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BACCALAUREATE SERVICES SUNDAY

Dr. Allen of Whitman College Will Deliver Sermon.

The annual baccalaureate services of the Athena High school will be held in the Christian Church Sunday, May 6th, at 7:30 P. M. with Dr. E. T. Allen of Whitman College, officiating.

The program will be as follows: Hymn, Congregation; Invocation, Rev. H. J. Perry; Anthem, Quartet; Scripture, Rev. H. J. Perry; Announcements; Solo, Mrs. O. H. Reeder; Baccalaureate Sermon, Dr. E. T. Allen; Anthem, Quartet; Benediction.

Commencement exercises will be held Friday evening May 11, at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium. The address of the evening will be given by Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton. Music by the Athena orchestra will be a special feature of the program.

Entertainment

Friday evening the juniors entertained the seniors and high school faculty at a three-course banquet in the domestic science room. The room was decorated with peach and orchid paper drapes and fir boughs. The color scheme of peach and orchid was carried out on the table in the nut dishes, candles, sweet peas and the dinner. The centerpiece, which was used to represent an ocean voyage, was a large old-fashioned ship resting on a large mirror whose edges were covered by sand in which were tiny life-savers. Superintendent Lee A. Meyer acted as toastmaster and the following responses were made:

"To the Boys," Alberta Charlton; "To the Girls," Clifford Wood; "Gum," Mildred Bateman; "Pockets," Ray Johnston; "To the Seniors," Weldon Bell; and "To the Juniors," Dorothy Geissel. Each toast indirectly carried out the idea of the ocean voyage centerpiece.

The freshman and sophomore girls, dressed in peach and orchid dresses, served the excellent dinner prepared by the junior mothers. Music was furnished by an orthophonic victrola furnished by the Pendleton Music Company.

W. L. Thompson Announces Candidacy For National Delegate

Because of his personal friendships and business associations, W. L. Thompson, candidate for delegate to the republican national convention, is expected to draw a large vote from the republicans in Umatilla County and throughout Eastern and Central Oregon.

Mr. Thompson, who is now president of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank at Portland, was for years president of the American National Bank of Pendleton. It was about nine years ago that he went to Portland, where he became vice-president and one of the active officers of the First National Bank.

He resigned the vice-presidency of the big Portland Bank this year in order to devote more of his time to the salmon packing business he controls, operating on the Columbia River and Alaska. The land Bank was organized by Mr. Thompson five years ago, to provide cheaper money to farmers. It has made many loans to our Umatilla county farmers.

In letters to his friends in Umatilla County, Mr. Thompson states that he will support the choice of the people for the presidency.

No question of political policies enters into the honor which Mr. Thompson seeks, so election to the national party convention is for the most part a matter of personal friendships together with a man's service to the party.

Although Mr. Thompson has never been actively engaged in Oregon politics in the sense that he is a politician, he has always been an active republican and is always at the forefront in giving the party substantial financial support.

Although he has for some years been a resident of Portland, Mr. Thompson is of Eastern Oregon. His sympathies are with this great country East of the mountains, and for that reason he undoubtedly will be given a big vote of confidence throughout Eastern and Central Oregon.

Umatilla County friends are taking an active personal interest in Mr. Thompson's candidacy and they are going to use every effort possible to see that he receives a big vote at the hands of the republican voters of this County.

Mrs. Forrest Zerba was hostess to the 3 of 4 bridge club Thursday.

Public Service Is Vital In Office of Secretary of State

Salem, Oregon.—When Hal Hoss came to Oregon City, a gangling youth, about fifteen years ago, he started in his characteristic and energetic fashion to lay a substantial foundation for success. His experience in newspaper work at that time was somewhat rudimentary, but it had the advantage of variable elements in that it commenced at the bottom and progressed upward through the several channels of the editorial departments and into the business office where he proceeded to make the most of opportunity. It was not for him a long step to a position of responsible management, in which he coupled the qualities of initiating policies with those of carrying them to a sure termination. Over a period of six years of newspaper direction, he developed steadily, building good will, which is the most valuable of newspaper assets, for the property with which he was identified, and forming close and lasting contacts throughout the state.

Occupied as he was in a place that demanded constant application, Mr. Hoss shook irksome details from his shoulders and tied into his job an active appreciation of public service. He became a worker for the brothers of the craft, acting indefatigably for their interests, without expectation or hope of reward. It was only natural that his efforts would bring him a flock of nonsalaried and honorary positions which he filled acceptably, and it was inevitable that his activities, as their scope broadened, would be accorded recognition which came to him in the form of an urgent invitation to join, as private secretary to the governor, the state administration. Some of his friends, including the writer of these lines, shook their heads, not then realizing that Hal Hoss would be unwilling to stagnate in a place that seemed to offer little future. But his study of and interests in the affairs of his native state went beyond his immediate place. He made the most of a membership on the parole board and became a student of penal problems, accepting directorship in the national association.

There was no good reason, in the mind of Hal Hoss, why the principles of sound business should not be applied to the business of the people. It seemed to him that public service ought to mean more than a mere political job, and that the same fundamental ideas that he utilized in newspaper offices could and should be put into practice through the conduct of an important state office. He was not encumbered with political entanglements and was prepared and equipped to transact the state's business on the basis of common sense having in mind that the taxpayer's dollar is not a gift of God, but is entitled to economic consideration and should be stretched as far as practicable with proper results as a primary objective.

These facts may be constructed as arguments for the nomination and election of Hal Hoss for secretary of state. He has become a personality. His friends are not giving his candidacy perfunctory support, but they are enthusiastically urging the people of Oregon to choose a man who has always made good, who has a clear conception of service, who is young and alert and who is free to promise and who has the ability to deliver that particular character of an administration that our citizenship requires. The importance of the office demands selection of a man who is qualified by temperament and experience to render a high type of service to the public. Hal Hoss is that man.

District No. 17 Victorious

District No. 17 competed in the Sectional Track Meet held at Helix April 21. Robert and Barbara Lee winning honors, Barbara first in the girls' twenty-five yard dash and base ball throw. Barbara in the A class tied with a Helix girl of D. class. Robert won first in broad jump, second in the fifty yard dash and high jump. The Lees represented their school at the Annual County Meet Saturday, where they won one of the large schoolroom flags awarded by the Pendleton schools.

Cinders Set Car on Fire

A gondola flat car in the Union Pacific yards caught fire from hot cinders, with which it was loaded, Tuesday forenoon. The fire was put out without turning in an alarm. The car load of cinders had been brought up from Reith by a passing freight train and switched into the yards here, to be used for ballasting.

Campfire Girls

Fourteen Wauna Campfire girls and guardians Hilda Dickenson and Mrs. W. H. LeRoy hiked up Wild Horse creek Saturday morning, preparing breakfast over campfires in true camp style, using stones for frying pans.

Members of Faculty and Graduating Class of the Athena High School, '28

Faculty



MR. HAROLD FREDERICKS, MISS DOROTHY BRODIE, SUPERINTENDENT MEYER, MISS MILDRED BATEMAN, MR. TOOLE.

Class of '28



LEFT, READING DOWN—JESSIEDEAN DUDLEY, RAY JOHNSTON, HELEN HANSELL, LORENA SCHUBERT, GEORGE PAMBRUN, KATHLEEN RADTKE, ROY DEFREECE. RIGHT—CLIFFORD WOOD, DORIS SCHUBERT, ITOL SCHUBERT, ARMAND BELL, DOROTHY GEISSEL, ETHEL PITTMAN, SUPERINTENDENT MEYER.

Construction Work On Pool Progressing

Construction work on the Legion swimming pool is progressing under direction of Contractor McLeod of Walla Walla. The concrete retaining walls have been poured, and the forms will be removed shortly.

With the removal of the forms, the bottom surfacing with concrete will follow. Then the concrete walks surrounding the pool will be put down, and the showers and dressing rooms completed.

Excavation for laying the water pipes from the city mains, is under way. The pipe will be laid in time to bring water into the pool with the completion of the plumbing. The city main is being tapped on Third street near the bridge at the city park.

Metro-Goldwyn's "Circus Rookies" will be presented at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night. Owing to the baccalaureate sermon at High School auditorium Sunday evening, there will be no picture shown at the Standard. "Circus Rookies" is Metro's latest picture, and has not been shown at Portland. Come, and see it.

John McRae and wife of Tacoma, former residents of this vicinity arrived in Athena Sunday.

J. W. Pinkerton Loses Sight of His Right Eye

J. W. Pinkerton met with a very painful accident Monday when a piece of steel penetrated the eye ball. The patient was taken to Dr. Gowan in Walla Walla but the obstacle could not be removed. Dr. Gowan accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton to Spokane, where the steel splinter was extracted by a magnet.

However, the sight of the right eye is entirely lost, and Mr. Pinkerton is in a hospital at Walla Walla where effort is being made to save the eyeball. The accident happened at the Pinkerton farm Monday, when Mr. Pinkerton was removing a bolt from a machine, using a punch. With the first blow of the hammer, a sliver of steel penetrated the right eyeball.

Returning from Spokane, the party experienced an automobile accident, in which Mrs. Pinkerton sustained a severe cut on her arm.

Spinal Meningitis

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley visited at the homes of their children, near Dayton, the fore part of the week. A spinal meningitis epidemic prevails at and near Dayton from which four adults have died in the past two weeks and a fifth patient is in a critical condition.

Athena Takes Hard Fast Game From the Adams Team, Sunday

Big Six League		
	W.	L. Pct.
Milton-Freewater	4	0 1.000
Adams	3	1 .750
Athena	3	1 .750
Pendleton	2	2 .500
Helix	0	4 .000
Weston	0	4 .000

Athena went into a tie with Adams for second place in the Big Six league by winning one of the hardest fought and closest played games of the season, 3 to 2. Milton-Freewater remained at the head of the percentage column with four straight wins, by trouncing Helix 8 to 6. The Eagles beat Weston 5 to 2.

Adams started the home fans buzzing right off the reel, when N. Wallan smashed Banister's first offering for a single. He was sacrificed to second on K. Hodgen's out, Toole to Kretzer. Otis Lieuallen connected for a single, Wallan scoring. N. Hodgen fanned. Parr smashed out a two-base hit, bringing in Lieuallen. Crawford struck out. Two runs, three hits, no errors.

Then Athena brought everybody and his neighbor to their feet, by tying up the score two-all in her half of the second. Toole opened up with a two-base hit. Harris brought him home with a single, and took second on the throw in to the plate. Harden scored Harris with a single. Nobody down. Then Morrison steadied and pulled himself out of the hole. Gross rolled out, Lieuallen to Hodgen, and Geissel fanned. Two runs, three hits, no errors.

With both pitchers well in control, backed with gilt edge support the game from then on took on all the trimmings of a pitcher's duel.

In the lucky seventh, with the going hot, hotter, hottest, after Morrison had put Harris away via the strike-out route, Harden nipped an out curve for a single. Then Morrison laid Gross away with three across the pan. George Banister splattered one past the infield, Harden going down to third. Geissel binged out one for three bases Harden and Banister crossing over. Banister was declared out for not touching second base. McPherrin flew out to K. Hodgen. One run, three hits, no errors. And there is your old ball game.

Score by Innings:
Athena 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 x—3
Adams 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

Batteries—Banister and McPherrin; Morrison and Parr.

Summary—Errors, N. Wallan 2, L. Banister. Two-base hits, Parr, Toole. Three-base hits, Geissel, Kretzer. Passed ball, McPherrin. Earned runs, Adams 2, Athena 3. Struck out, by Banister 9; by Morrison 8. Left on bases, Athena 5; Adams 5. Umpire, Buck. Time of game 1:30.

Batting Averages

	G	AB	R	H	Av
Shick	3	10	5	5	500
Harden	4	17	5	8	470
L. Banister	4	16	5	6	375
Toole	4	16	4	5	324
Geissel	4	17	0	5	294
Harris	4	16	4	5	294
Kretzer	3	11	1	2	182

Study Club Takes Vacation

The Athena Study Club closed a profitable year's study last Friday afternoon with the completion of the course on contemporary authors. The club decided by vote to take up the study of Oregon for next year, as outlined by the State Library board, and a course of unusual interest is promised. This club has been organized for three years, the first year being taken up with early American authors, the second with history and travels in Scotland and Ireland, the third with literature as stated and the next year, will "see Oregon first." The club is restricted to 20 members, all being keenly interested in the subjects, and each taking active part in discussion. The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Hill, where a picnic was planned as a fitting finale to the year's labors. Mrs. Retta Potts, Mrs. F. B. Radtke and Mrs. Louis Keen were appointed by the president Mrs. P. A. Thompson, to arrange for the festival and to set the date in the near future. The first Friday afternoon in September will be the date for beginning of next year's activities.

Grain Shipped Out

The last shipment of wheat has been made by the Farmers Grain Elevator company. This cleans up the 1927 crop storage in the elevator. During the months of March and April a total of 26 carloads of wheat was shipped by the Elevator company to Kansas City and St. Louis. This wheat brought the grower from \$1.20 to \$1.45 per bushel.

No Reseeding

Andy Douglas was in Athena from his ranch near Ione, Morrow county, this week. Mr. Douglas reports favorable crop prospects in his country. It was not necessary to reseed grain in his section this spring.

RITNER OUT FOR SINNOTT'S PLACE

Joint Representative Candidate Quits to Run For Congress.

Roy W. Ritner of Pendleton, who entered the campaign as republican candidate for joint representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties, has chucked his candidacy for that office into the discard and has become a candidate for the republican nomination for congress, to succeed N. J. Sinnott. Mr. Ritner makes the following statement:

"All of the five able men who now represent Oregon in Congress are lawyers. Agriculture, horticulture, cattle and sheep are the dominant industries of Eastern Oregon. Logic demands that at least one member should be a farmer qualified by long practical experience with agricultural problems, and seasoned with business training and previous legislative service.

"Industry is protected by the tariff; Railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission; banking by the Federal Reserve; labor by immigration laws—but agriculture, notwithstanding it has borne the brunt of after war deflation, has waited in vain for congressional help and recognition. I am for legislation which will give the same protection to agriculture that has heretofore been so generously extended to Industry, Railroads, Banking and Labor.

I am committed to the construction of the Umatilla Rapids project at the earliest possible date, and for a general policy of federal development of the Columbia River for power, irrigation and navigation purposes. The Columbia should be navigable so as to reduce excessive freight rates on products of the interior moving to tidewater. The cheap hydro electric power of the river should be made available on the farms and in the homes of the people.

"I favor the complete development of federal irrigation projects authorized by Congress on a basis of fair play to the present settlers and with a view to settlement of vacant lands. I will favor new projects when justified by the growth of the state.

"I favor the adequate care, hospitalization and compensation of the veterans of the late wars and previous wars. My experience overseas during the late war extended over several months spent with the field hospitals and I know from personal observation the suffering and sacrifice of our fighting men.

"The various counties of the state should be reimbursed by the federal government for the loss of taxes from lands held in forest reserves, Indian reservations and land grants. Until such legislation can be secured I most emphatically favor the continuation of the federal appropriation used in cooperation with the state in constructing interstate highways and forest roads.

"I favor a tariff on wool, wheat, timber products and other commodities raised in quantities in Oregon. The federal government should better cooperate with the state in exterminating the predatory animals that prey upon livestock of the farmers and ranchers.

"It is my intention to conduct a clean, fair campaign and I pledge my support to the republican who is nominated."

Water Mains Replacement

Delivery has been made to the city of 1700 feet of new pipe which will be laid in replacement of old water main sections. Portions of the present pipe line in the north and west part of the city will be replaced with the new pipe. The work of improvement at the intake of the gravity system of the waterworks, which included raising the height of the retaining walls of the manholes, has been completed.

Athena at Milton-Freewater

Athena goes to Milton-Freewater to play there Sunday. This will be the first game of the season between these two teams, and Athena is anxious to turn in a win and pluck the Prune Pickers from the top limb of the per centage tree in the Big Six league. Milton-Freewater has won four games straight. Athena and Adams are tied for second place.

Pleased With Plans

The local scouts were visitors to the new campsite up the Walla Walla river Saturday and were favorably impressed with the plans for their cabin to be erected as soon as weather conditions permit. A joint hike for scouts and camp fire girls is planned for the near future. The boys to be the hosts are making all plans and provisions.