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SPECIAL MACHINES TO HARVEST CROP

Beans in the Athena-Weston District Are Ready For Cultivation.

Marion Hansell, field manager for the Eickhoff Products company, accompanied Mr. Eickhoff to Stockton, California, leaving Athena Tuesday evening. Mr. Eickhoff and Mr. Hansell went to Stockton for the purpose of inspecting and purchasing harvesting machinery for the Eickhoff bean crop in the Athena-Weston and Walla Walla districts.

In the Athena-Weston district bean planting has been completed, and part of the acreage here comprising more than 6000 acres, is being cultivated for the first time over. The Walla Walla planting will be finished this week. Cultivators which take two rows of beans are being used.

Harvesting machinery to take care of the Eickhoff bean crop, which this year totals more than 10,000 acres, will be selected at Stockton by Mr. Eickhoff and Mr. Hansell, after thorough investigation has been made into the merits of the different machines manufactured there under special facilities required for bean harvesting conditions.

Admirable weather conditions prevailed in the Athena-Weston section for bean planting, and the inoculated seed sprouted quickly and the plants are growing, are strong and have a good color.

The new industry has provided work for a number of men who otherwise would have been idle at least a part of the time, since operations commenced several weeks ago. First employment was given in the assembling of the machinery, and for the most part the crews that planted the beans are now operating the cultivators were recruited from the ranks of these assemblers.

Cultivation will soon be in full swing, when the later plantings will be advanced to sufficient growth, when it is said considerable labor will be employed in hoeing, as supplementary to the work of the machine cultivators.

Oregon Reference Book Ready For Distribution

The initial volume of "Who's Who in Oregon" is just off the press and is ready for distribution throughout the state. The book is the first venture of its kind ever attempted in Oregon and is published by the Oregon City Enterprise, nearly two years having been spent in its compilation and editing. There are about 2800 biographical sketches in the book, which carries no advertising nor pictures, but is restricted to actual reference material concerning prominent men and women of Oregon.

Lewis A. McArthur, author of "Oregon Geographic Names," has written a foreword for the book, which is bound in maroon leather and lettered in gold. The publishers state that not a single sketch has been paid for and that the volume represents a successful effort to issue an Oregon biography free from profits.

W. O. W. Readjustment

Members of the fraternal Order of the Woodmen of the World will be interested to know that an action to prohibit the carrying out of plans enacted at their last head camp session has been refused by the supreme court of Colorado. The plans are for the readjustment of rates and thus the rates will go into effect despite the attempted action.

Mountain Road Improvement

The contract was recently let for grading the mountain road from McDougal Camp to Tollgate. Only the grading will be done this season, and next spring it is expected to surface the road with rock. The county has equipment and men at work improving the road from the east end of the present macadamized road on Weston Mountain, eastward toward McDougal Camp.

Poisoned Rabbits

There is a notable decrease in the number of rabbits in the west end of Umatilla county as a result of efficient poison operations during the past winter. There was sufficient snow-fall to force the rabbits to eat poisoned alfalfa which was placed for their destruction by farmers in cooperation with county agent Holt.

Local People Motor To Morrow County and Greatly Enjoy Trip

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards and son, Roland, motored down to Morrow county Sunday. The party had a very pleasant trip. They visited the Ben Swaggart stock ranch near Lexington, and then drove on to Heppner. Mr. Swaggart is a breeder of thoroughbred horses, and in the past has sold a considerable number of horses for riding and polo purposes.

The past winter was a hard one on Morrow county stock, according to Mr. Richards, and the fact that range and pasturage conditions there are backward this spring is the leading reason for livestock being in poor condition at this time.

The members of the party were considerably interested to witness the working of a large sheep-shearing plant, where the fleece from 200 sheep per man per day is removed by machine-driven shears. Expert shearers are employed and the plant functions on a complete system which insures thoroughness and dispatch.

Morrow county grain in the sections visited was noted to be backward in growth as compared with conditions in the Athena-Weston district.

Air Circus Coming

The "Air Circus," starring Louise Dresser and David Rollins, will be the special feature picture offering at the Standard Theatre, tomorrow night and Sunday night. William Fox presents the "Air Circus" which embraces all elements of interest and entertainment of high order. Sue Carol and Arthur Lake have the comedy parts in the photoplay, and prove to be a fine team in presenting the lighter vein in this thrilling production. Regular prices of admission prevail.

FORCED SELLING LOWERED PRICES

Chicago.—The flood of selling swept on through the grain markets Tuesday, carrying prices down to new low levels for the season. Wheat sloughed off the season fractionally, the May delivery dropping 5-8c over night to 98 cents a bushel and sales for delivery in July sinking fractionally below the dollar mark, for the first time since 1923. All the principal North American markets showed price recessions of 1-1 1/2 to 1 5/8c at the opening in the wheat pits.

With offerings free and only moderate buying, wheat, corn, and oats all outdid previous low record prices in the early dealings. July wheat, in which the trading was most active, dropped to below \$1.00 a bushel, rivaling Monday's performance of the May delivery. Further rains in Canada and bigger downpours in Liverpool wheat quotations than had been anticipated were depressing factors. Opening unchanged to 1 1/4c off, Chicago wheat later underwent a further setback. Corn started 1-8c to 7-8c lower, rallied, and then fell again. Oats were irregular. Provisions tended downward.

Big Legion Convention, Salem, August 8, 9, 10

Visitors to the department convention of the American Legion which is to be held in Salem August 8, 9 and 10 will be provided with amusement at various times during the three days by the stunts that will be staged by different Oregon Legion posts. This feature creates a great deal of interest each year and the Salem convention commission has arranged to have the stunts presented at various times and places during the convention.

Prizes amounting to \$100 for first place and \$50 for second honors have been offered for the stunt contest. Stunts presented by the different posts will be of a humorous nature and much originality and cleverness will be exhibited by those taking part. Judges will be appointed to witness the stunt exhibitions and prizes will be awarded to the ones considered best.

In addition to the stunts, much spontaneous comedy will be provided by Legionnaires. Ludicrous costumes, clown bands, high diving experts and numerous other comedy attractions will be offered for the amusement of convention visitors.

Excavating Basement

Floyd Pinkerton is excavating a basement at his farm home west of Athena. A furnace will be installed and other modern conveniences will be added to the home.

Purchases Lot

F. S. LeGrow has purchased the vacant lot of the Ike Phillips property on College street. He will move his barn to this property to make room for a contemplated addition to the house.

Recovers From Operation

Edmund Potts, who was recently operated on for relief from a serious attack of appendicitis is recovering.

Children of Revolution Unveil a Tablet



Headed by Secretary of War James W. Good, members of the Children of the American Revolution, in annual convention at Washington, unveiled a marble tablet over the grave of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary war in the old Presbyterian churchyard at Alexandria, Va.

Northwest Plane Service Links Seventeen Cities

Spokane.—The Mamer Air Transport, with headquarters at Felts Field here, will link 17 of the most important cities of the northwest together with an airplane passenger service. The nucleus for which will be four tri-motored planes, its officials said today.

Seattle, Portland, Ore., and Butte, Mont., are the proposed terminals for the air run, with all planes passing each other daily at Walla Walla Wash.

The tentative schedule provides that planes leave Seattle and Portland at the same time two planes fly to Butte. The Portland plane will fly to Seattle, Yakima, Walla Walla, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Weiser, Boise and Butte. The Seattle plane will go to Portland, thence to Walla Walla, Spokane, Wallace, Missoula and Butte. The Butte planes would go over these same routes from the other end. There would be two round trips daily between Seattle and Portland and one between all other points on the route.

"If we can meet this schedule," said Newton Wakefield, traffic manager, "we will make connections with the California-bound planes in Portland and Seattle. Montana passengers could reach California in one day's time."

Entertained at Luncheon

A profusion of summer flowers decked the attractive rooms of the Koepke country home Friday when Mrs. Henry Koepke, Jr., Mrs. Glenn Dudley, and Mrs. Ralph McEwen entertained at luncheon. The ten tables were centered with gayly painted miniature watering pots filled with old fashioned flowers, and the guests found their places by means of dainty flowered place cards. Following luncheon bridge was the diversion and Mrs. Paul Lieuallen made high score. Mrs. M. M. Johns second and Mrs. Lee Hiteman received the consolation. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. Dean Dudley, Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. H. A. Barrett. Mrs. Lorton of Walla Walla, was an out of town guest.

O'Mara Relatives

Sidney Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes of Weston, has left for South Africa, where he has contracted to remain for two years, diamond drilling for the Sullivan Machinery company of Chicago. Sidney, who has many friends in Athena, has been operating diamond drills in different parts of the Northwest for the past three years, and has been very successful in his work. His African contract calls for \$275 per month and expenses, including transportation from home in Weston to Africa, and return.

Goes to South Africa

John O'Mara of Sutherlin, Oregon, Vaughn O'Mara of Glide, Oregon, and Harry O'Mara of San Diego, California, father and brother of the late Allen O'Mara who was killed in an airplane crash last week at Walla Walla, were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lee.

Teacher and Pupils Picnic

Recently Mrs. Leota Ross completed teaching for the school term in District No. 52. The close of school was observed by teacher and pupils by enjoying a picnic on Wild Horse creek.

Portable Radio Station

What is claimed to be the only portable broadcasting station in the world, passed through Athena yesterday, mounted on a Durant automobile, and as a featured advertising stunt for that company.

First Milton Strawberries

The first crate of the season's strawberries was picked at Milton by Clyde Harris and sold for \$10.

John Cameron In Jail At Walla Walla, Faces Charge of Larceny

Walla Walla.—John Cameron, local business man, who has been in the county jail since last Thursday seeking to raise \$2500 bonds on a first degree forgery charge, today faced a new charge, grand larceny. An information charging this was filed by W. G. Coleman, prosecuting attorney. The Commercial Credit company, the Cummins Auto company, the latter of Touchet, are complaining witnesses.

It is alleged that Cameron obtained the signature of the latter to a conditional sale contract for \$278 and sold it to the credit company March 19, 1929. The contract, it is alleged, is spurious. Bond on the new charge was fixed at \$1500.

Cameron was arrested a week ago today on a first degree forgery charge, and has been unable to obtain \$2500 bonds. The new charge states that he secured the signature of the Cummins auto company of Touchet to a conditional sales contract and sold it to the Commercial Credit company the contract being spurious, it is alleged.

Athena Eighth Graders Have Received Diplomas

The members of M. I. Miller's eighth grade pupils in the Athena school took the examination recently and have received their diplomas, as follows: Maxine Moore, Marjorie Montague, Bonnie Alekire, Bernice Wilson, Dorothy Burke, Velma Ross, Helen Barrett, Monna Montgomery, Garth Pinkerton, Fred Singer, Ralph Moore, Wayne Bannister, Lowell Jenkins, Robert Lee, Wendell Shigley, Bennie Marquis, Solista Pickett, Roland Richards, Howard Reeder, Robert Campbell.

Mr. Miller, who is one of the most successful eighth grade teachers working in Oregon public schools, will take a summer course at Cheney normal school, his alma mater. Mr. Miller and family left for Cheney Sunday morning.

Christian Church Women Will Give a Silver Tea

The Women's Missionary Society of the Christian church will give a silver tea in the church basement, on next Wednesday afternoon, June 5th. The occasion promises to be a very enjoyable one and considerable effort has been made in formulating the program of the afternoon. The program numbers follow:

Trio—Marjorie Douglas, Esther Berlin, Betty Eager, Piano Solo—Lenore McNair. Flower song and drill by 16 girls. Piano Solo—Frederica Kershav. Reading—Mrs. James Cresswell. Group of Songs—Anna Compton Winn. Piano Duet—Ellen and Clayton Winn. Reading—Zola Steen. Vocal Duet—Ellen and Clayton Winn.

Observation Car On U. P.'s New Fast Train

The Union Pacific's first open top observation car schedule between Portland and The Dalles, will be inaugurated with the new 61 1/4-hour schedule to Chicago fixed for the Portland Limited for June 9.

The open air cars have been improved upon since they were first used two years ago, according to W. K. Cundiff, general passenger agent. There is a glass windshield at each seat and seats are upholstered in leather. The cars have a seating capacity for 92.

Railroad officials are working with Chamber of Commerce committees in arranging for the fast train program to mark departure of the Portland Limited Sunday night, June 9.

Piano Recital

Miss Edna Hanna of the Malen Burnett school of music presented the following members of the Athena class in piano recital at High school auditorium: Aaron Douglas, Daniel Reeder, Tillman Taylor, Joyce Pinkerton, Jewell Pinkerton, Myrtle Campbell, Mary Tompkins, Maxine Martin, Nylene Taylor, Loie Montgomery, Marjorie Douglas, Esther Faye Berlin, Betty Eager, Marjorie Montague, Miss Mildred Hill, pianist and Miss Betty Carol Weatherman, violinist, both of Walla Walla, assisted.

New Cashier

Lance Kellough has resigned as Cashier of the Farmers Bank of Weston on account of ill health. Charles B. Davis of Walla Walla, has been elected by the board of directors to the cashiership.

The American Legion Swimming Pool Opens For the Season Sunday

The American Legion swimming pool at City Park, will open for the season Sunday, announces Commander McFadden of Athena-Weston Post.

Season tickets will be sold on the same basis as last spring when the pool was first opened to the public. Adults season tickets will be sold at \$5; children under 14 years, \$2; for single swim the charge to adults will be 35c including suit, or 25c where swimmer furnishes his own suit; for children single swim 15c where they have their suits.

George Bannister will manage the pool for the Post this season, and instruct in swimming.

Lawn grass has been sown at the site of the pool and has made satisfactory growth. It is proposed to grade and surface a road from Third street, leading east through the park to the pool, and it is possible that the road will be completed in the near future.

The Legion Post owes \$750 on the pool for construction work last year, and members hope to liquidate the indebtedness this summer from proceeds derived from patronage and from unpaid subscriptions carried over from last year.

Hodgen At The Dalles

Beryl Hodgen, Athena high school graduate and alumnus of University of Oregon, has been selected by the board of directors of The Dalles high school to coach athletics. Mr. Hodgen succeeds Bob Murray, famous coach of The Dalles football and basketball winners, who resigned as coach to enter business at The Dalles. Beryl was highly recommended for the position, having been captain of the varsity team under Coach McEwen.

MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED HERE

Memorial Day was observed in Athena yesterday without any program. Graves in Athena cemetery were decorated, and many out of town people came here for that purpose. Flowers were plentiful for decorating purposes, large quantities of peonies being used in addition to many other floral varieties. Standards bearing the flag at half-mast flanked both sides of Main street in front of business houses.

Extensive programs were carried out at Pendleton and Walla Walla, where American Legion Posts had charge of the exercises of the day. At Pendleton the Legion Post and Company G, Oregon National Guard, did honors to the soldier and soldier dead.

At the veterans' plot in the cemetery, James Larson, commander of the American Legion, and Austin Landreth, chaplain, conducted services. The firing squad saluted the dead and a quartet of Legion buglers sounded taps.

At Walla Walla all organizations of veterans were marshalled together, and with the National Guard unit, open services were held. The parade was headed by Company F, Washington National Guard.

Has Narrow Escape

Fred Hess of Weston, who recently engaged as driver for the Pendleton Bakery, had a narrow escape from death one day last week, when his delivery car overturned at the intersection of the Oregon Trail highway, and pinned him underneath. But for the timely arrival of passing motorists, who promptly rescued him, the young man would undoubtedly have died in a short time.

Finishing Elevator

Corrugated iron is being used to finish the exterior of the new addition to the Farmers' Grain Elevator plant, and workmen are rapidly putting this material in place. Work on the interior of the new unit, comprising bins, elevator compartments, etc., will be completed in ample time to receive grain from the coming crop.

Will Build New Residence

The present residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Banister, at corner of Adams and Fifth streets is being dismantled and torn down by workmen. On the site of the present residence, a modern new home will be constructed for Mr. and Mrs. Banister, by Ed. Mortis, Walla Walla contractor and builder, who has the contract for constructing the new residence.

Buick's New Car

The Buick Motor company is introducing the "Marquette," a new Six in the moderate price field. The new car will be on exhibition for the first showing tomorrow at all Buick agencies.

CONTRACTORS PUSH WORK ON HIGHWAY

Gerking Flat Sector Finished—Rock Crusher Is At New Location.

Joslyn & McCallister, contractors, have the work of construction of the loup market road well under way. With a force of about forty men, construction work has been rushed from the start.

The road up Gerking Flat has been graded and surfaced with rock as far north as the McIntyre place. Last week the big crusher and equipment was removed from the Gerking Flat site on the Louis Keen ranch to the Homer Watts farm, north of Athena. In that vicinity grading had been done in advance of the removal of the crusher, and the fore part of this week, rock surfacing was commenced both ways from the crusher location.

Weather conditions have been ideal this spring for road construction and no time has been lost by the Joslyn-McCallister crews. With conditions remaining favorable, the contractors expect to have the entire loup road construction completed and ready for traffic over its entire radius by July 4th—at least one month earlier than anticipated when the contract was let.

Joslyn & McCallister were awarded the contract for building the Athena-Weyland sector of the road for \$29,159.04, and for the Gerking Flat sector \$21,687.51. Farm residents created a special district to build the roads, and voted a 10-mill special tax for that purpose.

The Gerking Flat road intersects the surfaced road leading west from Athena at the Sheldon Taylor place. Its completion gives traffic access to and from Athena at all seasons of the year. From Weyland to Athena, the road parallels the Northern Pacific tracks, and when completed will serve in connection with the Gerking Flat highway, one of the richest grain growing districts in Umatilla county.

President of Eagles

There is considerable activity at this time in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, new members are being enrolled in the order, and recently Lester Jones, state president, was a visitor at the Pendleton Aerie.

M. E. Ladies' Society Enjoy a Fine Program

The Methodist Ladies' Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Ethel Montague Wednesday afternoon of last week, when twenty-six members were present.

A feature of the afternoon was the rendition of a splendid program which was greatly enjoyed by those present. The program numbers comprised responses to roll call by recitation of poems. Miss Ellen Henry gave several selections on the piano, and a number of choruses were sung. A future picnic and a program of hostesses for the ensuing year were discussed.

The Rooms of Mrs. Montague's Home were Beautifully Decorated for the Occasion with Lilies and Tulips.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Coppock and Mrs. W. O. Read. Presiding at the table were Miss Ellen Henry and Mrs. Guy Hugunin. Four new members joined the society.

The next meeting, which will be the last for the current club year, will be held at the home of Mrs. John Burke on Wednesday, June 26th, with Mrs. W. T. McLeod and Mrs. Wm. McPherson serving.

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