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## ATHENA WINS AT DIVISIONAL MEET

### Both High and the Grade Schools Bring Home the Bacon.

Bringing home two cups as winners at the divisional meet held at Helix, Saturday, both Athena high and grade schools won over Helix, Weston and Adams schools, and these winners will compete in the county meet at Pendleton, tomorrow.

In addition to sweeping the board clean of trophies, Athena, in Lowell Jenkins, uncovered the high point winner of the meet. Jenkins scored first in the 50 yard, the 100 yard, the 200 yard dashes, and second in the javelin and pole vault for a total of 20 points. Emery Rogers was first in 440 yard race and second in the 120 yard hurdles. Crowley placed first in the 120 and 220 yard hurdles and second in the broad jump, with Leo Geissel winning first in this event. Wendell Shigley was second in the mile run. The above divisional winners will represent Athena high in the county meet tomorrow.

Athena won the meet with a total of 63 points. Helix scored 60, Adams 14.

Girls in the Athena grade school won as follows: Baseball throw—Doris Jenkins, 1st; Fern Carstens, 2nd. 25 yard dash—Francis Alkire, 2nd. 50 yard dash—Doris Jenkins, 1st; Genevieve Barrett 2nd; Mildred Alkire, 3rd.

Grade boys. 25 yard dash—David Lowe, 1st; Tillman Taylor, 3rd. Ball throw—David Lowe and Weber took first in their respective divisions, and Gail McLean 2nd. Broad jump—David Lowe, 1st; Aaron Douglas, 2nd; Jack Miller, 3rd. 50 yard dash—Tillman Taylor, 3rd. High jump—Tillman Taylor, 1st; Jack Miller and Walters, 2nd; Lawrence, 3rd. 60 yard dash—Max Johnson, 2nd. 100 yard dash—Robert Walter and Aaron Douglas 2nd. Shot put—Aaron Douglas 2nd.

The grade contests in the county meet at Pendleton tomorrow start at 9:30 a. m. The high school events follow in the afternoon. Athena grade girls eligible to contest in the county meet are:

Francis Alkire, Betty Geiss, Genevieve Barrett, Ellen Alkire, Dorris Jenkins and Fern Carstens. Grade boys: David Lowe, Gail McLean, Tillman Taylor, Max Johnson, Robert Walter and Aaron Douglas, High school: Lowell Jenkins, Emery Rogers, Arthur Crowley, Leland Jenkins, Leo Geissel, Wendell Shigley.

The Weston Mountain school, represented by two boys in the track meet brought home a loving cup. This is the second year in succession that Jack Stuber has accomplished this with only two entries. The two boys participating in the meet for the mountaineers were Bill Emigh and Bill Eaves.

### Noted Marine Officer Is Interested in Offer

A Washington dispatch to the Oregon Journal says that General Smedley D. Butler, fighting marine has been asked to take charge of organization of the Oregon state police system.

On request of Governor Meier, Senator McNary called Butler on the telephone at the marine headquarters at Quantico, Va., and Butler will discuss the matter with the senator at McNary's office.

Butler explained he will retire from the marine corps in September and has signed a contract for three years thereafter with some interest or organization undisclosed. He is interested in Meier's offer but will not make up his mind about it until after receiving further details about the duties and compensation.

Butler was "lent" to Philadelphia some time ago to reorganize the police force of that city.

President Hoover already has advised McNary that Butler may be released again if Oregon wants him.

### Repairing County Roads

The county has several crews of men at work repairing the roads, culverts and bridges that were damaged by the heavy rains and floods, several weeks ago. The worst damage to roads occurred in the eastern part of the county, along the Walla Walla river and its tributaries and on the Umatilla river, east from Thorn Hollow.

### Funeral of Bert Whitman

The funeral of H. P. (Bert) Whitman, who died last week at Baker after an operation for appendicitis, was held at Pendleton Saturday. Mr. Whitman was a prominent stockman of Umatilla county and was identified with the success of the Pendleton Round-Up. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Round-Up directors.

## Athena Glee Club Scores in a School Music Tournament

Athena high school glee club entered the district music tournament at La Grande Saturday and came out second in class C of the contest. As this is the first year that Athena has had a real glee club, the members are to be congratulated upon their accomplishment. Their number, "The Cheery Lights of Home" was well rendered, showing a keen musical feeling and response to the baton of Mrs. E. F. Bloom, their director.

Miss Betty Jane Eager who accompanied the club, took first honors in the accompanist contest, and second in the piano soloists division. Her solo "Kamenoi Ostrow" by Rubenstein was beautifully executed, and her technique and expression were indicative of ability and deep feeling.

The entire day was taken up with the tournament, students appearing in ensemble numbers, and solos both vocal and instrumental. Mixed glee clubs, boys clubs, girls clubs and solos comprised the numbers presented vocally. Stringed quartets and trios, solos by horns, cellos, saxophones, flutes and clarinets were competitive events. Bands and orchestras also competed.

A concert was given Saturday night by winning schools and awards were made at the time. Mac-Hi received the sweepstakes cup and La Grande high and Lostine also received cups.

### Walla Walla Cleans Up

The flood debris has been cleaned from the streets of Walla Walla and much of the damaged property has been repaired. The city is now considering the most feasible method of flood control, that further damage may be averted.

### Traffic Counting Reveals Many Cars on Highway

The first traffic count of the season on Oregon highways was taken Saturday and shows the traffic normal for this time of year. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pittman were stationed at a point a quarter of a mile north of Freewater and counted 1895 cars in a period of 16 hours. In that time only two horse drawn vehicles passed.

Jack Murphy spent the sixteen hour period at the intersection of the Helix and Oregon-Washington highways and counted 788 cars. The count is taken monthly during the summer season and of course the amount of traffic will increase as the season advances.

The highway commission has advised its employees that henceforth any overtime work will be given an over shift thus aiding in giving work to the unemployed.

### County Golf Tournament

The Pendleton Country club has issued an invitation for six golf players from Athena to participate in the county tournament, to be held on the Pendleton course, Sunday, May 10. In order that all Athena players may have a chance to go to the Pendleton meet, it is proposed that elimination play be held next Sunday on an improvised course in Barrett's pasture, when the six turning in the best scores will be declared eligible to represent Athena in the county tournament.

### William Hodgen, Pioneer

William Hodgen, a pioneer of this county and brother of Fred Hodgen of Adams, died at his home in Freewater, Saturday, aged 71. He is survived by his widow; three children, Mrs. Zula Gullford, Cecil Hodgen and Rex Hodgen of Freewater; two sisters, Mrs. N. B. Atkinson and Mrs. J. E. Free of Waitsburg; two brothers, Orlando Hodgen of Umapine and Fred Hodgen of Adams. Funeral services were held at Umapine Monday.

### High Wind Does Damage

Gales throughout western and portions of Eastern Oregon Tuesday night did considerable damage. Communication systems were paralyzed. A forest fire climbed Rocky Butte, near Portland and a 30-acre fire raged in the Columbia forest, near Vancouver, Wash. Athena was without electric power and lights for about an hour Tuesday evening, due to effects of the storm west of here.

### Athena at Mission

The Athena team will journey to Mission Sunday afternoon to play their first game of the season with the Mission Indians, of the Umatilla county baseball league. This will be the third for the Indians, they having won one and lost one to Umatilla. Helix and Umatilla will play at Helix.

### Baseball Injury Fatal

Robert Perry, 25, of Portland, a ministerial student, died of injuries received when he was struck on the nose by a baseball while playing at Whitworth college, Spokane.

## This Seems to Make Flying Quite Safe



Here is the airplane of a new type, designed by Albert A. Merrill and successfully tested at the Glenn Curtiss airport on Long Island. Apparently it cannot dive, stall or spin, and the pilot, cutting off the power several hundred feet in the air and taking his hands from the controls, landed it gently and slowly.

## KING OF TOYLAND



H. D. Bowie, the new "King of American Santa Clauses," just after his election as president of the Toy Manufacturers of the United States, Inc., at their annual meeting in New York.

## Wheat King Backs Farm Board's Act

Thomas D. Campbell of Montana, identified as the largest wheat farmer in the United States, told President Hoover that wheat purchases of the grain stabilization corporation—which he placed at 250,000,000 bushels—were only about 100,000,000 bushels in excess of normal needs.

Campbell said it was necessary for this country to have at least 150,000,000 or 200,000,000 bushels of wheat on hand at all times in case of war or severe drought in the wheat belt.

A less amount, he added, would be disastrous in case of crop failure or attack.

The Montana farmer deplored attacks made on the farm board by business and financial writers, saying this had brought about a feeling among farmers that business was in opposition to agriculture.

The action of the farm board in establishing wheat prices twice during the past year and a half was said by Campbell to have averted a panic in this country.

Had the price of wheat fallen to 50 cents, he said, banks throughout the wheat belt would have failed and the country would have plunged into the worst panic of its history.

### Athena-Adams Today

Wednesday of last week, Athena and Adams high school teams played a ripping good game of baseball, Athena winning by the close score of 3 to 2. This afternoon on the Athena diamond, these two teams will confront each other in the second game of the series, and without doubt the contest will be an interesting one to witness. With favorable weather, a big crowd will be on hand when the umpire shouts, "play ball!"

### Steiner-Fee Dinner

Delegations from points in the county outside Pendleton have already made reservations for approximately 75 places, at the Steiner-Fee dinner tomorrow evening, and will be representative of Stanfield, Hermiston, Pilot Rock, Athena, Weston and other points. The dinner will be held in the lodge rooms of the Elks building and will begin promptly at 6:30.

### Bingham Springs Road

The Bingham Springs road for the entire distance to that resort is now passable. A number of cars from Athena and other places made the trip to the Springs Sunday without any trouble. The road will continue to be improved so that by the time the Springs are opened for the season, the highway will accommodate its usual traffic.

### Pea Plant Operating

The Idaho-Washington Seed company's pea-cleaning plant has been in operation for several days, beginning last week, when a carload of seed peas was received from Eastern Washington. The full force of operatives were employed in operating the grading machines. Manager Sloan came down from Spokane Monday.

### Students Are Crash Victims

Two Oregon State college students were fatally injured near Monmouth Sunday night in an auto smashup. The dead: Miss Loma Davidson, Eagle Point, Or. Kenneth Malone, Santa Monica, Cal. Injured were Miss Dagmar Flood, who was driving, and Roland J. McDonald, Lakeview.

## Annual Etude Concert Pleases at Auditorium

A fair sized audience was pleased with the presentation of the annual Etude club concert, Thursday evening at high school auditorium.

The stage was beautiful with floral decorations, spring blossoms predominating in colorful arrangement. The club chorus numbers were interspersed with selections by Mrs. Faye Staggs, harpist, of Walla Walla, and trombone solos by Dan Tilley, Athena high school orchestra leader.

The program was presented under direction of Mrs. Ralph McEwen, with Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton, piano accompanist. In token of appreciation, Mrs. Pinkerton and Mrs. McEwen were each presented with bouquets of cut flowers during one of the intermissions. The concert program was as follows:

Night Breezes (Moore), I Know a Lovely Garden (D'Hardelot), My Lullaby Moon (McChesney), Etude Club—harp solo, Mrs. Staggs—Lullaby (Godard), Mistress Margarita (Penn), Morning (Speaks), Etude Club—trombone solos, Concertino, The Message (Brooks), Non e Ver (Tito Matte), Dan Tilley—Do You Know My Garden? (Wood), Mammy's Little Kinky Headed Boy (Trinkans), The Piper of Love (Carew), Etude Club.

### Dog Bites Child

"Soup" the pet of the Bruno Weber family is no more. This splendid watch dog and playmate of the children became cross and vicious in his old age and last week bit little Dale Gray making a gash in his cheek. The wound though painful is not serious. But rather than have further accidents of "Soup" has departed this life and the neighborhood is safer for kiddies.

### Blind Men See After Long Years in Dark

Phoenix, Ariz.—Three Arizona pioneers, their sight restored after years of blindness, took an automobile ride around modern Phoenix, which they last saw as a small town in the desert.

The men whose sight was restored following successful operations recently, were Steve Tyler, 79; Abraham Porter, 80, and George Harper, 87. They left a hospital Tuesday morning and will be returned to the Arizona Pioneers' Home at Prescott.

Porter was the first to see, for the first time in nearly 25 years.

"I know all about airplanes and automobiles. I have never seen an airplane yet and this is the first automobile I have seen, but they have been described to me. I am going to travel in them now. I want to cross the ocean in an airplane."

Harper who has been sightless 15 years has a big ambition. He wants to collect the debts his pals owed him before he went blind.

"When they took me to the pioneers' home," Harper said, "they thought I wouldn't need any money."

When Harper first saw the nurse he said:

"I can't realize you are so small. I always thought you must be pretty hefty from the way you have been bossing us."

### Grade in Bad Shape

The county grade down Wild Horse creek, which serves a considerable farming area on Wild Horse mountain, is in execrable condition in spots where it was torn up by flood waters during the last two days of March, says the Weston Leader. Huge rocks and deep ruts are left in the grade, and residents of the district have their work cut out for them in making repairs. They will endeavor to get a supply of powder from the county with which to blast the rocks.

### Slight Frost Damage

So far there has been but slight damage from frost reported in Umatilla county. In Union county, at Cove, the cherry center, grave fears are expressed for the safety of the fruit crop. Reports coming from there are to the effect that a 50 per cent damage has already resulted from frost. In the Walla Walla valley frost has been light, with temperature Monday night ranging from freezing to 36.

### Dog Poisoner Again

That vicious minded fiend, the dog poisoner is abroad, and it will stand dog owners in hand to watch the wanderings of their pets in order that they may not fall victims to his meanness. Two family pets picked up the dangerous morsels in the past week, these being the dogs owned by Jack Murphy and Fred Wilson.

### Co-Operative Creamery

The work of signing up dairymen for the co-operative creamery at Hermiston was started this week. With the arrival of B. E. Sykes, of Sandy, Oregon, a meeting of interested dairymen was held in the public library. The next evening a similar meeting was held at Irrigon and both were well attended.

## Governor Meier Stopped in Ousting Prison Head

Salem.—Swinging to a sudden and unexpected close of his prosecution of Henry L. Meyers, prison superintendent, Governor Meier stopped testimony before the audience which packed the hall of representatives Tuesday morning, presenting a long resolution demanding immediate removal of Meyers and Colonel W. B. Bartrum, superintendent of the flax plant at the prison, which he demanded that the board of control adopt immediately.

This Hoss and Kay refused to do, insisting it was entirely unfair to ask such action without hearing Meyer's defense.

The governor then presented a second resolution demanding the immediate discharge of Bartrum, already discharged as of May 1.

Here Hoss refused to vote, saying Meyers and Kay had fired Bartrum over his protest and that they could settle it between themselves. Meier and Kay tied on that vote.

Allen Carson then "rested the defense without testimony because there has been no evidence against Mr. Meyers introduced." Carson then started at once a scathing denunciation of the tactics employed by the governor, insisting that "even a schoolboy would have known better than to have proceeded in the way he had."

Monday's developments came after a Sunday of uncertainty and bickering, with word coming from the penitentiary that unrest was growing among the convicts, due to the fight being carried on before the board.

Superintendent Meyers insisted, outside the record, "There was no more unrest than could be expected where 2000 men were in idleness."

### Peggy and Pat Coming to the Pacific Northwest

The popularity of Peggy and Pat—radio couple featured on the Conoco Listeners Hour—has been proved in an unusual way. Since they mentioned during one of their weekly broadcasts a motor tour of the Northwest for their vacation this summer, they have received scores of invitation to visit other sections.

"It would take all summer to visit all the places we'd like to," Peggy said. "And we only get two weeks. Besides we wouldn't want to change our plans now—the Conoco Travel Bureau has already sent up our maps and passports. Maybe next year we can visit other sections."

Other motorists who are planning vacation trips will be interested in the next Conoco program. Pat has announced. A real "variety" program has been arranged by the orchestra and the quartette. Tune in next Wednesday evening.

### Weston Stores Robbed

Two stores were broken into Saturday night at Weston, and robbed. Herman Goodwin's drug store was broken into at the front door and all of the small change he had in the cash register was taken, also a cheap watch and a small amount of candy. A safe box containing a burglar alarm was moved from the top of the safe to the rear of the building and had been jimmied but failed to open it. The hardware department of Nelson H. Jones was broken open by removing a door. Fishing tackle and a few shirts were taken.

### N. P. Changes Time

Sunday a new time card goes into effect on the Northern Pacific. Locally, necessary adjustment of branch line service will be made to conform with main line schedules—principal changes being that the evening train from Walla Walla will leave there at 10:00 p. m.; arrive Pasco 12:20 a. m. The Walla Walla-Seattle car will be handled between Pasco and Seattle on the north Coast Limited in both directions.

### State Purchases City Lots

The state highway commission has purchased six lots from Wilbur Harden, located on Second street, north of Jefferson, which will be used as a storage place for highway construction material. The property was formerly a portion of the B. D. Clemons estate.

### William Doby Dead

William Doby, former chairman of the state highway commission, died at his home at Baker, Wednesday night after a short illness. He was prominent in county and state politics, being closely identified with the livestock industry.

### State Hospital Smallpox

Due to smallpox, the state hospital for insane at Salem, has been placed under quarantine. No visitors will be admitted. Three patients in the institution are afflicted with the disease, according to Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent.

## WHEAT MARKET IS STIRRED BY RUMOR

### Idea Firm Despite Government Denial; Stocks Move to Coast.

Portland.—All wheat markets, American and European, were stirred Tuesday by reports that the farm board will export 35,000,000 bushels of its large holdings by July 1. This rumor was denied during the day by James C. Stone, chairman of the board, and the excitement subsided on the exchanges.

Chairman Stone's statement that no radical change in the board's policy had been decided upon did not alter the opinion of grain men here that such a move to reduce the surplus would soon have to be made. When it comes it will mean a lot of shipping activity on the Pacific coast, as stocks of government wheat in the northwest are very large and can only be disposed of through foreign channels.

It is the belief that the board will soon take steps to sell 35,000,000 bushels or more and that an announcement to this effect will come from the board.

United States Senator Steiwer received information from his office in Washington, D. C. that approximately 10,000,000 bushels of northwestern wheat would be included in the amount exported and that the remainder would be shipped from the gulf and Atlantic states. The Pacific coast wheat would very likely be sent to China, and grain from other parts of the country to Europe.

Preparations are being made to accumulate the government's northwestern stocks at coast terminals, and all the available storage space is being taken at Portland, Longview, Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma. In addition to the space obtained at terminal No. 4 and at the Peninsula lumber mill warehouse, the Pacific Coast Elevator dock has received 7000 tons of wheat, the first storage of its kind in several years. About 30 carloads have also been received at the Oceanic terminal, and grain is reaching the Peninsula warehouse, which will accommodate about 5000 tons. At Tacoma warehouses for years vacant are filling up with wheat. All this grain is being stored for the account of the farmers' National Grain corporation or the Stabilization corporation, both agencies of the federal farm board.

While the exporting of this northwestern wheat will be facilitated by bringing it to tidewater, an equally important purpose is the relief it will afford to the situation in the interior where storage room must be provided for the new wheat crop, the harvesting of which will start in about three months.

### Recall of Hoss and Kay Is Hinted at by Skiff

Salem.—Rumors that a move was on foot for the recall of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, and T. E. Kay, state treasurer, were apparently verified Wednesday by Hoss, who admitted that he was approached Tuesday afternoon by Mark Skiff of Salem with a request for information relative to the procedure to be followed in a recall move. Skiff declared that the move was directed against Kay and Hoss.

"You are not co-operating with Governor Meier," Skiff declared, explaining that Meier had been elected governor by an overwhelming majority of the voters of the state who wanted a new deal in state affairs and a thorough investigation into state departments and institutions.

Skiff declared that there was considerable sentiment in Marion, Linn and Multnomah counties and in other sections of the state in support of the proposed recall.

### Mrs. Hugh Bell Dead

Mrs. Hugh Bell died at her home, 710 River Drive, Pendleton, yesterday forenoon after an illness of several years duration. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Cecil Bell of Chicago; Morris Bell of Pendleton; one daughter, Jean, of Pendleton; four brothers and two sisters. Before her marriage, Mrs. Bell, who was a daughter of the late Pat Saunders, resided in Athena. Funeral services will be held at the Christian church in Athena, but the hour had not been announced at press time last evening.

### Oregon Day

Oregon day which occurs Saturday, May 2, will be commemorated by the Athena schools Friday, May 1, when a general assembly will be held. Oregon lore and high points in the state's history will be accentuated in the program which is being prepared. The singing of Oregon songs will also be a feature. The program is open to the public and all are cordially invited to attend.