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AUTOMOBILE THIEF ESCAPES CAPTURE

Athena Boys In Chase Force Him To Desert Car and Flee.

George Christensen, foreman of the rockcrusher crew, west of Athena, is thankful to three Athena boys for recovering his Buick roadster from a thief, Sunday night, after the car had been stolen at Milton.

Christensen was only a short distance from his car when the thief drove away, and immediately notified Athena officers to be on the lookout for the car headed this way. Marshal Taylor was not at home, but his son Arthur received the call, and hiked up town to intercept the thief.

In less than five minutes the Buick hummed through Main street, going west. Soon it returned and Arthur, joined by Lee Bannister, hailed the driver at the intersection of Second street. He didn't heed the hail so the boys hopped into Neil McIntyre's Dodge which happened along and the race was on.

The driver of the stolen car was trying to strike the Pendleton exit out of town, but he turned north on Fifth street, with the boys rushing after him. He turned west on College street, sped two blocks to Third, and McIntyre divining his intention to turn south, spun through the school grounds to head him off.

By this time the pace of the cars was terrific, with McIntyre gaining on the fugitive. Seeing the Dodge plunge into the school grounds, the thief throttled down the Buick, jumped and made his getaway in the night. The car came to a stop on the sidewalk at the Dell place, without going through the fence.

Further efforts were made to apprehend the thief after the Buick had been recovered, but he succeeded in getting away.

Report Shows Spring Wheat Conditions Poor

Private crop estimators released reports last week which generally indicated improvement in the winter wheat crop but poorer prospects for spring wheat. The net result of these early estimates which may prove high or low according to their present reliability and the effect of growing conditions during the rest of the season, is an indicated crop in the United States of 100,000,000 to 105,000,000 bushels of all wheat less than last year.

As has been brought out in previous reports, the greatest shortage will be in soft red winter wheat, a type which is low in protein and is in demand for making biscuit and pastry flour. Harvesting is expected to begin in a few days in the southwest which with improved crop conditions in Europe tended to weaken both domestic and export markets last week. Some decline was noted in barley under influence of less demand and improved new crop conditions.

Bridge Club

Mrs. H. A. Barrett and Mrs. Frank Ames entertained the bridge club at a delightful luncheon Monday afternoon at the Barrett home. A two course luncheon was served at one o'clock. After lunch three tables of bridge were at play. Mrs. H. I. Watts held high club score and Mrs. F. L. Zerba high guest score. Mrs. Dallas Smith consolation. Summer flowers were used profusely about the spacious rooms. Visitors were, Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, Mrs. A. W. Douglas, Mrs. F. L. Zerba, Mrs. A. W. Logsdon and Mrs. Alma Koontz and Mrs. Dallas Smith of Portland.

Has Portland Position

Miss Ethel Geissel returned to Portland Sunday, after spending several days with her relatives here. Miss Geissel began her duties as Linotype operator on one of the Portland papers Monday morning. For five years she was linotype operator in the Press office.

State Line Smoker

A Smoker will be held at the State Line, Wednesday 13. A good line up of boxers are reported. Two of the boxers come from Los Angeles, two from Freewater, and three from Portland.

T. D. Mathews

T. D. Mathews, 79, well-known Umatilla county resident, died in his home at Pendleton, Sunday. Mr. Mathews came to Umatilla county in 1882.

Children Saw Circus

Al G. Barnes exhibited his circus at Walla Walla Tuesday, and many Athena dads and mammas took the children over to see the performance.

Hal E. Hoss Grateful For Support Friends Gave Him In Primaries

Oregon City, May 31, 1928.—(To the Editor)—Please permit me to express to you, and through you to the republican voters of Umatilla county, my deep appreciation for the support accorded me in the recent primary election. My vote in your county was gratifying to me, and I know full well that I should not have found so many friends had it not been for the endorsement of your newspaper. It is an absolute impossibility for a candidate to contact each and every voter personally, and aside from that means there is only one other so effective. And that is newspaper publicity. I had my campaign so planned that where I had newspaper support I depended upon it almost exclusively, although I did make as much of a personal campaign over the state as I could. In Portland, where I had no newspaper support, I centralized my personal work, and by balancing the two succeeded in making a consistent showing all over the state. The reports appear to show that I was either first or second in number of votes for this office in every county except one, and in that county I had no newspaper representation whatever, and did not visit there.

My success is a distinct tribute to the influence of the up-state press. A number of my editor friends have been so kind as to say that their faith in me and their knowledge of my ability and integrity gave them something to work on, and while of course I felt that I was fully qualified for the position, and that the press would not have supported me had I not been, I know that the cooperation and support of the newspapers of Oregon was the essential factor in winning the nomination. In times of elections, candidates naturally turn to their friends for support. Fortunately for me, a great number of my friends were in the newspaper business and their support was more influential than any other group could have been. I was nominated without doubt as the result of the support of the newspapers, but I am not a "newspaper" candidate and there was no collusion between publishers to put me over. Neither did my former connection as an officer in the editorial association have anything to do with my victory. I was supported in many instances by editors who had never been members of the association.

I am very grateful for the splendid majority accorded me, am deeply appreciative of the confidence shown in me by the electorate of Oregon, and thank you most sincerely for the fine support you gave me. As secretary of state it will be my objective to give the people of this state a clean, conscientious administration of their affairs, free from politics and showing every courtesy possible.

Very truly yours,
HAL E. HOSS,
Republican nominee for Secretary of State.

"Laugh, Clown, Laugh" Standard Saturday Night

Lon Chaney, the screen's greatest character actor, will be seen at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night in his latest Metro picture, "Laugh, Clown, Laugh." Starring with Mr. Chaney is the beautiful new screen actress, Loretta Young, and in the supporting cast are Bernard Siegel, Cissy Fitz-Gerald, Nils Asther and Gwen Lee.

Sunday night, popular Richard Dix, starring with Mary Brian, will be seen in Paramount's fine photo-play, "Shanghai Bound," a true presentation of China's internal warfare and strife as the background for as thrilling a picture as you have seen for some time.

Marriage Surprise

Coming as a complete surprise to her friends in Pendleton and Athena, was the announcement of the wedding in Portland last Saturday of Miss Maurine Akers, to Mr. Harold Smith. Both are students at the University of Oregon.

Cooking Demonstration

Mrs. Wright of Walla Walla will be in Athena next Tuesday, June 12th for cooking demonstrations to be held at the domestic science rooms of the High school. All ladies interested are urged to attend.

Summer Coaching Course

M. I. "Pike" Miller, who will coach athletics at Athena high school the coming year, will leave soon for Corvallis where he will take the summer course under Rocknie and other coaches.

Pierce Will Speak

Ex-Governor Pierce, democratic candidate for congress will be one of the principal speakers at the reunion of Umatilla county pioneers at Weston.

Winners of Sigma Delta Chi Scholarship Award



Ruth Newton, Malcolm Epley, Claudia Fletcher, and Pauline Stewart, winners of the Sigma Delta Chi scholarship award. These students represented the highest ten per cent of the senior class in the school of journalism at the University of Oregon. Only 67 awards were made in the United States this year, of which eight were on the Pacific Coast.

Izaak Walton League Planning To Include Athena Community

The Izaak Walton League of America, powerful nationwide conservation and outdoor recreation organization which has been called by Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, "The greatest force in the country for the protection and development of opportunities for outdoor life," is planning to include this community in a comprehensive conservation survey and campaign to remedy outdoor conditions, it was learned here today.

A complete investigation through local sources is announced by the National Headquarters of the League at Chicago to determine what steps should be taken here in the interest of outdoor recreation, propagation of game and fish supply, and other matters relative to constructive conservation.

This investigation will be undertaken as a part of a nationwide conservation survey being made by the League under the direction of Seth E. Gordon, formerly executive officer of the "Pennsylvania system" of game and fish administration.

A constructive organization aggressively active in promoting and providing for more fish and better fishing, more game and better hunting, more recreation areas and more opportunities for outdoor sports, is the basis of the League, which also is aggressively combating pollution of streams, commercialization of recreation areas, and advocating true sportsmanship and sportsmanlike methods in shooting, fishing and camping.

In his endorsement of the activities of the league, Mr. Hoover added, "As our people increase in numbers and in leisure we must have stimulation to health, and above all the moral value that comes from association with nature. Every member of the League is a further soldier in our ranks fighting an organized battle for this vital thing in the nation."

Miss Sanders Weds

A wedding of interest to many Athena people was that of Miss Hazel Sanders, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders, to Mr. Robert Kearney Norris of Medford, Oregon. The wedding was solemnized early last Sunday morning in the Episcopal church at Medford, after which the young couple left for a motor trip through California. The bride has been teaching in the Medford schools for the past two years. The groom is interested in the Government experimental station at Medford, and they will make their home there.

Return to Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ferguson returned to Portland Sunday, after visiting relatives and friends in Athena and vicinity for several days, and were guests at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Murtha. Lynn Ferguson is the son of W. S. Ferguson of this city. He holds a responsible position with the Portland Woollen Mills company, of which his father-in-law is one of the principal officials.

I. O. O. F. Home Dedicated

The dedication of the new \$135,000 administration building at the Washington State Odd Fellows Home at Walla Walla, took place Sunday afternoon, as the opening feature of the grand lodge sessions held in that city.

Mrs. Baddeley, Director

Mrs. Baddeley recently took an important part at the dedicatory exercises of the new North Highland Park Woman's Club club house, Los Angeles. Mrs. Baddeley is director of the branch studio of the Barber School of Speech, in Los Angeles.

He Is An Old Timer But Still On The Road

J. A. Cooke, one of the best known traveling salesmen in the Northwest, has been making this territory for thirty-six years. When he and Matt Mosgrove, Jimmy Ryan, Al Schroeder and Charlie Williams were young in the game, they used to bunch up here, stay at the old St. Nichols over Sunday, and "hack" it out of town Monday morning behind one of George Froome's livery teams. But "them days are gone forever," and Cooke is the remaining one of the four now living. In all these years he has been selling the A. Schilling & Co., line. He has sold enough tea and coffee in Umatilla county to float a battleship and vanilla extract sufficient to send a tribe of Indians to the happy hunting grounds.

Yet he carries on, and about every two weeks comes over from Walla Walla, to sell Steve, Radtke, the Quality Grocery here, and so on, down the line. His territory has been cut smaller than it was in the days of yore, but Cooke is making it just the same.

An Important Meeting of Grain Growers

Tomorrow, at 1:30 P. M., in the Public Library at Pendleton, there will be held one of the most important meetings of grain growers ever conducted in Umatilla County. At that time there will be a complete discussion of grain handling, with particular emphasis upon the merits of bulk handling, by E. N. Bates of the Office of Grain Investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The whole field of grain handling has been thoroughly investigated and studied by Mr. Bates, who is recognized as having more information on the subject of grain handling, bulk and otherwise, than any other man in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, when considered from the standpoint of the Pacific Coast.

According to Mr. Bates "The change from sacks to bulk handling of grain is slowly but surely taking place on the Pacific Coast. The grain trade is gradually turning its attention to the more efficient handling method. It should be borne in mind, however, that the quicker the bulk method is made available at country shipping points the sooner the grain farmers will profit by a very substantial saving."

Mr. Bates also states that "the group to profit most by such a change in grain handling methods would be the farmer who produces the grain, as he would be relieved of the excessive labor and sack costs."

Cheney Graduate

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lee, Robert and Barbara Lee, motored to Cheney Wednesday, to witness the graduation of Miss Dorothy Lee, who was a member of the Cheney Normal school class of '28. Miss Dorothy Lee returned with the family from Cheney, Thursday. Dorothy will teach at the Taylor school west of Athena next year, and Margaret will return to Cheney to complete her normal school course.

Re-Union of Pioneers

Posters and window cards announcing the thirty-sixth annual reunion of Umatilla county pioneers at Weston, Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16 have been distributed. The two days program will comprise dancing, music, exercises, baseball, sports. There will also be street shows, a merry-go-round and ferris wheel.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

An important W. C. T. U. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. L. McFadden, this (Friday) afternoon at two o'clock, and all members are urged to be present.

Athena Takes Game From Weston Cellar Dwellers, Score 16-1

Big Six League

Athena	W.	L.	Pct.
.....9	1	.900	
Adams	.....6	3	.667
Milton-Freewater	.....6	3	.667
Pendleton	.....5	4	.556
Helix	.....4	5	.445
Weston	.....0	10	.000

Athena took in Weston by the score of 16 to 1, Sunday, and clinched the 1927 pennant of the "Big Six" league with a win of nine games won and one game lost, Weston having forfeited the tenth game which was scheduled for the home lot, next Sunday. Athena took in the bunting with a percentage of .900 and is all set for parades, brass band music and speeches next season at flag-raising time.

Both the fore and aft of the league scored a tally in the first inning and that was all for aft. Bannister gave up but five hits to the Weston crew, three in the first and two in the second inning. After that but one runner reached first base.

Athena scored two in the third, a couple in the fourth, five in the fifth, three in the eighth, and scampered home with two more in the ninth, when "Weat" Geissel smashed out a homer with Kretzer on base.

The score book reads: Athena..... 1 0 2 2 5 0 1 3 2—16
Weston..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Batteries: Bannister and McPherrin; Read, O'Harra and R. Bannister.

Summary: Bases on balls, off Read 4, O'Harra 2, Two base hit, Shick, R. Bannister. Home run, L. Geissel. Left on base, Athena 12, Weston 5. Struck out, by Bannister, 16; by Read, 4, O'Harra, 1. Losing pitcher, Read.

Four Feet of Snow On Summit Tollgate

Travel to and from the Toll Gate region is rather unsatisfactory because of from two to four feet of snow that still remains in the timber area, Albert Baker, forest ranger, stated. The first cars went into the district on May 23.

If conditions permit, maintenance road crews will be sent in between the tenth and fifteenth of this month to start work on clearing the roads.

Twelve bands of sheep, totaling about 30,000 in number, have been moved into summer pastures in the mountains. This is about 10 days earlier than usual, but has been necessary because lower pastures in the valley have dried out too much. More sheep are also expected to be moved to the higher pastures.

Rainfall In Streaks

The Athena-Weston district has been passed up in rainfall for the past three weeks. Heavy showers have fallen in the Helix section and to the south of Athena, and in each instance only slight sprinkles fell in this vicinity. Saturday the Walla Walla country got a rain that brought joy to the farmers and gardeners. Thirty-two hundredths of an inch fell at Walla Walla, while Eureka Flat and the Pomeroy area got a good soaking.

Major Walsh Married

Cards announcing the marriage of his nephew, Robert Walsh, have been received by F. S. LeGrow. The wedding occurred in Washington, D. C., on June 2nd. The bride is Miss Caroline Thom of a prominent Washington family. Major Walsh is in the U. S. air service and has been aide to the president for the past six years. The young man is well and favorably known here, having visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeGrow.

Seeks Medical Treatment

Charles M. Price, well known Weston land owner and retired farmer, left Monday for Portland, where he will receive a thorough clinical examination says the Weston Leader. Mr. Price has been suffering of late from an obscure internal malady which at times occasions him severe pain. He is in hopes that its cause will be discovered and will respond to treatment.

Carload of McRea Weeders

A carload of the all steel, self-dump McRea weeders have been received here and at Pendleton for distribution among the farmers of the Umatilla county wheat belt. Mr. McRea is now in Athena making preparations to put the weeders on the market. The machines will be on display on Main street near the N. A. Miller furniture store.

Kenewick Bridge Damaged

The high flood stage of the Columbia river last week damaged one of the approaches to the Kenewick-Pasco toll bridge. It will take a week or ten days for workmen to repair the damage and permit traffic to use the bridge again. A 200-foot gap was washed out.

SWIMMING POOL OPENS SUNDAY

Auspicious Event Will Take Place At Three In Afternoon.

The opening of the new swimming pool at City Park to the public will take place at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, weather permitting.

The occasion is being looked forward to by the entire community, and a large crowd is expected for the opening. Sponsored by the Athena-Weston American Legion Post, the pool has been constructed by that organization, and it will be conducted by the post.

The services of Claud Dickenson as caretaker of the pool have been secured, and Mr. Dickenson will be in charge during the season, and also will serve in the capacity of life guard should occasion call.

The Athena pool is one of the best equipped in this part of the state having all up-to-date appliances, including showers, toilet, diving tower, exit ladders, etc. Dressing rooms for men and women are commodious and conveniently situated. The dimensions of the pool, 40x75 feet, gives ample room for the accommodation of a large number of swimmers. Its depth graduates from nine inches where the kiddies may wade, to nine feet, opposite the diving tower.

The bid for constructing the pool was \$3100, submitted by Contractor McLeod, and accepted. However, practically all excavation work was donated, and the plumbing was not included in the contractor's bid. Added facilities and conveniences, in addition to the pipe line from city mains to the pool have exceeded the first estimates of cost.

Season tickets for swimming will be sold for \$5 to adults, and to children under 14 years, \$2, holders furnishing their own bathing suits. Regular prices will be children under 14 years, 15 cents; adults, 25 cents. Bathing suit rental, 10 cents.

Negro Bootblack "Het" Up on Canned Heat

A transient negro bootblack, het up on canned heat, attracted a crowd of men and boys at Third and Main Sunday evening with his queer antics. His presence soon became a nuisance, and Marshal Taylor came along and flagged the negro out of town.

Near the Dudley place the fellow made preparations to spend the night when he unrolled his blankets on the brink of the highway. Complaint was made by somebody, and again the negro was taken in charge by the marshal, who transported him so far on the way to Walla Walla that he forgot to come back.

Engdahl For Commissioner

Carl Engdahl is being importuned by Helix republicans to run independent for the office of county commissioner. It is said that the Helix district is not satisfied with the treatment accorded it by the county court in road matters, and the voters there strongly supported Mr. Daughtrey, defeated republican candidate in the primaries. Engdahl is well known as a qualified business man and landowner.

Waitsburg Has Fire

Waitsburg had a costly fire early Saturday morning, the American Legion hall, the theatre and a portion of the L. L. Linder carnival company property being burned. The buildings, which were of brick were completely gutted and the walls had to be pushed over. The carnival company lost several tents and property, but saved its ferris wheel and merry-go-round.

Superintendent Resigns

Weston Leader: Edward J. Warren of Pendleton has resigned as superintendent of the Weston schools, to which post he was recently elected. In a letter to the local boards Mr. Warren gives as his reason that his recommendations were not followed with respect to the election of certain teachers.

Floyd Corporan III

Floyd Corporan, who will be remembered as a boy in Athena, is now at Pasco and is in poor health as the result of lung trouble brought about in service in the World War. He recently wrote Dr. Sharp asking for credentials to be used in connection with veteran's hospital requirements.

Leak In Swimming Pool

A leak developed after the first filling of the swimming pool with water, Sunday, at the connection of the drainage pipe at the north end of the pool. Repairs were made with little effort.