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ROAD DISTRICT VOTES FOR TAX

All But One Voter In the District Cast Ballot On Measure.

At a meeting of voters in special road district No. 53, held at the school house in District No. 2 Monday, a total of 27 votes were cast. Sixteen favored the tax and eleven voted against it. There are 28 voters in the district and only one failed to appear at the polls.

The tax which carries a special tax of 10 mills on the dollar on all of the taxable property in the road district, which will be levied for the purpose of constructing and improving a road which commences at the end of the present market road which extends from the west end of Athena Main street, to the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of sec. 22 tp. 4 NR 34 EWM; thence in a northerly or northwesterly direction up what is commonly known as Gerking Flat, along the most practical route to Wayland Station; thence easterly about 1 1/2 miles; thence southeasterly along the east side of the Northern Pacific railway, to the north city limits of Athena.

The tax is to be expended under the supervision of the county court and when the road is completed it will serve as a market road for one of the foremost agricultural districts in Umatilla county, in point of production. The road as outlined, describes a loop, giving good highway facilities to residents of a large farming territory directly tributary to Athena.

It is expected that construction work on the road will be started with the opening of spring.

The road will be approximately 15 miles long.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence Tubbs formerly of Athena but now living in Pendleton. There were 17 members and 5 visitors present. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. O. Read, vice-president. Roll call was answered with the reading of clippings from different newspapers dealing with things of interest to the organization. The county president Mrs. May of Pendleton was a visitor and some interesting remarks concerning the recent state convention were made by her. She also made some reports on the Children's Farm Home. The program consisted of a solo by Mrs. Reeder. She sang "Lead Kindly Light" a reading "The Tiger" by Mrs. Hiteman and an essay which won first prize in the national W. C. T. U. convention in Boston, Mass., which had been written and read by Carlton Sox of Albany, Oregon. This was read by Mrs. Stewart. Tonale pie served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Kerby of Adams closed a very profitable afternoon. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Reeder on December 18th.

O. E. S. District Meeting

About 150 members of the Order of the Eastern Star, representing Chapters located in endleton, Weston, Helix, Athena and Milton were guests at dinner at Milton Saturday night. The tables were attractively decorated with chrysanthemums and beautiful Milton apples. During the dinner, an interesting program of music and readings was enjoyed by the guests, following which they adjourned to the lodge room. Flowers in the symbolic colors, and arranged in large baskets were used about the hall and after the Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon and other distinguished guests had been introduced three candidates were initiated by members of Bushee Chapter of Pendleton. A group of Athena ladies put on the floral degree. About ten members from Athena were present.

Weston Leader: Contracts for the growing of seed peas are coming in fairly well, according to Lance Kellogg, who is handling the contracts for the Washington-Idaho Seed company. However, there isn't much time for further deliberation on the part of prospective growers if this project—which promises so much for the Weston bench lands—is expected to materialize. Contracts for about 500 acres have been signed. Contracts for 1500 acres more must be signed before the end of November if the big Spokane seed concern enters Weston territory.

Theatre Party

The high school girls entertained the members of the football team at a banquet in the school dining room Saturday evening. After the banquet they escorted the boys to the Standard Theatre, where seats had been reserved by them for a theatre party. The party which included members of the faculty, numbered thirty-four.

School Election For District 7 To Vote On a Special Tax

Commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, November 26, a school election for District No. 7, will be held at the school house for the legal voters of the district to vote on the question of increasing the amount of the tax levy in the district for the year 1928 by more than six per cent over the amount of such levy for the year immediately preceding.

As detailed in the original estimate and accounting sheet compiled by the district clerk, there is shown an increase of \$100 in superintendent's salary; \$350 has been added for athletic coach, the clerk receives \$100 as against \$81.80 last year and other services call for \$100, while last year the item was \$64.42.

However these increases are more than offset in the retrenchment shown by the estimate for this year's personal service department of \$9,210.00 as against \$9,719.20 for last year.

The estimate for materials and supplies for this year of \$1,270.00, as against \$1,943.57 for last year show a substantial decrease.

Maintenance and repairs is placed at \$150; indebtedness including warrants and interest (with warrants over from last year, amounting to \$1,091.14) total \$3,376.05. Miscellaneous items which aggregate \$242.50 bring the grand total of estimated expenditures for the ensuing year to \$14,248.55, and reduced \$95.85 by other receipts, leaves \$14,152.70 to be raised by district tax.

Evangelistic Services Drawing Near Close

The evangelistic services which are being held at the Christian church by Evangelist Johnson, will probably close with the Sunday evening service, after a period of three weeks of constructive effort on his part.

The attendance at the meeting has been satisfactory, and the church people are gratified at the renewal of interest that has been awakened as a result of the meetings.

A pressing invitation is extended by Mr. Johnson to the public to attend the two services Sunday. His topic for 11 o'clock will be "The Last Great Commission," and for Sunday evening, "The Influence of a Little Girl." At the evening service Mr. and Mrs. Perry will sing, by request, "O, It is Wonderful."

Bridge Tea

Bronze and yellow chrysanthemums decked the rooms of the attractive Richard's home Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Fred Kershaw and Mrs. Bert Richards entertained at a bridge tea. Guests sufficient for five tables of bridge were present. Mrs. Paul Lieuallen won high score and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton was awarded the consolation prize. At the tea hour a salad and ices, in which the yellow and bronze color scheme was emphasized, were served. The hostesses were assisted in serving by Mrs. W. S. Ferguson and Mrs. R. B. McEwen. Guests included, Mrs. A. Kimball, Mrs. Bert Logsdon, Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Mrs. Alec McIntyre, Mrs. Henry Dell, Mrs. Glenn Dudley, Mrs. Hilda Dickenson, Mrs. H. A. Barrett, Mrs. F. S. LeGrow, Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Mrs. Paul Lieuallen and Mrs. M. W. Hansell.

Ken Maynard Coming To Standard Theatre

Ken Maynard will be seen at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night in another of his sterling western pictures, "Gun Gospel." Supported by the beautiful screen actress, Virginia Brown Faire, Maynard proves his title of the greatest cowboy star in deluxe outdoor drama.

Antonio Morena, popular screen actor, supported by Estelle Taylor (Jack Dempsey's wife) will play the leading parts in "The Whip Woman" at the Standard Sunday night.

For its patrons on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, the Standard has booked "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." Richard Barthelmess who plays the leading role in this beautiful romance of the Kentucky mountains is surrounded by a galaxy of character players, including Molly O'Day, Doris Johnson, Eulalie Jensen and Gardner James.

McKenzie Chapter Entertained

McKenzie Chapter, O. E. S. of Athena was entertained Tuesday evening at Helix. Great sprays of autumn foliage and baskets of chrysanthemums were used for decorations and the hostess chapter initiated a candidate. Following the business session a delicious supper was served at small tables grouped about the hall. Those attending for Athena were Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Mrs. Henry Barrett, Mrs. Lee Hiteman, Mrs. Sam Pambrun, Miss Sadie Pambrun and Mrs. Argie Haviland.

A Proclamation

IT IS RIGHT that we who are alive
And masterful and free
With hearts to hope and health to strive
And blessed with eyes to see,
Should sometimes, pausing in the stress,
Acknowledge thankfulness—
FOR ALL the mornings that are fair
And all the kindly winds that blow
For all the cheerful faces where
The busy thousands come and go
For all the warm and peaceful nooks
In which the weary may recline;
For friendly looks and worthy books,
For faith that may be yours and mine—
FOR EVERY glad and pleasing song,
For every pasture that is green,
For all the streams that wind along
Where ripples flash and willows lean,
For all the triumphs we have gained,
For all the errors left behind,
For all the tasks that have remained
For hopeful, eager men to find—
FOR EVERY gladdened mother's prayers,
For all the bliss that lovers claim;
For every charm that beauty wears,
For pride, for honor, and for fame;
For morning and the hope it brings,
For every cheerful, friendly face,
For skill to do the useful things,
For night, with each star in its place.
IT IS RIGHT that we who may engage
In triumphs yet to be,
Who, in the world's sublimest age,
Are masterful and free,
Should sometimes, in the strife and stress,
Acknowledge thankfulness.

S. E. KISER

LaVenia Marquis Bride of Donald Johnson

Miss LaVenia Marquis became the bride of Donald Johnson at Pendleton, Thursday, November 15. The marriage ceremony was performed at the Presbyterian Manse by Rev. Bruce, pastor of the Pendleton Presbyterian church in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Rawlin Morrison of Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boylen of Pendleton, who attended the couple.

The bride wore a blue crepe de chene dress with hat to match and carried a bouquet of roses. A wedding dinner was served at Hotel Pendleton, following the marriage ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make a wedding trip to Portland over Thanksgiving week, and will be at home to their friends in Athena after January first.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marquis of Weston and has a host of friends who esteem her very highly. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnson of this city. He was born and raised in Athena, is a graduate of Athena high school and for some time has been assistant to his father in the management of the Tum-a-lum lumber yard here.

Oregon State College Farm Market Review

The world and domestic wheat markets were generally steady last week and soft red winter wheat advanced at St. Louis. Sharp reductions were made in the official estimates of the Canadian crop and there is a large amount of low quality wheat because of frost damage.

Reports from the southern hemisphere were also less favorable for the wheat crop. Rye markets were firm.

Saw The Dalles Game

Omer Stephens and Bert Taylor drove to The Dalles Monday and saw the state high school championship game played between Medford high and The Dalles high. The contest was won by Medford 42-0, leaving no doubt whatever as to which team qualified for the championship. The result was never in doubt after the first few minutes of the first period. Medford scored seven touchdowns but failed in every try for extra points.

Stripped the "Cat"

The Joseph Scott caterpillar was left in the field near the market road west of town Monday night. Tuesday morning Lowell Zerba, the driver, found that somebody had stripped the machine of its tools and taken a quantity of distillate.

Closely Played Game Taken From Weston By the Score of 6-0

In the first few moments of play, Wayne Pinkerton scooped up a fumbled ball and dashed across the Weston goal line for the only score made in the Athena-Weston high school football game, Friday afternoon.

After the touchdown both teams settled back into one of the hottest contests seen between high school teams this year.

Weston was apparently set for Athena end runs and off-tackle efforts and successfully muffed up the plays that a few weeks earlier had been responsible for her 12-0 defeat. The Weston ends spread out like a fan and blocked every Athena attempt to take the ball by the corner route.

The contest finally simmered down to Athena holding her margin and Weston striving to reach the enemy breastworks. The Weston line functioned admirably and gained gobs of yardage from scrimmage in her own territory and midfield, but always Athena punted out of danger and the Weston line would buck into its task of plugging the ball back again to the site of another punt.

But for Weston's disastrous fumble, recovered by the nimble Pinkerton, who sprinted across for the touchdown, the score would have been 0-0, for Weston has developed a wonderfully good line. Good enough to offset the fleetness of "Pike" Miller's backs in making gains around the ends in this game, at least.

Skidding Caused Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden returned home Tuesday from Corvallis, being delayed through having their automobile repaired as the result of the wreck last week. Mrs. McFadden was driving at the time. A car in front suddenly stopped without giving the usual sign. Mrs. McFadden applied the brakes and the car skidded on a wet pavement into the other machine. The McFadden family escaped injury, but a lady in the other car suffered injuries, which included fractured ribs. The McFadden car which had the right of way, by virtue of the fact that the other car stopped on the highway, had an axle bent and received other damage.

Boy Scout Dance

The benefit dance given at Legion Hall Saturday for benefit of the Athena Boy Scout troop, was liberally patronized by ticket purchasers around town. The dance was fairly well attended. The dance netted the scouts \$35.00. Victor Hirsch came over from Freewater and donated his services as piano player for the orchestra.

Walla Walla Man Dies In Arizona Mine

Walla Walla.—Delbert Lofthus, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lofthus, 318 S. Fourth avenue, and graduate of Wa-Hi, lost his life by asphyxiation in an explosion Thursday night in the Phillips-Dodge Corporation mine at Morenci, Ariz., according to word received here yesterday afternoon.

He had been employed in the mine for only about a month and was shift boss at the time of the explosion. One other man also succumbed while six miners were overcome trying to rescue the two. Although oxygen breathing apparatus was used immediately after the recovery of the victims it was impossible to revive them.

After graduating from Wa-Hi where he was very prominent in school activities, Mr. Lofthus received a scholarship to the Colorado School of Mines. After taking work there, he was employed on the Great Northern's Cascade tunnel for a year. He was later employed in mines of the Coeur d'Alene and went to Arizona only a few weeks ago.

He was a member of the Elks lodge and was unmarried. The body will be brought here for burial.

Red Cross Enrollment Becomes Active Here

Enrollment of membership in the Red Cross became active in Athena this week when Miss Hilda Dickenson was named chairman of the membership drive for the Athena community, by the county chairman.

The annual Roll Call began on Armistice Day and will close on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The time is short for Athena to turn in her membership quota, and all will confer a favor by giving their names for enrollment to Miss Dickenson or to Mayor Stephens.

Helix and Adams are the first towns to report their enrollment to be over the top.

Missionary Society

The M. E. Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Crabill Wednesday afternoon with 27 ladies present. Mrs. H. H. Hill was appointed to supervise an apron sale at the Athena Hotel, December 15. At the close of business an interesting feature was prize fishing and paying the price of the article drawn, after which a sumptuous luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Clarence Hand, Mrs. W. O. Read and Mrs. Oral McPherrin. Mrs. Thompson supervised the drawing of names for the next meeting. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Tompkins.

KAY TO PETITION NEW LEGISLATION

Income Tax, Auto License Measures Advocated For Revenue.

A Salem special to the Oregonian says: Enactment of a state income tax law, with provision for a property offset, will be advocated at the next session of the legislature by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer. This was announced by the state treasurer here today. It would be necessary to refer such a bill to the voters for ratification.

Treasurer Kay pointed out that a law such as he has in mind would raise approximately \$1,125,000 annually and would go far toward wiping out the financial deficit in the general fund of the state. He expressed the opinion that an income tax law allowing a property offset would receive favorable consideration by the voters. He would favor a reasonable rate and low exemptions.

"The principal objection to income tax measures referred to the voters of Oregon in the past has been the double-taxation feature," said Mr. Kay. "By providing for a property offset this objectionable feature would be removed and the voters probably would favor such a law. I will urge its enactment at the session next January."

The state treasurer also said he favored a revision of the motor vehicle license fees. "In revision the existing laws care should be taken not to imperil the highway construction program," said Mr. Kay. "This could be done by reducing the license fees on old cars and providing an additional gasoline tax of 1 cent a gallon."

Mr. Kay estimated that an additional tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline sold in the state would raise more than \$1,000,000 annually. This would make it possible, he said, to reduce the license fees on old cars materially.

Other legislation in which Treasurer Kay is interested will deal with irrigation and drainage. In an address before the state reclamation congress here Thursday Mr. Kay let it be known that he favors wiping out the debt of more than \$2,000,000 due the state from the various irrigation districts.

He said such a course on the part of the state would make it possible to reorganize some of the irrigation districts which now are insolvent and on the verge of bankruptcy. In wiping out the irrigation debt the reclamation commission would insist on certain reorganization requirements being met by the irrigation districts.

The state treasurer also will recommend to the legislature a law making it necessary to audit the books and accounts of the various state departments annually. Some of the state departments are audited regularly under the existing laws, but in most cases there parts of the various state activities are received and accepted at their face value.

In recommending an annual audit of the books of all state departments the state treasurer said he would point out how a certain official in Multnomah county recently defaulted in his accounts to the amount of more than \$50,000.

The Study Club

The meeting of the Study Club held at the home of Mrs. Retta Potts last Friday afternoon was replete with interesting features. The subject was: "The Coming of the Pioneers," papers being read by Mrs. M. W. Hansell on experiences on the Oregon trail; Mrs. Berlin on Ezra Meeker's work, and Mrs. M. I. Miller on Pioneer life in Oregon. Roll call was answered with names of Oregon rivers. Mrs. Berlin will be hostess for the club next Friday afternoon, the subject being: "The Oregon Question and its final settlement; Governmental Beginnings."

Many Horses Lost

Walla Walla.—A. W. Thomas living west of Hoover ferry in the Horse heaven section, has lost 12 horses and 8 more are down with paralysis in a hopeless condition from an unusual malady called botulism poisoning. Poison forms in the food similar to that which kills people who eat canned vegetables which have not been properly canned and preserved. Dr. J. R. Fuller, who investigated the cases, stated that further losses have been checked by eliminating the infected food and by using an anti-toxin.

The school meeting called for District No. 29, Monday, for the purpose of voting a special school tax was attended by a small number. After reading of the budget by the school clerk, the meeting adopted the budget as read, and the amount to be raised by district tax, totaling \$7,714.88, carried.