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BACCALAUREATE SERVICES MAY 5

Rev. Dow Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon At the Auditorium.

Rev. H. E. Dow, pastor of the First Baptist church of Athena will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the 1929 graduating class of Athena high school, at the auditorium, Sunday evening, May 5th.

The baccalaureate services will begin at 7:30, with the following program:

- Hymn..... Congregation
- Invocation..... Congregation
- Announcement..... Quartette
- Scripture Reading..... Quartette
- Announcements..... Quartette
- Solo..... Mrs. R. B. McEwen
- Baccalaureate Sermon..... Rev. H. E. Dow
- Announcement..... Quartette
- Benediction..... Quartette

Commencement exercises will be held Friday evening, May 10, when Dr. Wilson of Whitman college will deliver the address before the graduating class, which this year comprises fifteen members. They are Weldon Allen Bell, Alberta Charlton, Jack William Dow, Lee Foster, Pearl Irene Green, George Gross, Areta Maxine Kirk, Marjorie Marguerite Wilson, Edwin Luvoise McEwen, Ralph McEwen, Jr., Oral Michener, Wilford Miller, Donald Wayne Pinkerton, Emma Marie Ringel and Mildred Street.

The class has taken for its motto: "Stick To The Ship."—Class colors, rose and cream—Class flower, rosebuds.

Weston Boy Makes An Airplane Model

Weston Leader:—"The Silver Ace, No. 18," is the monaker of a beautiful little biplane built entirely by Howard Swant, a Weston high school boy with a well-developed flair for mechanical achievement. The machine is on display at the Goodwin drug store, where it is admired of all beholders. It is five and one-half feet long from nose to tail and has a wing spread of six feet and two inches. It has a compressed air four-cylinder motor which Howard designed and was two weeks in making. It has an eighteen-inch propeller, webbed wings and a movable tail operated with the usual control sticks and joy stick. In brief, it is a real little airplane in every respect save that it will not fly, but may be operated along a surface.

"The Silver Ace" has been entered by Howard in the Pasco air derby April 20, where a contest has been scheduled for boy-made airplane models. Howard has also been busying himself the past few months in the manufacture of a diminutive automobile, and this will actually run the same as any other buzz wagon.

Road Crew Assemble

Joslyn & McCallister, contractors who will build the new loop market road, Athena to Weyland and down Gerking Flat, connecting with the Athena road leading west, have assembled their road-working crews and equipment. A number of truck loads of equipment passed through Athena the fore part of the week.

Concrete Front for Hall

The new front for Masonic Hall will be of concrete, and it is understood the finish will be in stucco. The entire brick front has been removed and the heavy steel beams taken out. The new front will be built in solid concrete from the ground up, without use of lentils in the new construction.

Heavy Snowfall

The heaviest April snowfall recorded in years blanketed west central Wyoming halting farm operations and seriously interfering with traffic. Country roads were reported impassable as a result of the rapidly melting snow, and many streams have been transformed into raging torrents.

Warmer Weather

With warmer weather growing crops and gardens have been making better progress this week, than for sometime previous. Melting snows back in the mountains have caused higher water in the streams. Range conditions are reported to be improving.

Unfavorable Developments

Unfavorable developments in the agricultural situation during March and early April cast a shadow over the progress made in other fields of activity in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District during that period. Severe frosts had much to do with it.

David H. Sanders, An Athena Pioneer Farmer Answers Last Summons

David H. Sanders, pioneer Athena farmer, died at his home in this city, early Monday morning, after an illness of several weeks, at the age of 79 years. Mr. Sanders had been in failing health for some time, but only for the past three weeks had his condition been considered critical.

David Henry Sanders was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, on January 9, 1850, and died April 23, 1929, at the age of 79 years, three months and 14 days. At the age of 16 he was left an orphan, both his parents dying, and he spent his early life in the state where he was born. He crossed the plains to Portland, Oregon, in 1868, and came to Umatilla county in 1878, where he has since resided, being one of our early and successful pioneer farmers. Of late years, with his wife he has made his home in Athena.

On January 9, 1881, he was married to Miss Cally Ashpaugh, a member of a pioneer family of the Walla Walla valley. To them five children were born: Emma May, who died at the age of 2 years; Eva, now Mrs. Starr Charlton, and Frank, both of near Athena; Claude of Portland, and Hazel, now Mrs. Robert Norris of Medford. Three grandchildren also survive Mr. Sanders: Roma and Alberta Charlton and Robert Hall Norris.

Funeral services were conducted in the Christian church, of which he had long been a member, yesterday at 2 o'clock, Dr. Meredith conducting the ceremonies. Interment took place in the Athena cemetery. A quartet rendered beautiful music, a solo being sung by Mrs. D. T. Stone. An abundance of floral tributes from friends attested to the esteem in which he was held.

ATHENA IN SECOND PLACE AT MEET

Handicapped with a siege of the flu and colds, Athena high school copped second place in the district track meet at Weston, Friday, with a total of 51 points to 71 points for Helix, the winner. Weston took third place with 9 points. At that, two of Athena's men were high point winners; Myrick with 21, and Ralph McEwen with 15 points.

Athena's chances for winning first were shattered, when Kirk, track dash man; Jim Wilson, distance runner, were left at home in bed due to illness. Crowley, Edwin McEwen, and "Pink" Pinkerton sneezed and coughed their way through the meet, each afflicted with a severe cold.

While Athena graders were taking "heart tests" three events were pulled off, but they were strong enough in the remaining events to win over the Adams grade entries, for first place by a victory of 69 to 65. Helix secured third and Weston fourth.

After eluding the relay by 10 yards for three laps, the Athena team became confused owing to track conditions losing to Adams. Potter of Adams was high point winner in the grade events. Athena winners at the meet were as follows:
R. McEwen—50 yard, 100 yard and 220 yard dashes.
Myrick—High jump; broad jump; 440 yard dash; 2nd in discus; 2nd in 220 yard dash.
Crowley—3rd in half-mile sprint; 3rd in javelin.
E. McEwen—3rd in 440 yard dash; 2nd in pole vault.

Athena graders did not participate in the events of Divisions A, B, D, for girls, and Division A for boys. Athena grade winners were:
Geissel—50 yard dash; 2nd in broad jump; 2nd in baseball throw.
Montgomery—60 yard dash; baseball throw.
Johnson—High jump.
Jenkins—60 yard dash; baseball throw.
Lee—High jump; 3rd in 60 yard dash.

Miller—Shot put; 2nd in 100 yard dash; 3rd in broad jump.
Moore—High jump; 2nd in shot put
Shigley—3rd in high jump.

Mission Indians Here
The Athena town team will meet the Mission Indian second stringers on the local diamond Sunday afternoon. Game is called for 2:30. The Indians are coming with the determination to take the scalps of their palface opponents, for the trouncing they received last Sunday on their own ballfield.

Jolly Twenty Club
Mrs. Sheldon Taylor was hostess to the Jolly 20 club at her home west of Athena, Friday afternoon last. The members spent a very pleasant afternoon. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edna Fisk next Friday afternoon, May 3.

Little Heirs to Many Millions



Daniel Carroll Payson and his sister, Payne Whitney Payson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipman Payson, as they appeared on the Payson estate at Manhasset, Long Island. The children inherited a great part of the estate left by their grandfather, the late Payne Whitney.

Northern Pacific's Demonstration Train In Walla Walla, May 10

S. J. Miller, general manager of the Northern Pacific, accompanied by W. P. Stapleton, the company's agricultural development agent, was in Athena Saturday. Mr. Stapleton called at the Press office and explained the importance of the "Quality Products for Profit" demonstration train which the Northern Pacific will run throughout the Northwest next month.

The train will be operated over the Northern Pacific lines in Washington in cooperation with the extension service of the agricultural college at Pullman.

Focusing attention on subjects vital to the farmers and the townsfolk as well, the train will be unique in its educational aspects. Dedicated in fitting ceremonies at Cheney on May 6, the train, on its far-reaching campaign, will begin a three-weeks' swing around the state, stopping at 42 towns, and terminating on May 29 at Pullman.

State officials and representatives of the state college of Washington and Northern Pacific representatives both from the western offices and from the general headquarters at St. Paul, will be at Cheney for the inaugural exercises. Significant is the fact that this will be the first educational train to be operated in Washington west of the Cascade Mountains and the second in the eastern part of the state.

The nearest point at which the train will be on its itinerary, will be Walla Walla, where it will be on May 10. Walla Walla is preparing to make the event a community holiday.

Farm Meeting Planned For Pendleton Tomorrow

East Oregonian: "Reduce the rates on grain; do not raise them," is the cry of local farmers and at a conference held here this forenoon steps were taken to have a general grain growers meeting in Pendleton at 2 p. m. Saturday for the purpose of protesting against any action by the Interstate commerce commission to increase rates. The fear prevails that the report by Examiners Mackley and Hall presages an increase in rates.

The meeting Saturday is to be a large affair and invitations are being sent to officials of the farm bureaus, granges, and other grain growing organizations throughout eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho. The Eastern Oregon Wheat league will be represented and also the Farmers' union. Commercial clubs wishing to aid in preventing a freight increase are also asked to attend.

Sentiment among local farmers is that evidence given before the I. C. C. last summer justified a reduction of three or four cents in the rates to tidewater. There is accordingly much resentment over the proposal for an increase.

Arthur M. Geary, attorney for the interior farmers in the case they had before the commission, is to be in attendance at the meeting Saturday.

Night Air Mail
Night air mail service between Pasco, Wash., and Salt Lake City, Utah, will be inaugurated June 1 by Varney Air Lines, Charles Wrightson, of Boise, manager of the air company announced. A test night flight was made over the route last Sunday. The service will cut one full business day on air mail deliveries from the northwest to the east coast.

Committees Appointed For Pioneers Reunion By President McBride

T. L. McBride, president of the Umatilla County Pioneers association, announced his committee appointments at a meeting Monday evening of local boosters of this annual event at Weston, reports the Leader.

The reunion dates this year are Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, and everything indicates a successful gathering. It will be financed in the same manner as last year, with proceeds from dancing and concessions, although subscriptions will again be asked to a guarantee fund to insure that expenses will be met in the event that bad weather interferes with the reunion. An effort will be made to secure the L. L. Lindgren shows, which with their merry-go-round, ferris wheel and other attractions added to the picnic atmosphere last year.

The grounds committee advocated the construction of a permanent stage on the school campus, where the reunions are now held, and were asked to look into the matter more fully and report at another meeting scheduled for next Monday evening. The several committees follow:
Finance—H. Goodwin, S. A. Barnes, T. L. McBride.
Concessions—Jay Smith, C. W. Avery, Lester O'Harra.
Program—Clark Wood, Dr. W. H. McKinney, Guy W. Braze.
Publicity—P. T. Harbour, Emery Gentry, Carl Thomas.
Music—S. A. Barnes, W. L. Smock, William Hass.
Speakers—C. L. Pinkerton, Herman Goodwin, Nelson H. Jones.
Decorations—Claud Price, Lysle Webb, Carl Brandt, Carl Warm.
Sports—Newt O'Harra, Walter Webb, Frank Snider, H. R. Pope, T. L. McBride.
Badges—Ross King, Karl Martinson, Harrison Kirk.
Grounds—Marvin Price, Robert G. Blomgren, J. A. King, P. T. Harbour, W. S. Price.
Reception—J. T. Lieuallen, G. A. Hartman, T. A. Lieuallen, R. Alexander, J. H. Raley, Henry J. Taylor, M. L. Watts, J. A. Fee, Sim J. Culley, S. A. Barnes.

Carload of Seed Peas Arrives Here

A carload of seed peas is in storage at the warehouse of the Farmer's Grain Elevator company, on lower Main street, having arrived here recently. The peas were shipped here by the Washington-Idaho Seed company. The company has listed a large acreage from foothill and mountain ranchers which will be planted to peas this spring.

The soil conditions of the land east of Weston are considered to be excellent for pea culture, and the company is taking hold of the enterprise with the view of making pea production a permanent enterprise in that district.

Wheat Raisers Pool

Wheat raisers of Nebraska and Wyoming to the number of 300 have effected organization of a wheat pool giving it the name of the Midwest Market Association, non stock cooperative. The pool was said to represent 13,000 grain raisers in the two states, and was declared the largest in existence in the middlewest.

Ready for Seeding

The process of packing the ground, preparatory to planting beans on land recently leased in this vicinity, is under way. Bean planters will follow the packing operations.

Scholastic Leaders



Naomi Hohman and Jack Hempstead, both of Portland, who headed the scholastic averages at the University of Oregon for fall term.

Hits At Failure To Call For Lower Rates

Spokane.—Failure of examiners for the Interstate Commerce Commission to recommend rail rate reductions for wheat shipment was hit today in statements published by prominent northwestern men identified with the industry.

J. Carl Laney, of Colfax, secretary of the Washington state farm bureau and leader in the Inland Empire's fight, asserted that farm leaders will carry the fight for substantial reductions to the Interstate Commerce commission by exception brief despite failure of the examiners to make recommendations.

"Our attorney will be instructed to centralize all efforts upon obtaining the reductions which the grain growers must have to continue business and which we believe we are entitled to under the Hoch-Smith resolution," Laney's statement said.

The Spokesman-Review tomorrow will quote statements from J. Almer McCurtain, of Spokane, president of the Washington and northern Idaho Farmers' Union; George A. Palmiter of Hood River, Oregon, master of the Oregon State Grange and H. R. Richards, president of the Oregon and southern Idaho Farmers' Union, in which the action of the examiners was disapproved.

Robert W. Service's "The Trail Of '98"

Metro's big epic of the North, "The Trail of '98," will be shown at the Standard Theatre tomorrow for one night only. Two nights were asked but owing to popular demand for the film (it ran for four days this week at the Liberty Theatre, Walla Walla) it was impossible to secure a two-night booking. Sunday night Buddy Rogers and Marion Nixon will be presented in Universal's college drama, "Red Lips."

What "The Covered Wagon" was to the west, "The Birth of a Nation" was to New England, is just what "The Trail of '98" is to the far north.

"The Trail of '98," film version of Robert W. Service's famous story of the Klondike gold rush is made on a big lavish scale which is in keeping with the bigness of the land of the midnight sun.

Stars in the cast are Ralph Forbes, Dolores Del Rio, Harry Carey, Karl Dane, Tully Marshall, George Cooper! Admission prices are 10-35-50c.

Construction Work Progressing

Construction work is progressing on the new addition to the Farmers Grain Elevator plant, which will increase its capacity 130,000 bushels. Concrete work on the piers and basement was completed last week. This week a force of about 20 men have been employed in constructing the cribbing. Seven carloads of gravel and two carloads of cement were used in the concrete work, and it will require 14 carloads of lumber for the cribbing.

To Fight For Differential

Portland.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce has under consideration a resolution calling for a fight to the finish for retention of the Columbia Basin differential on grain rates. W. D. B. Dodson, manager, said demands were pouring from all quarters that Portland organize to carry its fight to the oral hearing in Washington, May 27.

"The Iron Fireman" Automatic Stoker Is Installed at School

George Strand of Pendleton, representing the Smythe-Bartell company was here last week installing an "Iron Fireman," the automatic stoker in the furnace at the Athena school building. He and a force of mechanics completed the installation Sunday, so that the building was for the first time heated by the new device, Monday.

The new equipment makes it possible to furnish heat for the building at much less cost for fuel than under the old hand method. A cheaper grade of coal which in the main consists of slack and the smallest run of nut coal is used in the operation of this new automatic stoker.

The fuel is fed from the bottom of the furnace, the process resulting in complete combustion, which retains full heat from gases which in the ordinary method of furnace heating escape in total loss.

Another remarkable feature of the new device is that room temperature may be absolutely controlled. A thermostat instrument controls the heat from the furnace automatically at the exact degree of temperature desired at all times.

Mr. Strand has completed installation of new equipment in the Adams school building. The heating system in the Adams school is steam, while the Athena system is air, the "Iron Fireman" being readily adapted for either system.

The new Marcus Whitman hotel at Walla Walla, after unsatisfactory experience the past winter with the oil fed furnace, has adopted the modern "Iron Fireman" coal stoker.

American Legion Convention

The American Legion, department of Oregon, will hold its annual convention at Salem, August 8, 9, 10 and 11, this year.

M'NARY FORESEES FARM BILL VETO

Washington, D. C.—An actual start on consideration of farm relief legislation was made by the senate and shortly after it started Chairman McNary of its agriculture committee declared that if congress sent a measure to the White House containing the export debenture plan it would receive a presidential veto.

McNary started a discussion of the measure, which contains the debenture provision so strenuously objected to by Mr. Hoover, a few hours after a formal report on the bill had been submitted to the senate.

"It would be vain to send this bill to the president with the debenture plan in it," McNary said. "I feel certain that he would disapprove it."

Immediately after McNary finished a defense of the debenture plan was undertaken by Senator Caraway of Arkansas, one of the democratic members of the senate agricultural committee who took a leading part in writing the proposal into the new farm relief bill.

"The ten reasons the president gave for opposing the plan," Caraway said, "are the same as those advocated by individuals and in the press that desires to fatten on the sweat and blood of agriculture."

A formal report on the new farm bill, embodying the export debenture plan, was made to the senate by Senator McNary, with the statement that those opposed to the provision relied upon the position taken by the chief executive. Except for this reference and a paragraph explaining how the debenture proposal would work, the chairman's report made no mention of the plan.

The remainder of the report set forth in detail the operation of the farm legislation which generally corresponds to that under consideration in the house except that the house measure does not contain the debenture provision.

No Damage

Although below freezing temperatures have been recorded throughout the Walla Walla valley during the past week, no damage to fruit has resulted as far as can be ascertained, Harold E. Rathbone, frost warning expert of the United States Weather Bureau reports.

Storage For 100,000

Frank Curl is making additional improvements to his grain elevator at Adams which when completed will give him storage facilities for 100,000 bushels of grain. The work will be completed in time to take care of the growing wheat crop.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The annual banquet of the junior-senior classes of Athena high school, will be held at the Grand hotel in Walla Walla, tomorrow evening.

MACHINERY BEING ASSEMBLED NOW

Rogers & Goodman Furnish Equipment For Bean Industry.

Rogers & Goodman of Athena, secured the contract for furnishing the machinery to take care of the bean-growing industry which this spring is being inaugurated in the Walla Walla, Athena-Weston district by the company represented by H. H. Eickhoff.

One carload of planters and packers arrived in Athena this week. The allotment for Athena and Weston was unloaded at one of the warehouses in the railroad yards, and the units for the Walla Walla district were shipped on to that point.

An Athena crew of men under direction of Arnold Wood, and one from Weston, under Buzz Fisk, have been assembling the bean planters at the Athena warehouse, and have made good progress with the work.

The planting equipment comes from the International Harvester company, represented in this section by Rogers & Goodman, and the local firm is expecting the arrival of cultivators shortly. The shipments include 36 planters, and packers and 60 cultivators.

The company has purchased 12 Best "20" caterpillars, seven of which are at the warehouse here for the Athena-Weston district, while five have been delivered at Walla Walla.

Jack Calder has been making enlarged hoppers for bean planters this week down at the Rogers & Goodman shop. These hoppers, constructed of galvanized iron, will take the place of smaller ones, originally attached to the planters.

Annual County Meet At Pendleton Tomorrow

Two hundred thirty contestants from the various schools of Umatilla county will compete here Saturday at the Round-Up park in the eleventh annual Umatilla county track and field meet, which will begin at 1:30 p. m.

Winners of events in sectional meets will compete, the schools represented being Pendleton and vicinity, section one; Milton-Freewater and vicinity, section two; Weston, Athena, Adams, Helix and vicinity, section four; Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, and vicinity, section five; Pilot Rock and vicinity, section five.

Each section will enter teams consisting of 16 boys and 16 girls from the grade schools, and 14 boys from high schools, making a total of 230 contestants. Boys and girls in the grade schools will be divided into four classes according to weight and height.

There will be 37 events, 18 of which will be track events and 19 field.—East Oregonian.

Newspaper Men Dead

Two former Umatilla county newspaper men died within the past ten days. Parker Brannin, until recently, city editor of the East Oregonian, later associate editor of a Twin Falls, Idaho, paper, died in that city as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. H. A. Clemens, vice-president of the Record Publishing company at Baker, formerly publisher of the Pilot Rock Record, died at Whitefish, Montana.

League Games

Adams met a tartar Sunday in its game with the Mission Indians in the Umatilla county league, when she went up against the heady pitching of Craig, the wily Indian twirler. The missions won, 12-0. In a close game at Hermiston, the Pendleton Eagles were defeated by Hermiston, 4 to 3. Opening the Blue Mountain league season, Pendleton defeated Enterprise, 9-1; with Duff pitching, La Grande won from Baker 11-3.

Here From Burns

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Haynie were here Saturday from Burns, and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Banister. They left Sunday for Spokane, where Mr. Haynie will attend a convention of the J. C. Penney company store managers. Mrs. Haynie will go to Portland to visit relatives, and will return to Athena before returning to her home at Burns.

La Grande Suicide

Guy Davis, 30, was found dead in a cemetery at LaGrande, his body fallen over the grave of his wife. There was a bullet hole in his head and a pistol clutched in his hand. The sexton saw Davis in the cemetery near his wife's grave. The man has been dependent for some time, friends said.