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## MAN SLAYS WIFE WITH A CLEAVER

### Jealousy Over Alleged Meeting With ex-Sweetheart Motive of Murder.

Walla Walla.—Mrs. Eva Beavers Schneider, 23, bride of two months, lies in the morgue and her husband, George Schneider, 50, is in the county jail awaiting filing of murder charges as a result of a quarrel which ended when Schneider, according to his story to officers, inflicted fatal injuries on his wife with a meat cleaver.

Thinking his wife dead, Schneider told officers he cleaned the meat cleaver, then noting signs of life called a doctor. The woman was taken to the hospital, where she died. Schneider told the doctor he intended to kill himself, and when the officers arrived Schneider was leaning over the gas range with all the gas jets open, and he was inhaling the gas. Filing of formal charges will wait until the attorney Schneider has selected to defend him returns to town. Schneider and his wife were married about the first of the year. Schneider's children by his first wife objected strenuously. The couple quarreled violently soon after and separated, then were reconciled. They began living together just before mid-night Sunday, and another quarrel started, due to Schneider's jealousy, it is stated, his wife having received a telephone call and made preparation to go down town. Schneider accused her of planning to meet an ex-sweetheart and picked up the meat cleaver. The blood stains in the house indicate a struggle. Schneider, an ex-brewer, has been employed by the Olympic Club company, bottling soft drinks for years.

**Easter Observed**  
Easter was fittingly observed by the churches of the city by union services at the Baptist church, where programs were given both morning and evening. Owing to the inclement weather, the sunrise prayer meeting was dispensed with and the churches held their usual Sunday school. The morning program was an impressive missionary play entitled "The Broken Bars," and consisted of four episodes: An African Bears the Cross of Christ; Releasing African Women; Delivering African Slaves; and Africa's Easter Matonda, interspersed with Choir singing and recitations. The evening program consisted of music and recitations by the young people, and both were well attended and appreciated by the public.

## Athena High School Wins By Close Score

Over a seven inning route, Athena high school won its first baseball game of the season by a close shave from Adams high school. Score 7-6. Considering the early season form of the lads and a raw temperature, the game was well played. Features of the contest were a home run by Crawford of Adams, and two three-base hits by Myrick of Athena.

The Athena lineup was, Wilson Bros., p.; Myrick, c.; Dow, 1b; Hansell, 2b; Pinkerton, 3b; Crawley, ss.; Bell, rf.; Pittman, cf.; R. McEwen, lf. Athena high will play Griswold high school at Hellx, tomorrow afternoon.

## Pendleton Regatta

To H. W. Collins will be given the position of starter of the events to be scheduled in the June regatta, which is to be sponsored by the Pendleton American Legion Post at McKay Lake. A three-mile oval course for the outboard races is to be laid out shortly and work will start soon on making the grounds ready for the regatta. The reservoir is so situated that the hills about it form a natural amphitheatre, so that the races can be easily viewed from almost any hillside round the dam.

## Reconstructing Power Line

The Preston-Shaffer Milling company has put a force of men to work reconstructing the Athena-Weston electric power and light line. The entire system both in Athena and Weston will be rebuilt. When completed, the company will be in a position to furnish higher voltage to take care of electric ranges, heaters and all electric appliances for the home.

## Former Weston Resident

Samuel Beamer, former Weston resident and residing in recent years near Twin Falls, Idaho, died Wednesday afternoon in Pendleton, where he had been receiving treatment. He was a brother of John and Richard Beamer of Weston.

## Bryce Baker Acquires Athena Service Station On Lease From Conoco

Bryce Baker, local manager for the Continental Oil company distributing station in Athena has leased the Athena Service Station from his company, and purchased the stock and equipment from C. B. Moore, former lessee.

Mr. Baker has taken possession of the service station and hereafter will maintain his Continental office there. The deal was completed Tuesday, E. B. Layng, district superintendent of the Continental spent the entire day with Mr. Baker and assisted in arranging the details of the transaction.

Mr. Baker will be assisted in the service station by his wife, and part time by Orel McPherrin who will put in periods between his delivery hours at the station.

C. B. Moore, who released the station to Mr. Baker, has purchased outright an independent service station at Opportunity, Wash., near Spokane, on the Coeur de Alene highway. He will move his family to Opportunity at once and take charge of the station, he has purchased there.

## Wauna Camp Fire Girls at Walla Walla

The Wauna Camp Fire girls attended the Grand Council Fire in Walla Walla Saturday night. Several hundred girls took part. Esther Berlin from this group took Fire Maker's rank and received her Wahelo bracelet.

The seventeenth of March is Camp Fire Birthday and this Council Fire was called the Birthday Grand Council Fire.

This is Garden year in Camp Fire. To earn a national birthday honor the girls in this group have each raised a china lily since the holidays and also each girl was responsible for a potted plant. These plants were presented to the soldier boys at the Veteran hospital in Walla Walla during Birthday Week. Mrs. H. Wade LeRoy delivered the plants. Also some of the girls planted tulip bulbs and are planning a spring garden or window box.

The following girls received a National Birthday Honor: Mary Tompkins, Myrtle Campbell, Nylene Taylor, Marjorie Montague, Laura Ross, Velma Ross, Bernice Wilson, Dorothy Burke, Esther Berlin, Mildred Hansell, Valerie Cannon, Bertha Price, Helen Barrett, Gene Zerba, Lois LeRoy and Hilda Dickenson.

Each individual group answered roll call with a cheer. Dorothy Burke led the group in a Wauna cheer. The Wauna girls are particularly proud of their Birthday honors because only one girl in Walla Walla received one, besides a group from Waitsburg.

The Wauna Camp fire girls are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell, Mrs. Ethel Montague, Roy Cannon and Marion Hansell for providing means of transportation to and from Walla Walla.

## "The High School Hero"

"The High School Hero" is the title of the feature picture the Standard Theatre has selected for presentation next Wednesday night as its part of program for the annual Junior class benefit, sponsored by the theatre. The Athena school is 100 per cent in backing the juniors and school talent will be seen and heard in presenting a most important part of the program, preceding the showing of the photoplay. "The High school Hero" is a Fox picture, which stars Sally Phipps, Nick Stewart, Charles Paddock and John Darrow.

## Entertained Cast

Miss Mildred Bateman entertained the cast of the recent high school play at dinner at her home in Milton Saturday evening. A large yellow rabbit decorated the center of the table and colorful baskets of eggs suggested the Easter season. Places were marked by cards upon which were written characteristic lines from the play "Too Many Parents." The evening was spent playing games, Weldon Bell receiving the first prize and Betty Jane Eager the consolation. Miss Bateman was assisted by Miss Dorothy Brodie.

## Adams and Hermiston Win

Adams and Hermiston teams in the County league won in the opening games Sunday. At Round-Up park, Pendleton, Adams handed a 7-3 defeat to the Eagles. Rawl Morrison going the entire distance on the mound for Adams. Hermiston, with Berry and Mathews pitching in good form, had no trouble in winning from the Indians, 14 to 6.

## Athena-Pendleton Loss

Athena-Pendleton trap shooters with a score of 67 Sunday, lost to Prineville-Redmond, 71; Echo, 72; and Halsey, 72. Marion Hansell and Finis Flirpatrick shot 23 and H. W. Collins, 21.

## U. of O. Starts Aviation Study Course



Top—The five-ship hangar where university students will get instruction in actual flying. Below—The aviation committee which formulated the new course. Left to right are George Godfrey, publicity director; Warren D. Smith, geology department head; Leonard Delano, head of the student aeronautics club; C. H. Hicks, mathematics professor and aviation advisor; David Faville, head of the school of business administration, under which the courses are given.

With the attention of higher education turned toward aviation, the University of Oregon, with the cooperation of Hobi Airways, Inc., Eugene, has just established a course of study in aeronautics.

By utilizing existing courses, the University is able to offer instruction which will prepare students for executive positions in aviation, such as managers of factories, traffic managers, and so on.

Three distinct types of training are now available for students interested in aeronautics. The first consists principally of the regular flying course, given at the Hobi School, since the university has no equipment for actual flying instruction. In connection with this work, evening courses in academic subjects will be offered at the university.

## Pouring of Concrete Will Commence Soon

Excavating for the foundation of the new addition to the Farmers Grain Elevator plant, which will afford an additional capacity of 130,000 bushels, is nearing completion, and the pouring of concrete will soon begin.

In excavation work, some water has been encountered but not in quantity to interfere with the work as was the case when the concrete portion of the elevator plant was in process of construction.

Twelve carloads of building material to be used in the new addition have been received over the Northern Pacific, so far, and is now on the site ready for use.

## Takes Gas From Tractor

Glenn Dudley left his plow outfit near the road over night, and some smooth individual drained the tank of its supply of gas. Next day Glenn was hitting 'er up around the field, when after a few sputters the "cat" refused to "pillar" along. Investigation disclosed the cause, and after tramping down several rods of perfectly straight-standing stubble, and moderately (?) and calmly (?) denouncing all the sundry gas thieves in particular, Glenn whisked across the field after a fresh supply of the juice that makes 'em go.

## Ranch Worker Student Flyer

Allen O'Mara, employed on the Jos. N. Scott ranch, west of Athena is a student flyer in the Rankin school at Walla Walla. A plane from the Walla Walla port flies out to the Scott place at stated periods and O'Mara is given his flying instructions there.

## He Sells Fords

Weston Leader: Recent sales made by Emery Gentry for the Gentry Auto company included a Ford truck to A. H. Sewhand of Weston, a Ford touring car to E. D. Taylor of Athena and a Ford coupe to Guy Maybery of Adams.

## Warehouse Collapses

The E. W. McComas warehouse at Stanfield, containing 18,000 sacks of wheat, collapsed Sunday, when the foundation gave way. The Warehouse was built about 20 years ago.

The second type consists of a two-year course, at the end of which the student may obtain a junior certificate from the university, and the third is the regular four-year university course, plus actual flying instruction in the last year, for which the student receives a bachelor's degree.

Leaders in aviation on the coast have offered to cooperate in every way, and while changes may be made in the curricula from time to time as conditions warrant, it is believed that the university has a firm basis for continued work in this direction.

Establishment of the courses was made possible largely through the encouragement given by President Ball, who not only believes firmly that the field of aviation is just opening up but is an enthusiast over flying as well.

## Miss Bratton Gets Ovation At Concert

Miss Jean Bratton of Walla Walla, talented violinist, who has appeared in musical recitals at Athena high school auditorium in the past, was the recipient of a flattering ovation after appearing as the violin soloist in the 55th concert given by the Walla Walla Symphony Society in that city, Tuesday evening. The Walla Walla Union says:

"Miss Jean Bratton, violinist, was a fortunate choice as soloist for this, the last concert of the season. In appearance most attractive and possessed of enviable poise, Miss Bratton played the difficult Sarasate number with a command of technique that was most satisfying to the musically discriminating. Style, tone and interpretation all gave evidence of the artist—in fact Miss Bratton's playing is distinguished for its finely balanced values. DeFalla's Nana and Jota provided the performer with an opportunity to display her gifts in modern modes of musical expression in which she was equally satisfying."

## Buys Residence Property

M. W. Hansell has purchased the residence property of Mrs. Retta Potts in the southwest part of town. The home is one of the most desirable in Athena, including a generous acreage plot. For many years it was the family home of the late David Taylor. Mrs. Potts and daughter Myrtle will leave at once for California, to be in attendance on Mrs. Otis Ingle, sister of Mrs. Potts, who is seriously ill.

## Thompson Heads Association

J. F. Thompson, well known cattle raiser, was elected president of the Gibbon Livestock association, at its annual meeting, Saturday. M. T. McLaughlin was elected vice-president, Mrs. Ethel McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer, and H. T. Thompson, M. A. McLaughlin, Ida M. Wilbur, advisory board.

## Shipping Seed Potatoes

Two carloads of seed potatoes, raised on mountain ranches east of Athena, were shipped to Wapato, Washington, from Athena last week over the Northern Pacific.

## Holstein Cows Make Striking Record For The Month of March

The T. H. Haddox herd of high grade Holstein cows made a very striking record during February, according to the report of the Umatilla Dairy Improvement Association for that month. Not only did this Hermiston dairyman have the highest producing cow of the association, but he also had the high producing herd and the second high producing cow. His highest producing cow gave 1722 pounds of milk containing 82.6 pounds of fat, the equivalent of practically 100 pounds of butter. The entire herd of fifteen head of both milking and dry cows produced an average for each cow of 1004 pounds of milk, testing 40.9 pounds of butter fat.

In addition to the high place held in this association by the Haddox herd, this dairy had the second high producing cow of all the associations in the State of Oregon.

This is one of the high class producing herds of Oregon and is the result of several years of good feeding and the use of high production purebred herd sires. This is the second year that Mr. Haddox has been testing his herd for he is one of those dairymen who want to know whether or not their cows are losing money for them.

During the month 732 cows were tested in the association, the total average production for all cows was 481 pounds of milk each containing 23.2 pounds of fat. 52 cows produced over 40 pounds of fat during the month, there having been 53 herds on test.

The S. R. Cooper (Stanfield) grade Jersey herd of 22 cows, including both dry and milk cows, was the high herd for 20 cows or more, producing an average of 567 pounds of milk containing 29.2 pounds of butter fat.

For herds under 12 cows the W. H. Bennett herd of 7 grade Jerseys, located on the Umatilla Project, gave an average of 692 pounds of milk containing 35.7 pounds of fat.

These testing dairymen of the association slaughtered eight "boarders" which were found by the test to be not worth keeping.

Other herds making high records since the beginning of the testing year, December 1st, are those belonging to W. G. Graham of the Umatilla section, J. S. Rodgers & Son and Joe Dyer of Hermiston.

## Hen Nests In Tree

It isn't a bit unusual for birds to nest in trees, and maybe that is the reason that one of F. B. Wood's Plymouth Rock hens is contentedly ensconced on a tree nest containing 15 eggs. When autumn dismantled a tree of its leaves in the Wood yard, a goodly portion fell into a commodious limb crotch and remained there. A few weeks ago Mrs. Biddy found the secluded nook, some four feet from the ground and successfully pre-empted it for incubation purposes. In a few days Mr. Wood expects to assist Biddy in removing her brood to terra firma.

## Puts "Pals" On Canvas

A splendid counterpart of the famous painting "Pals" has been done in oils by Mrs. Dean Dudley, whose work discloses that she is an artist of much talent. "Pals" comprises an interesting study of a weelad and two police dog puppies placed before you in a warm and colorful outdoor scene. The background lends an enchanting landscape view which Mrs. Dudley faithfully reproduces in perspective with harmonious tints and shades. The canvass will grace the walls of Mrs. Dudley's country home, where her friends will be pleased to view it.

## Mead Approves \$650,000

At last the needs of the Stanfield irrigation project has been recognized by Dr. Mead, commissioner of reclamation, who will approve a plan involving \$650,000, when 40 settlers have been secured to take 2,000 acres under project. The work will include replacing of the wooden flume with concrete near Echo, enlargement of the Furnish ditch and completion of the drainage system for the district.

## Dies While Fighting Fire

John Thompson, employed on the Jim Sturgis ranch at Barnhart, was overcome Sunday afternoon, while fighting a fire that threatened the destruction of the ranch house, and died from the effects. He was 60 years of age. A daughter, Mrs. Margaret Rhodes of Freewater, and a son, Arthur Thompson of Pendleton survive.

## Bryant Gets Life Sentence

Lanza Bryant, 29, slayer of Lewis (Hip) Dickerson, Oregon State college athlete, today was sentenced to a life term in Oregon state prison. Dickerson was stabbed by Bryant Dec. 17, last and died four days later. Jealousy over attentions to a town waitress was established as the motive for the killing.

## NOON HOUR FIRE DAMAGE TO HOTEL

### Blaze Starts in Roof and is Checked—Building Saved.

Fire at the Athena Hotel yesterday at the noon hour called for prompt action on the part of the volunteer fire department to save the building from destruction. Most of the furnishings and some of the furniture from the lower floors were removed to the street, and some of the bed clothing in the upper rooms was taken out of the way of the water.

The fire originated in the roof, around the flue leading from the hotel kitchen range. By the time hose was laid to combat the fire, the flames had broken through the roof and were making fast headway.

The fire was confined to the south portion of the hotel building, above the kitchen, and the absence of any wind, greatly assisted the hose companies in successfully coping with the situation.

The material damage sustained is to the roof over the kitchen and from the deluge of water required to extinguish the blaze.

## Missionary Meeting

An inspiring meeting of the Christian Missionary society was held Wednesday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mrs. Geo. Gerking, with fifteen ladies present. Election of officers resulted in Mrs. Gerking being re-elected as president; Mrs. Lew McNair, vice-president, and Mrs. Louisa Keen secretary and treasurer. Missions in Japan was the subject for study. Mrs. O. E. Venable became a member of the society. Mrs. Gerking was assisted in serving a one-course lunch by her daughters, Mrs. Kenworthy of Spokane, and Mrs. Lee Crawford. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Johns, with Mrs. DePeatt assisting.

## Changes At Stores

Two notable changes have been made in the arrangement of fixtures in Athena stores this week. One of the counters at the Quality Grocery store has been moved to a new position. At Steve's a radical change has been effected that at once gives more room and lends a more attractive appearance to the interior of the store. The entire row of counters on the east side of the store room have been removed, the new space being now devoted to display of shelf goods. At the rear center, a wrapping counter has been installed and the cash register finds suitable place on a new stand. Other changes are contemplated at Steve's.

## Agricultural Expert Explains His Program

Oregon State College.—Greater cooperation between the federal bureaus in the department of agriculture and the state experiment stations is in prospect for the future, according to Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the reorganized bureau of chemistry and soils, who spent a day on the campus inspecting the work of state and federal men here.

Dr. Knight is on a tour of the west coast, at present giving particular attention to the possibility of further development of farm waste utilization and to the progress of soil mapping.

"I feel that one of the shortcomings of some federal work in the past has been that it was too far remote and detached from the people it is designed to benefit," explained Dr. Knight. "Therefore, we intend to do as much of our work as possible in co-operation with state experiment stations themselves. This may not be good politics, but I believe it will get better results and that in the long run is probably good politics, too."

## Child Drowns

The three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hayes, who lives near Boles Junction, was drowned in the Touchet river. The child fell in the water while playing along the bank. The body was recovered later.

## Walla Walla Air Derby

Definite dates for the Walla Walla Air Derby were set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 24, 25 and 26, making it a three day event instead of a two day show as last year.

## A 50-50 Record

The records of the county clerk disclose that since the first of the year, 18 marriage licenses have been issued and 18 divorce decrees have been granted.