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RAIN IS GENERAL THROUGHOUT STATE

Athena Crops Are Benefited—Boy Drowns in The Dalles Cloudburst.

Intermittent showers commencing Friday night in Athena district culminated in a drenching rain storm of several hours duration Wednesday evening, greatly benefitting growing crops.

The 3000 acres of peas tributary to the Athena grading plant of the Washington-Idaho Seed company was materially benefited, as sufficient moisture for maturing the crop is now assured. The rain came too late to be much of a factor in reclaiming damage caused by hot weather and drouth in the light soil sections of the county and the Inland Empire in general, but the cooler weather of last week and following rains held back the quick ripening of grain fields in the immediate Adams-Athena-Weston section, where it is claimed the yield had been "pinched" to some extent.

Mountain farmers, who have just finished planting their potato crops welcomed the rain, as it came just at the right time to boost the spuds along.

Central and Southern Oregon saw a long drouth period ended by heavy rainfall. Near The Dalles, gullies and canyons were engulfed by flood-stage waters when a cloudburst descended on the hills. A four year old boy in a family camped in a dry gulch was swept by his death after the cloudburst had filled the canyon with a rush of water and hailstones. The father, mother and another child escaped. The body of the boy was removed from the gulch a half a mile below the camp.

Damage of thousands of dollars was done near The Dalles. Several houses were washed away, orchards were torn out and gardens ruined. The cloudburst was the second in two days.

The heavy rains have caused serious damage to the cherry crop, growers reported. Wasco county orchardists are trying to find some means of salvaging the crop, since inspection indicates 50 per cent or more damage from splitting caused by the warm rains.

While heavy hail storms occurred along the Deschutes river in southern Wasco and Sherman counties, reports here indicate wheat fields escaped except in limited areas.

Twenty miles from Bend the branch of the Union Pacific was blocked by slides, and bridges were damaged. The Shaniko branch also was blocked. The Old Oregon Trail was said to be inundated near Rufus. The Deschutes river rose four feet in 30 minutes after the storm.

Southwest of Grass Valley a 20-minute fall of egg-size hail stones destroyed 600 or 800 acres of wheat, knocked shingles off a farm house occupied by Glen Fairchild and dented tops of automobiles in the path of the storm.

Mrs. Dick Reckman was pummeled by hail stones until unconscious while attempting to care for young chickens.

Medford streets were flooded and upper Rogue river valley orchards drenched when rain of near cloudburst proportions fell.

Though some hay was spoiled and cherries were split, orchardists generally welcomed the downpour.

Rain over the week-end covered a wide area in the Inland Empire, farmers reported most of it in eastern Washington. In Spokane more than .04 of an inch fell. Ritzville and Wilbur had heavy downpours. Yakima had intermittent showers. Rain was scarce in North Idaho.

Ninety Get Their Degrees
To the procession, played by an orchestra under the direction of Donald E. Sewell, 90 Whitman seniors marched into the college amphitheatre for the 72nd annual commencement Monday afternoon. The procession, led by Marshal Edward Morgan, Palo Alto, was in the following order:

class of 1931, alumni of the college, the faculty of the college, board of overseers, board of trustees, and the president of the college, Dr. S. B. L. Penrose.

Miss Rush Elected
In a spirited school election held at Pendleton, Monday, Miss Della Rush, a former teacher in the schools there, defeated M. L. Thompson, druggist, for member of the school board. The vote with one exception, was the largest ever polled at a school election in Pendleton.

Many University Graduates
The University of Oregon Monday conferred degrees on more than 650 students in exercises which reached their climax in the processional of students in their scholastic robes.

Mrs. Ernest Bell Called by Death in Fatal Illness

Mrs. Ernest Bell answered the summons of death in a fatal illness resulting from Caesarian operation at a Seattle hospital in giving birth to a baby daughter, which survives her. Mrs. Bell passed away Sunday, the operation having been performed on the previous Tuesday.

Mrs. Bell went to Seattle May 5th and before going to the hospital remained at the home of her sister, Mrs. Inez Upcraft. Announcement of her death was received here with much sorrow and regret and sympathy is deeply felt for the young husband. Mrs. Bell (Leota Wagner) before her marriage was a popular teacher in the Athena schools, and she had many friends here. She is survived by her husband and little daughter; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wagner of Pasadena, Calif.; two brothers, Stanley Wagner of Pasadena, and Erby Wagner of Seattle; two sisters, Miss Seatta Wagner of Pasadena and Mrs. Inez Upcraft of Seattle.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at Bomboy's funeral parlor in Pendleton. Interment took place in Olney cemetery.

Special Arrangements for Legion Stoppers

Corvallis.—Of special interest to lovers of Oregon's famous beach resorts, is the announcement by the 1931 Legion convention commission here that a special reservation service will be offered those visiting the state convention August 6, 7 and 8, for stop-overs in the coast communities on the way home Saturday night. The Corvallis chamber of commerce will handle the service.

Under arrangements it will be possible for anyone to make reservations here before leaving for cottages, cabins, hotel accommodations or camping privileges at any of the beautiful resort spots on the coast highway between Waldport and Seaside. It will be possible to leave Corvallis late in the afternoon or evening with the assurance that desired accommodations will be waiting at the beach.

The local committee will arrange its liaison with the beaches through use of the telephone and telegraph without cost to guests. Ferry fees at Waldport and Newport have been discontinued, also, eliminating that expense on the Waldport-Newport Loop.

Duncan in Jail
Robert Gordon Duncan, 60-year-old "Oregon Wildcat," at 11:15 a. m. Wednesday started to pay the penalty for using obscene, indecent and profane language over the radio at Portland last year in a series of attacks on prominent businessmen and firms as the outgrowth of a campaign he started against chain store organizations. He was taken to the federal section of the Multnomah county jail by United States Marshal John L. Day after Federal Judge James A. Fee had denied his application for a parole.

Work May Start Soon
Those in touch with the road developments in the Blue mountains say it is likely the forestry department will do some work on the Tollgate-Elgin stretch of road this year. The road will not be finished, but a start will be made. Next summer, it is reported, there is likelihood that the gap in the Weston-Tollgate highway will be completed, but this year motorists must use the old dirt road.

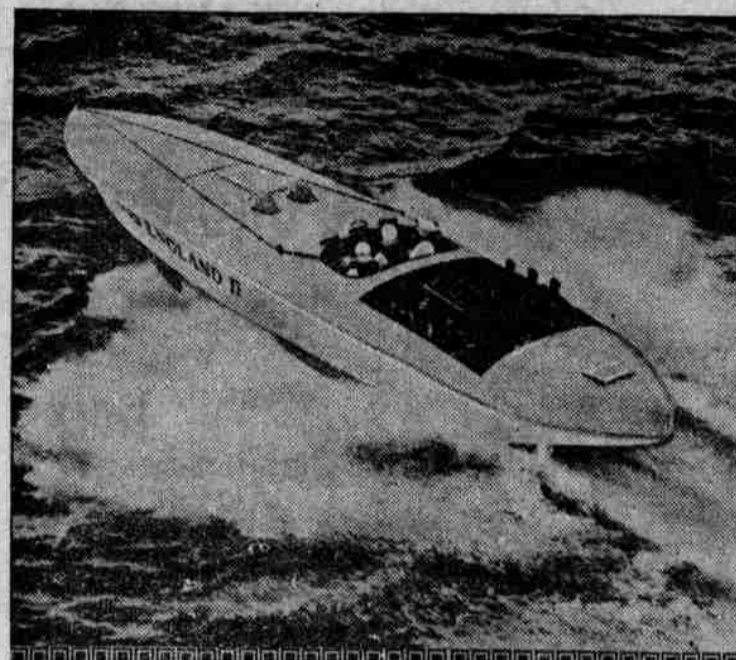
Catching "Yanks" at Wallowa
Motorists spending the week-end at Wallowa Lake report, good fishing for "yanks" in the lake. Fishermen use periwinkles, salmon eggs and worms for bait and employ the still fishing method from row boats. The fish which average from 8 to 10 inches in length are blue and the meat is red like salmon trout and a delicious delicacy. These fish run for about a month at this time of year.

Slay Many Coyotes
Wielding shovels, guns and traps, coyote hunters killed 1,345 animals during May, the Idaho state sheep commission reported in compiling bounty claims. Bounties average \$5 a head and totaled \$6,897. In addition 20 wildcats were killed.

May Purchase Warehouse
Announcement has been made that the storage facilities of the Walla Walla Farmers agency at Walla Walla and Dixie will be purchased by the new Farmers National Warehouse corporation.

Light Cherry Crop
With only a 25-carload shipment of cherries from Milton - Freewater this season, in comparison with 100 carloads last year, the picking of a very light crop has been completed.

New Speed Boat King of Waves



Kaye Don with the speed boat Miss England II established a new world's record for speed boats by making a speed of 103.4 miles an hour over a measured course in the River Parana at Buenos Aires.

BOY IS AIR PILOT



Hugh Shepherd, sixteen, of Detroit, Mich., has just successfully passed his flying tests and has been awarded a private airplane pilot's license.

Southern Idaho Driest In Years; Dams Below Normal, Mountains Bare

Boise.—South Idaho faces a dry year with deficiencies in moisture, irrigation dams below normal and forests without snow, recent federal and state reports have indicated.

The Arrowrock dam, storing water for the Boise valley project has 135,000 acre feet compared with 238,000 acre feet a year ago. Reports estimated the water will last on reduced rotation until July 25.

Early crops are maturing and are not bothered by a lack of rain. Three hundredths of an inch was recorded in May while one hundredth of an inch has fallen so far this month. The fall represents a deficiency of two and one-half inches since January 1.

The central Idaho country, the wheat belt, in the vicinity of Grangeville and Nez Perce, reports rain is needed badly for spring crops. Burning by recent heat is reported.

Cooler weather over the week-end brought relief in most sections and stock and sheepmen report mountain ranges still are providing good feed.

Athena Golf Course Is Popular With Players

Laurence Pinkerton's new Athena golf course is proving to be popular with out of town players as well as with club members.

Sunday there were about fifty players on the links during the day. A number were from Pendleton, others were from Milton-Freewater and Waitsburg and all were surprised and pleased with Mr. Pinkerton's new course. A number expressed their intention to return frequently and play the game here.

Mr. Pinkerton is working constantly on the fairways and grounds and with improvements contemplated, hopes to have a golf course that will compare favorably with others in this part of the state.

Warning Against Firecrackers
State Fire Marshal A. H. Averill has issued warnings against the sale or explosion of firecrackers over two and a half inches in length and five eighths inch in diameter. The law covers all sections of the state, Averill said, and further that it is unlawful to sell or give any child under 14 years of age any explosive articles. His warnings were issued particularly in connection with Fourth of July celebrations. Violation of the law carries a penalty of from \$25 to \$50 fine.

Cowboy Convention
The annual cowboy convention will be held at Ukiah on July 3 and 4, with a big opening dance at Jazz Canyon on the evening of July 2. There will be straight horse races, pony express and relay races, steer roping contests, bucking contests and other events that go to make the Ukiah annual exhibition popular with the big crowds of people who always attend. Highway improvements will make getting to Ukiah much easier than heretofore. The morning of July 4 will be devoted to patriotic speeches.

Today Is Field Day
Crop rotation, grain variety trials, fertilizer demonstrations, date and rate of seeding winter wheat, will be among the interesting phases of the first field day program to be held at the new field station near Pendleton this afternoon, beginning at 1:45. Farmers and all who are interested in the work of the station are invited to attend.

Deeds Recorded
Warranty deeds filed in the office of the county recorder this week include: A. H. Kibbey and Ceisel M. Kibbey to F. B. Wood and Elizabeth Wood, lots 5 and 6 in block 2 of Kirk's fourth addition to Athena; F. B. Wood, et ux, to A. H. Kibbey et ux, a tract of city property in the neighborhood of Hunt and High streets, Athena.

License Plates Available
New license plates for the coming year were available Monday, and from now on only new license plates will be obtained at the automobile bureau of the department of state, it was announced. While the registration season actually starts on July 1, the legislature has provided two weeks of grace prior to the final date.

Will Study River
The district engineer for the war department, stationed at Portland, has been assigned to consult with Pendleton officials regarding flood control on the Umatilla river, with the object of advising on plans to strengthen and improve the levees now protecting the county seat damage by high waters.

Many Entries for Legion Regatta at McKay Lake

Pendleton.—Entries are coming in fast for the Third Annual American Legion water Regatta, at McKay Lake, June 20 and 21, and much interest is being manifest among drivers of the Pacific coast in the speed events.

Familiar faces who have already registered their boats for the races are Arthur Peck, Klamath Falls, driving the Klamath Queen powered by a Johnson 24 motor; Laurence Peckert, of Spokane, driving Flaming Mammie, powered by a Johnson 32; Jody Pedicord, of Spokane, driving the Peddy Boy, Jr., II powered by an Evinrude 4.60; and Fritz Helphery, of Sand Point, Idaho, driving Peddy Boy, Jr., powered by a Johnson 24.

Other drivers who have sent in their entry blanks are Glen Collins, of Spokane, driving Little Ceasar, powered by a Johnson P. R. 55; Bob Tillotson, of Boise Idaho, driving Betty Korner, powered by a Johnson S. P. 55; W. B. Earscourt, of Spokane, driving Skip, powered by a Johnson 24 and 30; and the famous Flying Cloud 11, piloted by Harold McCarty, of Boise, Idaho, and powered by a Johnson P. R. 55. McCarty has established a reputation for himself in the Boise valley and will be here to uphold it among the fastest competition of his racing career.

The number of entries for 1931 is expected to exceed those of last year, at which time Pendleton had the largest list of the Northwest, and incidentally, the best races.

Swimming floats and diving towers are being erected this week at McKay Lake, and logs are being brought from the mountains for the log roll contest.

The Regatta dance at Happy Canyon, Saturday night is expected to surpass any of the previous like events.

Makes First Trip
The first Pendleton-Portland round trip of the daily schedule inaugurated by Pendleton Airways Inc., was made Monday with a four place Ryan plane, carrying three passengers. Mayor Lewis of Pendleton was one of the passengers to make the initial trip.

Baptist Sunday School in Program and Pageant

The Baptist church was filled almost to capacity Sunday evening when the Sunday school rendered a Children's Day program, including a pageant. The program follows:

Opening Song—Primary Department Exercise—"God Made Them All"
Solo—"The Best I Can"
Recitation—"Laura Jean Payne"
Recitation—"Marian Stewart"
Recitation—"Staying Awake"
Duet—"Maebelle Clemons"
Pageant—"Clara Flock and Gene Zerba"

Characters: Wisdom, Arleen Foster—Truth, Annabel Payne—Love, Valerie Cannon—Happiness, Roberta Cannon—Courage, Bryan Kibbey—Loyalty, Paul Kibbey—Service, John Robert Stewart—Spirit of Children's Day, Genevieve Barrett—Opportunity Mildred Alkire.

Group of children: Beverly Barrett, Helen Alkire, Iva Mae Booher, Francis Alkire, Dwayne Payne, Francis Stewart—Spirit of Children's Day, Genevieve Barrett—Opportunity Mildred Alkire.

The church was beautifully decorated with lattice work and flowers. The choir consisted of Clara Flock, Bonny Alkire, Laura Ross, Velma Ross, Gene Zerba, Mrs. Watkins was accompanist with Kohler Betts assisting with the violin.

Fourth of July Plans
Walla Walla will have a real Fourth of July celebration this year, with something doing from early morning until late at night. The American Legion will have full charge and will have the cooperation and support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Spanish American War veterans and their auxiliaries.

Improving Station Property
James Huggins, owner of the Huggins Service station, corner Main and Fifth street, has been making extensive improvements to the property. The yard in front of his dwelling has been graded and filled in with Chinese elm trees, shrubs and flowers. A border of rock fronts the house along the sidewalk and these will receive a coat of white paint.

Unemployment Held Worse
Unemployment conditions in Oregon this year are far worse than last year, the department of labor reports. Just what the conditions will be this fall cannot be anticipated, but the department indicated no improvement would be seen as far as new jobs are concerned, with Eastern Oregon perhaps harder hit than the Western section.

A. R. Shumway Is New President of Grain Growers

Spokane.—A. R. Shumway, Milton, Ore., is the new president of North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., northwest regional marketing cooperative. He defeated F. J. Wilmer, Rosalia, Wash., who sought re-election Monday night.

Wilmer's defeat came as a surprise to many stockholders who predicted his re-election, but was expected by directors said, because of his unsuccessful fight against direct marketing between local units and the Farmers' National Grain corporation, key unit in the setup. The directors accepted this plan recently and stockholders adopted it.

Other officers are: Victor R. Hyslop, Deer Creek, Wash., vice president, and Albert C. Adams, Spokane, treasurer, re-elected. Election of a secretary-manager was deferred. The following directors were re-elected: F. J. Wilmer; W. J. Sutton, Cheney, Wash.; Orris Dorman, LaCrosse, Wash.; V. R. Hyslop; A. C. Linscham, Geneseo, Idaho; R. R. McAllister, Kalispell, Mont.; J. W. Sweeney, Waitsburg, was elected to the board to succeed O. T. Cornwall, who declined re-election.

Mrs. Lenna Read Is Re-elected School Director

At the annual school meeting of District No. 29, Monday afternoon, Mrs. Lenna Read was re-elected to serve on the board of directors, her previous term having expired. J. F. Kershaw was re-elected to the office of school clerk.

The meeting was held from two to three o'clock p. m., as required by the school law and voting on adoption of the school budget was by ballot.

The annual report as read by the clerk, showed that the bonded indebtedness of the district had been reduced to \$7000, by recent payment on bonds of \$2000. Bonds are being retired at the rate of \$2000 per year, so that in three and a half years, the district will be free from bonded indebtedness which was incurred when the present building was constructed at a total cost of \$32,000.

Better Mail Service Given by Department

Through concerted efforts of postmasters in towns between Pendleton and Walla Walla, the postoffice department has given better mail service. Mail is now received at the Athena office at 7:50 a. m., by Union Pacific motor stage from Pendleton.

The new service was inaugurated Sunday and supercedes the mail service by train, which delivered the mail here around 11 a. m. Previous to that service, mail was received in Athena at 8 a. m., by motor stage from Walla Walla.

Eagles in Convention
The fraternal order of Eagles is holding the annual state convention at Pendleton, commencing yesterday and continuing in session over today and tomorrow. Mayor George Lewis, representing the city of Pendleton, delivered the welcoming address yesterday morning, followed in order by E. B. Aldrich, Col. J. H. Raley and Harold J. Warner. This evening the ladies' auxiliary of the Pendleton Eagles, will serve a banquet to be followed by a dance.

Attended Growers Meeting
R. L. Wilson, manager of the Farmers Grain Elevator Co. of Athena and Joseph Cannon represented the Athena local at the meeting of the North Pacific Grain Growers Inc., at Spokane, Monday. Mr. Wilson says that interesting reports were read before the meeting, and that the different locals will soon receive copies of them.

Many Workmen Affected
More than 140,000 workmen are affected by the compensation law in Oregon industry, the state industrial accident commission announced. Of the employers in the state about 19,000 are operating under the act. The employer contributes 85 per cent of the accident fund in the state.

Isaac-Dyer
Charles Isaac and Miss Lenora Dyer were married at Hermiston at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dyer. An informal reception followed the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac will make their home near Pilot Rock where Mr. Isaac is engaged in farming.

Not Much Swimming
With the return of cooler weather accompanied by showers of rain, there were not many swimmers at the Legion pool in City Park the fore part of the week. With higher temperature in the offing, attendance at the swimming pool may be expected to increase.

NEW FARM BUREAU IS ALL SET TO GO

Naming of Two Chiefs Expected Soon; Economy Measures Shown.

Salem.—Organization of the new state department of agriculture will probably be completed within the next week, according to Max Gehlhar, Salem lawyer-horticulturist, selected by Governor Meier as the director of the new department, who has been devoting his entire time for the past month to the work of reorganizing the several departments included in this consolidation.

The act creating the department provides for its organization into five divisions, each headed by a "chief," but Gehlhar has announced the abolishment of the division of markets, grades and standards whose functions will be distributed among the other four divisions, thus reducing the number of chiefs to be named to four.

By virtue of a provision in the legislative act Gehlhar as director of the department is also made ex-officio "chief" of the department of administration and J. D. Mickle, present state dairy and food commissioner, is also taken care of in the reorganization as "chief" of the division of foods and dairies. This leaves only two chiefs to be selected, one for the division of plant industry and another for the division of animal industry which is expected to go to Dr. W. H. Lytle, present state veterinarian, whose department is taken over in the consolidation.

Dissemination of crop and market news now handled out of the Salem office of the state marketing agent will be discontinued after July 1, according to Gehlhar, and this service will be centralized in the college at Corvallis which now maintains a similar news bureau.

Gehlhar, in addition to the executive function delegated to him as director of the new department and the supervision of agriculture statistics, publicity, fairs and exhibits which the act places under his direct control, will also take over direct supervision of the grain inspection division, the largest and most important branch of the department.

Elimination of the market agent will, it is estimated by Gehlhar, result in a saving of at least \$7500 a year in salaries and is only one of a number of economies which it is hoped to put into effect under the consolidation.

The consolidation will include 12 state functions now operating as separate departments. These are the board of horticulture, pure seed board, livestock sanitary board, state veterinarian, dairy and food commissioner, state chemist, state bacteriologist, advisory livestock brand adjusting board, stallion registration board, board of state fair directors, state market agent, lime board and the standing committee on agricultural lime.

Examiners Named
Nine examiners of automobile operators' license applicants have been named by Kent Shoemaker, head of the automobile examiners license bureau. New applicants for driver's and chauffeur's licenses must undergo examinations after July 1, while the law compels all chauffeurs to have their licenses renewed. Present holders of operator's licenses are not required to renew licenses, but the new law provides these must be renewed some time within the next three years. Henry Lizarz will have charge of this district with headquarters at Pendleton.

Work Speeded Up
Starting at midnight, Saturday, three shifts of men were put to work on the grain elevator at Milton, the site of which adjoins the Milton Box factory on the west. It is being erected by C. G. McNichols for the Farmers' National Grain corporation with the completion expected by July 5. The elevator will have a capacity of 80,000 bushels and will cost in excess of \$25,000. It is expected that H. F. Murray, Freewater, will be appointed local manager.

Joseph Memorial Unveiled
Elaborate ceremonies had been planned for the unveiling of the Joseph memorial monument on Clatsop Plains Tuesday, when all companies of the 186th and 162d infantry of the Oregon National Guard joined with the state in paying homage to the memory of the late Senator George W. Joseph.

Miss Thorsen Resigns
Miss Blanche Thorsen, Athena grade teacher, elected to teach here next year has resigned and accepted a position in the grade schools at The Dalles. The local school board have a number of applications on file for the vacancy.