and friends are invited to visit all the schools to view the work of the pupils.

In several of the schools the parent-teacher association is arranging meetings and entertainments in connection with the art exhibit.

The annual art exhibit is held as a result of public school art in which the grade schools are participating, making something with their hands, learning the use of colors, or drawing, an important part of the present day curriculum.

Lodge Convention Will Be Held Here

A district convention of the Woodmen of the World will be held in La Grande on Wednesday, May 4, and plans for the event were completed last night when the local lodge met in the lodge rooms over the Eagles hall. The program outlined for the day includes registration at 10 o'clock in the morning, followed by an open luncheon meeting at noon at the lodge rooms, and a closed meeting and initiation in the afternoon.

Robertson's Body Sent to Goldendale

The body of Claire E. Robertson, who passed away Sunday at the Grande Ronde hospital of injuries received in an automobile wreck, was shipped to Goldendale, Wash., today on No. 19 by Walkers Funeral service. Funeral services and burial will be Thursday at Goldendale.

OREGON LAW ON GRAZING IS NULLIFIED

Supreme Court of State Declares Act of 1923 Unconstitutional.

JUSTICE CAMPBELL WRITES OPINION

Court Reverses Decree of Judge W. W. Wood in Case Originating in Malheur County.

SALEM, April 26 (AP)—The Oregon grazing law, passed by the 1923 legislature, was declared unconstitutional and void by the supreme court in an opinion written by Justice J. U. Campbell today. The court in its decision reversed the decree on Judge W. W. Wood, in the case of John Mendolia and others vs. David P. Graham, county judge of Malheur County.

The grazing law, with subsequent amendments, provided for the creation of a grazing board, which may establish a grazing district, divide and abolish such district, and upon submission to voters regulate the licensing of grazing on public lands within the district. The law classified users of the district into three classes; owners of livestock residing within the district, owners of livestock outside of district but residents of Oregon, and non-resident owners who shall be granted permits only when grazing is available. The board shall consist of the county judge, county commissioners and county livestock inspector.

RECALL PAPERS ARE SUBMITTED

Petitions Filed at Enterprise Yesterday Against Judge Edgar Marvin

JOSEPH, Ore., April 26—Petitions were formally filed at the county clerk's office in Enterprise Monday asking the recall of Judge Edgar Marvin. The petitions, which were signed by more than 700 names are on the petitions and these are now being checked by County Clerk Reavis.

The petitioners allege general extravagance, lack of business ability, particularly in setting for rights-of-way; permitting county funds to remain in the Joseph State bank, of which Marvin is president and manager, when he knew the bank to be below its cash reserve; that he is under indictment in connection with charges emanating out of the failure of the bank and that the indictment is causing questioning of his personal integrity.

AERONAUTICAL DRIVE ENTERS FINAL STAGE

The directors of the La Grande Aeronautical association heard very favorable reports on the present campaign to raise funds through the sale of memberships during a noon luncheon held today at the La Grande hotel. It is planned to complete the campaign with a final drive that will start tomorrow with two teams of men in the field.

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Roosevelt And Smith Strength At Issue Today

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Primaries Climax Spirited Campaign For Support.

MASHPEE, Mass., Apr. 26 (AP)—Roosevelt pledged candidates for delegates at large to the Democratic convention led Smith pledged candidates by margins averaging two to one in the primary vote cast today in this little Cape Cod town. James Roosevelt, son of the New York governor, with 14 votes and Mayor James Curran of Boston with 13 were leading the field. Of the 42 ballots cast, 22 were Democratic, one of the heaviest Democratic votes ever cast in this community.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—On the voting front in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania was tested today the bold challenge of Alfred E. Smith against Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is posing bid for the presidential nomination.

Primaries in both states faced the voters with a direct choice between the two candidates. The balloting was the climax to a campaign which, many observers believed, held the fortunes of the entire movement suspended by the words: "Stop Roosevelt."

Many influential Democratic leaders who still are uncommitted waited for the result from the two states to chart their course. The double engagement overshadowed a great volume of delegate choosing during the day in Republican ranks, and the one whom Democratic selection of six delegates in Alaska. The Roosevelt forces count on these to swell the 267 votes which now put him out in front alone.

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A "BAT CHILD" NO MORE



Spindly-legged, under-developed, 13-year-old Edith Riley is shown at left as she appeared after her rescue last November from a dark closet in a Washington home, and at right as she looks today after four months of care in a capital hospital. Science and nature have combined to build the little girl, who was the victim of a step-mother's hate, into a normal, healthy child. She no longer resembles the "Bat Child" whose pitiful case attracted nationwide attention.

Southern Storms Cause 6 Deaths; Do Much Damage

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 26 (AP)—Wind and thunder storms struck across the south yesterday leaving behind at least six dead, more than a score injured, damaged property and tangled power and communication lines.

All the fatalities were in farming communities near Memphis. A white woman and child and four negroes were known dead.

Henry Ford Pays Surprise Visit To White House

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—After a surprise call at the White House, Henry Ford today had an audience with President Hoover.

Gun Fight Fatal To U. S. Patrolman

DANIA BEACH, Fla., Apr. 26 (AP)—A gun fight on the beach with men believed by authorities to have been rum runners trying to land a boat today of D. A. Romberger, a federal customs border patrolman. Three men were arrested for questioning.

La Grander Loses Hand in Accident

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—Harry Edwards of La Grande, a Union Pacific brakeman, suffered the loss of his left hand today at Thorn Hollow when he attempted to board a train after flagging it down. He slipped and fell under the wheels.

Judge Will Decide On New Trial Plea

MEDFORD, Ore., April 26 (AP)—Some time before the end of the week Circuit Judge H. D. Norton expects to decide whether or not to grant Albert W. Reed, of Denver, a new trial on charges of murder.

Roy Williamson Is Given Five Years

TACOMA, April 26 (AP)—Roy Williamson, 33, fisherman of the Winchester Bay section in Oregon, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$100 in superior court to take effect yesterday after he had been convicted of robbing the Leham, Wash., postoffice of \$250.

Chinese Expect To Protect Amoy From Red Army

Force of 20,000 Men Now Advancing Against Communist Forces in Changchow Area.

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EXTORTIONISTS SLAIN IN FIGHT

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., April 26 (AP)—Henry Allegretti, 38, shot and killed two alleged extortionists in defense of a friend last night and was slain himself in the gun fight.

VETERAN RUM BOAT CHASER IS DESTROYED

NEW LONDON, Conn., Apr. 26 (AP)—The coast guard patrol boat CG-290, veteran rum boat chaser, lay at the bottom of New London harbor today and six members of her crew were in a hospital as a result of an explosion which demolished the craft.

Lowering of Rates On Fruit Requested

YAKIMA, Wash., April 26 (AP)—A petition for a reduction of freight rates on apples and pears to \$1 a hundred pounds, with the loadings on the same minimum, is under consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Filipinos Prepare To Quit Banks, Ore.

BANKS, Ore., April 26 (AP)—Quiet prevailed here today as about 60 Filipinos prepared to evacuate the district, following 25 others who left the berry fields and small farms in Central Washington county Monday.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 26 (AP)—Forecast of heavy rain and freezing temperatures tonight in Western Nebraska and Kansas led to generally higher prices today on wheat.

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Dream is Blamed For Shooting Of Three In Family

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 26 (AP)—A thorough investigation of 18-year-old Bobby Merrill's story that he "may have been dreaming" when he shot his father to death and wounded his mother and younger brother will be made by officers of his court.

Idaho Man Shot By Surprised Farmer

SEATTLE, Apr. 26 (AP)—An attempt to spend the night in a rancher's barn near here today caused the death of Rulon Monson, 30, of Malad, Idaho.

Yaquina Bay Will Receive \$20,000.00

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—The war department today appropriated allotments for river and harbor improvements in Washington, Oregon and California totaling nearly \$100,000. The allotments included:

Salem Has Fire Scare; Start Quiz

SALEM, April 26 (AP)—Quick action late last night averted what was believed by officers as an attempt to repeat the fire disasters recently experienced at Eugene and Medford.

So He Stepped On The Prince's Toes!

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Apr. 26 (AP)—A youngster named Patrick who is a pupil at a nursery school near Gateshead, probably will be telling this story years from now.

The Prince of Wales visited the school today and as the children crowded about him he stepped on Patrick's foot.

IRREGULARITY BY BROKERS IS CHARGED

LaGuardia, of New York, Tells of Use of "Ballyhoo" Publicity.

PRODUCES CHECKS AND LITERATURE

Congressman Declares That Richard Whitney, President of Exchange, Knew of Tactics Used.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—The use of publicity to misrepresent stocks in drives by brokerage pools to inflate their value was charged today by Representative La Guardia of New York.

The fiery little Republican produced from two trunks numerous checks and receipts, and referred to some writers of financial topics for New York and other newspapers to "ballyhoo" certain stocks. He also referred literature he said had been circulated forecasting bull markets.

PLANE CRASH ENDS CAREER OF MONTANAN

MALTA, Mont., April 26 (AP)—The crash of their plane into a hillside during a storm Sunday brought death to J. W. Schmitzer, 50, Mont. banker, state senator and Republican national committeeman and his pilot, A. L. Hedberg, lying in an inaccessible place.

Schmitzer and his pilot were flying from Great Falls, Mont., to Malta, Mont., to receive its annual inspection. Forced to skim over the hill top in a low landing, the plane crashed into a hill, rising abruptly from Woody island creek.

Schmitzer was a passenger on the Graf Zeppelin on its second flight from the United States to Germany. He had travelled widely abroad. He owned 15,000 acres of land near Great Falls.

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The Idahoan said he dropped off a freight train Sunday night and was preparing to head for the barn when the rancher, August Keskull, entered. Monson said Keskull turned on the electric light in the barn but apparently did not see Monson at that time.

When Monson attempted to turn off the light, he said Keskull fired the bullet striking him in the lung. Monson made his way to Benton and was brought to a hospital here. He was in a serious condition.

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A government crop observer after a 1,300 mile trip in Western Nebraska reported rains came too late to be of material benefit, and that big abandonment of acreage was probable.

Wheat closed firm, 1/8 to 1/4 above yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 to 1/2 off, oats 1/4 to 1/2 up, and provisions varying from 5 cents decline to a rise of 2 cents.