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SWIMMING POOL IS A PAYING VENTURE

Gross Receipts, Including
the Sales of Season
Tickets, \$646.30.

The American Legion swimming pool at Athena City Park has proved to be a very successful venture in point of popularity and patronage. Since the pool opened for swimming and bathing, up to and including Tuesday evening of this week, the proceeds grossed a total of \$646.30. This amount includes the sale of forty-two adult season tickets at \$5, and forty-seven children season tickets at \$2 each.

The regular prices for swimming in the pool are 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, and 10 cents additional when bathing suits are furnished. The management announces that the very best grade of woolen bathing suits are furnished here, in fact none better are to be found at bathing resorts anywhere.

C. L. McFadden, commander of Athena-Weston American Legion Post, who has taken keen interest in the construction of the pool and who is devoting much time in its management, expressed deep appreciation for all assistance extended the Post in its efforts to bring the enterprise to a satisfactory and successful termination.

Especially does the post commander commend those who donated their services in the excavation work for the pool. In addition to personal services, a number furnished teams at the time the excavation was under way, among whom were H. A. Barrett, Arnold Wood, Glenn Dudley, George Lieuallen, Henry Koepke, Bern Bannister and Claude Dickenson. A number of young men donated their services on the job and employees of business men were let off from their work to help. Standard Oil company donated a truck for sand and gravel hauling, Bell & Venable liberally donated services, Jens Jensen gave supplies, while D. C. McFadden and Bob McArthur rendered valuable service.

The cost of the swimming pool as it stands at the present time represents a cash outlay of \$3,827.00 exclusive of excavation and other donation work.

To begin with, the post treasury had \$600.00 available for pool construction. The idea of making the venture a community enterprise soon developed with the result that Mr. McFadden and Mayor Stephens circulated a subscription paper, and secured subscriptions to the pool fund which total \$2,050.00. The subscribers and the amount of their subscriptions are as follows:

O. O. Stephens, \$100; Tum-a-Lum Lumber Company, \$100; M. W. Hansell, \$100; Rogers & Goodman, \$100; C. L. McFadden, \$100; W. R. Harden, \$100; M. L. Watts, \$100; Preston Schaffer Milling Company, \$100; F. S. LeGrow, \$100; F. B. Radtke, \$50; Gerald Kilgore, \$100; A. W. Douglas, \$100; A. H. McIntyre, \$100; A. A. McIntyre, \$15; J. A. Smith, \$5; Chas. Williams, \$10; Jess Gordon, \$5; W. S. Ferguson, \$25; Earnest Koepke, \$15; L. Ringel, \$5; R. L. Wilson, \$5; A. W. Logsdon, \$50; F. B. Boyd, \$50; W. G. Cowan, \$25; H. I. Watts, \$50; B. B. Richards, \$50; F. N. Johns, \$25; Bryce Baker, \$10; Penn T. Harris, \$15; A. M. Johnson, \$15; Dean Dudley, \$20; V. R. Zerba, \$15; Sheldon Taylor, \$15; Arnold Wood, \$15; Henry Dell, \$20; Henry Koepke, Jr., \$25; Zeph Lockwood, \$10; Forest Zerba, \$25; C. M. Eager, \$10; Richard Thompson, \$15; Revella Lieuallen, \$5; Hilda Dickenson, \$5; Max B. Hopper, \$10; Velma B. Schubert, \$5; Leonard Geissel, \$10; H. Geissel, \$10; Herman Hoffman, \$5; Chas. Wilson, \$10; Dr. Geyer, \$10; Lee A. Meyer, \$10; Mose Banister, \$5; Neil McIntyre, \$5; T. L. McBride, \$10; Jim Hodgen, \$10; H. O. Parker, \$5; E. C. Prestbye, \$10; Dean Pinkerton, \$5; Ralph Singer, \$5; I. L. Michener, \$5; Lew McNair, \$5; Pearl Ramsay, \$5; H. H. Hill, \$5; R. B. McEwen, \$10; R. A. Thompson, \$10; H. A. Barrett, \$10; C. B. Moore, \$5; F. H. Ames, \$25; Barney Foster, \$5; J. F. Kershaw, \$5; Robert Wolf, \$1; Glen Wagner, \$1; R. A. Duffield, \$5; John Walker, \$5; J. H. Creswell, \$5; Finley Graybeal, \$1; Ed Gwaltney, \$1; W. P. Littlejohn, \$5; Carl Sheard, \$5; L. R. Pinkerton, \$5; Lester Green, \$1.

Other subscriptions, amounting to perhaps \$200 more are yet to be taken, stated Mr. McFadden, which will bring the total to approximately \$2,250.00.

The financial success of the enterprise naturally brings up the question as to what ends the surplus funds will be used. Mr. McFadden stated it is American Legion policy everywhere to turn back every surplus dollar for the good of the com-

Honor Man at U. of O.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—Ronald Robnett, Albany, has been chosen by members of the senior class to receive the Albert cup, given annually to the senior who "during his college career, has made the most progress in character, service and wholesome influence."

Spokane Air Service Commences August 1st

Walla Walla.—Captain H. J. Taplin, president of the Spokane Airways, Inc., who was in Walla Walla a couple of days ago getting necessary information on airport facilities here, announced in Spokane yesterday that daily airplane service between Spokane, Lewiston and Walla Walla will be started August 1 by his company.

An Associated Press dispatch from Spokane, announcing this, added:

"A Buhl air sedan will leave Spokane at 9 a. m. every day with two and a half hours halt in each town to permit salesmen passengers to visit their customers, Taplin said. The company which has three planes on the field here (Spokane) and three more ordered, intends to specialize in passenger work and flight instruction."

In this connection it is also reported that J. G. (Tex) Rankin head of the Rankin Flying school at Portland, is planning daily Portland-Walla Walla air service, which would connect with the Spokane line. On August 1 daily service between Portland and San Francisco will be started.

The new Walla Walla airport would be used, it is reported, as it is close to town. The newly organized airport association has funds to aid in developing the field further.

Cars Kill Ten in June

Ten persons were killed and 419 were injured in a total of 2257 traffic accidents in Oregon during June, according to a report prepared by Thomas A. Raffety, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Approximately 110 of the accidents were due to speeding, while 218 accidents were caused by drivers failing to observe signals. In 390 cases the drivers failed to give right of way. Forty accidents were caused by drunken drivers.

Attends Barber School

Curtis Duffield, Athena high school boy, is spending his summer vacation in Portland, where he is taking a course in the Mohler Barber School of that city. On his return to Athena this fall, Curtis will work in his father's shop on Saturdays. He is making fast progress in learning the trade.

Chicken Thieves Again

Two young thieves, claiming Woodburn as their home, was apprehended near Sax Station Tuesday, by officers, on advices from Dayton, Wash. They had forty chickens in their possession. Dayton officers came after the thieves.

Charles Hilyard Dead

Charley Hilyard, who spent his boyhood in Athena, and who for many years resided at Meacham, died Tuesday at Hot Lake Sanitarium from cancer of the liver.

munity from which the dollar was taken. He has plans for City Park improvement for which future surplus funds from the swimming pool may be used, and in the near future they will be announced.

At the present time, the difference in cost of the pool, \$3,827.00, and the amount subscribed—including the Legion's \$600.00—is \$1,177.00

Medford Plans Big For Legion Convention On August 2, 3 and 4

Reports received from Medford, the American Legion Convention city for 1928, indicate that the Tenth Annual Department Convention which takes place August 2, 3 and 4th will be the biggest and best Legion Convention ever staged in the State of Oregon. The budget for the entire three days celebration has been raised, the local business men and service clubs are giving their undivided support and with nearly 700 members of Medford Post No. 15 "on the job" there is no doubt as to the success of this year's convention.

One of the most elaborate celebration programs ever prepared for the entertainment of visiting Legionnaires and their families has been under way for the past four months and is now nearing completion. There will be some thing to do or see every minute during the big three day celebration and visitors are assured of plenty of action from early morn till late at night.

Many distinguished guests will be "among those present" at the convention, according to present indications. Among the prominent Legionnaires expected to attend are the state commanders of Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho and Nevada, National officers of the Legion from Indianapolis and Past National Commanders John R. Quinn of Los Angeles and James Drain of Spokane. W. S. McCracken, head of the Aeronautical Department of the U. S. Department of Commerce, has agreed to be present and many other noted figures in aviation are expected.

Governor Patterson and the entire congressional delegation of the State of Oregon also plan to attend what is expected to be the "biggest and best Legion State Convention ever held on the Pacific Coast."

The Huckleberry Crop

Reports from the Blue Mountain summer resorts are to the effect that this season's huckleberry crop is one of the largest for some years past. A number of Athena people have already been successful in picking satisfactory quantities of the luscious fruit. It is said that in localities where the mountain snows protected the bushes from late frosts, the berries are exceptionally plentiful and of large size.

Locomotive Engineer Here

Kyle Charlton, who spent his boyhood in Athena, accompanied his brother, Starr Charlton home from LaGrande, and visited friends in Athena Wednesday. Kyle is a Union Pacific locomotive engineer, running out of LaGrande. Three of the Charlton brothers are engineers having runs out of LaGrande, Kyle, Clyde and Denver.

Fruit and Vegetable Crop Shows Increase

Approximately 1,875 carloads of the three major lines of fruit and vegetable produce will be shipped from the Walla Walla district this year, according to the official estimate of Wayne Garrett, district horticulturist who has completed his annual estimate on apples, prunes and onions.

A total of 85 cars of apples, 350 cars of prunes and 700 cars of onions is the estimate for the district which includes Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin and Whitman counties. The greater part of the produce will come from the Walla Walla and Columbia county regions. Mr. Garrett stated. This estimate is made after an intensive and thorough survey of the district by the horticulturist.

The estimate on apples and onions shows but slight increase over last year but there is approximately a 20 per cent increase in the prune estimate, Mr. Garrett stated.

Dogs After Sheep

H. A. Barrett reports that dogs raided his flock of pet lambs at his ranch north of Athena, Monday night, and as a result one of the lambs is missing. This is not the first time, Mr. Barrett stated, that dogs have run his sheep, and he proposes to take strenuous measures to put a stop to the raids.

Umatilla Is Low

Deputy State Watermaster Perry, reports that the volume of water in the Umatilla river has dropped to 35 second feet and is falling at the rate of one second foot per day, at the present time.

Jonathan Bourne Ill

Jonathan Bourne, 72, ex-United States senator from Oregon, was reported to be recovering from appendicitis, which has confined him to his home in Washington, D. C., several days.

Cooled Weather

For the past three days the weather has been considerably cooler, the temperature being decidedly lower than that which prevailed last week.

Death of H. K. Charlton Former Athena Resident At Home in LaGrande

H. K. Charlton, former resident of Athena, and father of Starr Charlton, died Thursday afternoon at his home in LaGrande, suddenly of heart failure. He had been enjoying his usual good health, and Thursday morning brought a load of wood from the mountains. After dinner he complained of being short of breath, reclined on a lounge and soon passed away without a struggle.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the funeral home of Zimmerman & Snodgrass, with Rev. Hess of the LaGrande Baptist church, conducting services. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery at LaGrande.

Henry Keltner Charlton was born in Iowa, October 1, 1852, died in LaGrande, July 12, 1928 aged 75 years, 9 months, 11 days. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1866 with a mule team. They camped over night on the present site of LaGrande which at that time consisted of a few shanties in what is known as Old Town. They finally settled on a farm in Linn county, and were members of the old Baptist church at Providence so famous in Oregon pioneer days.

In 1878, almost 50 years ago he married Izora Starr of Lebanon and moved to Farmington, Washington. Thirty years ago the family moved to Athena and have lived in LaGrande and vicinity the last 25 years.

The deceased is survived by his widow, one brother, C. M. Charlton of Salem; five sons, Starr of Athena; Kyle, Denver, and Clyde of LaGrande; Otto of Alberta, Canada, and nine grand children.

The "Skyline" Road

Athena motorists who have driven to Langdon Lake at the summit of the Blue Mountains and traveled over the new "skyline" road, pronounce it to be a wonderfully scenic trip. A party including Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dudley recently enjoyed the drive, and last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. LeGrow, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Richards, Roland, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rogers and family motored over the new road. When completed, it will be possible to follow the rim of the Blue Mountains from Langdon Lake north to a point near Dayton, Washington. The unfinished gap in the road will be connected this season.

Spray Painting

The Preston-Schaffer mill has been given a fresh coat of paint by the spraying process. J. P. McCarroll of Walla Walla has the contract for the painting job. McCarroll also painted the big barn on the M. L. Watts ranch north of Athena, and sprayed two coats of paint on the W. P. Littlejohn residence, on corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets.

Standard Theatre Picture Program

Tomorrow night the Standard Theatre offers Conrad Nagel and Myrna Loy in a Warner Bros. classic, "The Girl From Chicago." This photoplay is a tense, glittering melodrama, filled with romance of daring and danger.

Sunday night Sydney Chaplin comes in a Metro-Goldwyn comedy, "Skirts." Chaplin's last appearance at the Standard was when he played the leading role in "Charley's Aunt." Special productions booked for current showing include "The Cossacks," starring John Gilbert, Saturday, July 28, and Harold Lloyd in "Speedy," Saturday, August 11.

Mashed His Foot

Harve Roseberry, foreman of the M. L. Watts wheat ranch, north of Athena, had his right foot badly mashed when a heavy iron pipe fell on it. Mr. Roseberry was engaged in laying the pipe for the new water system being installed at the Watts ranch, when the accident happened.

Oregon State Forest

Oregon's first state forest, embracing 70,000 acres in western Douglas and northern Coos counties, will be formally transferred to the state by the federal government by January 1. The state exchanges for the tract an equal acreage of school lands situated in various parts of the state.

Warren To Coach Astoria

John Warren of Pendleton, graduate this year at University of Oregon, and guard for three years on the varsity football team, will coach Astoria high school athletes for the next year.

Married at Pendleton

Dee Hutton and Miss Maybelle Strickler, a prominent young couple of Pendleton, were united in marriage in that city, Saturday last.

Blue Mountain Fires

Electric storms were responsible for two forest fires in the Umatilla national forest recently, but were at once gotten under control.

Wins High Honor



University of Oregon, Eugene.—George Belknap, of Moro, graduate student in philosophy at the University of Oregon, has been appointed Sage fellow in philosophy at Cornell University for next year, it was announced by Dr. George Rebee, head of the philosophy department here. This is regarded as one of the highest honors that can be conferred upon philosophy students, and it is usually only given after a year of residence study in Cornell.

Mr. Belknap, who was a journalism major during the first part of his university career, has won high distinction in scholarship. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic society, and Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

Oregon State College Farm Market Review

The new official estimate indicates a total United States wheat crop about 70,000,000 bushels less than last year. Some traders are inclined to argue that the crop will be smaller. The soft red winter wheat crop is figured at nearly 60,000,000 bushels below last year and the same shortage of spring wheat is reported, but the hard red winter crop is very large. Heavy marketing of hard red winter is in progress and this together with favorable crop reports from Canada tended to depress wheat markets last week. Rye was dull and lower despite unfavorable prospects for the new crop. Crop conditions requirements in Europe are a little uncertain.

Old crop feed grains in cash markets not influenced by arrivals of new crop grain was firm, but new barley and oats moved slowly and prices tended to go lower. Another record crop of barley is indicated from an acreage 29.5 per cent higher than last year, the United States production being estimated at 7,275,000 tons or 929,000 tons more than in 1927. The principal increase is in the north central states where abandonment of winter wheat was heaviest. The California crop is figured 9 per cent above last year. The acreage in Oregon was increased about 30 per cent; and in Washington about 14 per cent. Foreign barley markets were easier last week and crop information to date indicates substantial increases in the acreage of barley abroad.

Old Timer Here

Fred Fisher and wife were in Athena last Saturday for a few hours, from Stockton, California, en route to Coer d'Alene for a summer outing. Mr. Fisher formerly engaged in the harness business in Athena, and was in partnership with his brother-in-law, W. C. Miller.

Home From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McPherson arrived home Saturday from a vacation trip of two weeks. They made a trip to Seattle, Portland and the coast by automobile. Sometime was spent at Long Beach, Wash., where Mr. McPherson was successful at sea fishing. He caught numbers of sea bass.

Over 48 Bushels

Taking elevator weights for his wheat delivered in bulk, Marion Hansell finds that his wheat crop is averaging a little over 48 bushels per acre. He expects to finish threshing his crop Monday, and will then move his machine to the A. L. Swaggart place to thresh the crop there.

Family Will Arrive

Rev. Dow the new pastor of the First Baptist church of Athena, is expecting the arrival of his family next week from Halsey, where they have been visiting for some time.

Huckleberry Pickers

Mrs. Fred Kershaw, Mrs. Barbara Willaby, Mrs. R. A. Thompson and Mrs. H. H. Hill comprised a party that motored into the mountains yesterday, in quest of huckleberries.

HARVESTING GRAIN IS UNDER WAY HERE

Bulking the Crop Is the
Popular Method Being
Followed Here.

Harvesting the 1928 wheat crop is nearly in full swing in the Athena farming district. A few machines started up the latter part of last week in this vicinity, and a constantly increasing number have entered the fields this week.

Athena farmers are well equipped with modern farm machinery, and probably a large majority of them are following the method of bulking their grain this season. Bulking grain and delivering it direct from the machine to the elevators has found general favor, and mainly in the outlying districts is the sack method of handling grain employed.

With the advent of the motor truck the problem of bulking grain has been overcome. The motor truck gives the necessary quick dispatch of grain from machine to elevator and warehouse, with the result that hauling with teams has almost been done away with, so far as handling grain in bulk is concerned.

A large number of International trucks, and some of other makes have been purchased by Athena farmers this season to be used for hauling grain and for general use on the farm.

Storage facilities for bulk grain have been materially increased at Athena. The Farmers Grain Elevator Company has added more storage capacity, besides making a number of improvements in the big plant for promptly handling bulk grain as it is delivered there. The Preston-Schaffer Milling company has installed new scales to take care of bulk loads and made other improvements for the convenience of receiving grain.

Harvesting operations have not advanced far enough to give an accurate estimate of the average yield. However, it is known there will be some fields that will average around 50 bushels to the acre. Others give evidence of producing between 40 and 50, and lots of them around 35.

A noticeable feature is said to exist this season relative to the surprising yield Federation is making where the stand is thin. Some fields of spring sown grain are looking remarkably well, while others are not so inviting in appearance. Due to the fact that it was necessary to do considerable reseeding this spring, grain is not ripening as evenly as in years when reseeding was not required.

There seems to be a plentiful supply of harvest hands and next week will see harvest operations in this section at the peak.

Sale Going Good

The clean-up sale which started last Saturday morning at the R. A. Thompson Garage, has been going good and has met the expectations of Mr. Thompson, so he informs the Press. The sale will continue until August 1, during which time the opportunity remains for purchasers to secure worth-while bargains.

Better Than 51 Bushels

A field of wheat on the W. O. Read farm south of Athena averaged a trifle over 51 bushels to the acre. The grain was bulked and the weights are from the Farmers Grain Elevator scales. H. A. Barrett's combine, pulled by the Read caterpillar cut and threshed the crop, which tested No. 1.

Hit-and-Run Victim

Dick Culpus, an Indian, died at St. Anthony's hospital; Pendleton, as the result of injuries received Sunday night on the Oregon Trail highway east of Pendleton, when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver. The injured Indian was taken to Pendleton by passing motorists, who found him unconscious by the road side.

Welch Sells Cottage

"Dad" Welch has sold the cottage on Adams street which he recently purchased from Mrs. Dickson, to Mrs. Theresa Berlin who came from Walla Walla to reside in Athena. Mrs. Berlin and her three daughters now occupy the cottage. Louis Berlin, the son, will farm his mother's land northwest of Athena.

Painting School House

Justin Harwood has been engaged this week in painting the school house in the Sheldon Taylor district, west of Athena.

Gone to Harvest

"Pike" Miller left the fore part of the week for the harvest fields of Endicott, Wash., where he will remain during the harvest season.