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LEGISLATURE MAY CHANGE MOTOR LAW

Hoss To Offer Bills Covering Examination of Operators—Fitness of Cars.

Drivers of motorized vehicles will be interested in new laws as proposed by Secretary of State Hal Hoss. A Salem special to the Morning Oregonian says:

Numerous changes in the existing motor vehicle code will be requested when the 1931 legislature convenes in Salem next January, according to announcement made by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

Important among the proposed bills is one changing the speed laws so that charges for speed in excess of that prescribed for certain areas must be accompanied by proof showing the element of recklessness. The basic rule of the proposed law is that no car shall be operated in an unreasonable or imprudent manner. Announcement that this law would be introduced by the secretary of state has resulted in many sympathetic letters. The proposed law is in line with national recommendations for uniformity throughout all the states and is fast being recognized as the logical answer to highway traffic control.

Another bill being drafted by Mr. Hoss would require an examination of operators before they can receive a license to drive a car. Drivers examination laws have received the endorsement of every expert and national association of safety workers in the country, according to the research conducted by the state department. Officials said that the enactment of such a law would reduce materially the number of accidents on the highways.

The proposed bill will provide that persons having operators' licenses at the time the law is enacted may be relieved of the examination, but that subsequently periodic examinations will be held in different parts of the state. In some states, according to information received here, these examinations have eliminated as high as 25 per cent of the drivers on the first test and 3 per cent permanently. In Oregon, with virtually 400,000 licensed operators, this average would have the effect of ruling 12,000 drivers off the public highways.

The secretary of state also will introduce a bill covering the physical fitness of motor vehicles from the standpoint of their eligibility to registration. In other words, if the legislature is interested in the recommendation, it will be necessary for a person to have brakes, steering gear, lights and other working parts of automobiles in proper condition before they can obtain a license to operate it.

"This measure," said Hoss, "will be of importance in the event the two amendments on the November ballot providing that the legislature can fix a lower license fee for old cars, is enacted. I am going to recommend this bill on its merits. I do not feel that the state is doing its full duty when it sells a potential killer the right to travel the highways and jeopardize all other traffic by the unfitness of his or her equipment."

Another bill would prohibit the solicitation of rides by hitch-hikers. There also will be a bill providing that loads of logs or trucks shall be securely anchored to the chassis by strong chains or cables to prevent their rolling off while in transit. Another bill would authorize seasonal licenses for trailers for farmers' trucks as well as for the trucks themselves as at present. Consideration is also being given to the question of whether or not a seasonal license should be granted to industrial concerns in view of the short time they may utilize their equipment under the new Oregon license law.

Another law would make it mandatory that school buses stop at railroad crossings. Exceptions for certain agricultural equipment in transit from field to field, which would relieve them of license fees, also will be asked. The secretary of state also will ask for the enactment of a law which would authorize a special license for equipment used on the public highways for demonstration purposes.

The reciprocal law which affects Oregon's relation with Washington regarding the zoning of truck operations from one state to another also will be taken up by the secretary of state. The present arrangement has not been satisfactory to Portland merchants and trucking interests.

Apple Day
An apple a day makes our orchards pay. This is the slant that Oregon, Washington and the whole northwest should get on the apple market situation, says the Union Pacific in connection with apple week, October 21 to November 6.

After Lingerin Illness Samuel F. Sharp, Pioneer Physician of Athena, Dies

Samuel F. Sharp, pioneer physician of Athena and one of the oldest practitioners in the state, died at his home in this city at 6:30 Tuesday evening, after a lingering illness due to heart trouble.

The veteran physician, who had been in poor health for nearly six years continued his practice up to a few weeks ago, his remarkable vitality rescuing him time and again from apparent and expected physical collapse. Dr. Sharp was 83 years old on the fourth day of last April, and had been a resident of this city for over half a century—coming to old Centerville in 1879, 51 years ago. He was born in Millersburg, Ohio.

He was one of a family of nine children, eight of whom were professional men. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and he spent two years at Ann Arbor. In later years he affiliated with the Masonic, Knights of Pythias and Ben Hur orders and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

His was a kindly, sympathetic nature and his honesty and uprightness endeared him to the entire community.

He was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Frazier in 1881, who with three daughters and one son, survive him. They are Mrs. Alta McSherry of Athena; Mrs. Carrie Heinen of San Diego, California; Mrs. Katherine Westfall of Los Angeles and Lawrence Sharp, of Athena. Funeral services were held in Pendleton yesterday forenoon at 10 o'clock, following which the remains were taken to Portland for cremation.

Kennewick Takes Athena In To The Sound of 12 to 0

Coach Miller is not pleased with the showing made by several Athena high school players Friday in the Kennewick game, when the Washington team defeated the home gridsters by the score of 12 to 0.

Kennewick is admittedly the stronger team, but at that, the way the Athena coach has the result sized up there is room for quite a sprinkling of pepper if the locals expect to win from Pilot Rock this afternoon. And he is said right here, the Rock has a football squad this year. Its latest achievement was to shut out Weston 46 to 0.

Most of the local business houses will close for the game today. Kennewick won the game on straight line-plunging from tackle to tackle. Athena was the stronger in getting away through tackle and around the ends, but lacked the punch in the pinches. The Kennewick goal was threatened twice, once on a fumble.

Jenkins, though handicapped by soft ground, got away around end three times for an average of 15 yards. He was hurt early in the second quarter and was replaced by Crowley, who made substantial gains around end and through tackle. Athena passing also was responsible for good gains.

Rogers and Hansell were the outstanding players for Athena, with Jenkins going good while he was in the game.

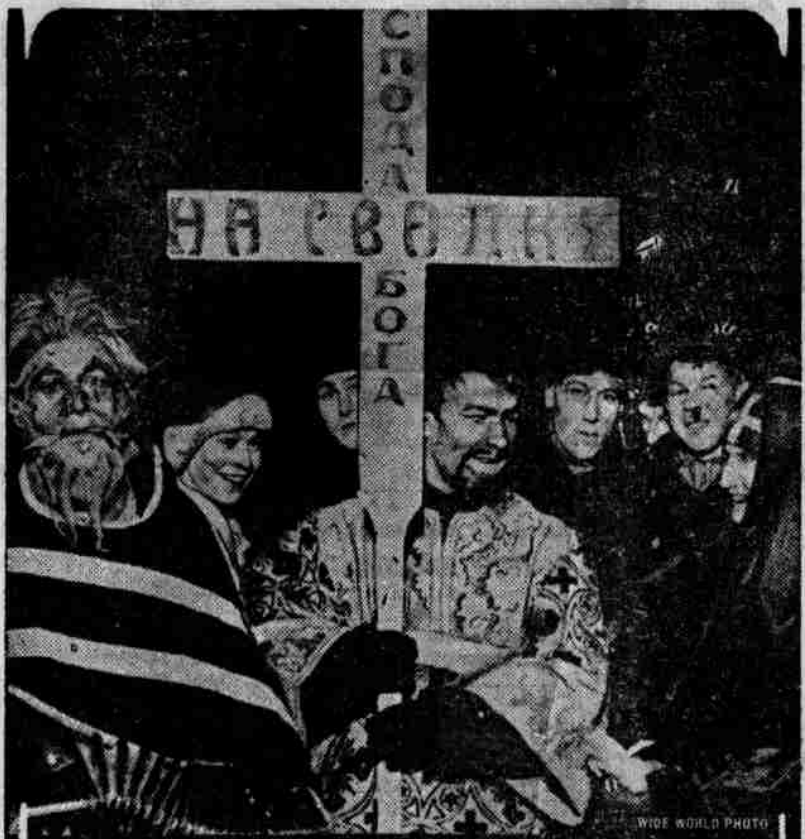
Mill At Elgin Burns
The planer mill at Elgin, and 50,000 feet of dressed lumber and box shooks, owned by the Ponderosa Pine Lumber company, was destroyed by fire Sunday night with loss estimated at \$100,000. The crew of 35 men were laid off last week, but were to resume full time. The state fire marshal was called to investigate the blaze which is believed incendiary. This was the fourth big fire in Elgin in the past 34 days, a recent one destroying the Masonic hall, the Methodist church and several homes.

Hosts At Dinner
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestbye were dinner hosts Tuesday evening. Michalmas daisies were used effectively on the table and about the rooms. Bridge was played during the evening. Mr. Bloom receiving the award for high score and Mrs. Bloom the consolation. Other guests were Miss Mary Cameron, Miss Blanche Thorson, Miss Della Bryant and Dan Tilley.

Masonic Association Meets
The Masters and Wardens Association of the seventeenth Masonic district held its first fall meeting in Pendleton Masonic hall Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The association is composed of the masters, wardens, past masters and secretaries of the Masonic lodge of Milton-Freewater, Athena, Weston, Helix, Pilot Rock and Pendleton.

Taxes Will Be Delinquent Soon
Next Wednesday, November 5th is the last day on which the last half payment of taxes may be made before they become delinquent. The Sheriff's office reports that tax payments have been much slower this year than the payments of last year.

Soviet Russia Wars on Religion



In its determined effort to stamp out religion in Russia, the Soviet Union, besides tearing down the churches or converting them into recreation centers, has staged a series of demonstrations and exhibitions in which the church has been the center of derision and burlesque. This photograph shows printing workers burlesquing the Holy Trinity.

Miss Grant Brings Suit Against Blue Line System

Miss Vera Grant, former member of Athena high school faculty, now of Mac Hi at Milton-Freewater, has brought a damage suit against Emma Coldiron, who does business under the firm name of Blue Line Motor Coach System, and the United States Inter Insurance company, for \$25,000.

The suit is the result of an accident involving one of the Blue Line stages and a car in which Miss Grant was riding, which happened on the highway between Milton and Weston October 18, 1928. It is alleged in the complaint that on the approach to the Dry Creek bridge the stage crowded the other car off the highway and failed to stop and give assistance.

Miss Grant says she suffered loss of teeth, a fractured lower jaw and resultant facial disfigurement, a displaced vertebra that has caused permanent spinal curvature, and that these injuries have and will cause her permanent harm in the pursuit of her profession as a teacher. Watts & Prestbye of Athena and Rader & Bean of Walla Walla are attorneys for Miss Grant.

Shower For Miss Williams

Coming as a complete surprise to the honoree, Miss Ruth Williams, whose engagement to Granville Cannon was recently announced, a large group of friends showered her with gifts and good wishes. Mrs. Kohler Betts and Mrs. Frank Williams arranged the affair and when Miss Williams returned home after a dinner engagement Saturday evening she was greeted by the guests. A ghostly witch appeared with a huge sack filled to the brim with lovely presents which she showered on the prospective bride. Clever games and dainty refreshments suggestive of Halloween were enjoyed during the evening. Those present were Mrs. Volning Read, Mrs. W. O. Read, Mrs. Roy Johnston, Mrs. Jess Smith, Mrs. Cass Cannon, Mrs. Joe Anderson, Mrs. Forrest Zerba, Mrs. A. W. Logsdon, Mrs. Will Campbell, Mrs. Arthur Coppock, Mrs. Charles Betts, Mrs. James Duncan, Mrs. John Tompkins, Mrs. Tillghman Beckner, Mrs. Sam Pambrun, Mrs. Barney Foster, Mrs. Ross Payne, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton, Mrs. Charles McFarland, Mrs. Theo Bush, Miss Francis Cannon, Miss Maybelle Duncan, Miss Sadie Pambrun, Miss Helen Foster, Miss Lois Smith, Miss Mary Tompkins, Miss Margaret Lee, Miss Elsa Ringel, Mrs. Fred Beckner and Mrs. Meryl Sittou of Washtucna.

Miss Geissel To Wed

Mrs. Dora Geissel announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Ethel Thelma, to Mr. Oliver Dawson of Portland, Oregon, at the Geissel home in Athena, Sunday, November 2. The announcement comes as a surprise to the many friends of the bride in Athena, where she resided before going to Portland, where she has been engaged in newspaper work for several years.

Children's Farm Home

Progress in the work of the Children's Farm Home of the Oregon W. C. T. U. has been quite marked the past few months. The demand for the care of dependent children has increased rather than decreased and the home is filled to overflowing. At the present time 148 children are cared for and the seven cottages are filled with happy boys and girls.

Walla Walla Co-Ed Jilts Rancher As Wedding Day Nears — Returns License

A Walla Walla special to the Morning Oregonian says that Vincent H. Rogers, elderly retired wheat grower and grain dealer will not marry Miss Isabelle Dodd, 21-year-old University of Washington co-ed, daughter of E. P. Dodd, ex-Hermiston, Or., newspaper man and realtor, now a resident of Walla Walla.

Last Saturday Rogers, reputedly wealthy, and Miss Dodd obtained a marriage license in Seattle.

Monday Miss Dodd returned the license, declaring the romance had been shattered.

Miss Dodd told Seattle newspapers a lovers' quarrel severed the impending union of age and youth. Rogers refuses to talk.

Rogers, a grandfather, became a widower last January. For several months he had paid court to Miss Dodd, offering her a wedding trip to Europe and a new home, it is reported. She went to Seattle, leaving Whitman college where she had been active in affairs of Delta Gamma sorority, to enter the state university. He followed her, renewed his suit and then came the break.

Hermiston Turkeys

Approximately 8000 turkeys were signed up for marketing the newly formed marketing association, the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association, at a meeting held at Hermiston Wednesday which was attended by Herbert Beyers, recently appointed assistant manager of the Northwest Turkey Growers' association. Through a tie-up with the Roseburg association, local producers will get the benefit of the larger regional organization, which in turn controls about 80 per cent of the turkeys in the United States.

Athena Study Club

Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton entertained eleven members of the Athena Study club at her home Friday afternoon. A book report describing the city of Naples was read by Mrs. Frank Little. Mrs. F. B. Radtke gave an interesting talk upon the history of Pompeii. Egypt will be the study subject for the next meeting of the club which will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Johns, Friday, November 7.

Two Conditional Pardons

Two conditional pardons affecting S. Shibata, serving a life term in the Oregon state penitentiary for murder in Umatilla county, and Charles A. Murray, under eight years' penitentiary sentence for involuntary manslaughter in Lane county, were announced by Governor Norblad. Shibata is a Japanese who killed a countryman in Pendleton several years ago.

B. B. Club

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Garfield were hosts Thursday evening when the B. B. club met at their home on Adams street. Dinner was followed by bridge. Mrs. Bert Logsdon and C. M. Eager winning first prizes and M. I. Miller and Mrs. Arthur Douglas low. Michaelmas daisies were used effectively as decoration and the Halloween idea was accented in tallies and other accessories.

No Golden Rule

The pioneer hotel of Pendleton, The Golden Rule, is no more. A new proprietor, A. N. Packard, has changed its name to the Packard Hotel.

TRAINING SCHOOL CRUELTY CHARGED

Boy Says Torch Was Used In Removing An Oregon Boot From Leg.

Portland.—Conditions at the state training school for boys at Woodburn are being investigated by Judge Clarence H. Gilbert of the court of domestic relations, as the result of a tale of cruel and inhuman treatment related by Vernon Levey, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Levey, 262 Alberta street, who has a badly burned leg to attest the truth of his story.

Vernon, who was sent to the school December 13, 1929, and who has escaped and been returned half a dozen times since then, told Judge Gilbert and John Collier, attorney through whom the Leveys are making an investigation, that his leg was burned when attendants at the school cut a 23-pound Oregon boot from his ankle with an acetylene torch.

When the iron got red hot, Vernon said, the attendants threw water on it and his leg was scalded.

The deep burn, the size of a dollar, resulted, Vernon said, and he said further that he received no medical attention for the burn, nor for a deep gash accidentally cut in his leg.

Judge Gilbert said he had sent word of the affair to Governor Norblad since it was agreed on last spring that no more boots were to be put on the boys.

Young Levey told Judge Gilbert that while he was wearing the 23-pound boot on his right leg, where it was welded for 13 days, he also was wearing a 17-pound boot on his left leg, and that he had to drag them both about while he was grubbing on the school farm and that he had to wear them at night too.

The leg iron was burned off, Vernon said, Monday, October 29. His parents went down to visit him and according to the father, W. H. Baillie, superintendent at the school, hesitated about letting him see the boy.

The father had a physician treat the boy's burns and took the matter up with Judge Gilbert, who visited the school, heard Vernon's story and ordered his release. Vernon is here now on probation to his parents.

In addition to being burdened with an Oregon boot, young Levey told Collier that on one occasion he was handcuffed to two other boys and required to sleep with arms outstretched; that he has been put in solitary confinement for as long as 31 days at a stretch, and that his food on such occasions had consisted of a cup of mush and a slice of bread for breakfast, a cup of beans and a slice of bread for dinner and a slice of bread and a cup of beans for supper.

Candidate For Commissioner

William Meiners of the Holdman district, candidate for county commissioner, was an Athena visitor Saturday. Mr. Meiners, who is a leading citizen and farmer of his section of the county, is making an active campaign and believes that he has a good chance to be elected. He is receiving much encouragement from voters due to the fact that his part of the county has been overlooked for these many years, in not having representation on the county court.

A Twenty-Inch Rainbow

Athena anglers will have to go some to take the prize fishing rod offered by Rogers & Goodman for the largest trout away from Arthur Jenkins. Art hid himself to the Umatilla river Monday morning and snagged a beautiful 20-inch rainbow. At the Rogers & Goodman store the trout weighed 2 1/2 pounds. The big boy topped Dick Swift's 18-inch Rainbow, which had the lead in the prize records down at the store.

In a Critical Condition

Herbert Thompson who was injured several weeks ago when he fell from a drill has been removed to Portland X-rays have been taken, which disclosed that two bones, one on each side of the neck were fractured in the fall and Mr. Thompson is in a very serious condition. He is in a cast, and by means of weights it is hoped that he will recover from his injuries.

Myrick At Portland

The Whitman Missionaries play Pacific College at Multnomah stadium tonight in a Northwestern conference game under electric floodlights. Coach Borleske left Walla Walla yesterday with 30 players on his football squad, Eldon Myrick being listed as one of the halfbacks in the Whitman lineup.

The Floyd Pinkerton family accompanied by their house guest Mrs. F. B. Hampton of Genesee, Idaho, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cannon in Walla Walla.

O. E. S. District Convention Was Entertained By the McKenzie Chapter

McKenzie Chapter O. E. S. was host, Wednesday night for the district meeting of the Eastern Star. Dinner was served at six-thirty, at the Christian church, the tables being centered with baskets of fruit and candles in shades of orange, carrying out the Halloween idea. Autumn leaves and Indian blankets were used as decoration about the dining room. Orchestra numbers were much enjoyed, a feature being a trombone solo, "Song of the Islands," by Mr. Dan Tilley. Other members of the orchestra were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton and C. M. Eager.

Honor guests of the evening were Mrs. Carrie Jackson, of Baker, worthy grand matron, and Mrs. Addie Jones, grand chaplain of Oregon. Following dinner the guests adjourned to the Masonic hall where the work was demonstrated by the several chapters. Crescent, of Weston, had charge of the opening and closing; McKenzie of Athena, escort duty; Ionia, of Helix, balloting; and Loyalty, of Milton, the initiatory work. Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn gave the address of welcome, assuring the visitors of the pleasure McKenzie Chapter enjoyed in entertaining the distinguished guests and the other chapters of the district.

Mrs. Jackson gave a most interesting and helpful address and other visiting matrons and patrons gave brief talks. A trio, including Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Mrs. Ralph McEwen and Mrs. James Creswell with Mrs. Gordon Graham at the piano, two numbers, "The Wind in the Chimney" and "The Elephant and the Chimpanzee." Mrs. McEwen gave two humorous musical readings. The hall was artistically decorated with festoons of autumn leaves and baskets of pine boughs and snow berries and autumn flowers were also used effectively about the room. Oriental hangings added to the colorful effect.

A beautiful gift was presented to Mrs. Jackson from the four chapters, Mrs. H. I. Watts making appropriate remarks.

The meeting, next year, will be held with Crescent chapter as host at Weston.

Pheasants Are In Need of Extended Protection

Wednesday marked the closing of the pheasant season. Although only two days a week have been allowed hunters for the shooting of pheasants, the birds have become very scarce and those interested believe that next year a closed season should be observed. Due to the length of the open season and the rigidity of the winters, it is feared they will disappear entirely. Large numbers of nimrods from all parts of this state and Washington throng here for the opening of the season and even posted fields are invaded in search of the feathered beauties.

Residents are not selfish but feel that unless steps are taken for protection of the birds, none will be left in this vicinity.

Pilot Rock Here Today

Pilot Rock's crack high school football team comes to town this afternoon and will engage the Athena team in a scholastic contest. This is the first year that Pilot Rock has showed with a winning aggregation. It is said they are rangy, willing mixers and are hopped up with a bagful of trick plays. All of which sounds good, and will be all the better if Athena is pointed up sufficiently to take the game, which will be the last one played on the home grounds this season. Athena plays Weston at Weston, next Friday afternoon.

Excellent Seeding Weather

Weather the past week has been excellent for seeding the fall crop and work is nearly finished. Several heavy frosts have visited this vicinity the past few nights and the ground is covered with leaves. Flower gardens have suffered and fall blossoms for decorations are at a premium at this time. Loads of wood and coal being transported to winter quarters are a familiar sight. Potatoes are being harvested on Weston mountain and are of a fine quality this year.

Frost Nips Vegetation

Frost and freezing temperature arrived in force Tuesday night and vegetation was nipped so that the ground is now carpeted with fallen leaves. Most of the seeding has been done in this vicinity and the weed crop was effectively killed. A number of farmers have turned their attention to plowing.

Candidates Visit Athena

Phil Metschan, republican candidate for governor, Judge Butler up for reelection to Congress from this district, and Fred Kiddle, joint senator for Umatilla and Union counties, were in the city Saturday. They came here to meet Athena voters, and were accompanied by a number of Pendletonians.

ELECTION DAY IS TO BE NEXT TUESDAY

Three Angle Fight For Governor Overshadows All In Campaign.

With the election to be held next Tuesday, November 4, the three angle fight for the office of governor overshadows all else in the campaign.

Umatilla county is claimed by Metschan supporters and just now the way political straws are floating around it would seem that the Portland hotel man has a lead here over the Portland department store independent candidate.

However, the fact that Bailey, democratic candidate, will poll a respectable vote in Umatilla county should not be overlooked. His supporters point to his being the one candidate who is the choice of the people in the primary election for the office of governor, and they are very explicit in telling you that Metschan is a hand-picked candidate and that Meier nominated himself. And too, there are republicans hereabouts who are not tied up to either one of the Portland candidates and once in a while you find one who is out and out with the declaration that he will vote for the democratic nominee; others that they will not vote for any candidate for governor.

McNary is making a stiff campaign, stiffer than in former years, and congressional aspirants are out for the purpose of letting the people see them.

Locally, there has not been much stir noticed on the part of candidates for the legislature. One exception may be noted in the race between E. C. Prestbye, democrat of Athena, and Fred Kiddle, republican of Union county. Prestbye was handed his nomination on a platter without asking for it. He immediately jumped right out, spotted some real live issues to talk about and has made a humdinger of a campaign out of what started out to be a dormant affair. And they say he has a fair chance carrying his opponent's home precinct.

Elsewhere up and down the line, the legislative candidates seem to have been sliding along, with some of them endorsed by both parties. Joe Scott has opposition in his race for the state senate, but Joe isn't worrying. Athena will be surcharged with local interest, in that she will hold her city election on November 4, when a mayor, three councilmen, recorder and treasurer will be elected. On the ballot the following names appear: For mayor, M. L. Watts; for councilmen, J. C. Burke, C. M. Jones, J. W. Pinkerton; for recorder, B. B. Richards; for treasurer, J. F. Kershaw. Of the above, J. W. Pinkerton, B. B. Richards and J. F. Kershaw are up for re-election.

Three o' Four Club

The 3 o' 4 club met at the home of Mrs. A. A. McIntyre on Thursday afternoon when three tables of bridge were in play. Mrs. Ravella Liewallen won high score and Mrs. Chase Garfield was awarded the consolation. The hostess chose a Halloween motif using score cards suggestive of the season and also served cider and doughnuts following the play. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Logsdon.

The Etude Club

Etude club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otho Reeder with twenty members present. It was decided to change the hour of meeting to three o'clock. Chorus practice with Mrs. Rowena Lester directing, followed the business session. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bert Logsdon on the afternoon of November eleventh.

Dance At Helix

The Terperschorean club of Helix is planning a dance at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday night. An orchestra from Walla Walla will furnish the music. There are a number of out of town guests invited and patrons and patronesses will attend. This club is composed of high school students. This is the first dance of a series to be given this season.

A Good Show

Reports coming up from Portland say that the International Stock Show this year, is the best ever. A number of Athena people are in attendance. Many of the awards have been made, Oregon stock receiving a generous share. The prize for Ayrshires went to Iowa, that state winning with the championship bull.

Charles Gross Dead

Charles Gross, an old-time resident of the Athena neighborhood, brother of the late George Gross, Sr., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Proebatel in Portland, Sunday, of stomach trouble. He was 78 years of age.