

Baccalaureate Service Held

128 SENIORS HEAR SERMON BY HERTZOG

Inspirational Address Delivered For L. H. S. Graduates Sunday

LARGE CROWD AT THE TABERNACLE

Commencement Will Be Held Wednesday Night With All Schools Here to Close Friday.

"Sweet girl graduates" with the ruffles and tucks of their graduation dresses hidden beneath the gray folds of a gown, and boys wearing their mortar boards, were introduced to the seriousness of life following graduation from La Grande High school, last night when Rev. W. H. Hertzog of the First Methodist church, delivered an inspirational address at the baccalaureate services at 8 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle. The auditorium was filled to capacity with parents and friends of the graduating seniors and the service was impressive from the moment the graduating class and the faculty filed down the aisle to their places. Until Rev. Edwin W. Bracher, pastor of the Zion English Lutheran church, pronounced the benediction.

In the farewell discourse to the seniors, the speaker, Mr. Hertzog, discussed the theme, "Expectations." One is unable to choose one's parents and that is heredity, he stated. One is unable to choose one's birthplace, and that is environment, but one is able to be guided by one's will, and the speaker stressed the importance of the will in forming the careers and activities in the future life of the graduating seniors. Baccalaureate is the first of the closing services in honor of the Senior class, following several weeks of interesting activity. The final event in the graduating activities will be the commencement exercises, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the L. D. S. tabernacle, when Dean Jewell, of the school of education of Oregon State college, will be the principal speaker.

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FIRE DAMAGES LOCAL HOME IN EARLY MORN

A house occupied by A. Halston, at 2110 Third street, was gutted by fire early today, causing a loss estimated at a considerable sum. It was not known this morning whether the place was insured, as the occupant was away from town at the time of the fire.

Some furniture was saved but most of the contents were destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known. Hot Lake sanatorium last evening, which was destroyed by fire, was returned at 2:10 o'clock. Two lines of hose were used.

Cobb Sisters Hold Services at Lake

The Cobb Sisters evangelistic party, known to radio listeners throughout the Northwest, especially through the family altar hour from Calvary tabernacle over KWWJ of Portland, conducted a special service at the Hot Lake sanatorium last evening, which was enjoyed by many guests as well as a member of visitors from La Grande and other nearby towns.

Everyone joined in a brief preliminary song service, and then the Cobb sisters sang a duet, and one of them gave a helpful talk, emphasizing the importance of knowing and loving God in order to understand and profit by His Book—the Bible. The two sisters sang again at the close of the service, and though they are supposed to be resting while at the sanatorium they consented to conduct another service this evening at 7:30. As at Sunday evening's service, no offering will be taken, and the general public is cordially invited to hear these talented musical evangelists and to meet them personally.

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Women Breakfast At Country Club

A breakfast was held at the country club Sunday morning by the women golfers, presided over by Mrs. L. K. Kinsel. About 25 were present.

The intensely match between Baker and La Grande men golfers was postponed because of threatening weather.

A mixed four-ball foursome was held in the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds winning with a net of 78. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy were second with a net of 81.

Lord Incheape Dies On Yacht

LONDON, May 23 (AP)—Lord Incheape, world famous shipping magnate, died today in his yacht off Monte Carlo, said a message to his home here.

Semi-Official Count of Votes Available Today

Official Canvass is Under Way — Democratic Sheriff Race is Closest in This County.

A semi-official count on the county races revealed no changes of note in the Observer's unofficial check on the results of the Friday primary election in Union county. Only a difference of a few votes were found in the various contests.

The closest contest on either ballot in the county races was that for sheriff on the Democratic ticket, with Guy Glenn losing to A. C. "Clint" Haynes by a margin of 36 votes. The former polled 563 and Mr. Haynes 599. The official count today had not progressed far enough to be certain whether George Walker received enough write-in votes to get the Democratic nomination for coroner, although this was believed to be the case.

This county gave Walter M. Pierce 1105 votes compared with only 945 for Francis Gallowsy, in the congressional race.

Ralston Nominated
The closest race on the Republican ticket was for coroner, with Dr. F. L. Ralston renominated by a margin of 55 votes. Dr. James J. D. Hain's strong race came as a surprise to many who had figured Dr. Ralston would win by a wider margin.

The results of the county contests on the Republican ticket follow:

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Boise Stake Is Winner; Contest Held Saturday

Boise stake of the Church of the Latter Day Saints won the majority of first places in the interstate contest held Saturday evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle in La Grande. Boise and Union stakes competed in La Grande and were judged by W. C. Robinson, field secretary of the general board, with the Northwest states mission in Portland.

Boise received first place in Vanguard retold stories, junior girls speaking, drama and dance; and the Northwest mission received first place in the M. Men's public speaking.

The meeting was held at 8 o'clock, when the mutual stake board, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Lyman and Grant Bean, presidents. At 8 o'clock the contest was opened with the audience and contestants singing "Come, Hail the Cause of Zion's Youth." Mrs. Lyman said the opening prayers, after which David I. Stoddard, president of the Union stake, gave the address of welcome to which Mrs. C. A. Gordon, president of the young ladies of the Boise stake, responded. Howard Sabin, secretary of the Boise stake spoke in place of the president who was unable to attend. Fred W. Dalton and C. W. Larson also spoke.

Mr. Robinson, field secretary of the general board, stated that the local meeting was the 17th division event he has visited in the past six weeks and judged over 100 dramas, untold speeches, retold stories, music and dance. However, he believes that all who have taken part in the contests are winners, and the only losers are those who have not participated.

The events were: Vanguard retold stories; William Gambling, Boise, first; Lester Wenslow, Imbler, Union stake, second. Junior girls' retold stories: Edith Welsh, Boise, first; Northwest states mission, second. Verda Halling represented the Union stake.

M. Men's public speaking: Northwest states mission, first; Carlyle Nibley, Union, second. Clarence Steele represented the Boise stake.

Gleaner Girls' speech: Wilma Sanford, of Boise, first; Irma Turner, Union stake, second.

Drama: "The Florist Shop," Boise, first; "In Secret Places," by Baker ward of the Union stake, second. Musical numbers were furnished by several vocal choruses who got straight to Salt Lake City for judging. They were a women's chorus of 10 voices from Boise; a male chorus of 10 voices from Boise; women's chorus of 10.

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L. H. S. TRACK ATHLETE WINS HIGH HONORS

Willie Torrence Scores 15 Points to Give La Grande Fourth Place

BREAKS RECORD IN JAVELIN, JUMP

Finishes Second in High Hurdles and Third in Broad Jump in Forest Grove on Saturday.

Willie Torrence, La Grande High school senior, who had an off day at the state track meet at Corvallis when he made only eight and a half points, came back strong at the invitational state meet at Forest Grove Saturday, winning fourth place for La Grande single-handed. Paul Walker, hurdler, also competed under La Grande colors but failed to score. Three others who had hoped to go—Gorwyn Beery, Richard Bramwell and Raymond DeLong—were unable to make the trip.

Torrence was high point man of the meet, and broke two meet records, in the javelin and high jump.

The following account of the meet was received by the Observer this morning:

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AMELIA GIVEN LUNCHEON BY JOURNALISTS

Attends Meeting After Spending Some Time on Shopping Tour.

DIGNITARIES PAY HER HIGH TRIBUTE

American Woman Flies From Londonderry to Hanworth Airdrome in a Borrowed Plane.

LONDON, May 23 (AP)—Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo, demonstrated today that she is exactly as efficient at the feminine business of shopping as she is at the harder pursuit of flying an airplane.

After a light breakfast at the American embassy, where she is staying, she sped off to the west end shopping center before 9 o'clock.

She completed her purchases in time to attend a luncheon given by the institute of journalists—and speed had no effect on her efficiency. On all sides she received congratulations on the excellent taste displayed in her emergency apparel—emergency because when she landed in Ireland Friday all she had with her were the flying clothes on her back.

Mrs. Putnam wore a blue wool dress with a fetching white neckpiece.

Ambassador Andrew W. Mellon was

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Hawley Loses Lead Today

HIGH FLIERS TAKE NOTICE



Balloonists will go straight up in the air when they see this, for if there's one thing that makes 'em soar, it's a basketful of beauty like the one pictured here. Shown above are five Omaha girls, selected as sponsors for the National Balloon Races at Omaha, May 27 to May 30. They are, left to right, the Misses Alice Foye, Jane Bliss, Clyde Butler, Jean Redick and Alice McBermet. The racing balloon basket is a souvenir of a national balloon race of more than a decade ago. It's done quite well since it's settled down, don't you think?

Unemployed War Veterans Facing Possible Arrest

EAST ST. LOUIS, May 23 (AP)—The 342 unemployed World war veterans mostly from Oregon who still hope to ride a Baltimore and Ohio freight train to Washington to urge pending bonus legislation, moved their camp today and waited developments.

Also waiting developments were Baltimore and Ohio officials, the East St. Louis police department and the sheriff of St. Clair county. The railroad has demanded the arrest of all the veterans for trespass and interfering with operation of a freight train after they made futile efforts yesterday to board a train.

The five policemen detailed to the

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NOWLAND WINS HIGH HONORS IN TRACK MEET

Fred Nowland, La Grande High school graduate of 1931 and a freshman at the University of Oregon, walked away with high point honors in the Oregon Fresh-O. S. C. Rook track meet last weekend, which was won by the Rooks.

Nowland beat the tape first in the high hurdles in 15.9 seconds and was third in the low hurdles. Nowland also won the high jump with a leap a few inches less than six feet.

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Y. SHIRAKAWA, OF JAPANESE ARMY, IS DEAD

SHANGHAI, May 23 (AP)—General Yoshinori Shirakawa, supreme commander of the Japanese army forces during the battle of Shanghai, who was critically wounded April 29 in a bomb explosion at Hongkew Park, died today.

General Shirakawa was one of six high Japanese officials injured April 29 when a bomb was exploded at the Hongkew racing course during ceremonies celebrating the birthday of the emperor.

Major General Kinkichi Yueda, the military commander he replaced at Shanghai, was injured in the same blast.

General Shirakawa was Japan's supreme war counselor. He was 62 years old and had seen much military service, including previous engagements with the Chinese and the Russo-Japanese war.

Congress, Court Given Protection

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Congress and the supreme court convened today under police guard to prevent demonstrations by bonus advocates and communists.

A score of metropolitan police were marshaled about the capitol while communist threats of a demonstration sent another police detail to the supreme court chamber.

Last Monday the court was under police guard but no demonstration developed.

Communist quarters are aroused over the case of seven negroes under sentence of death in Scottsboro, Ala., for assault on two white women. Their case has not yet reached the court.

Dean Peacock In Contact, He Says To Newspapers

Canadian Papers Print Interview With Clergyman Active in Lindbergh Negotiations.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., May 23 (AP)—Dr. John P. Condon, the "Jafse" of the Lindbergh case, arrived in Great Barrington today and said he would organize a search for the kidnapers in this vicinity.

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OTTAWA, Canada, May 23 (AP)—The statement he himself was in contact with mysterious personages who asked for ransom for the Lindbergh baby is made by Dean H. Dobson-Peacock of Norfolk, Va., in a copyright interview published by the Southern newspapers of Canada.

Dean Peacock says he met "three tough-looking customers" at a New York hotel and they demanded ransom, but he broke off the negotiations after he became convinced the men were "racketeers."

The interview given to C. O. Smith, Washington correspondent of the Southern papers, says John Hughes Curtis' conduct throughout the whole negotiations was so convincing "I would do the same thing if a similar occasion arose tomorrow."

"Curtis declared he would not act alone and asked me to co-operate with him," said Peacock in the interview.

Admiral Burrage having also been brought into the negotiations the trio on March 21 saw Lindbergh in Hope-well.

"Colonel Lindbergh remarked that he had no faith in the clue," said

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Revolt Menace Is Mentioned By Gov. Roosevelt

ATLANTA, Ga., May 23 (AP)—A warning that social revolt threatens unless "something" is done to equalize distribution of national income was flung forth here last night by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, in a commencement address at Oglethorpe university.

"The candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination urged 'social planning' to conserve production and natural resources and to influence the number of men and women en-

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Monroe Funeral Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for William M. Monroe will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Mr. Monroe died in Portland on May 20 and his body arrived in La Grande on Sunday morning. Mr. Monroe was born in Indiana, September 14, 1865, and at the time of his death was 66 years, eight months and six days of age.

He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Mrs. Eva Monroe, of Burns; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Young, of La Grande; Mrs. Howard Ball, of La Grande; and Mrs. Glenn Edwards, of Burns; and one son, Robert, of Burns.

Mr. Monroe came to La Grande in 1898 and has been active in public affairs as a school teacher, a city councillor and in the grocery business. He left here in 1914, moving to Burns where he has since resided.

To Ask Action Of Next Legislature

SALEM, May 23 (AP)—The next legislature probably will be asked to take some action looking to the control of oil and gasoline trucks operating on the state highways and bridges.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, indicated here today.

He said two of these trucks had overturned and burned during the past few months with considerable damage to state property. Baldock said the situation might prove serious in case one of these trucks caught fire while crossing a wooden bridge.

Correspondence dealing with this hazard has been turned over to the state highway commission.

Refuse to Modify Lumber Provision

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The senate today refused to modify the lumber tariff provision in the revenue bill to exclude rough timber from the proposed \$3 import tax.

It was a victory for the tariff coalition in the first test on the lumber duty.

NOON TOTALS LEAVE MOTT 209 IN LEAD

One of the Closest Election Races Ever Seen in This State.

DEMOCRATS STAGE TWO CLOSE RACES

Gleason Remains Ahead of Watkins For Senate—Starkweather is Barely in the Lead.

DISPATCH 3:15 P. M.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23 (AP)—Representative Willis C. Hawley went into the lead in his race for re-nomination when official returns from Marion county gave him 136 plurality over James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner. The lead had switched back and forth on the narrowest of margins throughout the day as counting boards uncovered errors.

On the new count Hawley had 30,785 votes, and Mott 30,621.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23 (AP)—William A. Delsell was ahead of Harvey Starkweather in their race for the Democratic nomination to congress at 2:45 p. m. after an error in the Benton county returns had been reported by the county clerk. Delsell was 53 votes ahead.

The count: Delsell 11,856; Starkweather 11,805.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23 (AP)—Changes in the complete count in Benton, Clatsop and Jackson counties today again placed James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner, ahead of Representative Willis C.

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POWER RATES IN SOUTHEAST OREGON LOWER

SALEM, May 23 (AP)—Rate reductions for electrical energy which will save consumers of the Ontario, Nyasa, Huntington and Vale district approximately \$10,000 annually, were announced here today following a conference between Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, and James L. Boone, attorney for the Idaho Power company.

The reduced rates will become effective as soon as the new schedule can be worked out.

The Idaho Power company has its headquarters in Idaho, but operates in Eastern Oregon.

Complaint involving the rates, charges and practices of the Idaho Power company was filed against the company by Thomas in June 1931.

Starker Enters Not Guilty Plea

SALEM, May 23 (AP)—John A. Starker today pleaded not guilty in the circuit court here on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the recent death of Frances Monner, 18. Miss Monner was killed when Starker's automobile jumped the curb on South Commercial street and overturned.

The complaint alleges that Starker was driving his automobile on an excessive speed.

C. Everson was sentenced to serve a term of one year in the state penitentiary on a charge of forgery. He was paroled to his brother, Roy Everson.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 23 (AP)—Enlarged speculative buying, together with extra bullish news regarding domestic winter crop prospects, sent wheat prices upward today, the fourth day in succession.

A decrease of 1,164,000 bushels in the United States wheat visible supply was a contributing incentive to purchase, the total stock in sight being 169,555,000 bushels against 191,408,000 at this time last year. Scattered export business was noted.

Wheat closed unsettled 1 3/4 @ 13 1/2 above Saturday's finish, corn 3/8 @ 3 1/2 up, oats 1/8 @ 3 1/2 advanced and provisions unchanged to a rise of 5c.

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—On the Portland futures market May wheat was up 3/4c, July 3/4c, September and December 1 1/2c each. Pressure was against the July with total sale of 5000 bushels.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat gained 1/4c bushel.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer in the interior Tuesday; moderate north and northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—47 above.
Minimum: 41 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 60, minimum 42 above.
Condition: Cloudy, in 05 of inch. Range—22 degrees.

WEATHER MAY 23, 1931
Maximum 84, minimum 48 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Range—39 degrees.