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THREE THOUSAND ACRES SEED PEAS

Washington-Idaho Seed Co. Athena Plant to Handle Large Crop.

Approximately 3000 acres of seed peas have been planted in the Athena-Weston district this season, tributary to the Washington-Idaho Seed company's big cleaning and grading plant in Athena.

Of the total acreage now growing peas, the company has 770 acres as a crop of its own, seeded on rented land, south of Athena. The remaining acreage was seeded by individual farmers owning land in the vicinity of Athena, Weston, Reed and Hawley Mountain and Wild Horse Mountain. Farmers who are utilizing a portion of their land holdings to growing peas are W. S. Ferguson, E. J. Duncan, E. B. Foster, Phillip Remillard, Harold Barnett, Sheldon Taylor, Athena; A. H. Schwandt, F. C. Greer, C. E. Fisk, Weston; J. E. Smock, Harry Beathe, Reed and Hawley Mountain; Chas. Pinkerton, O. W. Ulrey, Hubert Warner, Wild Horse Mountain.

Conditions are said to have been ideal for growing peas this spring and the early seeded crops are now in bloom, and this will insure an early harvest of a portion of the crop, giving ample time to care for the later seeded fields as they follow up in maturity.

With indications pointing to a satisfactory crop from a large acreage the prospects for employment in the cleaning plant this fall and winter are bright for the men, women and girls who find work there. Last season's operations which closed only a few weeks ago gave employment to several men, and forty women and girls worked on the machines.

Shipments of seed peas are routed to eastern markets from the Athena plant, and last year in addition to the Athena-Weston crop, peas were purchased by the company in Washington and Idaho, shipped here, cleaned, graded and re-shipped to eastern points.

The location of the company's plant in Athena makes possible a payroll at a season of the year when employment is at its lowest ebb locally, and is therefore, all the more appreciated. Interest evinced by the First National Bank of Athena and a number of leading farmers in successfully developing a crop for summer-fallow land is a prime factor of the enterprise.

Lois McIntyre Becomes Bride of James Rice

Miss Lois McIntyre and James Rice were married at the Christian church parsonage in Walla Walla at 9:30 o'clock last Sunday morning. The bride was charming in a pink and blue ensemble and carried pink roses. Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Cowan were the only attendants. Following the ceremony the party was entertained at a wedding breakfast at the Marcus Whitman hotel.

Mrs. Rice who is popular with a large number of friends in Athena is a charming and attractive girl and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McIntyre. She attended the public schools here and after graduating from the high school attended Washington State college and University of Oregon where she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority.

Mr. Rice is the son of G. M. Rice of Pendleton. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and is a graduate of Oregon State college. He is employed by the Standard Oil company at Ontario where the young couple will make their home after a trip to Portland, Seattle and other Sound points.

High Schools Play Off

The Pilot Rock high school baseball team, winners of the west-end division, will meet Helix, east-end winners, this afternoon at Round-Up park, Pendleton for the high school baseball championship game, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members of Athena high school team and others from here will see the game.

Held 13 Spades

Here is one for the bridge player to memorize: Miss Gilda Holgerson, a Tacoma school teacher held 13 spades in a bridge hand last evening, but failed to get the bid. Robert Baker of Auburn, Wash., with whom her game was played, bid seven no trumps and made it.

A. H. Cox Suicides

Colonel Allen H. Cox, for years a prominent citizen of Pendleton, committed suicide Monday at Long Beach, California, by shooting himself through the temple at his desk in his real estate office. Financial worries are believed to be the reason for the deed.

Swimming Pool Will Open One Day Next Week

The American Legion's post swimming pool at city park will open up to the public one day next week, so Commander Harris of Athena-Weston Legion post, informs the Press. Henry Koepke, post member, will select the manager and caretaker of the pool for the season.

Water for the pool will be taken from the mains of the Athena city water system, but it is the intention of the Legion post to complete excavation of their well which was abandoned last season for want of funds. However, work on the well will not be resumed until satisfaction of indebtedness incurred in construction of the swimming pool plant has been made.

The Legion's swimming pool is nicely situated in the Athena city park and its equipment is second to none in the county. The fact that it is centrally located makes it convenient for patronage from people residing in Adams, Helix and Weston districts in addition to those of Athena and vicinity.

The idea of Legion members is to eventually enlarge upon the scope of lawn and park advantages, so that the park will afford conveniences for picnics and outdoor gatherings, generally for this part of the county.

The Legion has been approached by the leader of a well known orchestra for the privilege of putting in an open air dance pavilion, with the view to giving dances there during the summer and early fall months. However, the city council has jurisdiction over the park property, and if consent was given to conduct dances there, it is only fair to conjecture that if money is to be made out of the venture, the Legion should have the first chance at the concession.

Athena Leaguers Drop One on Umatilla Lot

Arnold Wood's Athena leaguers dropped a game to Umatilla by the score of 6 to 5. Doc Blatchford's score book unfolds a dismal story of two bad innings in which the Umatilla sand toads did their darndest, darndest—in the first and sixth stanzas.

The sand toads hopped to beat the band in the first canto, when with only one hit, they were aided and abetted by a couple of errors made at the wrong time, a passed ball and a stolen base in making a couple of runs. Tudor had easy sailing until the fatal sixth, when three toads hopped over the pan with only one hit, but a glaring collection of three errors. In the seventh they made their only earned run of the game on a couple of hits.

Athena went scoreless until the fourth, when Lieuallen was safe on an error, took second on Pinkerton's out, third when Hansell grounded a hot one to first and scored on a passed ball. He scored again in the sixth by getting on by an error, going to third on Pinkerton's 2-ply swat and registering on another passed ball. In the eighth Pinkerton walked and so did Hansell. Pinkerton went to third on a passed ball, Hansell to second. Crowley hit, scoring Pinkerton. Pike Miller smeared a two-base hit, Hansell scoring the last run. The score: Athena.....0 0 1 0 2 0 2 0—5 Umatilla.....2 0 0 0 0 3 1 0 x—6 Batteries—Tudor and Harden; Woodward and Yeager.

The Athena Etude Club held the last meeting of the season Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Cresswell on High street. During the business session the following officers were elected to serve the club next year: Mrs. James Cresswell, president; Mrs. Gordon Watkins, vice president; Mrs. Donald Johnson, secretary; Mrs. M. I. Miller, treasurer; Mrs. Ralph McEwen, director; Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, accompanist. Mrs. Jesse Gordon was elected to membership in the club. Complimenting Mrs. R. D. Blatchford and Miss Della Bryant, who are leaving Athena shortly, the members expressed their regrets, and presented them with attractive gifts. A social hour followed when the hostess served a seasonable salad and iced tea.

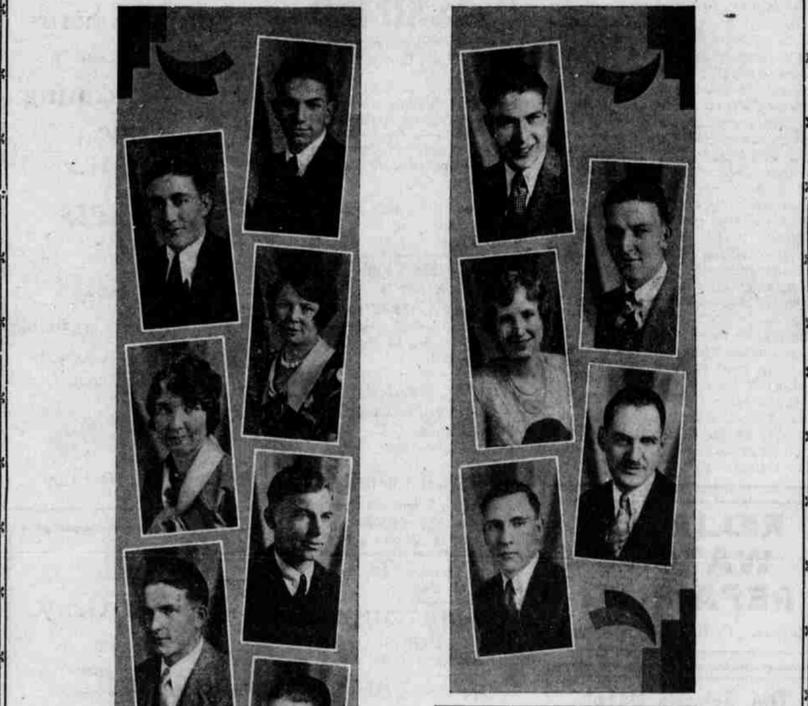
Mission-Thorn Hollow Road

Members of the county court were in Athena Monday. They had been viewing the newly graded Mission-Thorn Hollow road. The grading is practically completed and the first rock crusher setup will be made soon. Considerable rock removal work was necessary between Cayuse and the Thorn Hollow end of the road and this part of the work will be through shortly. River gravel will be crushed for the road surfacing material. Work will begin soon on the two roads authorized in special districts, one leading northeast from Athena, and the other south from Weston.

Student Body and Graduates of 1931



Athena High School Student Body



Class of '31

FIRST ROW, READING DOWN—JACK MOORE, GEORGE GREEN, STAFFORD HANSELL, MARY TOMPKINS.

SECOND ROW—ARTHUR CROWLEY, VINETA WEAVER, ROLAND WILSON, HERBERT REEDER.

THIRD ROW—EMERY ROGERS, MYRTLE CAMPBELL, HAROLD KIRK.

FOURTH ROW—WALTER HUFFMAN, SUPERINTENDENT E. F. BLOOM.

Where Athena Teachers Will Spend the Summer

After a highly successful and constructive year Athena teachers will take a well earned rest and vacation. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bloom will visit in Spokane and Seattle and later will attend the summer session at the University of California at Berkeley.

Miss Mary Cameron will visit her parents at Portland and plans to take work at summer school at the University at Eugene.

Dan Tilley will also attend summer school, taking work at the University of Washington at Seattle.

M. I. Miller's plans for the summer are indefinite at this time.

Miss Margaret Lee who will teach at Colfax next year leaves Sunday for Palouse, Washington, where she will visit her sister Mrs. Edgar Spencer. She will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Dick Swift. Miss Lee plans to spend her summer at Wenatchee at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lee.

Miss Blanche Thorson will spend a month at the home of her parents in Stanfield and will join Miss Della Bryant who after a visit with her sister at Marshfield will motor to San Jose, California, where both will take work at the Teachers' College of that place.

The Athena Study Club

The Athena Study club was entertained at the home of Mrs. F. B. Boyd, Friday afternoon. Eleven members were in attendance and Miss Edna Zerba and Miss Elsa Ringel were club guests. The club has selected for its next course of study, "Travel in the United States." Mrs. L. M. Keen, Mrs. W. O. Read and Mrs. Frank Little will prepare the year book for next study period and the first meeting will be held in September at the home of Mrs. E. C. Rogers. Mrs. E. C. Rogers described a trip through the Panama canal at the Friday meeting. Mrs. F. B. Radtke gave a report upon the story of Gorgas and his work in Panama, and a brief account of Goethels was given by Mrs. L. M. Keen. The hostess served ices, cake and coffee.

A Clever Program

A clever program was presented by the 1931 graduating class at the high school auditorium Wednesday afternoon in observance of class day, when wide gates covered with blossoms swung open an old fashioned school room was disclosed, the members of the class taking the part of pupils, while Miss Vineta Weaver presided as teacher. Barefoot boys and beribboned girls sang old songs and answered questions in a typically "kid" way. During the course of the school session the class prophesy and will be read, which added to the general hilarity. An interested group of parents and friends was present in addition to the student body and faculty.

The Pilot Rock Record, for 23 years a faithful chronicler of news events transpiring in that town and vicinity has suspended publication for want of patronage. The publisher, A. R. McCall has moved the plant to Wasco, Sherman county, where he purchased the paper published there.

Mrs. Ida E. Cowan Dies at Walla Walla

Friends of Mrs. Ida E. Cowan were saddened to hear of her death last Sunday at the home of her son, Dr. W. G. Cowan in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Cowan made her home here for several years where she made numerous friends. She has been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Ida E. Cowan was born August 18, 1860 at Springfield, Illinois. She was the mother of Ben Cowan, Dr. Walter Cowan and Dr. Harry Cowan of Walla Walla and Dick Cowan of Palouse, Washington. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Baptist church. The funeral services occurred Tuesday morning with Rev. L. E. Brough officiating and interment was at Mountain View cemetery.

May Heat Wave

The May heat wave wafted over Athena Monday and Tuesday, but the temperature was not quite so high as experienced at other points in Oregon. Thermometers in Athena registered 88 Monday afternoon, and Tuesday the thin, red line climbed to 96, while at Pendleton it stretched up to 101.

Vertebrae Displaced

Word comes from Portland to the effect that E. A. Dudley, who recently went through an examination by the Rocky clinic, has misplaced vertebrae and that a brace will be used in making a correction of the ailment. Mr. Dudley is at Good Samaritan hospital and Mrs. Dudley is with him.

E. H. Leonard and M. L. Watts of the Preston-Shaffer Milling company, with flour mills at Waitsburg, Freewater, Athena, Pendleton and Salt Lake City, are in Chicago on business connected with their milling interests.

McClees Named Game Supervisor For This State

Portland.—Charles H. McClees was Tuesday given a temporary appointment as state game supervisor, to begin his work Wednesday at a salary of \$3000 a year, the state game commission announced. Mr. McClees has been district game warden for the entire area east of the Cascade mountains since September 1, 1930, and prior to that was deputy game warden in Malheur and Coos counties for eight years.

The commission also announced that it had re-employed the entire existing personnel of the trout hatcheries and game farms, subject to a 10 per cent reduction in salaries. At the close of the day's work the commission announced the resignations of J. P. Morelock, La Grande; George W. Russell, Tillamook and John Combs, Prineville, as deputy game wardens, the resignations to be effective Tuesday but salary to continue until June 1.

Art M. Fish, chief of law enforcement under the former commission and a leading candidate for supervisor, was appointed district game warden in charge of the district over which Mr. McClees has had charge until Tuesday, at a salary of \$185 a month. He was authorized to remain in Portland temporarily to assist Mr. McClees in organizing the new law enforcement force.

Mr. McClees, according to a formal statement made by the commission, is an ex-service man, a veteran of the Spanish-American and world wars, and a conspicuously efficient warden. He is about 50 years old and married, and during the past five years has been a resident of Ontario, Or. He originally lived in Walla Walla, Wash., and at one time was a famous jockey, making the rounds of the big race tracks in the east, according to friends. Eight years ago he was appointed special game warden in Coos county and was assigned to work with Mr. Fish in that region.

Athena High School Defeated Weston, 11-3

In a game better described as being a comedy of errors, Athena high school defeated Weston high on the Athena grounds Friday afternoon by the score of 11-3.

Four hits with eleven errors was the requirement needed for the locals to snare an uneven contest. Athena is credited in Doc Blatchford's score book with a total of four misdeeds behind Huffman's pitching. He held Weston batters to three bingles. And McIntosh for the the lads over the hill was stingy as a Scotchman with hits. He held the home boys to one in the first. In the third with a hit, a fielders choice and a collection of three errors, Athena added two more. In the fifth two more came in and in the sixth another hit, a number of errors, a passed ball, etc., allowed the bell to ring six times.

Weston hopped off in the first with two of her runs. Huffman fanned Ashworth, but walked Ross. McIntosh lifted out a two base hit, scoring Ashworth. King was safe on Geissel's error, McIntosh going down to third from where he scored on a passed ball. An error, a fielders choice and a passed ball allowed Ashworth to score for Weston in her half of the fifth. The score: Athena.....11..... Weston.....3.....

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM TONIGHT

Twelve Class Members Will Receive Diplomas—Address by Lapham.

Graduation exercises for the twelve members of class '31, Athena high school will take place this evening, at high school auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock. Professor Ray Lapham of Whitman college will deliver the address.

The personnel of the class comprises Myrtle Campbell, Jack Moore, Arthur Crowley, Georgie Green, Stafford Hansell, Harold Kirk, Herbert Reeder, Emery Rogers, Mary Tompkins, Roland Wilson, Vineta Weaver and Walter Huffman.

The auditorium will be decorated in class colors, orchid and gold. The class flower is sweet pea; the motto, "Out of the Harbor into the Sea." The program for the evening follows:

- Mendelsohn
- High School Band
- Invocation..... Rev. Charles Sias
- Quartet—"Goodbye, Old High"..... Parks
- Betty Eager, Marjorie Douglas, Fred Singer, Ralph Moore; Marjorie Montague, accompanist.
- Presentation of Class Gift.....
- Jack Moore, Class President
- Chorus—"Cheery Lights of Home".....
- Nevin
- High School Glee Club
- Commencement Address.....
- Prof. Ray Lapham
- "Wake Up March"..... Bennett
- High School Band
- Presentation of Class.....
- Supt. E. F. Bloom
- Presentation of Diplomas.....
- Arnold Wood, Chairman of High School Board.
- Benediction.

Baccalaureate Services

Rev. Frank L. Wemmett, pastor of the Pendleton Methodist church delivered a well prepared baccalaureate sermon before a large audience and the Athena high school graduating class at Christian church, Sunday evening. The devotions were in charge of C. A. Sias, Christian church minister and Gerald C. Dryden of the Baptist church. A special feature was a selection by the Athena community chorus. The sophomore class had the church auditorium beautifully decorated for the occasion, lilacs and tulips in shades of orchid and gold, effectively carried out the class colors. The program was as follows:

- Processional.
- Invocation..... Rev. Charles A. Sias
- Scripture..... Rev. Gerald C. Dryden
- Anthem, "The King of Glory"..... Holton
- Community Chorus.....
- Address..... Rev. Frank L. Wemmett
- Benediction.

Old-Time Baseball Teams To Play at Weston Picnic

A feature number of the Saturday program of the Pioneer Reunion picnic at Weston, June 13, will be a baseball game played between Athena and Weston by players who were in their athletic glory in pre-war days.

Sid Barnes is manager of Weston's scrawny outfit and Bob Blumgren is its captain; Kernel Wood functions as fungoist. The Athena team will be managed by Billy Littlejohn, who will select Laurence Lieuallen to captain the tribe. The personnel of the Athena lineup is being kept dark, but the sporting editor hopes to drill it out for the public in the next issue of the Press.

Slats Wheeler sends word to the Weston bunch that his ol' soup bone may be a little cracked, but it is still good enough to whiff anything Athena may walk to the plate.

Huh. Saying a lot, sez we—figgering on ex-Yellow Kid players the likes o' Dell and Lieuallen.

Golf Tournament

The biggest golf tournament in the history of the Pendleton country club occurred Sunday with 100 players from Milton, Freewater, Hermiston, Echo, Pilot Rock and Athena. Two Pendleton players were matched against two visitors in flight pairings. Archie Bond, Pendleton, with an 81 for 18 holes was low medalist of the day. Tom Stanton of Pilot Rock was low for the visitors with an 86. The ladies of the country club served luncheon during the day. Those attending from Athena were E. C. Prestbye, Justin Harwood, Leonard Geissel, Dean Pinkerton, Flint Johns, and Penn Harris.

Eighty-First Milestone

R. Alexander, former Pendleton merchant and well known fraternal order member, celebrated his 81st birthday anniversary at Pendleton Tuesday, at a dinner meeting of the Kiwanis club.

New Health Nurse

Mrs. Ruth C. Hinegardner, graduate of Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, class of 1924, will take up her duties as Umatilla county health nurse, succeeding Miss Helen Samson, who resigned recently.