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Graduating Exercises Draw Crowd

Last Monday evening saw a gathering of parents, teachers and pupils from the schools in the Illinois valley and surrounding territory, as well as a goodly number of other interested spectators to see and hear the graduating exercises of the grade schools of this district.

The gym at the Kerby high school was packed, several were standing along the back wall when the 8th grade graduating exercises started for the schools at Kerby, Payne, Holland, Selma, White, O'Brien and Spence.

The graduates, their teachers and schools are as follows:

SELMA—Betty Jean Bergman, Mildred E. Norman, Dellis Marie Wilson and Wylma Ruth Pope. Mrs. Myrtle Walton, teacher.

PAYNE—Vivian Irene Pullen. Mrs. Bessie Watts, teacher.

HOLLAND—Wilma A. Maurer, Henry Melton, Loyal K. W. Johnson, and George A. Baldwin. Mrs. Lora Byrne, teacher.

WHITE—Edwin Clifford Smith, Robert Gordon Smith, Vera Viola St. John, Donald A. Board, Laurence Dale Anderson, and Edith A. Rossiter. Mrs. Tom Nixon, teacher.

O'BRIEN—Lillian Delores Reynolds, Russell Standish, Helen Hearing, Alberta Jewell and Myrtle Delores Kretzinger. Mrs. Art Williams, teacher.

SPENCE—Bernice Allen and Harold L. James. Mrs. Lola Peterson, teacher.

KERBY—Frances Jeanne Villair, Phyllis M. Beaulieu, Faye Tyger, Dorothy A. Hogue, Winifred Hassler, Lloyd Schumacher, Gerould Morrison, William McLean, Charlotte L. Badden, Pauline Blanche Robinson, Dorothy McLean, Lawrence Jacobs, Jr., Adelaide B. McGrady and Alta White. Mr. Laws, principal, Misses Helen Wilson and Elsie Mylander, teachers.

The joint graduating exercises were sponsored by Glenn Morrison Post No. 70 of the American Legion and they awarded prizes to the winners of a special examination. Several being very close together in the percentage of standing, the Legion gave certificates of Honorable Mention to five more pupils.

The winners were, Wylma Pope of Selma and William McLean of Kerby. Honorable Mention was given to Harold James, Pauline Robinson, Charlotte Badden, Betty Jean Bergman and Wylma Maurer.

The speaker of the evening was Prof. A. S. Taylor of Ashland Normal school. Prof. Taylor in his talk stressed the fact that pioneers were the ones who builded whether in the line of education or in conquering new territory. If it were not for that, we would not have this great state of Oregon today. We have to thank those hardy people who had a vision and who in the face of great odds went ahead and conquered.

Schools of this district were pioneers last Monday evening when they held for the first time a joint graduation. Those who were there expressed the desire that this pioneering work continue. The following program was presented:

Processional, piano, Mrs. Mildred Norman.

Invocation, Rev. Wright.

Song, "America the Beautiful" eighth grade pupils.

Special mention and awards, scholastic: Vera St. John, White; Helen Hearing, Alberta Jewell, O'Brien; Wilma Maurer, Holland; Vivian Pullen, Payne; Harold James, Spence; Betty Jean Bergman, Selma; Charlotte Badden, Kerby.

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The last parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the close of their convention in Washington, D. C. as the aged veterans of the Civil war marched through the streets as they did more than seventy years ago.

Fire School Held for CCC Boys at Cave

Special C. Canfield, superintendent of the Northwest Park Service with offices in Medford, and Gene W. Fay, U. S. W. Commissioner, passed through Cave City Wednesday morning on their way to Oregon Caves where they will inaugurate some work in progress.

Mr. Canfield was recently appointed to the present bill before congress authorizing \$20,000 for a complete lighting system for the Caves would go through. It would be a big asset to the cause if this wiring could be done.

While here, Mr. Fay gave an address on the story of how they are teaching CCC boys to fight forest fires in every place of the fighting, explaining all the tools and implements used in such work.

May 14, 15 and 17, under the supervision of Chief Forest Ranger, J. C. Crowl, who had charge of the school, the CCC boys at the Cave camp were instructed fully in the use of the equipment and demonstrations were used with dummy fires on just how to proceed in fighting forest fires.

CCC boys at Cave camp took to the fire school like ducks to water and they will be moved in

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ON THEIR WAY

Kerby high school students on a picnic last Friday on their way to Jackson Hot Springs, Ashland. The above cut is through the courtesy of the Grants Pass Courier.

87th Birthday Is Celebrated by Mrs. Rebecca Farren

Mrs. Rebecca Farren celebrated her 87th birthday Sunday, May 23rd. A number of neighbors and friends gathered at the Rough and Ready farm home of her daughter Mrs. Ida Wing.

Out on the front porch in the perfumed beauty of lilacs and fruit blossoms, with the glistening snows of the everlasting hills in the distance, friendly remembering, good fellowship, home-made ice cream and country butter cakes made the day, according to Mrs. Farren, "one of the very best birthdays" of her more than four score years.

Mrs. Farren was her own best self, radiant with new happiness of birthday gifts remembering; with the sense of appreciation and kindly encouragement. She decided that many more happy birthdays were in store for her along with weeks and months of happy living.

The following neighbors and friends made up the birthday party: Mrs. Ida Wing, Mrs. and Mr. Wm. H. Young, Mrs. and Mr. H. J. White, Dr. A. N. Collins, Miss Maura Johnson, and Mrs. De Wita Scott of Cave City, Mrs. Shirley Rogers, Ashland; Mrs. C. A. Wingard, Crescent City; and the following O'Brien's: Mrs. Clara Mangini, Mrs. Ed Mangini and son Edward, Jr., Mrs. E. Gale and son Fred, Jr., Mrs. H. H. Kretzinger and daughter Myrtle, Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mrs. E. C. Bradford and Mrs. W. C. Shultz.

No Fungus On Trees in This Area

The following is a copy of a letter from C. E. Owens of Oregon State College which was received after an inquiry regarding the numerous cedar trees that have been dying throughout the Illinois Valley. District Ranger, M. M. Nelson kindly gave us a copy of the letter on account of so many inquiries being received at the Ranger station concerning the appearance of numerous trees in this section.

Last fall there was an unusually dry period in this valley which was followed by hot dry winds. It is believed that this condition probably was the cause of the dying cedars.

Since there is no evidence of fungus disease of the cedars, those that are not completely dead should live, although it will undoubtedly set their growth back considerably.

The letter is self explanatory: Oregon State Agricultural College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station Corvallis May 3, 1937

Mr. M. M. Nelson, District Ranger, Cave Junction, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Nelson: The specimens of cedar which you sent to the School of Forestry have been referred to me.

There is no evidence of a fungus disease of any sort on the dead leaves. The general appearance of the dying branches are suggestive of some climatic or weather condition which might affect a considerable area all at once.

I am reminded of a condition which sometimes occurs in large areas of Douglas Fir stand in regions of the Northwest. Instances are on record, particularly in mountainous regions, where during very cold weather when the ground is frozen to a considerable

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"Phil Snort" Comes Out of Hiding Place

ELK VALLEY LETTER
By Phil Snort

To the editor of the Illinois Valley News and all other critters what's livin' in and around the country what's joinin' Rough-and-Ready and other distinkwished places, includin' Medford, of course:

A letter complaints has been threw at me on account they haint saw no welcomin' letter from me what tells the Athey Bros. and their family they's welcome to come and stick 'round the valley as long as they wants, or 'till the cows comes homt. Now folks what sez and thinks that don't know what they's talkin' 'bout. Them air Athey boys didn't know they wuz any setch thing as welcome, here or anywheres else, 'till I tells 'em 'bout it. I goes over to Cave City the first day the Athey critters gits off the Mayflower, or some other boat or vehicle, and I walks inter their sanctum likin' fer a cat to drown, not sayin' any I takes a shot at a spittoon and misses, wipes off my chin and pulls down my shirt-tails, looks one of them air Athey's plum in the eye and in a loud and noble voice shouts, "Welcome all Athey's to the city what's headed where our 'changes cars fer Tulehina, Bridgeview, Holland and the Caves. I don't know which one of them air Atheyboys 'twuz, but I know 'twan't the one they calls Ted. Well that air Athey starts 'rubbin' his chin with one hand and a scratchin' his head with tuther, then sez: "Welcome, welcome; now what in thunder does that word mean; if 'tiz a word?" then he starts fer the distinkwished, and I sees him 'a turnin' of the paper and sayin': "double-dun, double-dun, double-dun-a-ll, double-dun-a-ll, well, welcome; here 'tiz word of two cylinders and a word on both, meanin': Go to Grants Pass, take the Redwood highway as far as Illinois valley, and then you'll dern soon know what welcome means."

Another reason why I haint writ no welcome to the Illinois Valley News is I've been dern hazy as tavin' to balance my budget. I've jest about giv up a fogin' to balance that air budget 'cause it jess seems it can't be did. I've jest about made up my mind to go ahead and increase the deficit and let the balance go bang. Most any dern idgy can increase the deficit, but it takes a hull lotter' smart figgerin' to balance the budget. Another reason I haint writ a welcome is that I'm dern sore at some of the critters what's a livin' at Cave City—specially the doctors. You see I had every thing a allin' me what I'd ever heard of, from impetigo to leprosy; then I looks in our doctor book and I had everything what it told about in it; so I goes over to Cave City and lets Doc Colle-

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