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### MUCH BUILDING ACTIVITY IS NOTED IN ATHENA

The starting of the business building by the First National Bank on its lot adjoining the bank building on the west seems to have been an incentive for other building improvements in Athena and vicinity.

Robert Coppock is building a bungalow and garage on his lots, at the corner of Fourth and Adams streets. Contractor Proctor is doing the construction work. The building will rest on a concrete foundation and the plans and specifications call for a modern bungalow.

Scott Fisher and Floyd Putman are constructing a fine new house and barn for Clifford Stone west of town. This residence also will be of the bungalow design and will cost when completed approximately \$3,000.

Fisher & Putman also have the contract for the wood work in the Bank building. The concrete work for the basement of this structure is now under way and the brick for the walls is being put on the ground.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards is being enlarged by the addition now in course of construction. A new kitchen, porch, etc., are being added, and the interior remodeled. The carpenter work is being done by Mr. Richards' brother, J. C. Richards, and D. G. Busby of Corvallis.

It is understood that other new residences will be built in Athena during the summer and fall. At least two parties purchased fine building lots near the City Park, last autumn, and it is probable that they will build this year.

### FARMERS MEETINGS HELD OVER THE STATE MAY 12

Oregon's farmers are to be called into the service of the country. They will be ordered, within the next few days, to gather at convenient meeting places in their respective communities on Saturday night, May 12, and prepare plans to increase the food supply of the land.

Agricultural agents representing nearly every county in Oregon gathered in Portland Monday and conferred with officials of the United States Department of Agriculture and representatives of the Oregon Agricultural College on plans to enlist every farmer in the state in the movement.

The Federal authorities made no secret of the fact that the state, the United States and every country with which the United States is allied in the present war are woefully short of every kind of food.

The farmers will be urged to do their utmost to produce a maximum yield, primarily as a patriotic duty and incidentally as a profitable undertaking.

Several speakers reported that farmers in some localities hesitate about seeding an increased acreage under the apprehension that a possible overproduction will bear down the prices.

Nearly every man reported a lamentable shortage of grain, hay and livestock in every part of the state. Even more serious is the apparent shortage of labor. This labor problem received a large share of the meeting's attention.

The upshot of the discussion was a decision to make a thorough canvass of the high schools and colleges of the state to enlist every boy who can be used for farm labor.

**Mayor Plan's Spuds and Garder.**  
Mayor Watts has harkened to the call of preparedness, and has spent most of the week on the ranch north of town, assisting in putting to seed a mammoth garden, and several acres of potatoes, turnips, carrots, beets, parsnips, etc. Later, a big patch of cabbage will be set out. The creek bottom soil on the Watts ranch is ideal for truck raising, and the Mayor looks forward to prolific production.

### GOOD ROAD POINTERS

The (road) bond issue, should it be voted, will be taken care of by the quarter-mile state road tax and automobile licenses. Both must be paid whether the bonds carry or not. To us it seems the bond issue should be favored by all.—Hermiston Herald.

"The attitude of the State Highway Commission in reference to the distribution of the \$6,000,000 state bond issue will be to show no undue preference to any particular section of the state over another," comments the Roseburg Review. "It is their intention to co-operate with all the counties throughout the state, not with a few, as many have been led to believe through opponents to the bond issue. Douglas County should not lag a moment until some action is taken whereby our road interests will be materially benefited by the proposed bond issue."

"Will it not be far better to sell these proposed bonds and begin our road work by a common-sense system than to dribble it out in small sums from year to year and in the end accomplish nothing?" inquires the Hood River Glacier.

It is true Oregon was getting out of the mud, comments the Tillamook Herald. California and Washington have both made large appropriations for good roads during the past few years, while Oregon has stood still. The bonding bill which will come up for consideration in June is an economic business proposition.

The annual license on all automobiles has been doubled. The fees from this source will be adequate to pay the interest and the principal of the \$6,000,000 road bonds. Automobile owners are willing to pay the increased license but ask that the money raised therefrom shall be spent in road construction. Why not? They are going to pay the bill. And it will not be necessary to raise general taxes, either. Vote for the bonds.

From a series of investigations, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has found that, following the improvement of the main market roads, the increase in the selling price of tillable farm lands served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements.

The construction of hard-surfaced roads that will enable the farmer to reach the Columbia River with his grain and other products will give the producers of Eastern Oregon the full benefit of water competition in marketing their products and will ultimately bring about a reduction of excessive freight rates that are now in effect over the various branch railroad lines on which the farmer is now dependent for transportation.

The fact that the United States is at war with a foreign foe only furnishes an additional argument in support of the good roads bond bill. Improved and serviceable highways are a military necessity in time of war. In their present condition, even the main trunk roads in this state are entirely inadequate to meet the situation should the Pacific Coast ever be attacked by unfriendly forces. Good roads are not only desirable in time of peace but are positively indispensable when the country is in a state of war.

Commenting on the selection of Herbert Nunn as State Highway Engineer, R. B. Murdock, roadmaster for Coos County, pays the following high tribute to the qualifications of Mr. Nunn: "By executive and technical training and experience, he is easily the best qualified man in the State of Oregon, if not on the Pacific Coast, for the position which he has recently been appointed to fill. The Commission is to be complimented upon their choice and the state upon its good fortune in securing Mr. Nunn's services."

## OREGON STARTS TO TAKE WAR CENSUS

### SHERIFFS TO ORGANIZE FORCES

Election Precincts to Be Unit for Registration of All Voters of Prescribed Age.

Governor Withycombe has sent to the Sheriffs of the state letters which mark the preliminary step that brings into actual operation in Oregon, con- scription plans as contemplated in the bill now before Congress.

The Governor has designated the Sheriff, County Clerk, and County Physician of each county as the official registration board. Following the lines laid down in instructions received from Secretary of War Baker the voting precinct will be the primary registration area.

The President will issue a proclamation calling on all persons of designated classes to present themselves on a certain day at the customary polling places. In most precincts one registrar will be deemed sufficient.

The County Registration Board will have charge in general for the county. It is expected that the supplies and blanks will be in the most remote country district within six days after the actual passage of the conscription bill, so that the work may go ahead with great expedition.

The Governor suggests that the Sheriffs issue a call for volunteers to assist them in the clerical work.

In outlining the plan of the work, the Governor notified the Sheriffs of their duties as follows:

"Registration will be conducted through the usual channels; that is, the county and local precinct officials. Each county will be a unit by itself, all acting under the general supervision and with the co-operation of this office.

"At the suggestion of the Secretary of War, the Governor designates the Sheriff, County Clerk, and County Physician as the official registration board for the county. It is hoped and expected that so far as possible the services of the various officials and clerks will be given without compensation, as a voluntary patriotic contribution to the great work of mobilizing the Nation's resources for war-time efficiency.

"Immediately upon the signature of the completed bill by the President there will be sent to me instructions covering all details of state, county and precinct registration. Also there will be mailed from Washington, direct to each Sheriff, all the necessary blanks. Should these not reach you, a reserve supply will be available at this office.

"The Secretary of War dwells upon the great importance of the utmost haste in getting the registration work under way. It is the most stupendous task of the kind yet undertaken in this country, and the immediate success of organizing the proposed armies by selective draft depends upon the efficiency and prompt co-operation of state, county and precinct organizations.

"I am, therefore, writing this letter to inform you of what Oregon has been called upon to do. Until you receive the blanks, and I am able to place before you the detailed instructions which later will come to this office, you cannot actually start operations. But you can, and I sincerely hope you will, lay your plans and get in touch with your fellow county and precinct officials, with the end that general preparations may be made for prompt and efficient conduct of the work.

"You will please inform your County Clerk and County Physician that you three comprise the registration board for your county. I also suggest that you call for volunteers who will

co-operate in the considerable clerical and detail work which will be required. The assistance of local commercial and municipal organizations would be valuable, and should be enlisted.

"Here is a practical opportunity for public-spirited men and women of your county to co-operate with you in this big National undertaking, upon which in such a large measure depends the success of our military organization."

### School Notes.

(Contributed.)

The representatives of the Athena schools who won first place in the Sectional Declamatory and Oratorical contest held here recently have been remodeling and rehearsing their respective declamations for the past week and are striving hard to bring victory to Athena. The three contestants from this school, Elmo Russell, Zola Keen and Florence McLennan; and Helen Vancil of Milton, representing this section, will compete with the winners of the western section at Pendleton tonight. Supt. Russell has consented to supply two specialties, consisting of vocal duets, for the occasion. They are: "Marie, of Boston and Mary, of Athena," by Jeanette Miller and Savannah Smith; and "Wait for the Wagon," by Beulah Banister and Richard Cartano.

After the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday evening, May 13, the routine work of school will be maintained through the week, consisting of final examinations and the completion of reports. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted entirely to examinations. Thursday and Friday the teachers will be busy making final reports. Preparations will also be completed for the Commencement exercises Friday evening, May 19.

Before the largest crowd that ever witnessed an interscholastic base ball game in this city, the local team lost to Milton High by a score of 14 to 0 on the local diamond on May Day. Athena played a loose game, errors being wholly responsible for Milton's runs. Brigewater and Best worked on the mound for Milton and allowed only four hits. Pambrun started for the local and allowed but 4 hits in five innings. Boomer succeeded him and was pounded for six hits which with numerous errors gave the visitors seven runs. The batteries: Brigewater, Best and Garber; Pambrun, Boomer and McPherrin.

Last Friday afternoon the local high school nine met defeat at the hands of the Umapine aggregation by the score of 11 to 7. The score was 7 to 4 in favor of the locals at the end of the 7th inning, but in the eighth Boomer weakened and allowed six hits and as many runs, thus giving Umapine a lead which Athena could not overcome. Another game to play off the tie will be played May 11.

Invitations have been issued for a party to be given by the Freshmen class May 11, in the Domestic Science room. This is the last of the series of parties given by the High school, and the "freshies" are preparing to make it a howling success. The different committees appointed by the president are busy trying to make it the best of the year. The colors of the class, green and pink, will be carried out both in decorations and refreshments.

### "Mother's Day" at M. E. Church

Arrangements have been made for the Mother's Day program Sunday, May 13 at the Methodist church. In the list of young people who have special parts is contained some of the best dramatic talent of the community. The list includes: Henry Koenke, Florence McLennan, Dorothy Koenke, Veltan Read and Martha Hutt. The program is concluded with the chorus: "Home, Sweet Home." The program of which Mrs. J. O. Russell is in charge, will be announced next week.

Zerba Bros. sold a Buick machine to Hamp Boomer of Weston, this week.

## FLAG RAISING AND MAY DAY EXERCISES

### SCHOOL PUPILS PARADE STREET

Eloquent Patriotic Address By J. E. Snyder on Occasion of Raising the Flag.

Despite inclement weather, the May Day festivities and the flag raising exercises were a signal success in Athena Tuesday. The program as announced in the Press, was adhered to with the exception that the ceremonies of the raising of the flag were postponed from 10:30 to 2:30 p. m.

Pupils and teachers of the Athena public schools, starting at the school building, headed by Eugene Osborne on horseback, marched through the streets in grade divisions, costumed for the occasion. The many features of the parade were unique and each deserves special mention. The dainty flower fairies, farmer boys, red cross demonstrators, representatives of militia and navy, Uncle Sam and Columbia—with many other costumes and impersonations, all combined to make a very patriotic and interesting display. The parade was followed by citizens on foot and in automobiles to the school grounds where the forenoon exercises took place at the East entrance to the High school building.

Mayor Watts delivered the address of welcome, to which County School Superintendent L. E. Young responded. Addresses by Dr. Errett and M. L. Watts, chairman of the school board, interspersed with songs and recitations by school children followed.

Teachers, pupils and others enjoyed a basket luncheon in the school rooms during the noon hour and on account of rain, the crowning of the May Queen, Miss Helen Russell, took place in the auditorium, and the May pole exercises in the gymnasium, instead of on the grounds as intended. At 3 o'clock the exercises at the school building had been completed and the audience, which completely filled the auditorium, made its way, the sun having shone forth, to the corner of Main and Third streets, where the flag raising exercises were held. As Old Glory unfolded to the breeze, the big crowd saluted and Rev. J. E. Snyder of Pendleton, ascended the speaker's stand.

His address was a masterly one. Himself of German descent, his patriotic and eloquent words burned into the consciousness of his hearers when he recounted that already one of his sons had gone to train for the defense of his country's honor, and a second had signed and was ready to do likewise whenever called.

He paid a most eloquent tribute to the flag of his country, and with telling effect enumerated the high ideals for which it has always stood. His definition of a "slacker" was withering one and he placed in the category of traitors the man who would seek to enrich himself in the time of his country's peril at the expense of the boys bleeding and dying in the trenches, and the privation and suffering of the poor.

The speaker's conception of the duty of all German-Americans was analogous with what he stood for and what he was willing to sacrifice in behalf of his country in its determination to crush militarism and give to the world a lasting peace.

**Degree Conferred on Three.**  
A pleasant session of Mackenzie Chapter, O. E. S., was held Wednesday evening, at which the degrees were conferred upon Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coppock, and Miss Angie Pambrun. A unique "patriotic" luncheon was served by the committee, twenty-five members being present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weir were in the city from Milton, Wednesday.

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