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Knights of Pythias and the Baptist Celebration

With preliminary preparations for celebrating the Fourth of July in Athena with a picnic and program in the City Park, the Knights of Pythias lodges of Umatilla county have the arrangements well in hand.

Each Pythian lodge in the county has its individual committees who will cooperate with other Pythian lodge committees in all details pertaining to the celebration.

Band and orchestra music have been arranged for and the sports program will prove to be an interesting one. Prominent speakers will be engaged for the occasion, and in the evening a dance will be held at Legion Hall. The Standard Theatre will offer a good picture, and the theatre will play to audiences from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m., continuously.

In connection with Knights of Pythias, the Baptist Sunday schools of the county will hold their annual picnic at the City Park, and will participate in the program of the day. Committees from the Pythians and the Baptists will meet at Pendleton Monday evening and arrange for the program.

The Pythians have secured the services of the Milton-Freewater band of 25 pieces to furnish music for the celebration and Hon. Walter M. Pierce, democratic nominee for governor, will be the principal orator.

The Dokie patrol of Walla Walla will put on a street parade and in the evening will have charge of the K. of P. dance at Legion Hall.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON

An interesting meeting of the Civic club was held Tuesday afternoon, when the principal feature of the business session was the report of Mrs. C. M. Eager, delegate to the State Convention of Federated clubs at Tillamook last week. Mrs. Eager's report was a comprehensive one, and was received with marked interest.

Discussion of various matters was held, and a decision as to whether the club would dispense refreshments at the coming K. of P. picnic on July 4th, was postponed until the next meeting, June 20, when it is hoped a larger representation of the membership will be present.

Mrs. E. C. Rogers led the regular program which was scheduled as a Magazine Round Table, with a paper on the Radio, and a general discussion of magazines and their writers was held. Mrs. R. A. Thompson and Mrs. Samuel Haworth served delicious refreshments of sherbet and confections.

MILTON'S STRAWBERRY DAY

On next Tuesday, June 13, Milton will be hostess to all of Umatilla county and a part of Walla Walla county, when she will entertain the multitudes at her annual Strawberry Day. Milton has long ago made an enviable name for herself in her generous hospitality on the days she has set apart and crowned the luscious strawberry the queen of fruits. On next Tuesday nothing will be heard wanting in the way of hospitality or entertainment for all who attend, and a cordial invitation has gone out to everybody to constitute himself a committee of one to be there.

APPLICATION TIME EXTENDED

The time for applications for attendance at the citizen's Military Camp at Camp Lewis from July 27 to August 25 has been extended from May 31st to the early part of June. This is found necessary as the Oregon and Washington quotas have not been reached.

CROPS NEED RAIN

Growing grain crops are badly in need of rain in the light soil farming districts of Umatilla county. Nearer the foothills, the crops are withstanding the dry weather very well, except in cases where reseeding was done this spring. In the basin district northwest of Athena, there will be practically no grain harvested, unless rain comes in the near future, so it is reported—later, raining today.

ALFALFA HAY CROP

The first cutting of the alfalfa hay crop of this section is almost ready for the sickle. The crop promises to be an average one.

WHEAT GROWERS WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY AT ATHENA

The prices to be returned to members of the Oregon Grain Growers who had wheat in the 1921 pool of the organization will be tentatively announced at a meeting to be held at Athena, June 12, 2:00 p. m. George C. Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers Association, will make the figures public and in addition will offer a detailed account of the operations of the association during the past year, including a catalog of the expenses of the farmers' organization.

Mr. Jewett has just returned from an extended tour of the northwestern and middlewestern wheat producing states where organizations similar to the Northwest Wheat Growers are being established. The Northwest Associated, which sells the wheat pooled by the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers, has just made arrangements to handle a pool of about 10,000,000 bushels for wheat producers of North Dakota.

VETERANS BUREAU ACTIVITY IN ATHENA NEXT WEEK

For the purpose of having every ex-service man in Athena protected by Government Insurance, an intensive drive to secure applications for veterans' insurance amounting to at least \$50,000 will be held here June 12 to 17, inclusive, according to Kenneth L. Cooper, manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau at Portland.

This amount, if secured, will help swell the state's insurance total, the goal to be striven for being \$2,000,000, he stated. The campaign is limited to the Pacific Northwest District of the Veterans' Bureau and it is expected that more than \$5,000,000 in War Risk Insurance will be reinstated or converted by veterans during the week beginning June 12.

American Legion Posts throughout the entire District are planning to cooperate actively in making the drive a success. Norman W. Engle of Seattle, Northwest Representative of the National organization of the Legion has sent communications to many of the posts urging them to form drive committees to help carry on the campaign.

He stated that service men of Athena may make application for the Government Insurance either through the local post and the State Department of the Legion or the U. S. Veterans' Bureau in Portland.

HAD SOME FUN, ANYWAY

J. E. Jones and Ike Davidson, Athena hunters, were out gunning for bear a few days ago in Hager canyon on the Umatilla, having previously located an old bear and two cubs. They found that Seth Hyatt and John Hager had "beat them to it" the evening before and killed all three of the animals. The hunt was not uneventful, however. The two disappointed nimrods saw a remarkably big cougar come out of the brush about 500 yards away. As it broke cover they commenced shooting and the surprised beast came plunging down the hillside in a series of long leaps. The distance was too great for accuracy, however, and the cougar escaped into the brush again without damage from the bullets.

ATHENA FURNISHES PLAYERS

Athena has been without baseball this season, although she is furnishing players to other towns having independent schedules for games. Fans predict a revival next spring.

Inland Empire Farmers First

As a result of recommendations made by Dr. C. J. Smith, formerly of Pendleton, and vice-president of the Oregon-Washington joint stock land bank, farmers of the Umatilla and Walla Walla districts will be the first to benefit from the six per cent loans now available, says the Pendleton Tribune.

Announcement has just been made that the Oregon-Washington joint stock bank of Portland will send a federal appraiser to this region immediately and will make the loans as rapidly as appraisals can be made and approved.

Action in this connection follows the recent decision of the United States supreme court affirming the constitutionality of the act creating joint stock land banks.

Under the law the banks made loans at six per cent covering a 33 year period. No brokerage bonuses or commissions for making the loan are made. The borrower pays interest and a very small part on the principal each year and by this means extinguishes the loan by maturity. If desired, however, he can pay the whole or part of the principal on or after five years.

The Oregon-Washington joint stock land bank is the first organized in the Pacific northwest. It will loan more than \$4,000,000 to the farmers of the two northwestern states. Robert E. Smith, president of the Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland is president also of the joint land bank and Dr. C. J. Smith is a vice-president, and H. A. Ely secretary. The home office of the bank is at Broadway and Oak streets, Portland.

SANFORD STONE'S OUT; DICKEY WEARS THE STAR

Sanford Stone, after the regular meeting of the council Monday night, doffed the city marshal's star, since which time that emblem of authority has been worn by Charles Dicky, who is serving as marshal temporarily.

As yet, Mayor Barrett has not made an appointment of a candidate for the office, to be confirmed by the council. It is understood that at least three men are available for the position, and that either Mr. Dicky, Bert Taylor or Lou Kretzer may be named for the office.

It is known that the office has been entailed entirely to much expense to the city, and when extra work for the month of April totaled over \$100, the camel's back snapped under the straw, so to speak.

WON GAME; 1 TO 0

John Shick, old-time Athena pitcher who is stopping in town with relatives, stepped up to Prescott Sunday and pitched the ball team of that town to 1 to 0 victory.

SMALL CROWD DANCED

A small crowd attended the dance at Legion Hall Saturday night, given by the Tau Delta orchestra of Whitman college.

Soldier Hospital At Walla Walla

The U. S. Veterans hospital at Fort Walla Walla the "health university" for tubercular ex-service men was opened for inspection by the public Sunday afternoon, and close to 1200 people visited the institution.

A program of speaking was given from a stand erected near one end of the parade grounds. The hospital, however, was opened during the time of the speaking in order that they might visit the buildings before they were closed at 5 o'clock.

Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, speaking of the relationship between the community and the hospital, said there were two things to do, to religiously and swiftly obey the regulations that will be promulgated at the fort, and to urge others to do so, and to maintain a simple and warmhearted spirit of friendship. The ground at the fort once consecrated to war is now dedicated to peace, he declared. He urged the people not to think in terms of what the hospital means in dollars and cents but in terms of what the community can do to help.

Statements made by some of the speakers were that the institution would in all probability be one of the largest tubercular hospitals in the country. It was also stated that it was equal to any similar hospital in the United States and that conditions here were ideal for the treatment of the ex-service men whose health was broken down.

The public was taken through the portions of the hospital not in use by patients. Nurses and attendants were stationed about the buildings and explained different matters to the visitors. The public was admitted to parts of the ambulant, semi-ambulant and other buildings.

The new construction and remodeling at the fort cost about \$450,000. The hospital can handle about 250 cases. Only a fraction of this number are here now but others are being sent here rapidly. As Dr. Carter explained, general cases are sent to Boise hospital, mental cases to the Tacoma hospital and the tubercular cases to Walla Walla.

Before the program the penitentiary band played and it also played after the exercises in recreational hall. Boy scouts helped direct the visitors about the grounds and Battery A handled the traffic.

PILOT ROCK PICNIC

The community picnic held at Pilot Rock, Saturday, was largely attended and a rousing big time was enjoyed by all present. Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, was the principal speaker of the day. An interesting program, including baseball and sports, was given.

BRIDGE STILL OUT

Numerous complaints are being registered against the state highway commission for its inaction in replacing the bridge washed out by early spring floods in the vicinity of Havana station on the hard surfaced road.

Redemption of the Victory Note

The Secretary of the Treasury has called attention to the fact that all 3 1/2 per cent Victory Notes, pursuant to the notice given February 9, 1922, have been called for redemption on June 15, 1922, and that interest on the 3 1/2 per cent Victory Notes will therefore cease on that date. As announced on February 9, 1922, the Treasury is prepared to redeem any of the 3 1/2 per cent Victory Notes before June 15, 1922, at the option of the holder, at par and accrued interest to the date of optional redemption.

In calling the 3 1/2 per cent Victory Notes for redemption on June 15 next (nearly a year before their maturity on May 20, 1923), the Government is exercising the following option, reserved in Treasury Department Circular No. 138, announcing and prescribing the terms under which the Victory Liberty Loan was offered on April 21, 1919:

The Notes (Victory) may be redeemed, at the option of the United States, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, on June 15 or December 15, 1922, in whole or in part, as to either or both series, at par and accrued interest, on four months' notice of redemption given in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

In view of the foregoing, it behooves all owners or holders of outstanding 3 1/2 per cent Victory Notes to present them for redemption not later than the middle of June, 1922, because these Notes will not earn any interest after that date. Redemption can be effected through any bank or trust company in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, or by direct application to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco or its branches at Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Salt Lake City.

It will likewise be advantageous for the public to know that they can invest the proceeds of these redemptions (up to \$4000 cash) profitably and with equal safety in not exceeding \$5000 maturity value of the New issue of 4 1/2 per cent Treasury Savings Certificates.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

It is said that at a recent meeting of the Republican County Central Committee at which the annual election of officers took place, the Ku Klux wing of the party ruled by five votes majority. Officers of the new county central committee are, A. G. Hall, Milton, chairman; Joseph H. Parks, Pendleton, secretary; L. C. Arterburn, Pendleton, treasurer; O. H. Reeder, Athena, Congressional committeeman; E. B. Casteel, Pilot Rock, state committeeman.

FOURTH OF JULY POSTERS

Umatilla county will be plastered with large attractive posters announcing the Knights of Pythias Fourth of July celebration in Athena. Orders for the posters have been placed with an Eastern printing company for the posters and advertising matter.

BAD SMASHUP OF AUTOMOBILES IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION ON THE HIGHWAY RESULTS IN SERIOUS INJURY TO ONE

DEATH OF ROY BAKER VETERAN OF WORLD WAR

The following concerning the death of Roy Baker, son of Rev. D. E. Baker, former pastor of the Baptist church in Athena, is taken from a Steptoe, Wash., newspaper.

Roy Bartlett Baker, aged 25 years, and an overseas veteran of Company F, 18th railway engineers, died Thursday morning at the home of his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Baker, at Steptoe. A short funeral service in charge of the Rev. W. F. Osgood and with Codd-French post of the American Legion assisting, will be held at the Burning undertaking parlors Friday afternoon and the body will be taken to Portland on the night train for burial.

The young man is survived by his wife, to whom he was married before he volunteered for service with the engineers, his parents, who have lived in Steptoe since April, when they came from Montana, and brothers and sisters as follows: Mrs. O. L. Litsinger of Los Angeles, J. Albert Baker of Hoquiam, Mrs. J. R. Paure of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. W. A. King of Seattle and Bryce W. Baker of Athena, Oregon.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and had been confined to his bed for more than a year with tuberculosis, which was attributed to exposure while in army service.

A MISSIONARY INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

A district Institute of the Missionary societies of the Christian churches of Athena, Milton and Pendleton was held Monday in the basement rooms of the church here, an all day session being held. Twenty-five ladies from Pendleton and about the same number from Milton co-operated with the society here.

The morning session was led with devotional services by Mrs. F. E. Russell, and closed with an address by Mrs. Ward Swope of Portland, state secretary. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Rice of Milton. Devotional for afternoon was led by Mrs. Orin D. Harris of Milton, who also led in the musical program. Helpful and instructive talks were given by many of the visiting ladies, closing with another splendid address by Mrs. Swope.

The rooms were decorated in roses and iris, and a gorgeous bouquet of peonies contributed by the ladies from Milton. A bountiful luncheon was served at noon, about fifty persons being seated at the tables.

Next year the Institute will be held at Milton.

OFF TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

W. E. Haynie, Rev. E. B. Johnson, Isaac Davidson, Joe Clemons and Mr. Adams left early Tuesday morning on a trip by automobile to British Columbia, Prince George being the objective point. The party goes with the intention of ultimately securing farming lands, should conditions prove favorable.

WEEDS BURNED WITH OIL

A weed burner has been at work this week on the right of way of the Washington division of the O. W. R. & N. The weeds are burned by a machine drawn by a locomotive. Oil is used in burning spray form and all weed growth is effectively destroyed.

CONCRETE WORKERS

Hiram Knight and sons, assisted by Bert Taylor, have been engaged for several days in laying concrete sidewalks for fifth street property owners. Mr. Knight, who gives satisfaction in concrete work, is having a good run of business in his line at the present time.

RIVER ATTRACTS CROWDS

Sunday the weather was warm enough to drive pleasure-seekers to river camps and to Bingham Springs, where a large crowd enjoyed the day out of doors.

MISS KEEN IN RECITAL

Monday evening in the Whitman college chapel occurred the junior recital of Miss Zola Keen, pianist, and Miss Elizabeth Jones, soprano. Assisting on the program was Walter Mueller, organist.

A Buick roadster, driven by Jack Burns, traveling salesman, and a Ford driven by Mr. Calvin of Toledo, Wash., collided headon with terrific force on the highway south of town, Tuesday afternoon, with the result that Mr. Calvin's neck, a trachea in the Goldendale, Wash., schools, was seriously injured, and is in a Walla Walla hospital with a broken hip.

Calvin and his wife are at the St. Nichols hotel in Athena, and were bruised and shaken up by the accident. Two children of the Calvins are ill from the shock.

The machines were badly wrecked, the front end of the Ford was crumpled up and the top demolished. The occupants of this car were underneath the machine when Clint Holcomb and his hired man arrived on the scene. Roy Daley of Pendleton, brought the injured family to Dr. Sharp's office, and later Miller's ambulance conveyed Mrs. Calvin to Walla Walla.

The collision occurred in the center of the highway, and there are different opinions expressed as to how it took place. Tracks made by machines would indicate that neither driver saw the other in time to avert the accident or that both became rattled in trying to avoid the other. The Buick probably running at a higher rate of speed, struck the Ford on the right hand side in front, which would indicate that the Ford was on the wrong side of the road.

BOY SCOUTS ON FIRST HIKE WEDNESDAY MORNING

Early Wednesday morning the Athena Troop of Boy Scouts started on their first hike, under command of Scoutmaster Stephens. Two patrols wended their way to Pine Creek, above the Weston dam, where they spent the day.

The troop was halted at the crossing, where breakfast was cooked over campfires, and then proceeded on its destination. Noon mess was cooked and served and the afternoon was spent in outdoor recreation.

The troopers staid the hike in fine shape, and Scoutmaster Stephens is already planning an over night hike to the Umatilla river, where the first real night camp of the troop will be made, returning home next day. Later a long camping trip will be planned.

MISS GLADYS SMITH A BRIDE

Miss Gladys Smith and Mr. Clifford Dause were united in marriage Saturday morning, June 3, at the First Presbyterian Church in Portland, by Rev. Harold Leonard Bowman. The ring ceremony was used. The bride was attended by Miss Alta Russell, a recent O. A. C. graduate, and Mr. Theodore Black, a fraternity brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride wore a suit of midnight blue tricotine and small tailored hat and carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas and bride roses. She is a charming and popular Weston girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith. She is a graduate of Weston High school, class of 1917, and was prominent in the school's social and athletic activities, earning her letter as a member of the basketball team. In recent months she had been a resident of Salem, where she held a responsible clerical position. The bridal party were entertained at luncheon at The Bohemian by the bride's mother, after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Dause will make their home in Eugene.

THE PIONEERS' REUNION

Today and tomorrow Weston will entertain in large crowds in attendance to the annual Pioneers' Reunion. A splendid program has been arranged for both days of the big picnic, and today has been designated as Pendleton day. Tomorrow, while not having been technically set aside as Athena Day, will be about that nevertheless, for about all of Athena will move "over the hill" in the morning, to spend the day with the pioneers.

IRRIGATION DECISION

A decision of the superior court at Walla Walla is that water may be taken for irrigation as a public necessity. The ruling is extremely important in all sections where irrigation is practiced.

