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Maupin Hi Minstrels at Tygh as Advertising

Charles and Albert were the lucky members to draw the privilege. Soon afternoon Mr. Poling applied the "paint" to their faces, the only comment made was that it made a decided improvement in their looks. Mrs. DeVoe chauffeured the party, furnishing her car to make to trip. Nova Hedin gave a talk before the skit, telling of the different skits, also some of the work that was performed in preparation for the show. The short entertainment was enjoyed by the students and teacher, many laughs ensuing during the comedy and genuine applause at the end.

We appreciate the kindness shown by the Tygh school toward our school in permitting us to put on a demonstration before the students of their school. We hope to be able to return the favor in the future.

MAUPIN STUDENTS BOOST THEIR SHOW

Students taking part in the minstrel have shown splendid co-operation in putting on the show. All have been good sports in submitting to endless correction and suggestion. They have practiced diligently in cold halls and are to be congratulated whether their show is a winner or not. Everyone has aided in the preparation for this event. The girls of the sewing class under the supervision of Mrs. DeVoe have tailored thirty five costumes. The boys under Mr. DeVoe's supervision have elaborately decorated the Legion stage to give as fine a setting for their show as they know how.

Orville Fraley, the stage manager and electrician, has shown real ability and skill in the construction of the lighting apparatus. Nova, the school's piano accompanist, has worked industriously with Mr. Poling on the singing. The end men, as well as those in the skits, have been resourceful in devising their "hokum." All have co-operated freely with their instructors. Each is eager to make the most of their opportunity in interest the community in the Maupin schools.

MAUPIN SPELLERS WIN

Friday, Nov. 22 the Seventh and Eighth grades of Maupin went to Wapinitia to participate in a spelling match with the Seventh and Eighth grades of that town. Due to the small enrollment in these grades at Wapinitia it was necessary for them to use five Freshmen to fill their quota. Mr. Wilson drove the contestants over in the Criterion school bus. Just before arriving at Wapinitia a few of the spellers were very much surprised to find that their knees were applauding each other.

Due to the fact that everyone could not be in the match it was necessary to select a team of twelve persons. Those representing Maupin were: Genevieve Allen, Henry Wilson, Douglas Bothwell, Herbert Kramer, Ralph Kaiser, Theodore Kirsch, Dorothy Greene, Bernice Hollis, Jean Renick, Irene Woodcock, Jim Slusher and Frances Arnold.

At the close of the battle of words ten of our original twelve were still standing while all of the Wapinitia spellers were down.

Although defeated, the Wapinitia spellers were the best of sports, and immediately challenged Maupin to a return match at Maupin in the near future. The Maupin school expects to have 100 per cent remaining on the floor when Wapinitia comes down.

CLEANING ROOM DOORS

The students of the Maupin school are at all times working to keep their school looking the best possible. Ivan Donaldson and Bo Wilson have just completed a fine bit of improvement cleaning the typing room doors, preparing them for a coat of varnish. This will be a genuine improvement to the main assembly room, as these doors have always been unfinished.

THANKSGIVING OF OLD

Oh, the glorious Thanksgiving Of the days that are no more! How, with each recurring season Wakes their mem'ry o'er and o'er! When the hearts of men were simpler, And the needs of life were less, And its mercies were not reckoned By the measure of excess.

Heaven send the glad Thanksgiving Of that older, simpler time! Tarry with us, not in fancy, Not in retrospective rhyme; But in true and living earnest May the spirit of that day, Artless, plain and unpretending Once again resume its way. —E. A. Smuller.

THE WEEKLY READER

Blanche Northrup has been assigned the task of placing before the students of the school the most interesting stories and news appearing in the school magazines. Those who are interested in college life will find the college humor and fun as shown by the verse on the editorial page of the Oregonian Daily World, dedicated to athletes:

Let's have a sigh For athlete McRack; Who trained on pie And died on the track.

Readers of the Literary Digest will be interested in the article, "To End Starvation in War," by President Hoover in which he says: "The time has come when we should remove starvation of women and children from the weapon of warfare. The youths of this modern generation who are wondering how many crimes their fathers committed when they were young, will be glad to read the article, "When Our fathers were wicked youths," in which Bishop Herbert Shipman blames the older generation more than the youths of today. Men will be especially interested in reading stories of Hunting antelope in old Mexico, "A Goose Hunt" by Vance Rowe, "A Hunt in the Big Sticks" by Laing, and many others of interest found in "Outdoor Life." The Scientific American tells of new anti-aircraft material and fire control methods and places the airplane as an important war auxiliary. In the grades the "American Boy" has the story of "The Four Phantoms of Follonsbee" a football game between the West and East. The Christmas magazines are always of special interest because of the gay colored covers.

BASKET BALL

The following is the possible basketball schedule:

Jan. 3, Moro, here.
Jan. 10, Dufur here, double header.
Jan. 18, Mosier here, double header.
Jan. 24, Tygh, there, double header.
Jan. 31, Dufur there, double header.
Feb. 1, Madras here, double header.
Feb. 7, Parkdale, here.
Feb. 8, Madras, there, double header.
Feb. 14, Grass Valley, there.
Feb. 15, Moro, there.
Feb. 21, Tygh, here, double header.

Feb. 27, Parkdale, there.
Mar. 1, Mosier, there, double header.

Mar. 7, Grass Valley, here.

Membership in Association

Any High school in Oregon can join the Athletic association. If a school joins after October 1, it costs two and one-half dollars, or fifty cents more than if they join before that date.

Eligibility: No student is eligible unless he is under 21 years of age and shall be carrying four full and regular subjects and be doing passing work in three of them not later than four weeks after the opening of school for the first semester, and is in regular attendance and good standing.

Practice: Practice has been held up some by the Minstrel show. A new ball has been ordered and practice will begin in earnest as soon as the big show is over.

Hi Grateful For Turnout at Minstrel Show

The students and faculty of Maupin Hi wish to express their sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly applauded their efforts of last Tuesday night. The minstrels played to one of the largest crowds ever gathered for a school function at the Legion hall. The Maupin Minstrels realize that it was the generous applause and the courteous attention of the audience that made it possible for the show to be presented. Many expressed their enjoyment of the minstrel to its members. The attitude of the crowd showed their good will towards the Maupin community. Particularly we wish to thank those from outlying districts who came distances to Maupin to see the show.

The cooperation of the faculty and students was apparent from the beginning of the minstrel practice until the last song was sung on the night of the show. The minstrels are permitted to boast that no member of the skits required prompting on the night of the performance. All side business was taken care of at the proper moment. The "chicken didn't squawk, the static buzz, nor the bells ring at the wrong time.

Possibly there may be a debate between brothers and sisters now graduates, who took part in last year's production as to whether the '28 show was better than the '29 one. We allow them the argument, as probably no one will ever know which one was the better. Maupin's Minstrels do not think they put on the very best show that they could but hope to do even better the next time.

The total gate, counting refreshments was \$143.50. The expenses are high, greater than first anticipated.

A larger crowd was attracted to the minstrel of this year than last year.

INTERESTED IN DUFUR OPERA

The Girls Glee club of Dufur presented "Miss Caruthers Return" at the Dufur theater last Friday. There were twenty-three girls who played in the two-act musical drama. The characters were especially pleasing because of their natural acting and their elaborate costumes.

The scene of the play is a young girls' boarding school, in which the girls helped entertain the maid so she could have a good time with them. One can imagine their surprise when they learned that the maid was Miss Caruthers the supporter of the school.

Several of the Maupin teachers attended, and have expressed their wish of having Maupin give an operetta in the coming years.

HIGH NOTES

Plans for the Thanksgiving holidays are being discussed at school. Most students when asked what they were going to do answered "Eat turkey." Many will attend the Thanksgiving dance given by the Legion. The minstrel show decoration will be left up for the dance.

The report cards for the second six weeks will be given out Monday.

An epidemic of colds has been making it's rounds again. Bill and Massie were absent Monday, having encountered the germ.

Albert was likewise absent Monday as a result of a hunting trip to Stag Hollow. He says he is not used to climbing such rocky hills and it had a bad effect on him. He encountered several bunches of quail and a dozen or more porcupines and caught several cold bugs.

Mr. Poling is holding up under a strain of a cold. He has the same pleasant smile but a gruff voice.

Fifth and Sixth Grades

From the Fifth and Sixth grades the following pupils have perfect attendance for the last six weeks: Emery, Leo, and Buelah of the Fifth grade. Ernie, Margaret, Kathleen, Alice, Ernest, Franklyn, Leslie, Myrtle and Goldie of the Sixth grade.

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FACTS ANENT WATER SYSTEM BY MEN WHO KNOW

Facts Instead of Surmise Given In Reply to Article Recently Published

In The Dalles Chronicle of November 14 appeared an answer to a Sandy correspondent to the Portland Journal in which the writer purposed to give a history of and the present condition of the water system on Wapinitia Plains. That article was so palpably a matter of surmise and misstatement of facts as to call forth a protest on the part of the contract holders on the Flat. J. S. Brown, president, and A. E. Mayhew, secretary of the Water Users' Corporation, in the following article, tell of exact conditions now, and heretofore existing on the water system, and also take issue with the writer in the Journal. Their reply, as published in the Chronicle, follows and is correct: Editor, The Chronicle:

This is an answer to the Sandy correspondent of the Portland Journal, who on Sunday, November 3, 1929, had an article published which was headed "Water Project Begun 45 Years Ago, Completed."

This would probably sound all right to people who do not know otherwise. Remember the word "completed." The Wapinitia Irrigation Co. to this year has failed to deliver water for domestic use to its contract holders, to say nothing about irrigation, owing to the canal's capacity.

When the company's canal was loaded beyond its capacity, it broke several times and the farmer, whose crops were burning up for lack of water, paid for it. There was twice as much water going to waste as was being used. Would you call this work completed?

Why will the dam, which you claim is completed, render us any better service than we have had for the last ten years, with no better management or with no better ditch, than has been available in the past.

You say the company has 12 or 15 miles of canal running through the forest service. There is about 6 1/2 miles of this stretch that is a natural gulch, known as McCubbin's gulch, with dead trees or logs, which have fallen across the waterway, blocking the natural channel and forcing the water either around the ends of such logs or damming the flow, thus causing immense waste of water by evaporation.

You speak of this irrigation prospect as being one of the largest in the state. There has been more than \$200,000 or \$300,000 spent and though the work is said to be completed, it is not efficient. It cannot even deliver water to its contract holders for domestic use.

You say, "If the farmers will unite and get behind this project." We certainly have been loyal to this company. Since the Wapinitia Irrigation company began operating more than 15 years ago, it has had loyal support of these people, and according to the outstanding contracts, they have got more than \$100,000 of our money.

Just think of it, 15 years! Of the forest reserve stretch, there is less than 10 miles of actual canal. A large portion of this work was done years ago by George W. McCoy. He was a promoter. The difficult part of the canal construction, a three or four mile stretch on flat country, was built by Mr. McCoy also. We can not see where there has been so much money spent by the Wapinitia Irrigation company.

You speak of farmers protesting and complaining to our state engineers. Why should not American citizens ask officers who are in office for the purpose of enforcing the laws, for a just deal when the Irrigation company contracted to furnish us water, got our money, and then laid down on the job. Ever since the fall of 1924 to the fall of 1928, nothing was done in the way of construction. We refer you to the testimony taken at Maupin on July 15, 1929, by the deputy state engineer. We had good reasons for complaining to the state engineer. We are American law-abiding citi-

MALCOLM McDONALD AT OLD SCOTTISH HOME

Arrived in Land of Thistle on Nov. First—Expects to Stay One Year

Malcolm McDonald, well known in the Criterion district, is now in Scotland, having left for his native heath about the first of the present month.

Malcolm had been away from Scotland several years. He homesteaded in the Criterion section years ago and has since then lived about Maupin. The longing to again visit the scenes of his boyhood grew intensely so he decided to return and again fraternize with those of his relatives and friends who still reside in the land of Robert Bruce.

Arriving in Scotland Malcolm visited for a short time with relatives of James Chalmers at Dundee. He then went to Iyvernes hire, where he will receive his mail for the coming months.

The Times thanks Mr. McDonald for a copy of the Glasgow Express.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SCOUT AREA COUNCIL

General Report to Be Made and Officers Elected—Meeting at Hotel Dalles

Saturday, December 7th, will be the date of the annual meeting of the Mid-Columbian Deschutes Area Council, to be held in The Dalles Hotel at 7:00. Men and their wives from all over the area are expected to attend. Plans are being made to participate in the election of officers.

Some good entertainment is promised, and this should be one of the best meetings of its kind ever held in this area. President Gec. J. Childs will be there from Bend, and the chairmen of the three districts will have their progress report.

Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to notify the Hotel Dalles or Boy Scout headquarters, in the courthouse, The Dalles, announced Scout Executive Belcher, who was in this city Monday on Scout business. Calls were being made on interested men in Dufur, Maupin, Madras and on the Warm Springs reservation Monday, and on Tuesday Belcher planned on calling on Shaniko, Kent, Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco.

STRANGE STORY OF A BOY

Brought to Town Unconscious—Memory Rather Vague

Albert F. Long, a lad of 19 years or age, was brought to the Maupin hotel last evening by some telephone workers, he having been found lying unconscious about two miles from town on the Criterion grade. His head bore evidence of having been struck, although the skin had not been broken.

Long stated to a Times man that he was on his way to Fontana, California, to join his parents. He had been at work near Pendleton and was hitch-hiking. He passed thru Maupin late in the afternoon, intending to walk all night. When at the place where he was found he said he heard a car coming, and that when it reached him his memory left him, and he did not regain consciousness until after Dr. Elwood has applied medicine to his head.

When found the lad's pockets were turned inside out, as though someone had gone through him. He did not have any money or valuables; neither did he have a bed roll. If he had been hit by the car there surely would have been cuts on his head. His story is rather vague but the fact that he spent the night here and also his head bore evidence of being struck, somewhat bears out the theory that he was knocked out by someone who was after what the lad might have had on his person.

Visited The Bothwell's—

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. DeVoe went to Dufur this morning and will have dinner with Fiske Bothwell and wife. Their going to Dufur leaves but one teacher in town on the holiday, she being Mrs. Lucile Cantrell.

Water Users' Corporation, J. S. BROWN, Chairman, A. E. MAYHEW, Secretary.

BIG TRUCK AND LOAD BURN NEAR TOP OF WHITE RIVER HILL

Ten Drums of Gasoline Explode and Scatter Fire—Driver Ahearn Suffers Minor Injuries

One of the big Portland-Bend freight trucks went off the grade just above the horseshoe turn on that part of the White river grade leading to Juniper Flat early Tuesday morning, the truck and contents being consumed by a fire which started when the vehicle hit the bottom.

Harry Ahearn, the driver, living at Redmond, stated to a Times man that he had met a truck loaded with cattle at the point of the accident. The lights of the truck were so glaring as to blind Ahearn and as a consequence he drove off the road way, the truck landing about five feet below the level of the highway.

Besides the gasoline the truck carried considerable canned goods, fresh vegetables, a radio and other articles. All were consumed, as also was most of the truck. About all that can be salvaged from the wreck will be the motor, part of the cab and the front wheel.

When the truck struck the bottom Ahearn was imprisoned in the cab. He was compelled to break a glass in the door in order to get out. Having extricated himself he attempted to save some of the freight, but was forced to desist because of fire which had reached the gas drums. He then ran a short distance up the road and was about 10 rods up when the first drum exploded. The driver said that from then on there was a succession of explosions, the burning gas being thrown up the hillside to a great distance.

The noise of the explosions was heard at Tygh Valley and two of the Britain boys came up the hill to ascertain what was up. The noise was also heard by some Maupin residents.

The driver sustained slight injury to his back. He got in touch with the managers of the truck line and stayed with the wreck until one arrived from Portland. Both truck and load were insured.

MODERN JUDAS TAKEN TO JAIL

Asked Kindness, Then Stole From Benefactor

A man giving the name of C. Anderson, was arrested and taken to jail at The Dalles last evening by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Kramer. The fellow had been granted a kindness by a section hand at McLennon and repaid that favor by stealing clothing, etc., from his benefactor.

Anderson showed up at the section house and asked permission to occupy a cabin while he washed his clothes in the river. This was granted. When the owner of the cabin returned he discovered his suit case, a couple suits of clothes, underwear, shirts and other articles were missing. He immediately came to town and notified the deputy. In the meantime the culprit had visited the Welch service station and asked permission to leave a suit case there until this morning. When he learned of the theft Mr. Welch notified Kramer, who opened it up and checked the contents with the list given him by the owner. The Greek section hand had run across the thief and took him to Kramer, in whose presence he disclaimed having taken the article. At the same time he was wearing a shirt and vest belonging to the McLennon man.

The identification being complete Kramer took him to The Dalles and turned him over to Sheriff Sexton, who will hold him until he will be taken before a justice for trial.

Stole Turkeys—

Somebody or bidies enjoyed turkey dinner on Thursday, and didn't even stop to pay for the chief item for the table—turkey Mrs. Ed. Griffin has retained three fine birds from her spring flock, intending to use them for breeding purposes. When Ed. went to feed them Thanksgiving morning they failed to respond. Investigation revealed they had been stolen, therefore we say someone had cheap birds.