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HIGH SCHOOL CADETS HIGHLY PRAISED BY GOV. WITHEYCOMBE

STATE EXECUTIVE SEES MILITARY DRILL AND DECLARES THAT EXAMPLE SET BY ONTARIO SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN STATE.

SENIOR HOSTS FOR LUNCH

Domestic Arts Department Girls Show Samples of Their Work—Band Plays 40th School Program. Is Presented.

Governor Withycombe while in Ontario last Friday as the guest of the public schools witnessed an example of preparedness, which he said should be followed by every school in the state. The example was that set in the drill of a company, Oregon High School Cadets, Ontario.

The Governor arrived at the High School in time for the opening exercises, at which he was the principal speaker. At that time he delivered his message on the duties of preparedness devolving upon the young men and women, the boys and girls of the state of Oregon. He referred to the drill of the cadets which he had witnessed the day previous at Vale and in unmeasured terms complimented the boys on their appearance, declaring that their example should be followed by the boys of every high school in the state.

The Governor declared that the duty of preparedness was not solved by military preparation alone, that the people of the state must do their share to feed not only our own soldiers and citizens but the citizens and soldiers of all the allied nations.

To accomplish this he declared the assistance of every young man and woman, every boy and girl capable of doing work of any kind is needed. He spoke of the boys from Ontario who have joined the ranks and urged that when school is closed for the vacation that every boy and girl will assist in producing food for the coming year.

After the opening exercises the program was arranged as periods of the school day. During the second period the girls of domestic arts class presented a handsome exhibit of their work, one of the features of which was that each girl wore a dress made in the department during the year. This exhibition pleasingly impressed the honored guest as well as the large number of citizens present.

Following this the cadets under the command of Capt. Fred Gramse drilled for an hour and were reviewed by the Governor and the High School band presented a forty minute concert. Later the regular literary program for the month was given, this consisted of vocal and instrumental solos, quartettes, choruses and patriotic songs by the entire gathering. During the morning the Governor also visited the grade schools and at noon wash a guest of the Senior Class and Superintendent E. G. Bailey at a luncheon given at the Odd Fellows hall, and prepared by the women of the W. C. T. U.

In the afternoon the Governor was the guest of the citizens and drove about the valley and addressed a meeting at Nyssa.

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR DEFENSE IS PLANNED

To Meet National Crisis in Food Production Strenuous Efforts Must Be Made—Meeting to Be Called Soon.

Malheur County Council for Defense is the latest organized effort in this section to contribute to the success of the American cause. County Agricultural Agent Howard returned this week from Portland, where the State conference on production was held. At that meeting the entire state was districted and organizations will be made everywhere.

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HUNDREDS ATTEND GOOD ROADS RALLY

W. L. THOMPSON OF PENDLETON, EASTERN OREGON MEMBER OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION MAKES TELLING ADDRESS.

BONDS DECLARED SOUND SENSE

If Bonds Carry Eastern Oregon to Get 60 Per Cent of Post Road Funds—If They Fail, Post Road Funds Will Go to Trunk Lines.

The cause of good roads in Malheur county, especially the cause of the road bond issue, advanced immeasurably as the result of the good roads rally last Friday evening. This was due to the masterly presentation of the issues by W. L. Thompson of Pendleton, member of the highway commission for Eastern Oregon, during conferences with citizens and in his address and that of Judge Dalton Biggs at the Opera House in the evening.

By his evident sincerity and a convincing manner of presenting the issues, which was more like a business man reviewing a transaction, than a platform orator discussing a political issue, Mr. Thompson carried conviction to his audience. He analyzed the various phases of the question and invited questions from the audience at the close. So completely, however, had he taken up all the objections usually made to the bill that the questions were few and those made were apparently convinced by the frank answers received.

This Section to Get Benefit.

One of the most important things for the people of Eastern Oregon to consider in connection with the bill, declared Mr. Thompson, was the provision which makes it mandatory for the commission to expend sixty per cent of all the post roads money provided by the Federal Government and State east of the Cascade mountains. This will be done if the bill passes.

If the bill does not pass this money must all be spent on trunk highways and therefore Eastern Oregon will be and therefore Eastern Oregonians will be losing vast sums, the benefit of which they would receive on no cost to themselves. In other words, if the bonds carry there will be spent on the post roads of Eastern Oregon \$1,415,000. This is assured under

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DAILY TALKS SERVE NATION SAYS LEADER

Girls of Honor Guard Receive Letter From Theodora Ballington Booth—Plan For Big Dance.

Ontario Chapter, Girls' National Honor Guard, is a busy organization these days. Aside from devoting hours to the preparations for the big dance to be given at the Opera House Friday evening, the young women are preparing for their various divisions of work.

At a meeting held Tuesday evening, a letter was read from Theodora Ballington Booth, national president, in which she told the girls that in time of peace, as well as war, they can and should serve the nation. It is a service to the state to make a bed or care for a child as much as to serve on a battlefield, declared the writer.

Aside from working in their own organization the Ontario girls are assisting the young women of Nyssa to form a chapter, Miss Metra Pilkington and Miss Marie Burrough of Nyssa came to Ontario Wednesday to seek information as to the procedure necessary to join the local organization. They were urged to form an organization of their own and assured that the Ontario girls would assist them in every way possible.

The Ontario girls expect to have the insignia of the Guard, and are wearing of Red, White and Blue, to wear at the dance Friday and are considering the question of securing uniforms.

HOSPITAL TO GRANT NURSES' DIPLOMAS

ONTARIO'S MEDICAL INSTITUTE TO HOLD ITS FIRST COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES MAY 24, BISHOP TO BE HERE.

AMERICAN HOME OF ORDER

OF the Five Graduates in Initial Class Three Are Sisters, One Member From Canada; One From Jamieson.

On the 24th the Nurses' Training school of the Holy Rosary Hospital will graduate its first class and issue its first diplomas. This graduation will mark a milestone in the progress of the hospital, one to which Mother Superior Mary Catherine and her associates have been looking forward since the hospital was founded in 1912.

The five members of the first class are: Sisters Mary Josephine, Mary Agnes and Mary Magdalene; Miss Olive Bell of Revelstoke, British Columbia; Miss Kate Faulkner, of Jamieson, Oregon.

Complete arrangements for the exercises have not been made, but one of the features will be the commencement address by Bishop O'Reilly, who will be here from Baker. In the morning there will be a special mass at the hospital chapel and there will be a reception in honor of the graduates.

Is Memorable Event.

The graduation of a class of nurses is an event of which all Ontario should be proud, for there are few cities of the size of Ontario which have in their institutions which offer complete training courses for nursing. The course at the Holy Rosary training school is equal to that of much larger institutions and includes three years of lecturers' courses by physicians and surgeons of Ontario and vicinity.

The members of the lecturing course are: Dr. R. O. Payne, chairman of the faculty; materia medica; Dr. J. Prinzling, surgery; Dr. W. J. Weiss, bacteriology, hygiene, general medicine, dietetics; Dr. H. H. Whitney, children's diseases; Dr. O. H.

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BUSINESS MEN CUT DOWN HILL GRADE

Second Afternoon Spent to Road Good Advantage and Hill on Lower Side Prepared for Graders.

Some thirty business men returned to the second day of work to complete the grading of the cut on the Idaho side of the Snake River bridge. These men, comprising a work of 250 men and 100 horses, borrowed from the Government, as possible the improvement of the road, which worked last Tuesday. As the result of the effort the roadway on the top was ready for grading, according to the original plan.

Believing that a section at the top of the hill should be widened, J. A. Cockrum, of the business men's committee, took a team and went over this morning to give the road a first touch before Lem Walker and his crew start putting on crushed rock for the top dressing.

The Wednesday crew straightened the curvature in the cut, broke up several big clay boulders, widened the roadway, deepened the ditch and improved the approach near the bridge under the direction of James A. Lackey, who was chosen boss of the job.

Among those who turned out for the day were: A. L. Cockrum, M. E. Newton, Frank Rader, Ray Wilson, James G. Smith, Roy Smith, J. E. McCreight, Harry Morrow, A. P. Hildie, J. D. Hildie, Ray Wilson, Lem Christensen, J. D. Edgley, A. Lowland, Dr. A. G. Myers, Irving, old James Lackey, R. E. Allen, Harry Griffin, John Langston, Charles Carter, Glen E. A. Frazer and Fred Troxell sent men to represent them.

SEEK GOVERNMENT AID FOR WARMSPRINGS IRRIGATION



Photo by American Press Association. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy.

KING HILL'S SUCCESS VERIFIES PREDICTION

Judge Will R. King Visits Ontario and Discusses Warm Springs Situation—Believes Aid Can Be Secured.

That the recent action of Congress in giving government aid to the King Hill project in Idaho sustains absolutely his prediction that government aid can be secured for the Warm Springs district, was the comment made by Judge Will R. King, chief counsel of the Reclamation Service while in Ontario for a short time Sunday.

Needless to say Judge King feels keenly the position in which he was placed by the mix-up between effort to secure government aid and the private sale of the lands last January just after President Wilson's endorsement for the Warm Springs appropriation was secured. Furthermore, in view of the fact that he, on his own volition, in an effort to assist his own home region, assisted in every way the effort to secure aid he was loath to discuss the matter at all.

"You can say," he said, however, "that the success of the King Hill project in its efforts to get government help absolutely proves that the Warm Springs would have been so treated for the two projects were united in the same spirit and would have gone through together."

Despite the fact that for a time he would not say that he believed if another effort would be made to secure government funds for the Warm Springs it would be successful, such

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LACK OF 15 POUNDS SENDS STAPLES HOME

Everett Staples, who with Wilmer Boyer, was a representative of Ontario in I company, Idaho National Guard and left with the call to the colors is home again because he lacked just 15 pounds of weighing enough to meet Uncle Sam's requirements. After the muster into the federal service Staples took the required physical examination and was rejected. He tried to continue in the service and sought a second examination, a third and then a fourth, but all in vain, for despite the conscription bill the army requirements are mighty rigid. When he left I company Mr. Staples carried a message from Company Clerk, Wilmer Boyer, to his friends, the burden of which was that Wilmer was "broke." A penny, stamps or other articles of value collection was started for the relief of Wilmer.

DIRECTORS AT A MEETING TUESDAY DETERMINED TO MAKE AN EFFORT AT ONCE TO HAVE CONGRESS ACT.

SUCCESS OF KING HILL CITED

Idaho Projected Recommended at Same Time as Warm Springs Gets Government Aid—Land Owners Willing for Government to Set Price on Holdings.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation district held at Vale Tuesday a resolution introduced by Director C. W. Mallett was passed declaring that the district favors efforts to secure government aid at this time.

This action was brought about by the information which reached this section of the success of the King Hill project in Idaho in getting aid at this time. These two projects were united in the recommendation of Secretary Lane and President Wilson to the last congress for favorable action, and would, it is believed, have gone through congress together, had not the bonds of the local district been reported sold on the day on which President Wilson's endorsement was secured.

Acting on this belief there has been a consistent agitation to revive interest in government aid. One of the objections raised by the directors to government aid was that the large land owners within the district would not submit to the provisions of the reclamation laws, which gives the Secretary of the Interior the power to stipulate the price at which their holdings must be sold and broken up. Since the return of C. W. Mallett and Col. C. E. R. Wood, who represented the district at Washington last winter, that objection has been removed. All of the large land owners have signified their willingness to permit the government to place a price on their lands. Col. Wood did so in a letter to Mr. Mallett and W. J. Pinney, local agent of the Oregon-Western Colonization company, the largest owner, told the board of the willingness of W. P. Davidson, president of the company, to do the same.

Davidson and Wood to Washington. Arrangements were made by the directors to have the matter brought at once to the attention of Congress and W. P. Davidson and Col. C. E. R. Wood will go at once to Washington to present the situation to department officials and congress.

In view of the fact that the entire nation and all the department officials are urging that all feasible projects be rushed to completion to increase the supply of food stuffs it is believed the cause of the district will be thus enhanced, especially in view of the considerable endorsements received by Mallett, Mallett and Wood last winter.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR BROGAN'S CARNIVAL

People of South End of County Urging to Make Brogan Activities Record Breaker for the Red Cross.

Wanted: 199 Ontarians to follow the band to the depot and on board the special which leaves Ontario at 5 p. m. Saturday for Brogan to witness the Red Cross Carnival.

This is to be the biggest function ever pulled off in the Brogan valley. The people of that region have been working for weeks preparing to give the biggest dance, the biggest entertainment, the most fun possible.

Compliments with a bright Red Cross have heralded the event about Ontario and the surrounding country. Ontario has been called on to furnish flags, to add with a speaker on Red Cross work and a committee

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Photo by American Press Association. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker.

FINANCIAL CONCERN BUYS HOME BUILDING

First National Bank Pays \$21,000 for James A. Lackey Building—Biggest Business Property Deal in Years.

Announcement was made this week of the purchase by the First National bank from James A. Lackey of the property at the corner of Oregon street and Nevada avenue, the ground floors of which is occupied by the First National, the Ontario Hardware company and the Malheur Home Telephone company. The purchase price was given as \$21,000 cash. This is perhaps the largest deal in Oregon street property made in years.

Besides announcing the purchase H. B. Cockrum said that plans had already been made for the renovation of the second floor of the building a portion of which is used for offices and the balance by the Masonic bodies, so that it will be thoroughly modern, including janitor service. There will also be included in the changes a steam heating plant and a new marble tile floor for the bank.

The building which was one of the first modern two-story buildings erected in Ontario was entirely remodelled for the occupancy of the bank in 1908 by Mr. Lackey.

LOCAL RED CROSS SEEK MANY MEMBERS

The Many Have Signed and List is Growing Active Campaign is to be Made—Pay Dues Now is Plea.

Ontario's branch of the Red Cross is growing larger every day. The number now is close to 100 but there should be many new names on the rolls at once.

To secure the names of as many citizens as possible the officers are to institute a campaign, especially among the men. The Red Cross is an institution for both men and women, while it is true that the women do most of the work.

To assist the officers in prompting the cause it is urged that citizens voluntarily join the rolls without solicitation. Everyone is invited and urged to do so. Those who have signed the roll but have not paid the fee of \$1 are urged to do so, for their names can not be sent to headquarters as members until that is done. Mrs. Edith Griffin, secretary, or H. B. Cockrum, treasurer, will accept the fee.