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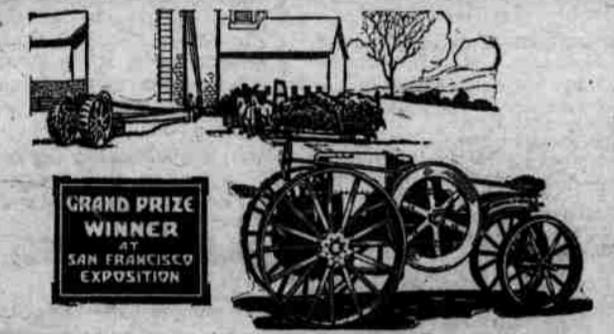
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MID-YEAR EXAMS A NEW DEPARTURE

IN ATHENA'S SCHOOLS

New Courses Offered in High School Department—Debate Teams Selected for Contest.

During the past week the students of the High school have been busily studying and making preparations for the first mid-year examinations ever given in the school and as a result they have aroused much interest among the student body. They will commence at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning January 10, the semester ending on the 12th. Among the new courses offered to the high school students next semester are: Civics, Modern History, Botany, and Current Literature, History and Vocational course, the latter which will be a class of reading and making reports. This course will be taught by Mr. Russell and promises to be very interesting.

In the tryout for the debate teams held in the high school auditorium Friday, Dec. 23, 1915, Henry Koepke and Zola Keen were chosen to debate on the affirmative side of the question and Edna McAlexander and Florence McLennan were picked for the negative. The negative will debate in Milton January 10. The affirmative expected to debate the Pendleton high school team in the local auditorium on the same date, but learned by Tuesday's East Oregonian that they had dropped out of the debating league. With Pendleton's withdrawal, only Athena and Milton are left in this end of the county, and they will have but one debate. The winner will then meet the winning team of the other end of the county. Pendleton's excuse for dropping out is that the members of the debate team would graduate at this semester and also that they could not get suitable material to work on the question. Considerable comment is being made by other schools concerning their related decision, as they had identically the same material as the rest of the league.

The Athena High school ball teams lost two games when they clashed in a double-header contest with the Pendleton team Dec. 22, the girls losing 39 to 7 and the boys 28 to 27. The Athena girls, though they fought gamely, were outclassed and had no chance to win. But from the standpoint of good basket ball, the Pendleton boys' team was outplayed from start to finish. The locals were outweighed and, as the 15 fouls called on the visitors to the arena on Athena plainly indicate, outroughed. Athena lost through inability to convert fouls into points.

The Waitsburg boys defeated Athena in the local gym, Dec. 29 by the score of 52-25. The Athena boys showed lack of practice through their passing and were easily surpassed by the fast Waitsburg quartet. The Holly brothers were the Waitsburg stars, securing 43 points, while Booher starred for the locals with 17 of the 25 points. Tonight the Athena team will go to Milton, where they will play Columbia College in a double-header game. Next week both teams go to Waitsburg to play Friday night, and from there to Touchet for a game Saturday night. Principal and Mrs. J. O. Russell will accompany the teams.

Following is the monthly report for the Athena public school for month ending Dec. 29, 1915, in comparison with the preceding month:

Dec. 1 Dec. 29	
No. pupils end month	185 188
No. new pupils registered	7 2
Total No. reg. to date	204 206
No. pupils at end of mo.	188 189
No. days taught during mo.	18 15
Total days attendance	3267.5 2434.5
Total days absence	107.0 46.5
No. times tardy	30 16
No. neither absent or tardy	140 143
Average No. belonging	187.5 185.4
Ave. daily attendance	181.5 182.3
Per cent of attendance	96.3 98.3
No. visits by parents	38 39

The per cent of attendance for the past four months has been held up to the average of 97.0. The Athena Press Honor Cup has helped in this respect.

J. O. Russell, Supt.

Roll of Honor.

First Grade.—Athena Russell, Kathleen Radtke, Dorothy Geisel, Beatrice Dickson, Florence Ross, Dorothy Bear, Esther Helms, Lephia Cox, Opal Starr, Elver Miller, George Pambrun, Waldon Bell, Winston Taggart.

Second Grade.—Marjorie Booher, Lois Johnson, Arieta Willaby, Edna DeFreese, Lorena Schubert, Joe Engemann, Roy DeFreese, Ronald Lisualen, Melvin Coppock, Clifford Wood, Freddie Radtke, Edward Hass.

Third Grade.—Vera Bentley, Robert Carstena, Marcell Carden, William Coppock, Mel Dickenson, Clara Engemann, Leonard Geisel, Ellen Henry, Alice Huffman, Ray Huffman, Harold Jackaco, Vera Miller, Max Newsom, Denn Pinkerton, Olive Shick, Arthur Taylor, Mary Richmond, Chester Cox.

Fourth Grade.—Stanley Bush, Wilbur Harden, Arthur Holt, Blanche Johnson, Matvel McAlexander, Harold McLennan, Fay Pambrun, Epps Piersol, Elmo Russell, Delbert Taylor, Dorothy Willaby, Leonard Willaby, Ruth Holt, Fred Hass, Velton Reed.

Fifth and Sixth Grades.—Brooks Anderson, Vernon Miller, Tom Kirk, Alton Lisualen, Lorain Shick, Blanche Carstena, Thelma Crallish, Be-

GOOD FOR THE CROPE.



(Newark Evening News)

Prof. H. A. Post Joins Benedicts

Prof. H. A. Post and bride have returned from a short honeymoon trip and are established in the Sherman home on the West Side, where they are at home to their friends. Of the wedding of the young couple, the Walla Walla Bulletin says:

The marriage of Miss Laura Drum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drum, to Homer Avery Post, of Athena, occurred on Christmas afternoon, at 6 o'clock. The ceremony was a simple one, attended only by members of the two families and a few intimate friends. Dr. Stephen B. L. Paurose read the service. Miss Edna Grandberry played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal party took their places before an exquisitely arranged bower of orange blossoms and soft greenery. The bride wore a becoming frock of Georgeite crepe, with lace and pearls. Her veil was short and held to her hair with a wreath of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower of bride roses. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and a sister, Miss Barbara Drum, was bridesmaid. Mr. Post was attended by his brother, Maurice Post, of Tacoma.

Revival Meetings At Baptist Church

The evangelistic meetings which have been in progress for over a week in the Baptist church are creating much interest, and the good crowds promise to fill the aisle room also, the auditorium having been filled most every evening.

Edgar L. Mills, the evangelist, is a man of unusual gifts, a talented and convincing speaker, and draws crowds in every community from miles around. One of his subjects for some evening next week will be "Holes in the Wall," and he says he will see them right out. All the services will be held at 7:30 p. m. The large chorus will make the song service especially lively and enthusiastic and this part of the service is very attractive. The choir has been in training for a special program which they will render this evening. Mr. Basiao, who is training them, says "they have unusual voices which promise to make this the best program to be heard."

The gala which is being planned by the Hela for the boys will take place as soon as the weather permits and will include a lunch around the camp fire.

There will be all day services Sunday with dinner at noon. This will accommodate those coming a distance and everyone is invited to bring their dinner and stay to the all day services at 11 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Every one cordially invited.

During the recent thaw, the fish pond at the Samuel Pambrun place south of town was undermined by the water, and breaking loose, released about three thousand young trout which had been planted there.

Miss Clara Zerba Weds School Man

Wednesday afternoon, December 27, 1915, the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zerba was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss Clara Zerba, sister of Mr. Zerba and a former popular girl of this city, having been reared in this vicinity, became the bride of Mr. Luther R. Taylor, of McMinville. She has recently made her home in Walla Walla.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin and silver lace and carried a shower of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Florence Zerba, acted as bridesmaid, wearing yellow chiffon over satin, trimmed in silver lace and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Roy Zerba, brother of the bride, was best man. The bridal party marched in to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus, with Miss Bonnie Sims at the piano. The room was tastefully decorated in yellow and white chrysanthemums and mistletoe. The impressive double ring ceremony was used, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Hollis of Walla Walla.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zerba, Miss Florence Zerba, Roy Zerba, Misses Edna and Grace Zerba; Misses Beth Godbold, Ethel Easch, Laura Smith and Mr. Roy Maxwell of Walla Walla; Miss Bonnie Sims of Sheridan, Miss Lela Bloom of LaGrande and Miss Lizalee Hubbard of Athena.

After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Clarence Zerba, assisted by Miss Lela Bloom, after which the happy couple departed by auto for Walla Walla, from whence they took the train for McMinville, where the groom is a member of the high school faculty. They will be at home to their friends after February first at McMinville.

Banister, Dorothy Koepke, Gertrude Martin, Elan Ringel, Ethel Geisel, Myrtle Dowling, Mildred Mathers, Arta Payne, Ivan Cox, Charlotte Hass, Eddie Evans, Leslie Marvin, Lowell Richmond, Lee Banister, John Pinkerton, Delbert Reed, Sadie Pambrun, Eva Carstena, Edna Carstano, Lucinda Dell, Andra Winslip, Velma McAlexander, Mildred Stanton, Rath Jackson, Iona Carden, Conrad Miller.

Seventh Grade.—Lela Schubert, Savannah Smith, Jeannette Miller, Dolie Banister, Nina Sharp, Helen Downing, Henry Knight, Dorvan Phillips, Willard Parker, Lloyd Mathers.

Eighth Grade.—Betteen Reed, Thelma McEwen, Mildred Winslip, George Lisualen, Clay Jackson, Elizabeth Mathers, Macchelle Dunson, Edna Pinkerton, Frank Mills, Esther Miller, Wayne Hoffmann.

High School Roll of Honor.

Freshmen.—Enid Carstano, Ida Gracill, Martha Butt, Arieta Littlejohn, Hazel McFarland, Velva Mansfield, Bella Pambrun, Helen Russell, Velma Schubert, Vernita Wits, Fay Zerba, George Adams, Ralph Richmond, Roy Richmond, John Saunders, Kenneth Bentley, Lawrence Baker, Claude Baker, Harry Martie.

Sophomores.—Lola Key, Hazel Sanders, Lucille Taylor, Frances Williams.

Juniors.—Kathren Froome, Zola Keen, Florence McLennan, Marguerite McLennan, Angie Pambrun, Henry Koepke.

Seniors.—Nannie Sheard.

School Notes

On account of the Waitsburg-Touchet trip, the next meeting of the Literary society has been postponed to Jan. 10th.

Several of the Athena High alumni returned home during the past week to enjoy their Christmas vacation. Among them are: Greta McIntyre from Pacific University; Gladys McLeod from University of Oregon, and Tom Caton from Whitman College.

Among the High school visitors for the week were Frank Lookwood and Phillip Veeney of the Walla Walla High school.

Velma Gerking entered the High school Tuesday, as a new student. She comes from the Weston high school.

Bleo Shick, who has been absent from school for three months on account of illness, has resumed her studies.

Lucille and Lois Smith have entered school in Miss Sherman's room.

Miss Fortna's room won the Athena Press Honor Cup for this month, over Miss Wagner's by one point and Miss Sherer's by two points. Following are the scores received by each room:

Room 171; Miss Wagner, 170;
Room 169; Miss Barce, 155;
Room 175.

ATHENA'S LODGES NEWLY OFFICERED

MASONS AT BANQUET

Woodmen, Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows Install Officers for the Ensuing Year

Wednesday evening, December 27, was an auspicious event in the history of Dolph Lodge No. 80, A. F. and A. M., the occasion being the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Masonic Hall was filled with invited guests comprising members of Masonic families and friends.

The program rendered was well appreciated, and was as follows:

Opening Prayer, by Davis Erett.
Vocal solo, Miss Helen Russell, accompanied by Mrs. Scott.
Violin solo, Floyd Pinkerton.
Vocal solo, Mrs. W. R. Scott.
Song by Men's Chorus.
Piano selections Mrs. J. O. Russell.
Address by Davis Erett.
Presentation of Masonic Apron to Past Worshipful Master Samuel Pambrun by Mr. Erett.
Installation of Officers
by A. M. Johnson, P. W. M.
Officers: W. M., Chas. O. Henry; S. W., Reed Hill; J. W., Ralph T. Cannon; Treasurer, Irving Brooks; Secretary, A. B. Steele; S. D., J. R. Mathers; J. D., W. R. Scott; S. S., Fred Flint; J. S., Edward Ross; Tyler, E. R. Cox; Marshal, David Taylor.

After the impressive ceremonies of installation, the tables were laid for a most sumptuous banquet, and the remaining time was passed in social intercourse.

The Woodmen.

Wednesday evening the local Woodmen Camp installed officers for the ensuing year. With Eugene Schriepf as installing officer, the following new officers were installed:

Past Command, W. H. Keen; Grand Commander, Edw. Esch; Advisor, L. S. G. Shick; Clerk, Dr. J. D. Hammond; Banker, H. O. Worthington; Exor, Edgar Booher; Watchman, LeRoy McChubb; Scout, Chas. Myers; Messengers, G. W. Gross; W. T. Booher, and Chas. Cannon.

Knights of Pythias.

O. O. Heary, installing officer, installed the following new officials in Pythias Lodge, No. 29, K. of P., last night: G. O. E. H. Bass; V. G., Fred Radtke; Prelate, Arthur Coppock; M. of A., Harvey Booher; K. of R. & S., E. W. Kossak; M. W., W. E. Deaton; M. P., Henry Keen; M. of E., E. H. Bass; I. G., Ace Wagner; O. G., Vert Mazlio.

The Odd Fellows.

Tomorrow night, in I. O. O. F. Hall Wild Horse Lodge No. 73, I. O. O. F. will install the following officers: R. A. Thompson, N. G.; Wm. Kossak, V. G.; Chas. Smith, Rec. Sec.; M. L. Watts, Fin. Sec.; G. W. Gross Treasurer; G. W. Gross, trustee.

January Clearance Sale

Friday Morning, January 5th

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