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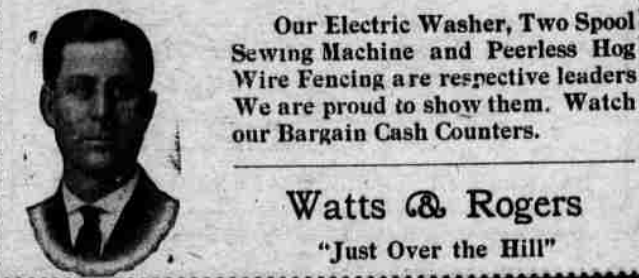
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## May Day Is to Be a Flag Day in Athena



Next Tuesday, May 1st, will be Flag Day in Athena. On that day, in connection with the public school May Day Festival, the patriotic spirit of the people of Athena and vicinity will be exemplified in the impressive ceremonies of raising the flag at the corner of Main and Third streets, the location which has been selected for the placing of a permanent flag pole.

A temporary flag staff has been erected by W. E. Dobson for the occasion, and so soon as the condition of the roads will permit, he will go to the mountains and select a better one. Manager Power of the Golden Rule store has generously offered to present a large and beautiful flag to the city free of any cost, and the flag will probably be received from the East in time for the occasion.

Mr. B. B. Richards and Mrs. Homer L. Watts, Athena member of the executive committee on Preparedness of Umatilla county, have the matter of speaker in charge, and have selected Rev. J. E. Snyder of Pendleton, to deliver the address at the raising of the flag. Mrs. Watts is in attendance at a meeting of the committee in Pendleton today, and will extend an invitation to the members of the committee to attend the exercises.

J. O. Russell, superintendent of Athena schools, is in charge of the program of the day, and with the assistance of the entire school, has prepared the way for a pleasant and enjoyable time for all, weather permitting. A basket dinner is a feature of the occasion, and everyone is invited to bring well filled baskets. The program, as formulated by Mr. Russell, follows:

- 10:00 a. m. School Parade through the principal streets of Athena. Begins east of school house, thence south to First National Bank block, west two blocks, south one block, east one block, north to Postoffice block, north to school building.
- 10:30 a. m. Municipal Flag Raising on lot east of Postoffice, while parade of school children halts. Special speaker for the occasion.
- 11:00 a. m. Outdoor school program, east entrance of the school building. Address of welcome by Mayor Watts and response by Supt. J. E. Young, followed by recitation and song by school children.
- 12:00 m. Big Basket Dinner on school grounds—parents, friends, city and country folk all to bring well filled baskets and "the Multitude will be fed."
- 1:15 p. m. Crowning of the May Queen with appropriate ceremony, followed by School Drills and Maypole dances in honor of the Queen.
- 2:00 p. m. Match game of base ball at the city ball grounds, Athena High school will meet Pendleton High.

### Mrs. Watts on Committee.

As the result of a visit to this city Saturday of Judge Phelps, Judge Marsh and Dan P. Smythe, organizers of the executive committee of 21 on Umatilla county war preparedness, Mrs. Homer L. Watts, wife of the mayor, has been named to represent Athena on the committee and is in Pendleton today attending its first meeting. The committee of 21 comprises the following:  
 Pendleton—W. D. McNary, chairman; G. M. Rice, W. L. Thompson, Fred Steiger, J. H. Sturgis, Mrs. E. T. Wade, Mrs. J. H. Murphy, Mrs. E. W. McComas, Rev. J. E. Snyder, Mrs. Roy T. Bishop.  
 Adams—Mrs. G. M. Morrison.  
 Weston—S. A. Barnes.  
 Athena—Mrs. H. I. Watts.  
 Freewater—D. C. Sanderson.  
 Milton—H. M. Cockburn.  
 Helix—Dr. J. Grievold.  
 Pilot Rock—Grace Gilliam.  
 South End—K. G. Warner.  
 Echo—W. H. Cray.  
 Stanfield—Lloyd Riches.  
 Hermiston and Umatilla—Thomas Campbell.

### Local Red Cross Activities.

Mrs. H. H. Hill, chairman of the local Red Cross auxiliary, visited the head Chapter at Pendleton Saturday, and observed the work going on there. Mrs. Hill, at a meeting in her home Wednesday afternoon, appointed the following heads of committees: Membership chairman, Mrs. R. A. Thompson; chairman committee on collecting old linen, Mrs. N. J. Osborne; chairman finance committee, Mrs. Jessie McGraw; secretary, Mrs. Bessie McPherson. The following new names have been added to the Athena list: Mrs. Sarah J. Harden, Mrs. Lula Woodward, Mrs. Lenna Read, Mrs. Bessie McPherson, Miss Mattie Coppock, Miss Alta Sharp, Mrs. Mary E. Sharp.

**In Aviation Corps.**  
 Roy Zerba left last night for Portland, where he will take the examination for enlistment in the aviation corps. Everett Zerba, who is at present undergoing treatment for an affected ear, may later take the examination.

### GOOD ROADS RALLY

The Legislative Good Roads Committee has decided to hold a state-wide good roads rally in Portland, Saturday, April 28. Every organization in the state favorable to the road bond bill is invited to send representatives to this gathering. The committee has taken up with the various transportation companies the matter of securing a special reduced rate for those attending the rally. Reports from Astoria and several points in Eastern Oregon are to the effect that the good roads enthusiasts of those sections are planning to charter a boat or special train and come to Portland in large numbers, accompanied by bands. Similar large excursions are in prospect from other points. There is every indication that the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters that has ever held in the Pacific Northwest.

### GOOD ROAD POINTERS

County money now spent on trunk lines will be used on laterals and other less traveled roads if the good roads bond issue is voted by the people at the June election.

Clackamas County, the home of C. E. Spence, Grange Leader, who is opposing the road bond bill, is reported to have spent \$3,000,000 on roads in the last ten years and has three or four miles of improved roads to show for it.

"Paying as we go is better than paying as we go," was one of the pointed remarks of Highway Commissioner Adams when he recently addressed a meeting of Portland Realty men.

People won't go back to the farm until they have roads to get there. Assist the "Back to the Farm" movement by voting for the road bond bill at the June election.

Place the burden of building the roads on those who wear them out—the automobiles. The state license on automobiles has been doubled and the owners of these machines are willing to pay the increased fee. All they ask is that the money so raised shall be expended in construction of good roads. Vote for the road bond bill and assist to bring that about.

Auto license fees alone will pay all the costs—principal and interest—of the \$6,000,000 road bond bill and leave a substantial balance for other roads. And all this without an additional cent of taxation for the farmer.

Every automobile owner in the state should vote for the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. His license tax was doubled by the last legislature and he will have to pay the increased fee anyway. If the road bonds are voted at the special election in June, the money derived therefrom is to be expended in the construction of a system of state-wide hard-surfaced roads.

Will the people from the interior be benefitted, inquires J. F. Hutchason, of Douglas County, in a communication to the Roseburg News. There is no question about that, he replies in answering his own question. The bonds mean better roads for every section of the county and better roads mean many things. The farm or ranch can be sold for more money if one wishes to sell. Marketing is facilitated and the cost is lessened. The sooner we get permanent roads the sooner will taxes grow less. Good roads cost less to maintain. If we dump our money each year into a few mud holes and keep it up from year to year we have benefitted no one, not even the men who fill the mud holes, for they have to pay part of the taxes, too.

"To our way of thinking," says the Hillsboro Independent, "perhaps the chief argument in favor of the road bonds is that the cities and towns as well as an additional proportion of the total valuation will pay the largest share, and the burden will be shifted from the farmer's 28 per cent to the remaining 74. Not only that, but the complaint that the city automobilist has worn out the roads he did not pay for is met and in the future he will travel the road that cost him more than was paid by the farm he passes and in addition the fat total of his automobile license, a proportion of which was returned to his own county, will now pay the interest on the loan he made to build the roads."

## AUTHORITY TO LIMIT FOOD PRICES ASKED

PROGRAMME UP TO CONGRESS

Supervision of Distribution of All Food Products Is Also to Be Recommended.

The government's program for food control during the war has been put before Congress by Senator Houston in a communication to the Senate asking power for the Department of Agriculture to take direct supervision of food production and distribution in the U. S. and requesting a \$25,000,000 appropriation for putting the plan into operation. Authority was asked for the council of National Defence in an emergency, to buy and sell foodstuffs and to fix maximum or minimum prices.

As outlined to the Senate the government's plan is first to make a complete survey of the country's food supply to determine its ownership and distribution if necessary to license and control the operations of all concerns engaged in the manufacture of food or feeds, agricultural implements and all material required for agricultural purposes.

Authority is sought for the Agricultural Department to take over and operate the concerns if that course is demanded by the public interest. Giving the Government power to deal directly in foodstuffs probably would make his application unnecessary, Sec. Houston declared, as its very existence would tend to keep conditions normal. He proposed that the government should have full discretion, saying it might be wise if an emergency arose to fix prices on a single commodity. Market gardens and classes for farm products, Sec. Houston said, form one of the chief needs of the country to insure proper conditions in producing and marketing farm products.

Authority was also asked for the department to regulate the transportation companies' preference for the movement of farm machinery, seed fertilizers and materials that enter into the processes of food production. Enlargement of the market news service of the department was recommended as a means of insuring equitable distribution to prevent undue food shortage in any consuming center and to provide against wastes, due to temporary over-supplies of food in some communities. The department wishes to allow the market service division to assist in obtaining re-routing of foodstuffs to relieve congestion on transportation lines.

### Much Wheat Abandoned.

Fifty five per cent of the 1917 wheat crop in Kansas has been abandoned, leaving the smallest acreage since 1897 according to the official crop report issued today. Prospects for a crop from the remaining forty five per cent of the fall sowing is shown as 60.18 per cent, which would indicate a probable crop of 45,000,000 bushels—nearly 51,000,000 bushels less than last year. Increased acreage for corn and oats is shown.

### Returns From California.

Mrs. Woodward and daughter, Miss Eva, have returned from Long Beach, California, where they spent the winter. They are visiting at the George and Casper Woodward homes west of town, before going to their home in Walla Walla.

### Excavation Completed.

The excavation for the basement for the new store building to be erected by the First National Bank, adjoining the bank building on the west, has been completed and the concrete work will begin at once. D. Scott Fisher has the contract for the wood work.

## School Notes.

[Contributed.]

Following is the eighth monthly report for the Athena Public school, month ending April 20, 1917. The corresponding report for last year is given for comparison:

	1916.	1917
No. pupils end of last mo.	168	168
No. new pupils registered	5	5
Total reg. this year	921	921
No. pupils remaining to date	187	184
No. days taught this mo.	20	20
Total No. days at'nce	3240.0	3097.0
" " absence	97	186.0
" " times tardy	14	13
No. neither absent or tardy	190	98
Average No. belonging	165.3	164.2
" daily attendance	162.0	154.9
Per cent of attendance	98.0	94.3
No. visits by parents	—	7

These reports compare very favorably when we consider the fact that over 50 children suffered an attack of measles or chicken pox during the month above reported.

### Roll of Honor.

- First Grade.—Kenneth Maestretti, Elver Miller, Athena Russell, Kathleen Radtke, Dorothy Geissel, Wanda Holt.
- Second Grade.—Lois Johnson, Edna De Freese, Lahman Maestretti, Freddie Radtke, Roy DeFreese, Joe Engemann.
- Third Grade.—Clara Engemann, Leonard Gessiel, Ellen Henry, Wilford Miller, Mary Richmond.
- Fourth Grade.—Frank Carstens, Wilber Harden, Arthur Holt, Blanche Johnson, Marvel McAlexander, Harold McLennan, Eppa Piersol, Elmo Russell, Vellon Read, Ruth Hutt, Cecil Maestretti.
- Fifth Grade.—Brooks Anderson, Vernon Miller, Alton Lieuallen, Richard Cartano, Thelma Crabill, Beula Banister, Dorothy Koepke, Bessie Martin, Elsie Ringel, Ethel Geissel, Myrtle Downing, Mildred Mathers.
- Sixth Grade.—Eddie Evans, Leslie Marvin, Lowell Richmond, Lee Banister, Conrad Miller, Delbert Read, Eva Carstens, Audra Winship, Velma McAlexander, Mildred Stanton, Ruth Jackson.
- Seventh Grade.—Jeannette Miller, Nina Sharp, Dollie Banister, Herman Geissel, Helen Downing, Willard Parker, Lloyd Mathers, Pearl Ramsay, Ethel Klein.
- Eighth Grade.—Bethleen Read, Mildred Winship, George Lieuallen, Clay Jackson, Elizabeth Mathers, Maebelle Duncan, Edna Pinkerton, Frank Miller, High School.

Freshmen.—Eid Cartano, Ida Crabill, Carrie DeFreese, Martha Hutt, Areta Littlejohn, Hazel McFarland, Valva Mansfield, Helen Russell, Glenn McAlexander, Ralph Richmond, Roy Richmond, John Saunders, Claude Baker, Harry Martin.

Sophomores.—Hazel Sanders, Lucille Taylor.

Juniors.—Zola Keen, Annabel McLeod, Florence McLennan, Marguerite McLennan, Ellen Pambrun, Henry Koepke, Lawson Booher, Lawrence Sharp, Verrie Dudley, Leslie Smith.

Seniors.—Edna McAlexander, Mamie Sheard, Elmer Martin.

Next Tuesday, one of the biggest school functions ever held in Athena, namely, the May Day Festival, will be given by the High school and grades. A program which takes up the entire day has been prepared and the students are working hard on their parts in the drills, the crowning of the May Queen and the May pole dances. A basket dinner will be served at noon for all attending. The complete program for the day follows:

1. School assemblies as usual at 9:00 a. m., and completes preparations for the parade.
2. Line of march forms in the street on the East side of the school house at 10:15.
3. Parade begins promptly at 10:30.
4. Parade ends at school house at 11 o'clock.
5. Outdoor program in grandstand on

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## WIN IN ORATORICAL SECTION CONTEST

ATHENA IS ABLY REPRESENTED

Eastern and Western Section of County In Final Contest At Pendleton May 4.

The sectional Oratorical and Declamatory contest held last Friday night in the school auditorium proved the ability of the Athena school, when Elmo Russell won first place in Division D, Zola Keen in Division B and Florence McLennan in Division A. Milton and Athena were the only schools represented, and Helen Vanell of Milton won in Division C.

The winners in this contest will compete with the winners in the Western section of the county at Pendleton, May 4.

The musical specialties, consisting of instrumental duets by Zola Keen and Mrs. J. O. Russell; Vernita Watts and Areta Littlejohn, and the vocal duets by Beula Banister and Richard Cartano; Savannah Smith and Jeannette Miller; and Helen Russell and Miss Minnie Fortna, were all well rendered and each received hearty applause.

Following is the schedule of contestants which will appear in the final contest at Pendleton on May 4th:  
 Division D—Jeannette Anderson, Pendleton; Virginia Labaugh, Helix; Frances Hills, Stanfield; Elmo Russell, Athena; Veda Beeman, Pilot Rock.  
 Division C—Lucille Pell, District No. 37; Alice Clark, Helix; Jane Ginne, Hermiston, Helen Vanell, Milton; Portia Kidwell, Pilot Rock.  
 Division B.—No speaker, Pendleton; No speaker, Helix; Lorena Hall, Stanfield; Zola Keen, Athena.  
 Division A. Paul DeFoe Mortimore, Pendleton; No speaker, Helix; Genevieve Sevy, Stanfield; Florence McLennan, Athena.

### Oregon Courts Upheld.

In deciding the Oregon California land case, the supreme court has affirmed the Oregon Federal courts decree enjoining the Southern Pacific from disposing of timber and minerals on the land received by Congressional grant.

By the same decision the government won its suit against the Southern Pacific to regain nearly two million, three hundred thousand acres of Oregon Washington land, worth thirty million dollars. The court upheld as constitutional the Chamberlain Ferris law of 1916 forfeiting and divesting the railroads of title to lands granted by congress in 1866 and providing for a federal sale of lands and timber minerals.

### United States Army.

Relative to Officers and Enlisted Reserve Corps; Training Camps for Candidates for commissions in Reserve Corps; Communications regarding any Army matters; Any letters or other communications regarding any of above subjects should be addressed to: "Commanding General, Western Department, San Francisco," and not to Major General J. Franklin Bell, who is leaving for Governor's Island, New York.

### Infant Dies of Pneumonia.

William Lloyd, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wilks of Cold Spring, died Monday after six days illness with pneumonia, and was buried in the Athena cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. Storms of Helix, assisted by Rev. Haslam of Adams. The little one was 6 months and 3 days old.

John Froome has installed a large electric washer in the laundry rooms of the St. Nichols hotel, a great work and time saver.

## Our Every Day Prices

Certainly are appreciated by the people of this community as shown by them this week. We do not have special sales, but believe in giving the best possible value every day. For example, why should Jones pay 40c a yard one day, priced to Brown at 33 1-3c the next day and Smith get it on Sale Day for 25c per yard.

### Jones' Dollar

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