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ATHENA-WRITTEN UP IN UMATILLA COUNTY BOOKLET NOW READY

Noted As Home Town With Good Schools, Paved Streets and Dependable Resources.

The following article on Athena was written for the Umatilla county booklet recently issued by the federated commercial clubs of the county and the county court:

Located in the heart of Umatilla county's chief industry—wheat raising—Athena is situated midway between Pendleton and Walla Walla on the hard surface state highway. It has a population of 627 as given by the last census enumeration, strictly speaking is a "home" town in every sense of the word, being endowed with all essentials for meriting the term.

No climate is more healthful than that of the foothills of the Blue mountains, and no water more pure than that which flows from their springs. The records of Athena physicians disclose the fact that for 30 years past there has not been one case of typhoid or malaria here but that the patient contracted it in some other locality. Athena's municipal water system comes from springs by gravity flow into concrete reservoirs and is supplemented by a pumping system, used for emergency purposes only.

The streets of Athena are broad and clean and there are more paved blocks to be found here than in any other town of like population in the state. For permanent street improvements, \$80,000 has been expended in the past two years. The residence streets are paved, with the appearance of a cool, staid grove. Her homes are for the most part modern, and well-kept lawns attest to the pride the average resident takes in beautifying his premises.

There is more "school spirit" to the square inch in Athena than can be found anywhere, population considered. One of the best appointed buildings in the county, a live board of directors, an efficient faculty and studious pupils blend as a whole in putting Athena in the front rank of the accredited schools of the state. Included in the construction of this splendid high school building is a gymnasium, library and auditorium.

City park has about five and one-half acres of land in the south part of the city. It is well shaded and skirted on one side by Wild Horse creek, making it a most inviting place to while away the hours in summer. Free camping grounds are maintained by the city in a portion of the park.

Five religious denominations are represented in Athena, Methodist, Episcopal, Christian, Baptist and Catholic. Social conditions are all that could be desired. The people are hospitable and of entertaining inclination. Women's clubs flourish in the community and there are local lodges of all the leading secret orders. The American Legion is also represented here.

The commercial interests of Athena are headed by the Athena commercial club, which has well furnished and commodious quarters.

Surrounded by thousands of acres of the most fertile wheat land on the Pacific slope, it naturally follows that the principal industry here would be the manufacture of flour and mill stuffs. A large flour mill operates on a 24-hour-a-day basis 365 days a year giving employment to 25 men. This mill has a capacity of 500 barrels of flour per day, consumes in the process of grinding approximately 600,000 bushels of wheat per year, handles 2,000,000 pounds of barley and distributes 200,000 grain bags to the wheat raisers.

Delivered at the Athena warehouses each year are approximately 450,000 bushels of grain. The farmers own and operate a modern concrete elevator of 101,000 bushels capacity for bulk wheat and in addition a warehouse of 50,000 sack capacity for sacked grain. In addition there is a chop mill of 20 tons capacity daily.

The financial pulse of a community throbs through the strength of its banking institutions and from them our arteries of trade and commerce are to be gauged. The First National bank of Athena was established in 1891. Its present capital stock is \$50,000 and it carries a surplus of \$29,000, with deposits of \$22,442.

The Athena State bank opened for business in Jan. 1920, with a capital stock of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$5,000, and it now resources over the \$100,000 mark.

The O. W. R. & N. and Northern Pacific railroads serve this community and compete for freight and passenger traffic, affording excellent shipping and transportation facilities.

Glen Dudley Is the President of County Legions

Glen Dudley of the Athena-Weston post of the American Legion, was elected president of the Umatilla county council of the American Legion, at its organization meeting held in Pendleton.

Four of the seven posts in the county were represented and the others are expected to have representation in the council as soon as possible. Arrol Koepke, Glen Dudley, Dr. C. H. Smith and C. L. McFadden of the Athena-Weston post, E. J. Kingsley and C. M. Voven of the Hermiston post, I. M. Peterson and C. S. Mudge of the Echo post, and Joe Harvey, Tom Murphy, Tom Keating, Cyril Proebstel and Dr. Fred A. Lieuallen of the Pendleton post, were the representatives at the first session, Fred E. Kiddle, district committeeman of the state organization, was present and explained the work of the council.

Plans for a joint celebration on Armistice day were pronounced as was a county convention of all Legion members in the section. Naturalization and Americanization work in this connection was discussed at length and it was decided that the members of the council report to their posts that investigation of naturalization applications be made.

The council is formed as an instrument for better cooperation between posts and will handle such matters as the unemployment question, the exchange of equipment and ideas of posts and united action on legislative matters.

Decision of the council was that the congressional delegation of Oregon be requested to vote in favor of the adjusted compensation bill now before the senate.

Regular meetings of the council will be held at Athena, the first meeting being on Friday, April 28. A Dutch lunch will be served at 7:30, to which all members of the local Post are urged to attend.

BOY THROWN FROM BICYCLE

The common practice of the small boy on a bicycle holding to the rear end of a fast-traveling automobile, proved disastrous to Edwin McEwen, at the Vic Harris place south of the city limits, Tuesday evening. Edwin was thrown to the pavement when he lost control of his bicycle after releasing his hold from the automobile. He was later found unconscious on the roadway by a party passing in a car, and was brought to the St. Nicholas Hotel, and his mother, Mrs. Ralph McEwen, notified. The lad was taken to Dr. Smith's office, who found a broken tooth, cuts and bruises.

SMASHED THE LAMP POST

A car driven by a Pendleton lady, crashed into the lamp post at the corner of Main and Third, Sunday, and demolished it. The car was damaged also. Evidently the driver was inexperienced, and in making the turn at the intersection, she was unable to clear the curb, with the result that the car came head on against the lamp post in front of the Watts & Rogers store.

FREEWATER CASHIER SUICIDE BODY FOUND BY SHEEPMAN

A Walla Walla dispatch says that Earl S. Rowe, 35 year old cashier of the bank of Freewater, who disappeared from his home in Freewater during the first of February, was found dead in the hills of the Walla Walla Saturday morning by Dave Cochran, a sheepherder. The man was adjudged to have been dead for at least six weeks.

The body was found seated among the rocks, with the 32 calibre Colt's automatic still clutched in his right hand. Five bullets still remained in the gun with the one shot cartridge and another bullet was held in the left hand of the suicide. The shot that ended the life of the young bank cashier entered the right temple and death had evidently been instantaneous.

The body was on the George Lambdin place in the "horse-heaven" country, four miles from the road in the Walla Walla hills. Rowe had evidently walked to the most desolate and isolated spot he could find, and had there ended his life.

The body was brought to Walla Walla and is now at the MacMartin and Chamberlain mortuary. Papers and letters on the body were the first means of identification of the man who disappeared over two months ago. At the time of his disappearance Rowe's wife and two children were living at Freewater where he was employed. Since that time, however, they have gone to Spokane, and Mrs. Rowe is at present employed in a department store.

Some time ago the deserted car of Rowe was located on the Walla Walla road, and at that time it was feared that some accident had befallen him. At that time, however, the suicide theory had not found its way in the matter and the finding of the car was held as one of the deep mysteries of his disappearance.

GWINN RECEIVES SUPPORT

While in Union and Baker counties this week, J. H. Gwinn republican candidate for congress from this district, against N. J. Sinnott, present incumbent, encountered enthusiastic support. Gwinn finds that protection of the free public schools is a subject that is causing people to sit up and take notice in this campaign.

Commencement Exercises



THE GRADUATING CLASS
Upper—Lucinda Dell, Superintendent O. C. Hadley, Herman Geissel, Lela Schubert, Frank Miller, Dorvan Phillips. Lower—Gwendolyn McIntyre Kohler Betts, Savannah Smith, Maebelle Duncan.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 7 AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The baccalaureate service for the graduating class of the high school will be held in the Christian church Sunday morning May 7, at 11 o'clock. All the churches of the town will join in this service. Reverend Howard Stover, pastor of the community church at Freewater, has been secured to deliver the sermon on this occasion.

The program as arranged is as follows:
Ecology Congregation
Invocation Rev. E. B. Johnson
Response Choir
Hymn Congregation
Announcements
Solo Mrs. David Stone
Baccalaureate Sermon Rev. Howard Stover
Hymn Choir
Benediction Rev. F. E. Russell.

The annual high school commencement exercises will take place in the high school auditorium at 8 P. M. May 12.

Rev. M. E. Bollen of Walla Walla has been secured to give the commencement address. The class oration is "American Ideals." Maebelle Duncan, Lucinda Dell, and Kohler Betts, collaborating, will write the oration. The program which has been arranged is as follows:
Invocation Rev. F. E. Russell
Selection Etude Club
Class Oration, American Ideals Savannah Smith
Solo L. H. Basler
Presentation of Class Gift Kohler Betts
Instrumental Solo Lucinda Dell
Commencement Address Rev. M. E. Bollen
Presentation of Diplomas B. B. Richards
Presentation of Awards O. C. Hadley

Benediction Rev. L. Lowther
Five girls and four boys comprise the graduating class this year. They are Lucinda Dell, Lela Schubert, Gwendolyn McIntyre, Savannah Smith, Maebelle Duncan, Herman Geissel, Frank Miller, Dorvan Phillips and Kohler Betts.

MISS CASSIL'S RECITAL ON TOMORROW EVENING

The public is urged to attend the recital which will be given in the High School Auditorium Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by nine of Miss Lucinda Cassil's young pupils. Each one of them has conscientiously tried to do his or her part toward making the program interesting to all.

Miss Cassil's pupils participating in the recital are: Kathleen Radtke, Genevieve Rogers, Lucinda Dell, Savannah Smith, Dale Stephens, Ellen Henry, Fred Radtke, Edna DePrece, Lois Johnson, and Miss Cassil gives Scherzo by Brahms.

Miss Cassil wishes to take this opportunity of announcing that her entire class will appear in a recital during the last week in May.

UMAPINE DEFEATED

Athena high school defeated Umapine on the Umapine grounds, last Friday by the score of 10 to 2. Hodgen pitched for Athena, and the home team scored three in the first inning, two in the second, four in the fifth and one in the eighth. Umapine's scores were made in the third and fifth innings. The Athena 8th graders, with Vernon Miller pitching, defeated the Umapine grade nine by the shut-out route, winning 3 to 0.

FREE FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Dairymen of Pendleton and vicinity are working to free their herds from tubercular infection. Dr. J. P. Madden of the bureau of animal industry is now there assisting the dairymen in the work. Dairymen of other towns in the county, it is understood, will take action to have their cows inspected, so it is understood.

THE BASKETBALL TEAM



Left to Right—Johnny Pinkerton, Lorain Shick Wilbur Harden, Brooks Anderson, Leon Kretzer, Dorvan Phillips, Beryl Hodgen, Professor Basler Coach, Herman Geissel.

DISTRICT TRACK MEET IS AT ATHENA NEXT SATURDAY

The track meet for the Athena section will be held in the city park at Athena, commencing at 1:30 P. M. Saturday April 29.

Contestants are expected from Helix, Adams, Weston, Athena and the country districts. The contestants in the grand meet will be divided into groups according to weight as follows:
Division A—70 pounds and under.
Division B—100 pounds and under.
Division C—115 pounds and under.
Division D—Unlimited.

The schedule events will be as follows:
Boys, division A—25-yard dash; baseball throw for distance.
Boys, division B—60-yard dash; running high jump; running broad jump.
Boys, division C—60-yard dash; running broad jump, running high jump.
Girls, division A—25-yard dash; baseball throw for distance.
Girls, division B—60-yard dash; baseball throw for distance.
Girls, division C—60-yard dash; baseball throw for distance.
Girls, division D—75-yard dash; basketball throw for distance.

The events in the high school division will be as follows providing contestants are entered: 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, half mile run, mile run, high jump, running broad jump, pole vault.

The winners in this meet will represent this section in the county meet which is to be held in Pendleton May 6.

A small charge of twenty-five cents for adults will be made to defray the expenses of the meet.

CHAPTER ENTERTAINS

McKenzie Chapter, O. E. S., was hostess Wednesday evening to Loyalty Chapter of Milton and Crescent Chapter of Weston, the former exemplifying the work of the order. A large number of guests were present, and a splendid spirit of fraternity was manifested. Refreshments were served to the entire company, the committee reporting eighty-five plates served, reporting eighty-five plates served. A like fraternal reunion next Tuesday night by Bushee Chapter of Pendleton.

SALMON ARE RUNNING

Chinook salmon are reported to be running in numbers in the Walla Walla river and tributaries. Improvement of a fish ladder in the lower river, is said to be responsible for the salmon run.

LATE IN BLOOMING

Apricots were in bloom at Walla Walla on April 12. This is the latest date on record for apricot blossoms, the earliest being March 16.

PILOT ROCK INCENDIARY BLAZE PLACED AT \$25,000

Damage estimated at \$25,000 was done early Saturday morning at Pilot Rock in a fire of incendiary origin, which caused a loss of \$10,000 in wheat and the warehouse building, owned by H. W. Collins of Pendleton, and a loss of \$15,000 in wheat, hay and warehouse facilities of the Pacific Coast Elevator company.

This was the third large fire to occur within the past three months in Pilot Rock.

Shortly after 2 A. M. the fire was discovered by a woman and seemed to come from the center of the Pacific Coast Elevator company's warehouse. Citizens were called but the fire equipment did not permit hose to be used and a bucket brigade was all that saved the Farmer's Mutual warehouse.

The Pendleton fire department rushed 600 feet of hose to the town, but all efforts to save the two buildings were unavailing. The losses were fully covered by insurance and both companies announce that they will rebuild in the same locations.

A peculiar coincidence in the three fires is that all started at the same hour in the morning. A fire fiend is thought responsible by the people of Pilot Rock. One hundred and fifty tons of coal, belonging to the Pilot Rock Lumber company was burned, \$25,000 worth of wool owned by the Cunningham Sheep company and six boxes of the O. W. R. & N. company.

DOG SAVES THE SHEEP

Last fall O. L. Bernice drove a large flock of sheep from the grazing lands on the slopes of Mount Adams to winter quarters near White Salmon. En route forty sheep and a dog became detached in a fog. Last week the dog turned up with 39 of the sheep. The faithful animal had herded the sheep throughout the long winter months, protected them from predatory animals and only lost one of his charges. The case is said to be without precedent.

BEARS TAKE GAME

The Walla Walla bears won the initial Blue Mountain league game from Milton-Freewater, Sunday, by the score of 8 to 2. Pendleton-Day of the Oregon trail will not be until at the May meeting of the commission.

ROADS ARE PASSABLE

The country roads are rapidly drying up and are now in passable condition. A considerable amount of road work has been done by the county this spring, including the repairing of several bridges.

FIRE LOSS \$20,000

The loss caused by the fire at Pilot Rock, which caused the destruction of the Pacific Coast Elevator warehouse and warehouses owned by Henry Collins of Pendleton, has been placed at \$20,000.

May Day Fete Will Be Held Friday April 28

The May Day Fete will be held Friday April 28, in the school gymnasium which will be transformed into a fairy-like woods. Fifty fir trees, loads of boughs and apple blossoms and colored lights will tend to transform the entire gymnasium into a bower of loveliness. The color scheme this year will be pink, green and white.

The Maypole dancers dressed in dainty ruffled costumes of pink, green and white will head the procession, singing "All Hail." Next will come the two little flower girls, Jean Lattin and Mildred Hansell, strewn with rose petals in the way of the Queen. Queen Lucinda I will be preceded by little Leo Sanchez who will carry the crown on a satin cushion. George Miller and Howard Reeder, dressed in white suits will act as train bearers. Next in line will follow the members of the various dances, who will act as court attendants to the Queen.

At 10:30 Supt. W. W. Green will crown Lucinda Queen of the May Day. Much hard work has been spent on the various steps and perfection is fast being reached.

The morning program is as follows:
At noon everybody is invited and expected to come with well filled baskets. The Parent-Teachers have the cafeteria dinner in charge and request that the baskets contain salads, sandwiches, pickles and cakes. Coffee and cocoa will be made at the school house. This lunch is free and a large crowd is expected. Last year over four hundred partook of the dinner and it is hoped as many will come this year.

In the afternoon at 2:30 a baseball game will be played with Milton. Considering that last year Athena won a 14 inning game from them while they won a 10 inning game from us, the contest will be very hard fought.

In the evening to defray the expenses of the day, a program will be given consisting of four one-act plays. A general admission of 25 cents will be charged, which if the house is packed, will just meet the expenses of the day.

The evening program is as follows:
Entrance of the procession singing "All Hail."
Crowning Lucinda I by W. W. Green
May Pole Dance High School Girls
Elf Dance Primary
Tarentella (Italian) Eight Girls
Sunshine Fairies Dance
Marjory Douglas and her friends
Flower Dance High School Girls
Wood Nymphs Six Girls
Calisthenic Drill
Students of Dist. No. 30
Clown Dance Eighth Grade Girls
12:00—Dinner served by Parent-Teachers
2:30 p. m.
Ball game—Athena high vs. Milton
8:00 p. m.—Plays, High Auditorium.
Admission 25 cents.

ANNUAL SILVER TEA GIVEN BY LADIES OF CIVIC CLUB

The Civic Club met Tuesday in regular session, with Mrs. H. I. Watts, president, presiding. Mrs. Charles Betts had charge of the program, her subject being "Landscape Gardening." Mrs. Betts gave an instructive talk on the subject, and was followed by Mrs. Michener with a paper on city home grounds, and Mrs. Clarence Tubbs on the improvement in country home surroundings, each of which was received with highest praise. Discussion followed, and roll call was answered with suggestions relative to the planting season.

The president appointed a committee from the Civic club to confer with the city park committee of the town council, relative to conserving and planting trees in the park. This committee consists of Mrs. F. B. Boyd, Mrs. H. H. Hill and Mrs. Charles Betts, Mrs. Le Grow, Mrs. Dell.

The annual silver tea will be held next regular meeting day, May 2nd, and committees will insure a success of the occasion. Clubs from other towns as well as all the women of Athena and vicinity are invited to attend. Mrs. Anderson of Walla Walla, will be invited to come and give a review of her book, "The Off Islander." Mrs. Anderson's former visit was unavoidably prevented last winter.

The heads of the various committees having the silver tea in charge are: Mrs. E. C. Prestby, Mrs. D. S. Fisher, Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. J. L. Michener.

The committee having clean-up day in charge reported that owing to the inclement weather, not so much has been accomplished as planned, but in cooperation with the city, the work will be pushed to completion.

Mrs. O. O. Stephens will entertain the Star club next Tuesday afternoon.

ROAD WORK CHEAPER

Bids were opened by the highway commission this week, and it was found that they were much lower than has been paid for some time. At the low price of \$1.85 per cubic yard, the contract for the Pilot Rock-Vinson section of the Oregon-Washington highway was let. The contract for the completion of the Kamela section of the Oregon trail will not be at the May meeting of the commission.

FISHING REPORTED GOOD

Reports from different streams in the county, would indicate that the opening day of the trout-fishing season was satisfactory. Pendleton papers report that a number of fishermen of that town caught the limit.

WANT ANOTHER SMOKER

The fans are clamoring for another boxing card and Legion smoker under auspices of the local post. It is probable that a second boxing card will be put on here by the Legion in the near future.

INITIAL BOXING CARD AT LEGION SMOKER A VERY GOOD DRAWER

A Big, Good Natured Crowd Sees Clean Contests and Clamors For Another Go Soon.

It was so good that everybody wants to see another.

That would express the general sentiment pertaining to the first boxing card presented by Athena-Weston American Legion Post, which was given before a packed house at Legion Hall in this city, Saturday night. The good-natured crowd was a representative one from the towns of Umatilla county and a large delegation from Walla Walla. A number of ladies were in the audience to witness the contests.

The preliminaries opened with a 20-minute wrestling bout between Ray McCarron of Pendleton, and Max Clever of Portland, in which McCarron was given the decision over his lighter opponent by aggressiveness, the clever agility of Mr. Clever preventing the Pendleton man from winning a fall.

Of the main boxing contest and the preliminaries, Clark Wood, who covered the smoker for the Press and the Weston Leader, says:

Only the main bout was a disappointment—and this by no means because it lacked merit, but because it went only one round and the spectators wanted more. The men met at catchweights and milled it merrily. Frankie Neal of Pendleton was faster than his heavier rival, Earl White of Los Angeles, and put him against and somnolent into his corner as the first round was nearing its close. While it lasted, though, it was a good battle.

Snip Snider of Weston and young Watts of Walla Walla put up a fast and lively bout, Snip gaining the decision. He plainly outclassed his man and also had an advantage in postage. Watts was game to the core, however, and took his punishment smiling.

Mose Banister of Athena had too much weight and strength for Gale Simpson of Weston, who was groggy and bleeding at the end of the second round. Referee Buddy Stevens ended the bout by raising Banister's arm.

Herman Geissel of Athena and Elmer Brooks of Pendleton fought a pretty and exciting battle to a draw. The heavyweight class was represented by Bauman and C. Lieuallen of Heppner—the latter being well known as state traffic officer. These men are said to be pals, but they mixed it in the ring as though the wing of friendship had molted all its feathers. For heavies they were fast on their feet and speedy in action. Bauman seemed to have a shade by reason of better condition and more aggressiveness, and Buddy gave him the decision. Bauman and Lieuallen will be a drawing card at any time they care to go out together again.

A pleasing feature of the entire card was the manifest willingness of all the boys to fight hard and to fight fair. Throughout the entire event—Athena's most ambitious and successful enterprise in fistiana—there was no symptom of stalling and no attempt at a foul. In only one instance was Buddy Stevens' judgment questioned, some of the spectators thinking that Geissel had a shade or two the best of Brooks.

COYOTES PAY DIVIDENDS

Six baby coyotes, which had not yet opened their eyes upon a cruel world, were dug out of a den, on Pine creek near the Watts place Saturday by J. E. Jones, Ray Jones and Vernie O'Harra. The fuzzy little youngsters looked far more attractive than the adult specimens, and attracted much attention when shown about in a box on the streets of Athena and Weston. Subsequently their pelts were cashed in at the rate of three dollars each at the county clerk's office—for eventually baby coyotes become big ones. The find was made in a spot which has been a veritable coyote mine for Vernie O'Harra for the past five years.

THE STANDARD PROGRAM

Tomorrow night Fred Stone comes to the Standard in a superb R. C. Western picture, "The Duke of Chimney Butte" and Harold Lloyd will help out the program in one of the best comedies he ever made, "Number Please" on Sunday night. Bobe Daniels, always a favorite here, will be seen in "One Wild Week." International News, Pathe Review, and other reels of interest will make the two night's program of unusual interest.

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