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SCOUTS OBSERVE AN ANNIVERSARY

Contests, Training School Etc., Planned for the Next Few Weeks.

Walla Walla.—Local Boy Scouts and scout leaders are to observe the nineteenth anniversary of scouting during the week beginning Thursday, according to plans announced by the Walla Walla scoutmasters' association. All inter-troop first aid contest, scoutmasters' training school, patrol leaders' training school, and a scout circus and exposition were among other events scheduled to keep local scouts busy.

Several troops have special troop meetings planned in observance of anniversary week, and on Saturday and Sunday, through the courtesy of the Inland Theatres, Inc., all Boy Scouts will be admitted free to the Capitol theatre to see special feature pictures showing Boy Scouts in action. The local scout troops will have a small exhibit of scouting projects on the balcony of the theatre, and will put on two demonstrations of scouting during the Saturday shows. A special invitation is given to all out-of-town scouts to attend. Scouts not in uniform will wear their scout badges as means of identification.

Local scoutmasters reported that many scouts are feeding small birds that are having difficulty getting food at present. Groups of scouts are also planning expeditions to feed game birds in the vicinity. The scouts would be glad to know of places where birds are gathered and in need. The Sportsmen's association is cooperating by furnishing feed.

Leaders' training courses, both for junior and senior scout leaders, were arranged to begin a series of at least six weekly sessions Wednesday, Feb. 13. The adult leaders will be divided into two groups, those not having received previous training, and an advanced group. These adult groups will meet from 7:30 to 9:30, at the Chamber of Commerce. The junior leaders, consisting of patrol leaders, scribes and other boy leaders, will meet Wednesday, after school, at the local high school. Certificates will be issued those completing training.

The inter-troop first aid contest was arranged to be held at the county armory Friday, March 1. A first aid banner will be awarded the winning first aid team.

Several scout leaders reported that patrols of scouts were already engaged in preparing merit badge booths to demonstrate some of the many vocational subjects taught in scouting, to be shown at the scout circus and exposition to be held early in May.

Sixteen scout leaders were present at the meeting. District scout commissioner, O. E. Hoover presided. Scout executive F. Douglas Hawley acted as secretary of the meeting. The association planned to hold its next meeting in conjunction with the first meeting of the leaders' training school, Feb. 13.

Snow Plow At Work

One of the county snow plows, drawn by a tractor, passed through Athena Wednesday morning, going to the district west of town, where it will clear the roads of snow. Traffic on country roads has been greatly slowed up on account of snow. Leaving the center of the highway means a lot of trouble in getting back again. The surfaced highway between Athena, Pendleton and Walla Walla has been kept open to traffic by crews with snow plows.

"Beggars of Life" Two Nights

"Beggars of Life," a big nine-reel feature picture, starring Wallace Beery, Louise Brooks and Richard Arlen is coming to the Standard Theatre for two nights, tomorrow and Sunday, at regular admission prices. The story, well out of the ordinary, is from the pen of Jim Tully, modern American literary giant, and the Paramount cast includes a dazzling array of talent. The complete program for each night is well balanced and comprises eleven reels.

Better Agriculture Planned

An Agricultural Economic conference will be held in Weston, says the Leader. This fact was brought to light last Monday at a meeting of farmers and business men in the Weston bank, the officers of which have been active in developing the plan. The meeting was attended by County Agent Walter A. Holt, who explained the purpose of the conference, which is to be called some time in March.

Wauna Camp Fire Group Organized One Year Ago in Athena

(By Hilda Dickenson)
The Wauna Camp Fire girls have been organized one year this month. The group has been very successful in campfire work as well as in a social way. The girls themselves are responsible for the success of Camp Fire in Athena. They are all as enthusiastic and interested today as they were a year ago. So many girls applied for membership that Miss Myrtle Potts started another group to make room for them.

The girls appreciate the splendid support the townspeople have given them in their various enterprises.

All the girls in the Wauna group who are eligible have taken Wood Gatherer's rank and every girl can proudly display a long bright strand of honor beads. The girls who are Wood Gatherers are as follows: Betty Eager, Marjorie Douglas, Arleen Myrick, Mary Tompkins, Myrtle Campbell, Laura Ross, Velma Ross, Valerie Cannon, Nylene Taylor, Marjorie Montague, Helen Barrett, Goldie Miller, Mildred Hansell, Jean Zerba, Esma Hiteman, Bertha Price, Dorothy Burke and Esther Berlin. Bernice Wilson is a new member who is planning to take rank at the Grand Council Fire in Walla Walla, next month. Esther Berlin is the only girl who is eligible for Fire-Makers rank and she is also planning to take her rank at Walla Walla.

The Wauna girls are working on their honors toward Fire-Makers rank as a group. The last two meetings have been devoted to first aid work. All the girls are planning to finish their tests on bandaging this month.

Dues and subscriptions to "Every Girl" a Camp Fire monthly magazine, are due this month. Wauna girls are holding a cooked food sale at Eagers Grocery Saturday morning to defray this expense. Telephone your orders early.

Oregon State College Plans 2-Year Courses

Hereafter high school graduates who plan to operate farms or become homemakers, but do not care for the full degree courses in agriculture or home economics, may obtain intensive practical training in these two schools through two-year courses just approved by the regents of Oregon State college. Details of the new plan are being worked out for submitting to the state board of higher curricula, whose approval is necessary before the courses may be offered.

The aim of these new courses is to allow the students to get brief practical training in subjects applicable to home and farm life, without forcing them to take the full four years of work which would fit them for a larger number of occupations. Credit acquired in the short course may later be applied on degree work, if the student so desires.

Medal Is Sought For Brockman, Trapper Hero

A Carnegie medal will be sought for Phil Brockman, Blue mountain trapper, who found the wrecked mail plane of Harold E. Buckner, Varney Air Lines pilot, carried the injured aviator to his cabin at Horse Ranch, Or., and then mushed 12 miles through four to six feet of snow to tell of the accident.

This was announced at Seattle, by officials of the air lines, who said Charles T. Wrightson, Boise business manager of the concern, was preparing the necessary data.

Brockman hiked from 9:30 P. M. until 9 A. M. the following day, making about a mile an hour. Buckner lived for some hours after the wreck, but died before being brought back to civilization.

Gold Stirrs Grants Pass

A new gold strike has caused a sensation at Grants Pass. One piece of the ore ten inches long by eight inches wide and four inches thick, was estimated by the First National Bank to contain \$2,000 in gold. Another piece, slightly larger, contained \$1,500 in gold. Portland interests own the property.

Double Header Lost

Athena lost a double header to Griswold high school of Helix, Friday evening. The boys lost to Helix by one point, 26 to 25; the exact score by which they won on the home floor, several weeks ago. Griswold girls won from Athena high by the score of 30 to 7.

Blow Fatal to Boxer

Eddie Cartwright, a well known negro boxer of Portland, died shortly after he was knocked out in the third round of his bout with Cecil Beysel, at Seattle, Tuesday night. Cartwright has appeared on Walla Walla fight programs.

Head H. S. Press Group at University of Oregon



These promising young journalists head the Oregon High School Press conference for 1929-30. They were elected at the 1928-29 conference at the University of Oregon. Left to right, they are: Dudley McClure, editor of the Benson "Tech Pep," Portland, president, who also carried home the Arnold Bennett Hall cup for putting out the state's best high school paper; Julia Creech, editor of the Salem "Clarion," secretary and winner of the Eugene Guard cup for best paper in schools of more than 500; Dick Gobel, editor of the Grant "Grantorian," Portland, vice-president.

Regents Change



Judge J. W. Hamilton, Roseburg, (above) has resigned as a member of the board of regents at the University of Oregon after giving 29 years' service to the Eugene institution. Succeeding him to the presidency of the governing board is Fred Fisk, Eugene, (below).

Stockmen Elect Officers

The Weston Stockmen's association met at Weston Monday and elected the following officers: J. P. Lieualen, president; P. A. McBride, vice-president; Ralph Tucker, secretary-treasurer and Will R. McLean and C. H. Sams were named on the advisory board. Clarence Ross will again be rider for the association, and a telephone will be installed in his cabin. The Association has approximately 600 head of stock on its range, covering the headwaters of the Umatilla river.

Icebound Roofs

Ladders and shovels were much in demand at Athena the fore part of the week when a thick coating of ice formed on roofs at the edge of the caves, causing the water from melting snow to back up and seep through and down the walls in a number of homes. Removal of ice and snow on the roofs relieved the situation.

Athena At Adams

Athena high school boys and girls' basketball teams go to Adams tonight to play a doubleheader with Adams school teams. The Adams boys lost to Athena in a game played on the local floor by the score of 21 to 18, and the Adams girls won over Athena by one point margin, 19 to 18. The games tomorrow night are expected to be closely contested.

Mrs. Cecil Greer and Mrs. Newton O'Hara of Weston, were Athena visitors, Monday.

Committee In Favor of Bagging One Mule Deer

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service)
State House, Salem.—"The sportsmen of Klamath County are opposed to the reduction of bag on deer, because the deer are on the increase down there," said Representative Collier of Klamath Falls, in a committee discussion of house bill No. 139, relative to open seasons and bag limits on game. "I think they would be satisfied to have the limit one mule and one black-tailed, or two black-tailed deer."

"If we moved the season ahead ten days, but not actually shorten it, that might prove a remedy," suggested Representative Snell of Arlington. "I don't think the hunters in my county would object to that," said Mr. Collier.

Upon motion of Representative Dockwood of Douglas County the Committee decided to amend the bill to read one mule deer, or two black-tailed deer, as the bag limit.

"If the season is different for the two game districts in the state, there will be thousands who will get their black-tailed deer, and then not be able to get a mule deer," was the objection of Representative Howard of Lane County.

Upon motion it was decided to leave the opening date in district one, that west of the Cascades, as it is.

"Well, I would like to see the provision tacked on that the Governor's executive order be denied him," remarked Representative Clark of Clackamas County.

"Almost everyone would like to have the season set back in my district," said Representative Norvell of Umatilla County. "I believe it should be postponed at least ten days on account of fire."

"I am going to move that the open season in district two (that east of the Cascades) should be the same as in district one," said Mr. Snell. "with the limit at one mule deer. This idea of two seasons will give the same hunters two opportunities to kill game."

"I would rather vote with Mr. Norvell and put the season later," remarked Mr. Clark.

"Let us let it go as it is for the entire state until we hear from Eastern Oregon," said Mr. Snell. The motion, opening the season September 10th., passed.

Wild Turkeys Increase

According to Harold Clifford, state game warden, wild turkeys are increasing in numbers. The birds are being propagated at the state game farms at Pendleton, Corvallis and Eugene. Last fall numbers of the birds were liberated in Polk, Clackamas, Wallowa, Wasco, Curry and Umatilla counties.

Elk Feed Near Walla Walla

It is reported that a herd of elk have come out of the mountains into the foothill country southwest of Walla Walla, where the animals are ranging for feed. Albert Baker, forest ranger at Walla Walla, reports that the deep snow in the Blue Mountains is making it easy for coyotes to prey on deer.

Elks Present Minstrel

A host of Athena members of the Pendleton lodge of Elks and their friends attended the minstrel show given by lodge members Wednesday night. The big show was a glowing success in every particular, and was put on with a scale bordering upon professional achievement.

Many Students Fail

More than 300 students, or 11 per cent of the student body at Washington State College, failed to meet scholastic requirement during the semester just closed. Frank T. Barnard, registrar, disclosed.

Inlow of Pendleton Named To Head New Normal At LaGrande

Pendleton, Or.—H. E. Inlow, who for the past nine years has been superintendent of the Pendleton schools, was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school by the state board of regents at a meeting at Salem Saturday. Mr. Inlow was nominated by George A. Hartman, local member of the state board and he received an unanimous election.

The matter of choosing a successor for Mr. Inlow may not be taken up by the school board right away, for Mr. Inlow will remain here until June 1, though he is officially president of the new normal school now.

The board of regents had 17 applications for the position before it, but Mr. Inlow was elected on the first ballot with six of the eight votes, and the election was then made unanimous. Mr. Inlow's term will expire June 30, 1933. The salary is \$4500 a year, the same as he now receives here.

Though the new normal school at LaGrande will not be completed until early in May, Mr. Inlow will spend some time checking with the heads of the Ashland and Monmouth Normal schools. At present he is at Ashland conferring with J. A. Churchill, president of that school. He will also visit at Monmouth before returning here.

Before coming to Pendleton, Mr. Inlow was for six years at the head of the Forest Grove schools and for six years he was a director of the Eastern Oregon Summer Normal school. He holds degrees from the University of Oregon and Stanford University and is now preparing to take his master's degree. In 1928, Mr. Inlow was president of the Oregon State Teacher's association.

Mr. Inlow has received recognition through the northwest for notable work done by him while he has been superintendent here.

Would Control Dancing Clubs By Licensing

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service)
State House, Salem.—"The penalties for selling intoxicating liquor to minors are so small, they merely pay the fines and go ahead as it is now," said Senator George W. Dunn, of Ashland, "and for this reason senate bill No. 27, changing such an act to a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, has been introduced."

"They have all kinds of methods for evading the law. These kids go out to a public dance and get drunk until far after 12 o'clock. As this is against the law in a public dance hall they have invented so called clubs, where they pay so much and become a member. These clubs are not required to have a license. They join one night and then forget all about it until the next time. To remedy this situation I have introduced a bill including these so called clubs under the public dance hall license act."

Furs Worth \$1100 Sold To Dealers At Weston

Fred Peterson of Weston has recently established an unusual enterprise that promises to be of considerable interest to the residents of this community. It is in the nature of a fur exchange, reports the Leader Saturday, January 19, a fur sale was held there through the efforts of Mr. Peterson and was attended by buyers from different fur centers. The active bidding which followed resulted in establishing one of the best markets noted this season for local furs. The collection of pelts offered brought a total of \$1100. These furs were nearly all secured by ranchers in the southern part of the county.

Mr. Peterson says: "The badger is one of the leading furs on the market today and is an animal that is quite easily trapped. Every farmer in localities which are known to be its habitat should, I think, try his hand at trapping the badger."

"In destroying the badger we not only rid the farm of a pest but get amply paid for our efforts as well. The fur of this animal will have a market value until about April 1st. The skins at the local sale brought an average of five dollars each."

Mr. Peterson recommends the use of scent in trapping these animals.

Touchet Plays Tonight

Athena high school boys and girls lost to Touchet high school some weeks ago in the Washington town. Tonight the Touchet teams visit Athena on the home floor, coming for a doubleheader. The game is called for 7:30 at an admission charge of 35 cents. Athena is going out after these games and as the teams are evenly matched the contests should be lively ones.

SCOTT IS AUTHOR OF TWO BILLS

One Would Provide for Tax Lien Against Insurance Policies.

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service)

State House, Salem.—Representative James H. E. Scott of Milton is the author of two bills for which he says there has been great demand in Umatilla county. The purpose of House bill No. 171 which provides for a tax lien against the proceeds of any insurance policy on personal property destroyed by fire explained Mr. Scott is to save the state, county and city the large amount of taxes lost in such cases. "This bill will prevent such a loss on all property which is insured. There is a similar bill in the state of Washington," he said.

"House bill No. 272 providing for the licensing of farm produce brokers is one for which there has been much demand in fruit growing sections," Mr. Scott said. At present there is no law requiring the commission merchants to submit an itemized report at any specified time. The new bill requires such a report to be submitted every thirty days. It has been modeled after the law in Idaho.

Altogether Mr. Scott has introduced 11 bills during the first three weeks of the legislative session.

The members of the Umatilla delegation in the present session of the state legislature were visited the past week by F. S. Wilson, formerly of Athena, in regard to proposed legislation.

"My secretary advised me I had lost three big law cases, the fees of which would have been several hundred dollars," said one attorney member of the legislature. He was referring to business he lost by being at Salem last session.

"A friend congratulated me on election to this legislature," he continued. "He thought there was a big salary attached. He was amazed when I told him the salary was \$3.00 a day for only 40 days. If people understood how much of a financial sacrifice it is to be a member of the legislature they would not criticize for our voting ourselves \$5.00 a day as expense money. The \$5.00 does not begin to pay our expenses here at Salem."

A tax of one twentieth of a cent per pound of butter is required to be paid by all creameries under House bill No. 343, introduced by Representative Mark J. Johnson of Astoria, President of the big Cooperative Creamery located in that city. The proceeds would go into the State general fund. The bill provides that each cream grader must be licensed and that he shall grade cream or milk correctly and accurately as it arrives in each separate can. The standards for grading are to be promulgated by the State Dairy and Food Commissioner. For false grading a heavy penalty is provided. Careful records are required to be kept by creameries.

Senator Fred Kiddle of Island City spent last week-end in Olympia, Washington, attending Oregon-Washington conference on Columbia River fishing. The committee was composed of seven senators, seven representatives, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate. A similar delegation from the Washington state legislature composed the conference group.

All laws governing fishing on the Columbia River must be approved and agreed upon by this joint committee and then passed in identical terms by both state legislatures to be legal, according to an agreement between the two states.

Harold Warner and Cecil Carl, both of Umatilla county, were recent visitors at the state legislature now in session at Salem. While in Salem, they were entertained by Senator Fred E. Kiddle, Island City.

How to divide livestock taxes on a just basis is a problem which nearly every legislature tries to meet. This year the attempt is made in House bill 315 by representative Johnson of Wallowa county. Wherever the criterion is at 1 a. m., March 1, is to be its home county and in that county it is to be assessed under this bill. The home county is to capture 60 per cent of the taxes and the grazing county 40 per cent. If there are two or more grazing counties they are to divide the 40 per cent between them. County agents, owners of grazing land, stockyards companies, and assessors, are required to cooperate in compiling the information.

Sterling Parris managed to buck the snow Wednesday by team, and came to town for the first time in several days.