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BEAN GROWING MAY BE ADAPTED HERE

Offers Made To Lease Summer Fallow Land From Local Farmers.

Agreement of farmers in the Walla Walla and Weston-Athena districts to lease in excess of 3,000 acres of their summer fallow for the raising of beans, with the probability that about 2,000 additional acres will be secured was announced by H. H. Eickhoff, representative for a national canning company and in charge of the leasing, who was a Press visitor, Wednesday.

"Since placing our proposition before the farmers in the two districts, where we are seeking 10,000 acres of summer fallow, we have had a very favorable response," Mr. Eickhoff declared. A meeting will be held this evening at the office of B. B. Richards, at which time the matter will be fully discussed with Athena farmers, and any information desired by anyone not attending the meeting, may be secured from either Mr. Richards or F. S. LeGrow, stated Mr. Eickhoff.

Mr. Eickhoff says that his company is offering to lease summer fallow from the farmer at \$3 per acre and in addition pay him for cultivating the ground up to seeding time; also, the farmer receives the bean straw for forage.

The company has its own equipment for planting and cultivating and harvesting the bean crop, where arrangements can not be made with the farmer to do this part of the work.

"Our work this year is strictly experimental, but the company feels so certain that it has selected the right area for its demonstration that it will invest approximately \$100,000 in equipment for the work," Mr. Eickhoff said in explaining the reason that his company was after the land here.

"There has been an average increase in the consumption of beans of 500,000 bushels annually," he declared, producing government bulletins to show that from June 30, 1927 to the same date in 1928, the demand was in excess of 18,000,000 bushels, while the production for 1927 was 16,200,000 and for 1928 was 16,500,000 bushels.

The figures given by Mr. Eickhoff were for all types of beans, with approximately 2,000,000 bushels of the total being lima beans that are raised in California under conditions very similar to those existing here. Production of the pea bean, which is being supplanted by the Robust bean, in 1927 was about 5,500,000 bushels, most of which were raised in Michigan and New York. Michigan alone has an acreage of about 400,000 acres.

"Our interests in developing a new field for the production of canning beans, lie in two directions," Mr. Eickhoff continued. "First we want to get over the necessity of importing from Europe and Japan, and second we want a territory that will insure sufficient yields each season to overcome light crops in other regions. Our agricultural department has fully canvassed every available section in the United States and believes that this region offers suitable conditions and sufficient acreage for the work."

A Complete Wreck With Nobody Hurt

An almost complete automobile wreck happened on the highway west of Athena Wednesday morning, and strange to relate the occupants of the Star coupe escaped practically unhurt.

Roy Walden, his wife, baby and mother were in the coupe, enroute from Weston to Pilot Rock. Near the Ross Payne home, mud on the highway was encountered. The coupe skidded and plunged over, completely demolishing the top, doors and windshield.

Wade LeRoy of Athena was the first to arrive on the scene of the accident. Next a freight truck came along and the coupe was righted, and the truck took the passengers back to Weston.

Acquires Athena Property

Fred Bruce has acquired the Athena property holdings of Ernest Price in the north part of town in Railroad addition, in exchange for orchard acreage in the Walla Walla valley, northwest of Freewater. Both parties are in charge of their newly acquired possessions.

Organize Boy Scouts

J. E. Olinger of Milton and Howard Mansfield of Freewater helped to initiate a camp of Boy Scouts at Umatilla the past week.

Over 60,000 Telephone Plant Men Trained in First Aid Treatment



Practical First Aid - Two Man Event

One Man Carry

Accident Victims Given Timely Aid, Relieving Pain and Saving Life

A SCREECH of brakes, a scream of fright, a crash and two more automobiles have collided on a lonely country road far from the nearest doctor and farther still from the nearest hospital.

Sitting astride a crossarm on a pole near the scene of the accident is a telephone lineman diligently at work on a new speech highway for the public. He quickly unsnaps his safety strap which holds him securely on his lofty perch, swings into position on the pole and with the skill acquired by long practice rapidly descends. A call to his fellow workers up the road brings skilled, efficient help and the standard first aid supplies of the Bell System always available on the job.

In the crash a young boy has been thrown against a shattered windshield and blood is spurting from a bad gash in his wrist. The lineman grasps the youngster's arm at the elbow and by pressure of the fingers at just the right point the bleeding suddenly stops and a young life with all of its possibilities

of accomplishments has been saved, for the loss of too much blood makes the task of the doctor hopeless when he arrives. The necessary further first aid treatment is given to the boy's wound and the less critical injuries of the other motorists are cared for by the telephone crew from the supplies of the Bell System's first aid kit. A passing motorist in a large comfortable car takes the injured group to the nearest doctor where his services because of the excellent first aid treatment rendered by the telephone men, are most effective.

Back of this typical example of the splendid humanitarian service of this isolated telephone crew is a story of the spirit of service of the individual members of a huge national public utility. Over 60,000 plant men of the Bell System scattered all over the country in the performance of their daily tasks, on the city streets and country roads, in the homes and offices of the telephone subscribers, are trained and equipped, ready and willing to serve the American pub-

lic in saving life and relieving pain in an emergency.

In collaboration with the American National Red Cross some seven years ago the Bell Telephone System undertook the gigantic task of training plant employees in first aid. The plant employees are those who construct and maintain the telephone poles, wires and cables of the System, maintain the central offices and equipment and install and maintain the telephone instruments in the subscribers' homes and offices. This training includes such features as the proper methods to follow in connection with resuscitation from drowning, electric shock, gas asphyxiation and other forms of suffocation, the first aid treatment for controlling severe bleeding, caring for cuts and burns, splinting broken bones, etc. In short, the training covers all of those features which relieve the patient's pain and suffering and keep him in the best possible condition so that the services of a doctor can be most effective when he takes charge of the case.

Gasoline War Over And Prices Goes Up

The price cutting competition that has driven hundreds of gasoline service stations on the Pacific coast to the ragged edge of bankruptcy during the past two months came to an end Monday.

Gas is again selling at Athena service stations at a quarter a gallon, after a price cutting interlude of several weeks' duration, when every barrel, bucket, can and demijohn to be found on the ranch was filled with motor fluid at around 13 1/2 cents per gallon.

In the Pacific northwest substantial price increases were announced. At Seattle the price from retail service stations will be 19 cents per gallon. At Portland, the price was announced at 16 1/2 cents a gallon to service stations. If the same price differential is maintained the price to the motorist at Athena will remain at 25 cents a gallon.

Felony Liquor Act Invoked

Portland.—The mailed fist of the Jones bill, adopted by the last session of congress was felt for the first time in Oregon yesterday. The law makes it a felony to sell liquor and provides maximum penalties of five years in a federal penitentiary or a fine of \$10,000 or both. A complaint before Kenneth F. Frazer, United States commissioner, charging violation of this act to Jas. E. Falt, who was alleged to have dispensed a quart of whisky to federal prohibition agents. The agents seized three quarts of the whisky when they took Falt into custody. His bail was set at \$1500.

Starting Elevator Work

Workers are tearing down a portion of the warehouse at the Farmers Grain Elevator company's plant to make room for the new addition to the elevator, and with the removal of the old frame work, excavation for the new building will be under way. A number of local men will be given employment on the construction work.

Returned To Prison

F. C. Brunan was sent back to the Walla Walla prison from Pendleton to serve an unexpired 13-year term on a morals charge, for which he had been paroled after serving one year. He attempted to attack a 5 year old child at Pendleton last week.

The Picture Program Is "The King of Kings"

The first big super-special picture to be shown for some time at the Standard Theatre will be featured Saturday and Sunday nights, when Cecil B. DeMille's "King of Kings" will be presented.

The picture is the masterpiece of that master producer, Cecil B. DeMille whose name has been identified with the most pretentious productions of the screen. His latest production has been acclaimed everywhere as the most artistic, beautiful and satisfying of his long series of successes.

The final months of the life of Jesus are graphically pictured in the production. His betrayal, the last supper, trial before Pilate, the condemnation, the Via Dolorosa, the crucifixion and finally, the Resurrection, contribute to the screen a succession of pictures which for massiveness, beauty and charm, are unrivaled in any other screen production ever filmed.

Walla Walla Favors An Aviation Center

Definite and immediate action has been started in a program and campaign for the raising of funds to build a community airport at Walla Walla.

The plan as outlined calls for the purchase and immediate development of a piece of land, said to be ideal for the purpose, in the neighborhood of the city.

With Walla Walla's ideal location as an airport, the groups working toward the development of the project expect to make the city one of the outstanding aviation centers of the Northwest.

Methodist Ladies' Club

The Methodist Ladies' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. McPherson next Wednesday afternoon, at which time roll call will be answered with a favorite verse. Mrs. DeFreece and Mrs. McFarland will serve.

Wilkins Trial

The trial of R. I. Wilkins for the murder of John W. Brooks, Walla Walla attorney, December 9, 1928, has been under way in Superior court at Walla Walla this week.

Attention Again Called To State Dog Tax Law

In another column of today's Athena Press will be found a notice from the county clerk, calling attention to the new state dog tax law. In forwarding the notice to the Press, County Clerk Brown states that by the time it appears in print he will have issued over 1400 licenses, but there are many who have failed to comply with the requirements of the new law.

The county clerk says that he is desirous of giving all dog owners a fair chance to pay their tax under the old law—\$1 and \$2—and is extending the time until and including April 1st, after which the new law must prevail and \$4 and \$5 will be charged.

The new law has an emergency clause attached, says the county clerk, and is now in effect. Next year the fees will be \$2.00 for male and \$3.00 for females. These fees go into what is called the Dog Fund for the payment to persons of sheep and goats killed by dogs. Some believe that if they pay a city license that this exempts them from the State law: this is not so.

Honorary Commander

Marshal Ferdinand Foch, who died in Paris Wednesday, was one of the two honorary national commanders of the American Legion. The other is General John J. Pershing. Both were voted the title by the national Legion convention held in Philadelphia in 1926. In 1921 Marshal Foch came to this country as a guest of the Legion.

Jury Discharged

The jury that had been called for the circuit court this week, was ordered discharged by Judge James Alger Fee Wednesday morning when the docket for the week was cleared up, says the East Oregonian. The county clerk will draw a new jury panel soon for the April term of court which will open on Monday, April 8.

Claim Magazines Indecent

With copies of a recent issue of a popular magazine as exhibits, five Yakima news dealers went on trial in justice court there Wednesday charged with having indecent magazines in their possession with intent to sell.

SUNRISE SERVICES ON EASTER MORN

Churches Unite For Participating In Outdoor Program.

Weather permitting, an outdoor program will be held at sunrise on Easter morn in a united service, the Baptist and Christian churches of Athena, participating. Should inclement weather prevail, the sunrise services will take place at the Christian church.

The place for the outdoor program will be announced from the pulpits, and on Easter morn cars will be available at both churches to afford transportation to all who desire to attend the services. The program will include music by the combined orchestras of the churches and singing by the united choirs. The musical program is to be followed by a praise service which will be led by the first deacons of the two churches.

Next on the program, will be services at 11 o'clock at the Baptist church, and arrangements are being made to receive a large attendance at the Easter services there.

At 3:30 in the afternoon baptismal services will take place on the Umatilla river, at Thorn Hollow bridge.

Observance of the day will close with union services in the evening at the Baptist church. The evening services will begin promptly at 7:30.

Mrs. W. O. Read Honored On Birthday Anniversary

One of the social events of the early spring season occurred Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. O. Read, when the Methodist ladies' club motored there and completely surprised her on the anniversary of her birthday. A feature of the afternoon was the St. Patrick's Day program, which was comprised of Irish songs, jokes and games. The program was supervised by Mrs. C. B. Moore and was very cleverly arranged.

A beautiful silk sofa pillow was presented to Mrs. Read by Mrs. Wm. McPherson on behalf of the club members as a token of their appreciation for the efficiency in which the club work had been carried on by the president.

At the close of the social hour a picturesque birthday cake, twenty inches high, depicting Ireland, was placed before the honoree. Those responsible for the dainty repast were Mrs. Charles McFarland, Mrs. William McLeod, Mrs. John Burke, Mrs. Ethel Montague, Mrs. Ralph Singer, Mrs. John Tompkins, Mrs. C. B. Moore and Mrs. Frank DeFreece.

In addition to the above, the following guests were present: Mrs. E. A. Bennett, Mrs. Willard Crabbill, Mrs. Laura Froome, Mrs. Perry Hall, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mrs. Will Kirk, Mrs. Lilla Kirk, Mrs. Lee Johnson, Mrs. Wm. McPherson, Mrs. S. F. Sharp, Mrs. Amiel Schubert, Mrs. W. O. Read, Mrs. Veltan Read and Mrs. R. A. Duffield.

High School Baseball Team In Active Practice

"Pike" Miller's Athena High school baseball team is striking its stride in active practice, and an effort is being made to schedule two games each with the Helix, Adams and Weston school teams.

The following players are turning out each evening for practice: Arthur Crowley, Edwin McEwen, Stafford Hansell, Jack Dow, Roland Wilson, Herbert Reeder, Ralph McEwen, James Wilson, Wayne Pinkerton, Weldon Bell, Harold Kirk, Eldon Myrick and George Pittman.

Some of the members of the school team will probably play on the proposed Athena town team, which will play independent ball throughout the season, having a game scheduled at present with the Thorn Hollow team.

Millions Still Held

The wheat held in country mills and elevators by the principal producing states is estimated as follows: Montana 8,422,000 compared with 8,021,000; Idaho 3,144,000 compared with 5,180,000; Washington 7,480,000 compared with 9,350,000; Oregon 4,419,000 compared with 4,017,000; California 2,838,000 compared with 2,183,000.

Pendleton-Athena Score

Pendleton-Athena shooters, participating in the telegraphic tournament shoot Sunday, turned in a score of 69, Marion Hansell, Henry Collins and Omer Stephens each breaking 23 out of 25 targets. Pendleton-Athena now have an average of .416 for five wins and seven defeats.

ATHENA HI PLAY, TOO MANY PARENTS

Well Drilled Cast Featured In a Fine Three Act Farce.

Tuesday evening at eight o'clock the curtain will be raised for the annual presentation of the Athena high school play, "Too Many Parents," a farce in three acts, by A. A. Huffman, has been chosen for production by this year's cast.

A lively contest in ticket sales is being carried on by the student body. There is evidence of keen competition among the different classes, and every thing points to a complete sell out of the house long before Tuesday evening.

The lines and the unusual complications in the plot of "Too Many Parents" guarantee a laugh for every minute. The story reveals the hair-raising desperation of Sylvia and George Murdoch, who find themselves suddenly possessed with two complete sets of parents, just at the most embarrassing time when George is attempting to make a favorable impression upon his future father-in-law, General Burton, an irascible old army officer. The climax is reached when George's real father, who is thought drowned, returns, and adds to the complications by bringing a Spanish wife with him. He finds his own wife married to a fortune hunting old undertaker, Carraway Bones, and a frantic time results before the extra parents are disposed of.

The cast has been working faithfully under the direction of Mildred Bateman for the past six weeks and show unusual ability. The parts are evenly divided, the setting and costumes are modern, all of which make the play an excellent one for amateur production. No effort has been spared to make this one of the best plays ever given to Athena audiences. The cast is as follows:

General Burton.....John Kirk
Captain Murdoch.....Stafford Hansell
George Murdoch, his son.....
.....Ralph McEwen
Ned Stanley, a young lawyer.....
.....Edwin McEwen
Carraway Bones, undertaker.....
Weldon Bell
Mary Murdoch.....Thelma Schrimpf
Sylvia Murdoch, her daughter.....
.....Carolyn Kidder
Evelyn Burton, the General's daughter.....Betty Eager
Remedias, Murdoch's second wife.....
.....Wilford Miller

The action all takes place at George Murdoch's summer cottage.

Molten Metal Burns But Eyes Are Saved

Edgar Forrest went through a terrible experience last week, and came near losing his eyesight as the result of burns from molten metal.

Mr. Forrest was engaged in pouring babbitt metal into a large bearing on a machine at the ranch of G. M. Morrison at Adams. The bearing had been preheated with blow-torches but not sufficiently it developed when the metal was poured in.

The molten mixture spurted up in Mr. Forrest's face, plastering both eyes completely. In excruciating pain, Mr. Forrest was brought to Athena, where Dr. Cowan made an examination and found the eyelids badly burned.

For a time it was feared the eyeballs were also seared, but fortunately after several days when the bandages were removed the eyes were found to be uninjured.

High Wind Experienced

A wind storm of high velocity was general throughout Umatilla county Wednesday night and Thursday, preceded by a rainfall Wednesday afternoon. No particular damage is reported from interrupted telephone and electric power service. In Athena one of the lamp posts on Main street, which had previously been loosened when an automobile struck it, was blown over by the wind. The iron post was broken and the glass top demolished.

Jury Panel Called

A panel of 45 jurors was called in federal Judge McNary's court for the Pendleton session which opens April 2 at 10 a. m. Judge McNary will probably sit at the eastern Oregon session.

Oregon Income Tax

The income tax return for Oregon as computed at the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue for the state, totals \$1,254,632.04 on 1928 incomes, an increase this year of \$127,959.91.