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ATHENA SCHOOLS OPENING MONDAY

New High School Faculty, Corps of Grade Teachers Are Retained.

Athens public schools will open Monday morning with a new faculty in the high school department. In the grade schools the corps of teachers who were in charge last year have been retained.

E. F. Bloom, the new superintendent, will have charge of both the grades and high school and will teach the social sciences. He has been superintendent at Adams for the past three years. Previous to that he taught in Alaska and served as superintendent in Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and has done graduate work in that institution. During the past summer he did graduate work at the University of California.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bloom will handle the commercial work. She taught in Adams for three years, and previous to that she taught in Washington and Alaska. She will also handle Glee Club and girls' athletics. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and during the past summer has been doing special work in music in Berkeley, California.

Miss Mary Cameron will teach English and Latin and will have charge of the library and school annual. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has done graduate work in that institution.

Mr. Dan Tilley will teach mathematics and have a class in English and one in history. He is the son of Hal E. Tilley, band and orchestra director in the Walla Walla high school. He plans to organize a school band for both the grades and high school. Mr. Tilley is an accomplished musician. At present he is playing in an orchestra on an ocean liner and will necessarily be two weeks late. The other teachers will handle his classes until he arrives. He is a graduate of Whitman college, and has done substitute teaching in the Walla Walla high school.

Mrs. R. D. Blatchford will again be part time teacher, handling the sciences. She is a graduate of Willamette University and taught in Naches, Washington, prior to coming to Athena.

Successful grade teachers who have given splendid satisfaction in the Athens schools and who have been retained from last year, are: Seventh and Eighth grades, M. I. Miller.

Fifth and Sixth grades, Miss Margaret Lee.

Third and Fourth grades, Miss Blanche Thorsen.

Primary Department, Miss Della Bryant.

M. I. Miller's services as athletic instructor for boys and coach for football and basketball have been retained. "Pike" announces that football practice will begin at once in order that the team may be hardened into playing form in some degree by September 20th, when Athens high school will play its first game of the season against Mac-Hi.

There will be a general meeting for the teachers Monday forenoon. Superintendent Bloom requests that no purchase of school text books be made by pupils until after the opening of school, Monday morning, at which time pupils will be given the list of books that will be required for their use. It is understood there has been no change made this year in text books for Oregon schools.

Child Burns Himself

Finding a bottle of gasoline used for cleaning, the little son of Mrs. August Labissoniere of Yakima 2 1/2 years old, also found a match. After pouring the fluid into several little pans, he struck the match and instantly was enveloped in flames. He was rescued, but so burned about the hands, feet, face and back he may die. The residence caught fire but was little damaged. A sister of the lad was fatally burned a month ago by scalding water.

Harvesting Beans

Machines are operating in the Eickhoff bean harvest in fields south of Athena, having started up this week. The bean crop is a light one in this vicinity owing to heavy damage to the plants earlier in the season by insects. The crop in the Walla Walla and Dayton districts are reported to be much better. Harvesting beans will begin in those districts within a short time.

Wa-Hi Enrollment 1156

Enrollment at Walla Walla high school is the largest in the history of that institution, with a total registration for the current year of 1156.

French Airmen Conquer Atlantic Ocean In Westward Non Stop Flight

Captain Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte set down their biplane Quention Mark at New York Tuesday after achieving a feat that hitherto had defied every challenger—a non-stop flight from Paris to New York.

The record-breaking craft with its record-breaking French crew rolled to a stop at 6:13 p. m. (E. S. T.), 37 hours and 18 minutes after it had soared aloft from LeBourget to dare the perils of a North Atlantic crossing.

Coste landed his plane into a southwest wind as skillfully as he had piloted it through the barometric and magnetic danger spots which had brought other airmen to disaster or a forced stop short of their goal.

A crowd of 5000 was on hand to witness the finish of the daring adventure.

The scarlet plane, with its short under-wing and giant spreading upper wing, was in the lead of a large squadron of escorting navy craft. It appeared so suddenly from a dark cloud that an involuntary cheer arose.

Lazily, the plane circled the field thrice as automobile horns and sirens shrieked their welcome above the din of human voices.

The escorting squadron dropped even further behind as the Quention Mark maneuvered for a landing. It dropped down on its three points, then taxied slowly about a motor car containing field officials and rolled toward the naval hangars.

Coste and Bellonte, all smiles, looked from the little window at the advancing welcomers. Then they climbed over the side of the fuselage, a little stiff, more than a little tired, but at the end of a glorious journey.

Colonel Lindbergh, who knew better than any other man what this was like, sat on the hangar top, smiling broadly, but waiting for the first outburst to subside before he went forward to greet his fellow fliers.

Newspapers Consolidate

Formal announcement has been made of the consolidation of the Morning Astorian and the Evening Budget, Astoria's two daily newspapers, through the purchase of the former by the publishers of the latter. The officers are E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton, president; F. W. Lampkin of Pendleton, vice president, and M. R. Chessman, secretary. Chessman, who has been editor of the Budget for the past 11 years and manager also since he acquired the stock of L. D. Drake the first of the year, will remain as editor and manager of the consolidated publication. Other stockholders are Ward O. Quarles and Miss Hettie S. Brown of the Budget staff.

Crime Grows In Pendleton

The Pendleton East Oregonian reports that in spite of less crime than ever before during a Round-Up, the arrests made by the city police department during the month of August reached a higher total than in any other month during the history of the department. Chief Charles Lemons said Wednesday. Names on the police records number 138, and while Judge Minnie Stillman of the municipal court has not yet compiled the amount of fines she collected, it is estimated to top \$1000.

Had Strenuous Hike

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Logsdon have returned from their trip to Wallowa Lake. Bert and a friend went on a fishing trip to a mountain lake, riding horseback. After fishing awhile they hobbled the horses and turned them loose to graze. Soon after, the horses started down the trail to Wallowa lake and Bert vainly tried to head them off. The fishermen hiked it back the whole way down the mountain.

Summer Graduates

Concluding the most successful summer session in the 26 years that summer school has been conducted at the University of Oregon, 112 students received degrees at the second annual summer commencement exercises August 29. This is a considerable increase over last year, when 99 were awarded degrees, and is in addition to the nearly 700 who were graduated in June.

Circuit Rider Dies

Old residents of Umatilla county will remember Rev. J. C. Kirkman, Methodist minister who was a circuit rider in the pioneer days of the county. Rev. Kirkman died recently in Spokane. He is survived by his widow and one son, Wilbur Kirkman.

Pierce Snaps Into It

"There is no bigger lie than the one that you can't help the farmers by legislation," ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce told an audience at a democratic rally in Salem, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hand spent last week in Portland.

WORK BEING RUSHED ON SEED PLANT

Office Nearing Completion Some Machinery Ready For Installation.

Workmen are getting the Washington-Idaho Seed company's pea grading plant ready for the fall work, and a part of the machinery has arrived.

The plant is located in the warehouse building at the lower end of Main street in the Union Pacific yards. A new office room in the south end of the building is nearing completion and an upper deck is being constructed near the center of the big warehouse for elevator purposes.

Wheat stored in a portion of the warehouse to be used by the seed company's equipment is being removed.

Already there are huge piles of sacked peas from the crop threshed on the E. B. Foster ranch south of Athena, stored in the warehouse. The company's acreage at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and in the Palouse country is now threshed and the crops from those districts will be shipped to the Athena plant for cleaning and grading.

Over forty women and girls will be employed in the plant when it starts up in the near future and these employees are being engaged now. The plant will be steam heated and made as comfortable as possible for the workers. Employment will be given through the fall and winter months.

Relative of Athena Woman Dies In Auto Crash

A broken steering gear careening her car into the ditch, Mrs. Elizabeth Sleeman, 79, received injuries that caused her death at Emanuel hospital Portland Sunday night.

Mrs. Sleeman, who was an aunt of Mrs. Crabbill of this city lived at 412 E. 63rd st N. She was driving to Klamath Falls to visit her sister. She was accompanied by Mrs. William Anderson, her daughter, and Mildred Anderson, 15, granddaughter.

As they neared Woodburn the steering gear broke and the car crashed into the ditch and overturned. Mrs. Sleeman was rushed to Portland, where she was found to have a fractured skull. No other member of the party was injured.

The woman had lived with her son, Howard R. Sleeman, for the past 10 years. She is survived also by another son, Robert, of Tenino, Wash.

Teena Weena Golf Garden

Lorraine Shick and a Mr. Horsley of Walla Walla, have established the Teena Weena golf garden on the second floor of the Grand Central Market in the garden city. An 18-hole course has been laid out. The garden is to be decorated attractively with palms, hanging baskets and harmonious effects that will add an atmosphere of the pleasant outdoors while steam heat will take away the chill. Available rest rooms are in connection.

Art Display

Mrs. L. A. Cornell will have a display in the Mosgrove building, Main street, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 11, 12 and 13th. The public is respectfully invited to call and inspect the art exhibits which will be on display on the above mentioned dates. Mrs. Cornell, who will organize a class in Athena should sufficient interest justify, will be assisted in making the display by Mrs. Julia Phillips, of Phillips' Studio, Walla Walla.

Victory Certain for Metschan

W. C. Hawley of Salem, representative in congress for the First Oregon district, speaking before the executive committee of the republican state central committee at Portland, predicted the election of Phil Metschan, republican candidate for governor, who he said was entitled to, and should, have the undivided support of his party.

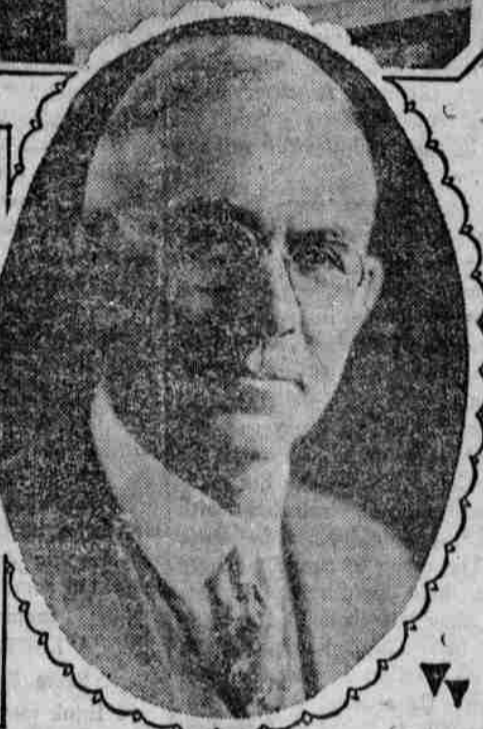
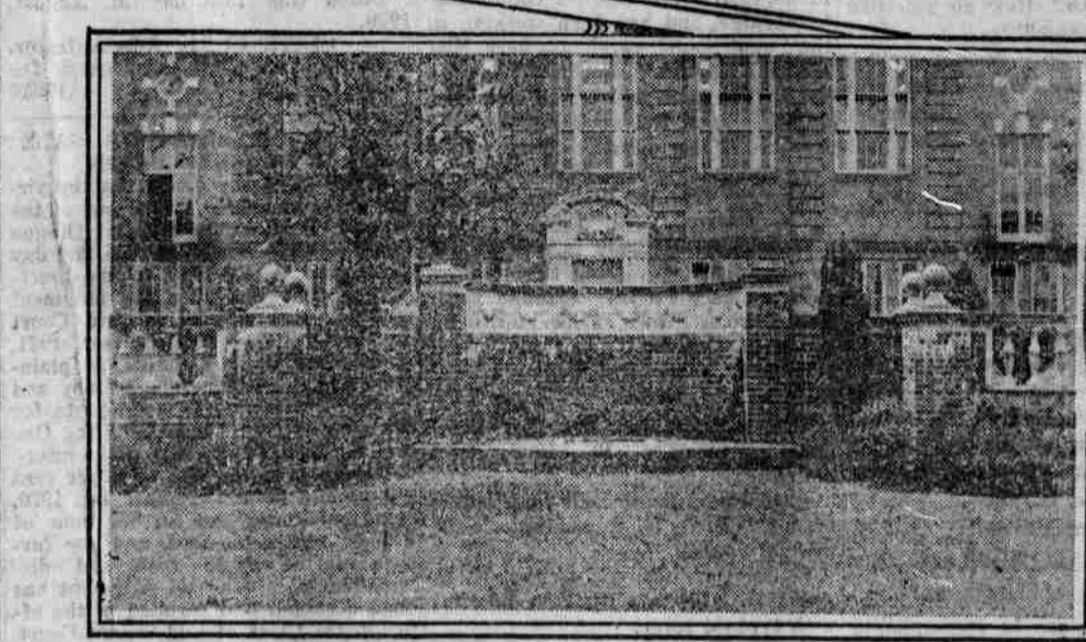
Morning Glory Spray

County agent Holt urges all farmers interested in having their fields sprayed for morning glory and other pestiferous weeds to get in touch with the county agent's office immediately. In spite of the "off" condition of the wheat market this year a great deal of interest is being shown by growers in the use of the chemical weed sprayer, Mr. Holt says.

Reshouldering Highway

A big steam shovel is down in the rock quarry pit lifting rock into trucks for distribution on the new shoulders along the highway east of Athena. A steam roller is also on the job and the work is progressing rapidly.

New Conception of Pioneer to be Erected to Honor Oregon Mothers



A new conception of a pioneer memorial, in which the struggles and hardships of the trail are put aside for a spirit of peace and achievement, is found in the statue soon to be completed by Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University, by A. Phimister Proctor, famous sculptor of New York City. It will probably be placed on the university campus, in a niche in the Woman's Quadrangle. While it honors his own mother, Elvira Brown Matheny, the memorial is to be dedicated to all Oregon pioneer mothers, Mr. Barker says. In the photo above, upper row, is a right view of the statue, and a left view with Mr. Proctor at work. Below, the probable site of the memorial on the university campus, and Burt Brown Barker, donor.

University of Oregon, Eugene — A long awaited pioneer memorial, which has instantly aroused the sentiment and enthusiasm of all those who have seen photographs or heard it described, is soon to rise on the University of Oregon campus. It is announced here. It is to be the gift of Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University, and is to honor his own pioneer mother. But more than that, it is to be a lasting memorial to all pioneer mothers of the great Oregon country.

"Others have perpetuated the struggles of the pioneer mother; I want to perpetuate the peace which followed her struggles. Others have perpetuated her adventures; I want to perpetuate the spirit which made the adventure possible and depict the joy which crowned her declining years as she looked upon the fruits of her labor and caught but a faint glimpse of what it will mean for posterity." Mr. Barker says, in making public the news of the gift.

Mr. Barker's inspiration was caught and shared by A. Phimister Proctor, internationally famous sculptor, who has already done the famous pioneer group in Kansas City, the pioneer on the campus at Eugene, and a number of other statues which are alive with the spirit of the true west. Together the donor and the artist dreamed and planned the memorial, and the result is one that is expected to take its place as one of the finest works of art in America, with a message to all who shall have the privilege of seeing and studying it. The working model has been completed by Mr. Proctor in his

New York studio, and final work will be done as soon as it is determined whether it shall be in bronze or marble.

To be in Eugene.

The statue will probably be erected in a niche in the Woman's Quadrangle, on the campus at Eugene. It will be heroic in size, and will rest on a base which will have on each side a plaque depicting some phase of the struggle over the Oregon Trail. The design of the statue is of utmost simplicity. It depicts the pioneer mother, sitting at ease in her chair, her hands resting on an open Bible in her lap. Her face is one of strong character, yet has that gentleness that characterizes every mother. She is in a reflective mood, as though thinking of the more pleasant events of the past, or perhaps in contemplation of what is to come in this West in the future. Her apparel is simple, consisting only of a flowing gown. Only the merest hint of period is shown in the snug bodice, for Mr. Barker wishes the statue to live for all time rather than be merely a portrait of a span of years.

Mr. Barker's mother, who serves as his inspiration for the memorial to all pioneer women, was born Elvira Chadwick Brown at Wilmaington, Illinois, on July 6, 1844, daughter of Elias Brown and Lucinda Cox Brown. Elias Brown joined with his father-in-law, Thomas Cox, in the spring of 1847 and started for Oregon with his family, the youngest of whom was Mr. Barker's mother. Elias Brown died on route and was buried on the Green River, leaving his widow and family

to continue to Oregon in the train with her father, Thomas Cox. The train suffered most in coming over the Barlow Road in a storm, and at Laurel Hill this storm increased and became so severe that they lost half the cattle and saved their own lives only by extreme measures. Thomas Cox brought with him a small stock of goods from a store he sold in Wilmaington before he left. These goods formed the first store in Salem, Oregon, and the family still has some of the old account books showing the transactions.

Mr. Barker's mother grew up on a farm near Philmath, where she married William C. Barker, June 27, 1860. Three children were born, Cary, Marjotta and Burt Brown Barker. The parents were divorced in 1874, and on October 27, 1878, Mrs. Barker married David Taysen Matheny, who was born in Oregon August 25, 1814. His parents had come to Oregon in 1843 in the Applegate Caravan. Mrs. Matheny lived until 1924.

Conception is Told.

How Mr. Barker came to memorialize a new conception of the pioneer mother is best told in a letter to Mr. Proctor.

"My dear Mr. Proctor: Kansas City has perpetuated the pioneer mother, and stressed the hardships of her journey.

"Oklahoma, through the efforts of Mr. Marland, purposes to perpetuate her sorrows, and stress her manner and fashion of dress, the sunbonnet. Some of the medals go further and accentuate the instrument of toil, the ax, or the weapon of her defense, the

rifle, or the symbol of her sorrow, the arrow.

"All these are vital and historically correct, but they perpetuate the hardships she braved, the struggles she endured, the battles she fought and the sorrows she suffered.

"But I want to recall her as I recall my mother, Elvira Brown Matheny, and my grandmothers, Lucinda Cox Brown, and Christina Henckel Barker, all pioneers of the true type, in the sunset of their lives, after the hardships and battles and sorrows of pioneering were past and they sat in the evening glow resting from labor.

"To me the pioneer mother is not an abstract ideal, she was my mother; but she in her breadth of vision cannot be perpetuated without at the same time including and perpetuating the spirit of all pioneer mothers.

"Just as George Innes, America's first great landscape painter, spent his hours in rapture over a sunset and was overcome in the afterglow, so I want to think of the pioneer mother in the sunset of her life drinking in the beauty and peace of the afterglow of her twilight days. The Indian and his arrows are but fireside tales dear to her posterity; the flintlock hangs rusted on the wall; the wild beast and his terror have long since given way to the protection of civilization. All her daring and hardships have softened in the telling in her later life, and her rugged endurance has mellowed with her fading memory; but to us there lives that spirit of conquering peace which we wish posterity to remember."

Seek Missing Man

Down at Knoxville, Tenn., there is some money and some land waiting for George Homer Estes, 48, who was last seen near Salt Lake City. A nation wide search has been started by Estes' brother, J. H. Estes, to find the man who has been missing for some time. Anyone who knows anything of his whereabouts is asked to notify J. H. Estes of Knoxville.

Mullin's Car Wrecked

Returning from La Grande early Tuesday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Mullin, Mr. and Mrs. Day Kauffman, of Walla Walla, and Mr. and Mrs. Donahue of Portland, narrowly escaped serious injury when their automobile crashed into a car parked on the highway at State Line. Mr. Mullin's car was almost completely wrecked.

A Good Display

Wayne Pinkerton, employed in the Rogers & Goodman hardware store has in the show window an attractive display of Western shotgun shells. Formed of the shells are the words, "Super X." The display is attracting considerable attention.

Painter Robbed of \$7.50

An itinerant sign painter was in Athena Tuesday doing several jobs for George Homer Estes, 48, who was last seen near Salt Lake City. He reported that while camped on the highway near Saxe Station Tuesday night he was awakened by a couple of men who requested a drink of water. Getting up out of his camp bed, he found a revolver thrust against his side, with the demand to fork over his money. He "forked" over all he had—\$7.50. Then one of the men remained with him while the other went a ways down the road and held up another camp.

Prune Picking Ends

With prune picking in the Walla Walla valley expected to close tomorrow the prune harvest comes to a close in both Oregon and Washington. Yields have been light in general. A few will continue picking the next week or ten days but the general activity is waning. So far this year a little over 1,950 cars have been shipped as compared with 1,187 cars for the same period last year. Monday, Washington shipped 11 carloads, Oregon 23, Idaho 3, California 1, New York 1, and Utah 1.

John Hoey In Accident

John Hoey and his limousine piled up in the ditch on the Wild Horse Mountain road, Friday when the machine skidded off the highway. John crawled out of the mixup in much better condition than the car, which had its upper works completely demolished. John's right hand was severely cut with broken glass, but otherwise he is "Johnny on the spot."

Walla Walla County Fair

The Walla Walla county fair is being held this week at Walla Walla and numbers of Athena people have been in attendance. It is said the exhibition booths are well filled and the race program is satisfactory, made up with keen competition in the different events. This afternoon the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce derby will be run.

Eagle Valley Tomatoes

Some of the finest tomatoes seen in Athena this season were received this week by A. J. Garner, from his ranch in Eagle Valley, Baker county. The tomatoes were large, smooth and firm with rich color and splendid flavor.

Bear Cubs Captured

Three bear cubs were captured on the Umatilla river, above Bingham Springs, one day last week. The mother bear and cubs were discovered by a forest ranger, who charged them with his horse. The cubs were treed and the ranger and a number of Bingham Springs visitors secured two cubs alive but the third was killed. The two live cubs are now at the ranger station, where it is reported the mother comes down from the mountain each night and visits them.

Most of Road Done

Grading and final graveling of three of the 5.6 miles on the McDougall Camp-Toll Gate road in the national forest have been completed and it is expected that the entire project will be finished by September 20. The grading crew will be through this week.

De Molay Conclave

The 1931 convention of the Washington State Order of DeMolay will be held in Walla Walla with the main meetings to be held at the Whitman college gymnasium.