

Umatilla Council Of American Legion Is Formed At Hermiston

At a district conference of the American Legion held at Hermiston, last Friday, the Umatilla County Council was organized, with C. L. McFadden commander of Athena-Weston Post as temporary president. The council will hold its first meeting at Pendleton, March 4.

The district conference was well attended, and a general discussion of Legion matters in general, took place. Legion members were present from Gilliam, Umatilla and Morrow counties. Attending from Athena were C. L. McFadden, Allie Bell, Clarence Barney and Penn Harris.

State officers present were Ben Fisher of Medford state commander; Carl Mosier of Portland, state adjutant; Neil Morfitt, chef de guerre of the Forty and Light; Sid George, of Eugene, state committeeman.

Members of the Legion Auxiliary were present and met with Mrs. Kelly, of Baker, state president; Mrs. J. W. McInturf, of Marshfield, state secretary, and Mrs. Paul Gemmel, of Heppner, district committee woman. Besides the meetings in the afternoon, the Legionaires and Auxiliary members each had a banquet, followed by a dance attended by the two organizations.

The 3 o' 4 Bridge Club

Members of the 3 o' 4 Bridge club were charmingly entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Glenn Dudley. Additional guests sufficient to make a fourth table included Miss Hilda Dickenson, Miss Pearl Ramsay, Mrs. Alec McIntyre, Mrs. Ralph McEwen, Mrs. James Cresswell, and Mrs. Penn Harris. A Valentine motif was carried out in the score cards and prizes were presented to Mrs. Max Hopper who won honors for the club, Mrs. Penn Harris who held high score among the guests and Mrs. James Lieuallen who received the consolation. Mrs. Ralph McEwen was also presented with a dainty gift in honor of her birthday. Cakes and ices served at the tea hour further emphasized the Valentine idea.

Horses Imprison Themselves

Grady Herndon, well known rancher of the Reed and Hawley uplands, found five head of his horses Saturday morning in a barn on his lower place, which is not occupied, the Weston Leader reports. He had no means of knowing how long the horses had been in the barn, but their appearance showed that they had had rather a tough time of it. They had pawed up the plank floor and eaten what they could find beneath it, but otherwise went hungry and thirsty. Appearances indicated that the horses had managed to get through the barn door, but once inside had backed up against the door and closed it, effectually imprisoning themselves.

Her Ninetieth Anniversary

Mrs. I. E. Saling, who is Weston's earliest pioneer, having crossed the plains in one of the first wagon trains, attained her ninetieth birthday February 7. The happy occasion, says the Leader, was celebrated with a small gathering at which hearty congratulations were extended this estimable local woman, whose mental faculties are as keen as in her girlhood and whose memory is a storehouse of pioneer lore.

Entertained Friends

Weston Leader: Mrs. T. L. McBride entertained a number of friends at dinner Friday at her home on Engle creek. Those who shared in an excellent meal and a most delightful occasion were Mesdames C. W. Avery, Alice Kirkpatrick, Bruno Weber, Will Van Winkle, E. B. Foster, John Stanton, James Marquis and J. E. Jones.

Pioneer Freight Hauler

Thomas Patrick O'Mallon, 74, retired farmer of Four Lakes, Wash., and who died there Sunday, was widely known in eastern Washington, went to the Walla Walla region in 1878, when there were only 30 miles of railroad in the state, that between Walla Walla and Wallula. Later he hauled freight from Walla Walla to Fort Spokane.

Quite Different

The golfing novice finished his first game and airily handed his score card to the secretary, with the remark: "Two below bogey!" "But," protested the official, "this is nowhere near bogey!" The novice looked hurt. "Compare the score," he said, "with the figures on the card, and you'll see."

The secretary looked. "Great Scott, man," he roared, "that's the length of the course in yards."

21 Years Ago

Friday, February 21, 1908

D. A. Pinkerton has let contract for a fine \$3,500 house on his farm near town. The successful bidder was Mr. Olsen of Walla Walla and the Tumalum Lumber company, A. M. Johnson, manager, of this city, will furnish the building material.

David A. Russell, well known in this city, where his mother and brother reside, died at his home near Condon Friday night, of pneumonia, aged 46 years, 8 months and 14 days. W. C. Russell and mother left here Friday but did not reach Condon until after death occurred. The funeral took place at Condon, Sunday.

Bert Richards was up from Pendleton the first of the week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts, February 17, 1908, a son.

Hugh Taylor is in Alberta, where he has gone to secure farming land.

Will Dobson is putting in a deep well pump and windmill on the Frank Keen place, in the Juniper country.

W. B. Henderson, founder of the town of Helix, died at his home near Albany, Tuesday evening aged 68 years.

Snowdrops and crocuses are in bloom in Athena yards, and the daffodils are bobbing up serenely from their long siesta.

An old time dance is scheduled to take place at the opera house Friday evening. George Gross and Andrew Douglas will officiate as floor managers.

Jinks Taylor has returned from Caldwell, Idaho, where he went to purchase mules. He found mules quoted at high prices and returned without making any purchases.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester O'Hara are now comfortably established in the cottage belonging to Mrs. Willaby on Jefferson street. Mr. Jones, the new baker, now occupies the house on Current street vacated by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Scott, announcement of whose marriage was made in these columns two months ago have returned from their bridal trip through California. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside on the farm west of town.

Miss Grace Taylor, who is visiting friends in Weston from her home in Malheur county, was a guest of Miss Sylvia Beathe the first of the week. The two young ladies went from here to Walla Walla, where they visited a day or two.

The sale of the Estes tract of land, south of the city limits is reported. J. N. Brown, late of Alberta is the purchaser, the price being \$6000, or about \$125 per acre. A considerable portion of the land lays on the creek bottom and is very fertile.

Engine No. 468, pulling the regular Northern Pacific train ran through an open switch in the yards here Wednesday. The engine, tender and the front trucks of one car ground the ties, and with the assistance of an engine sent out from Pasco, was pulled back on the track, later in the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tompkins arrived home Friday evening from an extended trip through California, old Mexico and Nevada. They spent the greater part of the winter in Los Angeles, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBride, who will be home some time during next month.

Mrs. Jake Creighton and children who lives near Guy, Wash., arrived yesterday for a visit to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. She expects to stay three or four weeks.

Mrs. Jesse Saling, who has been visiting her mother here, returned to her home in Pendleton Tuesday accompanied by Miss Gertie Luna.

Mimics

A Londoner was hurrying along the embankment to keep an appointment for which he was already late. He was stopped by a party of Americans, one of whom asked courteously if he would point out Cleopatra's Needle. "Why, certainly," responded the Londoner; "it's just here."

He indicated the famous obelisk, and at the same time removed his hat to wipe his brow. Whereupon the Americans also uncovered and gazed at the needle with reverence.

Biology Omits This

A Chicago boy was visiting on a farm in Indiana for the first time. He was particularly interested in the animals and fowls of the barnyard, although his knowledge of them was scant.

Seeing some ducks and geese in a mixed flock, he inquired:

"How long does it take ducks to become geese?"

One Way

Mrs. G. was busy making jelly, in between the ringings of the phone and the doorbell.

With her patience worn just a little thin, she opened the door to the fifth salesman.

"Are you the lady of the house?" she was asked.

"No. I just work here," she answered, closing the door on the hurriedly retreating figure.

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Mistake That Causes

Rift in Marital Life

That the clinging vine type of woman is more likely to lose the love of her husband or at least bore him to distraction, is the answer given by Anne Byrne McCall to a woman who has written for advice to the Woman's Home Companion.

"It is the growing reluctance of a husband to express his affection in words, caused by persistent demands that he do so, that causes the rift," says the writer. "Silence in affection is not advocated in that statement. Every woman not only wants to be loved, but she wants to be told that she is loved. But it is a pity for her to force or twist the issue so that it becomes not a question of how a man may or can express his affection, but it becomes rather almost a question of how he may defend himself or preserve his independence.

"It should not be forgotten that there are many ways of expressing love and that one man's silence might express more of his affection than the constant declarations of a different type.

"The demand by a wife for constant reassurance that a husband loves her, when she knows perfectly well that he does, is not the way to keep a deep and large and self-forgetting love."

Good Health Matter

of Correct Posture

Not only gracefulness, but also our health and the prevention of excessive fatigue, depend a great deal upon posture—the way we stand, sit and walk, warns a health expert in the Farm Journal. That is why it is most important that the person who has much work to do, and yet wants to have energy left to enjoy life and to give pleasure to others, should guard against habits of incorrect posture.

Consider first the standing position. The weight should be on the balls of the feet, the chest up, the chin slightly back but in line with the chest, the feet exactly parallel, the arms dropped easily at the sides. To see that your body is in perfect balance when you are standing, rise on your toes and sink down again. When you stand with your chest drooping, your stomach out and your spine curved, you appear at a disadvantage; and what is worse, this position causes your vital organs to be displaced.

In walking, the first thing is to start right with the correct standing position. The toes should point straight to the front or be turned in the fraction of an inch. To stand or walk with the toes pointing out produces awkwardness and often leads to foot troubles, such as fallen arches.

Lax Justice

The way rich transgressors manage to keep out of jail led Governor Martineau of Arkansas to say in Little Rock:

"It reminds me of a story. A man was traveling in New Mexico, and in a little town embowered in palms and flowers the mayor seemed to be quite a character. He held all the offices—judge, coroner, police captain and so forth—and whatever turned up to be done, he was there to do it.

"After lunch, as he and his guest sat smoking in the garden, he turned to his clerk and said:

"Higginson, by the way, sneak over to the roulette parlor and tell Don Juan Sereda I want to try him for that murder case."

Blue Baboon

A grotesque but humane method of repulsing wild animals is being practiced in Kenya colony, Africa. Elephants, hippopotami, bushpigs and baboons were surprised recently when they found among their number a queer animal resembling a baboon, except that it had all its hair shaved off and wore a coat of bright blue.

They were so startled that they no longer return to raid the colonists, and the idea is recommended by the official who captured the baboon and released it after transforming its appearance with a razor and paint brush.



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