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## TUCK WINS PLACE ON OLYMPIC TEAM

Arthur Tuck, well known Central Oregon boy, won honors and established a place on the All American Team at the Olympic Games. Out of the 142 men chosen on the American team, 32 places were given to the winners from the Pacific coast. More than 100 of the leading athletes of the country were selected to represent the United States in the Olympic games, at Antwerp, Belgium, next month at a session of the American Olympic Committee.

Tuck is a graduate of the Redmond High School and during the four years there he won honors in the various track meets. His first fame was won in 1918 at the state track meet at O. A. C. where he won single handed for Redmond. He graduated in 1919 and went to Eugene and was placed on the University of Oregon track team, for which he won many honors in the javelin throw. In the latter part of June he went to San Francisco and there tried out with the Western contestants for the final Olympic try-outs at Boston.

On July 18, 1920, he won the javelin and placed on the All American Team to the Olympic games which are to be held at Antwerp, Belgium, next month, this being the greatest honors won by an athlete. Mr. Tuck's father has been for several years, a professor in the Redmond High School, and has been especially interested in the track meets which have been held in this section of the country for the past six years.

Arthur Tuck is one of the youngest men who have ever entered in the Olympic games. He is just past 19 years old.

The Olympic games are one of the oldest institutions in the world, having been established by the old Romans during the height of their civilization, and has been carried on and held every four years on down thru the centuries, until now.

The last Olympic contest was held in Stockholm, Sweden, and high honors were carried off by the American Team.

The far West and Pacific Coast won places for 32 names, the Olympic Club of San Francisco having 15, Los Angeles Athletic Club, 11; Colleges, 5 and Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon, 1.

The Pacific Northwest selection for the American Team was:

John Murphy, Multnomah Club, Portland, High Jump.  
Eldon Jenne, Washington State College, Pole Vault.  
Arthur Tuck, University of Oregon Javelin Throw.  
A. A. Pope, University of Washington, Discus Throw.  
William F. Bartlette, University of Oregon, Discus Throw.

Leon Perrine, University of Idaho, Pentathlon.

The selections were based almost entirely upon the showings made in the final trials at the Harvard Stadium, July 17.

The distribution of honors in the seventeen events covered the entire country. Most of the athletes are college men who have won varsity letters during the present or recent years.

## A CAR LOAD OF FLOUR ARRIVES

J. E. Stewart and the Michel Grocery Co., have just received a car load of White River Flour from The Dalles. This is the first full carload of that article ever shipped to Prineville.

## HIGHWAY OFFICERS VISIT IN PRINEVILLE

L. P. Campbell of the bridge department and H. C. Ingles of the engineering department of the State Highway Commission, spent last Friday in Prineville. While here they went over the work now under way and conferred with the contractors and C. W. Woodruff, resident engineer. Mr. Campbell was particularly interested in the matter of bridges on the Crooked River section. While no definite information was given out by these gentlemen the opinion is expressed that at least the bridge near the Cram ranch will be constructed this fall in order to give the people of the eastern part of the county an opportunity to travel that portion of the new road from the Davis Ranch to the Mayfield ranch this winter.

## A PASSING GLANCE AT THE PROJECT LAND

The farmers of Central Oregon have been waiting three years for this coming harvest, claiming that the crops in this country come in cycles of four years. Their belief seems to be born out by the outlook in the surrounding country. The Lamonta and Madras communities, which have always been the heaviest wheat producing communities of this section, are preparing to harvest the largest crop that has been had for the last four years. In an automobile trip from Prineville to Madras, the wheat was observed along the road to be in the neighborhood of waist high, and heading well. In the Prineville valley, the grain was much taller than the dry land crop, but the heads were not as large. However, the grain under the Ochoco Project is much thicker, and it is estimated that it will run about one third more grain to the acre.

This shows the advantage of irrigated lands over the dry farmed area. The crop conditions under irrigation are no exception, and even in the bumper crop years of the dry lands, the irrigated sections have an overplus of more than enough to pay for the cost of water. This is a comparison in a year of good crops all over. In the years of drought, on the dry lands, there will be no difference in the yield on the irrigated lands, consequently the comparison would be even more one-sided. Although in the more adapted parts of the dry farm areas, there are a few who have made a success of grain averages run greatly in favor of the irrigator.

From the Gap, on through the Lamonta country, the grain is much better than it has been for years. The Rye is about ready to cut, and much of the wheat is turning. This section has always had the best of the rest of the dry land for the reason that the soil is more adapted to that kind of farming and this year is no exception.

The Agency Plains, north of Madras, is a most beautiful sight now-a-days. The best crop conditions exist there that have obtained since 1916. The grain on the Plains is still in the milk, and is filling fine. It is about hip high, and gives promise of running from 18 to 30 bushels per acre. Considering the fact that wheat is expected to be the best price that it has ever been, this promises to be a red letter year for the Central Oregon wheat farmer. The pioneers of Central Oregon have cleared sage brush and juniper, and struggled along as best they could for a generation, every four years getting a crop but never a crop and a good price at the same time, consequently what was made one year was paid out the next three. However, it seems that they will be able to get out of the rut this year, and will make good.

**O. C. CLAYPOOL AT REDMOND**  
O. C. Clapool, formerly of Prineville, but for the past few years a resident of Portland, has returned to Central Oregon and is now employed at the Munz Hardware establishment at Redmond.

## POPULATION OF PRINEVILLE 1144

Prineville has a population, according to the census bureau, of 1144, and Crook County 3424. The county figures show a decided decrease since 1910, but the department explains that since the last count two counties have been carved from the original territory, and it is estimated that counting the original territory, there has been a gain of about 7,000 in the past ten years. The count in Prineville is rather disappointing to our people, but it is to be remembered that we have almost as many people living just outside the city limits as inside.

**SURPRISE LUNCHEON**  
A delightful surprise luncheon was given at the Dishman home, Tuesday noon in honor of Miss Mildred Dishman. Many beautiful presents were given by friends and relatives, as birthday gifts, after which an enjoyable course dinner was served. Among those present were: Mildred Dishman, Ruth Dishman, Bernice Shipp, Estelle Conway, Mildred Young and Bob Henderson.

## BRIDGE WORK HAS STARTED ON 2ND ST.

Steel was put on the ground for the new cement bridge on Second St., Tuesday. Actual work on the bridge started Wednesday morning. Joe Heckart who has charge of the construction work has recently finished the concrete work of the Stock Barn being erected on the George Slayton ranch. Mr. Heckart also built the railroad bridge over the Crooked River and the Newell Garage.

The Concrete bridge over the mill-race on 2nd, St., will far surpass anything we have in the county. It will be modeled after the type of bridges built on the Columbia Highway. Joe Heckart has the sub-contract under Oskar Huber. Mr. Huber has the contract for the highway along the county line between Prineville and Redmond. This road will also be continued to Bend. It is a state project and will be a portion of the McKenzie River Highway. A camp will be opened Thursday morning to continue the work on the grade. Mr. Lund will have charge of the rock work.

This highway work is to be pushed rapidly under the supervision of Mr. Stebbins. Joe Heckart will put in all the bridges and culverts between here and Bend. The culverts will be of cement construction with concrete wings and head walls and batteries of concrete pipe.

This highway is one of great importance to this section and will undoubtedly tend to bring a great deal of business to Prineville which has been going the other way.

## BIG NORTH UNIT CONTRACT IS LET

The Ralph Schuelock Co. of Portland have secured the contract for constructing the irrigation system of the North Unit District. A \$5,000,000 bond issue for this project was voted last March.

The North Unit Irrigation Project comprises 100,000 acres of irrigable land in Jefferson County, laying along the railroad and extending from Opal City to Gateway. The district has been under organization since 1916. It is one of the biggest and most feasible projects in the West. The irrigation water for this immense project will come from the Deschutes River, a storage reservoir will be built at Benham Falls or in that neighborhood, above Bend.

**MRS. CARR INJURED BY FALL**  
Mrs. Carr fell when descending the steps of the Baptist church, breaking her wrist and spraining her collarbone. She has been suffering very much from the injury.

## TO SELL C. O. I. C. TO THE FARMERS

Negotiations are now under way looking to the transfer of the holdings of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company in Crook and Deschutes Counties to the Central Oregon Irrigation District, incorporated under the laws of the state and operating in a similar way to the Ochoco Irrigation District. Attorneys representing both sides to the deal have been in conference for several days and rumor has it that an agreement will be reached soon to be submitted to a vote of the people of the district for ratification. There has been a controversy over general conditions of affairs of the company for several years and for the past two years there has been efforts made to transfer the holdings to the district. An election was held on a proposal last fall which was turned down by a large vote. Just what the new proposal will be has not been made public. The following clipped from the Bend Bulletin of a recent issue sums up the situation.

"While no definite results have been attained in the series of conferences held during the past two days by representatives of the settlers of the C. O. Irrigation district and the officials of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, assurance that all differences would be amicably settled was expressed by Harrison Allen of Portland, one of the attorneys for the district.

"Detailed reports on negotiations now being carried on, having as their object the acquiring by the settlers of the control and ownership of the project, are not being given out as yet, but it is known that the company has made a tentative offer considerably more favorable than that defeated in the last district bond election. Before this offer can finally be acted on, however, it must be passed on by the directors and then taken up at precinct meetings."

## SHORTAGE OF HELP IS BECOMING ACUTE

The shortage of hay hands in this country is becoming acute, and is causing some little apprehension on the part of the alfalfa ranch owners. With the first crop of hay down, and in the shock, it is hardly possible to get men to put it in the stack. Wages as high as four and even five dollars a day and board is being offered but there are no takers. Some of the growers are holding off for thirty-five, and it is said that they can not get help enough to move their hay at all at that figure.

## SCHOOL DATES

Public School will start September 6, lasting for a term of ten months. High School will begin September 13, continuing for a period of nine months.

## SHORT ON WIRE

Harrisburg Ore., farmers are in trouble on account of being unable to buy baling wire. They have hundreds of tons of hay cut and ready for the baler, but are unable to buy baling wire at any price.

## STEARNS-HUNT

Mr. Carey Stearns and Miss Betty Hunt were married in Portland Saturday. They left soon for Prineville arriving here the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns are going to make their home on the Stearns ranch near LaPine.

Mrs. Peter Erickson left Tuesday evening for her home at Estacada, Oregon, after spending the last few days in Prineville visiting her niece, Mrs. Pearl Kabin. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were former residents of Prineville, having charge of the Oregon Hotel, some seven years ago. They moved from here to Tillamook county where they were for several years, later going to a ranch at Estacada, Oregon, where they now have their home.

## LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN SCALED BY LIZZIE

Pat Ireland, of the Ireland Transfer Co. of this city had the honor of driving the first car to the top of Lookout Mountain. The car was a Ford "Chummy Roadster" and the trip was made in about three hours from Prineville to the top of the mountain.

Lookout Mountain for years was one of the guiding peaks for travelers and emigrants into the Oregon Country, and many an old pioneer who crossed the Cascades over the McKenzie Pass will remember how the mountain was used as a guide while crossing the high desert between the Snake River and the foot of the Cascades.

The hardy pioneer considered it a good lookout from which to locate small bands of cattle that had straggled from the main bunch, but cursed their luck because it was so hard to climb. Even on horseback, it was a terrible ordeal for both man and beast.

In later years, the U. S. Forest Service built a small cabin on the summit of the mountain and equipped it with fire finders and other instruments, and kept a ranger stationed there during the fire season.

Owing to its location, it was decided to establish a larger camp there making it necessary to build a road up the mountain. Charles Goodnight of Prineville, has been working all spring making this road, and has just completed it.

Mr. Ireland and his Ford, in company with V. V. Harpham, district forest supervisor, and a party of friends, in Mr. Harpham's Buick, started for the cabin on the top of the mountain. Mr. Ireland was the first to make the ascent, and was later followed by Mr. Harpham.

As this is the only peak in this country that has a road of this nature to the top of it, we predict that it will be a standing dare to all automobilists from now on.

## SOME OBSERVATIONS

Yesterday the section surrounding Prineville was again treated to a splendid shower, which will do a great many good things to the growing crops.

We notice that there is a big boom on in the manufacture and sale of iceless refrigerators in Portland. Now why wouldn't it be a good thing to start a like movement for bumperless roads in Prineville.

We observe that Klamath Falls is destined to be the leader of the world in the production of mint within a few years. We are wondering why Prineville can't take a like position on the map as a sage tea center.

We understand that the price of raisins is to be advanced. It would be a good idea to lay in a supply for that fruit cake before they are all put into the mash. Darn these bootleggers anyway.

The work on the pressure water system for the court house and school is progressing nicely and it is expected to have the system in working order before long.

Cheer up, fellows, we notice that real spuds—new ones—have dropped from 15 cents per pound to 10 cents. At this price we almost feel like going down to the store and investing in one.

We understand that an up-to-date soft drink house in Seattle is using a raisin instead of a Marchino cherry as a top ornament to its Sundaes.

It seems that since the dog tax ordinance went into effect, that the number of unlicensed curs on our streets has greatly increased.

Miss Anna Draper and niece, Alice McDonald, of California, will arrive this morning from Bend, which was one of their points of travel. They visited Crater Lake and many other noted places on the coast. Miss Draper is a daughter of Colonel Draper of this city. They expect to remain throughout the summer.

## JOURNEYS IN EASTERN OREGON

(La Grande, Ore., July 19.)—This district will undoubtedly have the best crop it has had in many years. This much I have gathered from personal observations and from talking to those who know. Since last writing I have covered this entire basin, the main farming section of which is thirty miles long and eighteen wide. Two good showers in the last week have put the final assurances in tip-top yields.

Haying is here, but I have failed to see the huge alfalfa stacks to be seen in Central Oregon. In the first place they don't raise alfalfa extensively, but rely more on timothy and mixed crops. Water for irrigation is plentiful, there being the Grande Ronde river and smaller streams in the valley.

The nature of the soil here is peculiar. You may travel for miles seeing the best crops and then suddenly you will find large sections where it seems impossible to raise anything because of bogs and alkali. This sort of land is used for pastureage.

The harvest season will be a gala one here, for the farmers have unusually fine yields of wheat, now just beginning to turn. The farms are much smaller than in the Pendleton district and for this reason combine harvesters are not used to any extent. Most of the grain is headed.

I rode down to Elgin the first of the week, twenty miles from La Grande and all along the way was one field after another with bumper crops. The natives use all available ground, for even the railroad right of way was supporting potatoes and corn. Orchards and gardens seemed to be doing more than their share in reducing the H. C. of L.

Elgin is a little hamlet with a great many stores supported by farming districts and lumbering. It is famous for its tomatoes. Last week they entertained about two thousand railroad men at a picnic of live proportions. There is a building boom now going on—they are building one bungalow. I saw the basement being dug.

Union is the town where they have the annual stock show for this section. For three days last month the best thoroughbred stock in this part of the country was on exhibition and (Continued on page 8.)

## HOW TO PREPARE FAIR EXHIBITS

The Inter-State Fair board are very anxious to get a large showing of farm produce for this year's fair and give the following information in regard to preparing the same.

1. Specimens for exhibition purposes must be gathered either at or just before the time of harvest.
2. Grain should be gathered when just starting to ripen.
3. Better results are obtained by dipping the butts of the grain stalks in salt water or brine immediately after gathering, however, it is not absolutely necessary this be done.
4. Tie the bundles securely at the butts and hang in a cool dark place with the heads down until cured.
5. Cover the heads with a newspaper or sack until ready to exhibit.
6. Show specimens of grain bundles should be at least 4 inches in diameter.
7. Gather alfalfa and clover at the time they will make the best showing then take at once to a cool dark place and hang with heads down until cured.
8. Gather fruit when a little under ripe.
9. Root crops cannot be gathered until ripe or nearly ripe.
10. Care should be taken that roots are not broken on root crops when harvesting. To prevent shrinkage.
11. Uniformity counts in all exhibits and when two or more specimens of the same size are to be exhibited it is necessary that they all be the same size, color, and shape as nearly as possible.