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ROSEBURG GETS SOLDIERS' HOME

Southern Oregon Town Is Site—Long Fight With Eugene and Others.

A Salem special to the Morning Oregonian announces that Roseburg had been selected as the location for the northwestern soldiers' home.

A telegram signed by General Hines of the veterans' hospitalization board, read as follows:

"The president has approved a resolution of the federal board of hospitalization locating the northwestern soldiers' home at Roseburg."

The telegram was relayed to Medford, where Representative Hawley arrived earlier in the day. When advised of the selection of Roseburg for the home, Representative Hawley said he was highly elated and gratified.

Roseburg went wild with excitement as a shrieking fire siren, by prearranged signal, announced to a long-expectant populace that the city had been selected as the site for the northwestern national soldiers' home.

The \$2,000,000 institution which is to be located at Roseburg is expected to house 4500 disabled war veterans when completed. According to previously announced plans, the federal government plans to build the first unit with a capacity of 1500 men, at a cost of \$1,000,000 and will provide additions as needed. The \$2,000,000 appropriation was authorized by Representative Hawley's bill passed in June, 1930.

Roseburg has voted a bond issue of \$125,000 to provide a 400-acre site. This bond issue was made possible by Senator B. L. Eddy's bill, passed at the last session of the legislature, which authorized Oregon cities to vote bonds to buy land for donation as sites for federal or state institutions.

Five sites are offered by Roseburg for the national home, but the one to be adopted, it is expected, is on the north side of the South Umpqua river, about a half mile from the city limits, directly north of the present Oregon state soldiers' home.

The site is bordered by a paved highway, leading from Roseburg to the country club grounds, and is close to the Southern Pacific railroad lines, affording easy access by rail, and is within a quarter mile of the Pacific highway. A fine grove is included in the tract. This site was approved by Colonel William Radcliff, who was sent to Roseburg by the federal hospitalization board to inspect sites, and was also viewed by General Frank T. Hines and Admiral G. E. Riggs, members of the sub-committee sent to inspect the Oregon sites.

The home to be built at Roseburg is the second on the Pacific coast. There is one other national home in the western states, located at Sawtelle, California. The Sawtelle home is the only institution of its kind west of Kansas.

Of the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the soldiers' home, \$1,000,000 will be available immediately for the first unit, which will accommodate 1200 men. Plans for the home now are ready. It is believed that a substantial start will be made this year.

Likes Puget Sound

Dan Tilley, member of Athena high school faculty is a booster for the Puget Sound country. No hot weather for Dan during the past summer, for he attended the full course of summer school at University of Washington, and as he remembers, the highest the thermometer registered was 80. Then, too, Dan had plenty of pleasant places to seek recreation over week-ends. He finished his course, a long one, August 27 and spent a week at his home in Walla Walla, before returning to Athena.

Family Escapes Fire

The second extensive fire at Walla Walla within a week completely destroyed the E. W. Gurr residence shortly after midnight, Tuesday. Flames were shooting 20 feet above the roof and belching from every window when the firemen arrived. Eight persons, six children and two adults, were asleep in the building when the fire was discovered by Mr. Gurr and all escaped in their night clothes.

Legion Takes Lead

The American Legion has assumed a leading role in the nation-wide war on employment, calling a conference of governors, mayors and representatives of labor, capital and industry to consider the problem in Washington, September 14.

Whooping Cough Epidemic

An epidemic of whooping cough, materially cut down attendance of opening day in the Walla Walla public schools.

Drowning of Lee Wilson In River At Wenatchee

Lee Wilson, 25, of Asotin, Wash., nephew of R. L. Wilson of Athena, was drowned while swimming in the Wenatchee river, near Wenatchee, Washington, Thursday last week.

With his brother and another man, Lee was encamped on the banks of the river waiting for work in the apple orchards. The brother and the friend went swimming and on their return to camp, Lee went for a swim shortly after one o'clock. The two in camp went to sleep in the tent and when they awoke about 5 p. m. Lee had not returned. Giving the alarm, search of the river was at once begun and the body was found at 11 a. m. Friday in five feet of water.

The unfortunate man could swim but little and it is supposed that soon after entering the water he got beyond a safe depth. He is known here, having resided in the Allen Bell house last fall with his wife and had employment with the Farmers Grain Elevator company, of which his uncle R. L. Wilson, is the manager.

He is survived by his wife, father, mother, six brothers and four sisters. The remains were taken from Wenatchee to Asotin, where funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, interment taking place in the Clarkston cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson and Mrs. Wilburn Kayser (Marjorie Wilson) went from Athena to attend the funeral.

Co-Op Puts Okeh On Walla Walla Wheat Plan

Spokane.—Approval of the so-called Walla Walla plan to dissipate the national wheat surplus and disapproval of the federal farm board's failure to provide storage facilities loans to locals were voiced by directors of North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., regional cooperative, here Wednesday.

After approving the Walla Walla plan by a vote of 11 to 4, the directors sent a telegram to President Hoover urging its adoption by the farm board.

Fred J. Wilmer, Rosalia, argued against the plan, contending a 200,000,000 bushel cut in the surplus would not help, that 500,000,000 bushels must be accounted for. A. R. Shumway, Milton, favored the plan.

Returning From Vacation

Miss Mildred Bateman, former Athena high school teacher, was in Athena Labor Day for a short time visiting friends. Miss Bateman recently returned from California where she spent her vacation and has taken up her social welfare duties in Portland, where she has her office in Room 545, county court house. While in California, Miss Bateman had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Buffman (Mary Jane Cornelison) at Martinez. Also she spent several days with Miss Dorothy Brodie, who has a secretarial position in San Francisco and attends a night law school.

E. A. Dudley Home

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley returned to their home here from Portland, Thursday evening of last week. Mr. Dudley who had been under hospital care in Portland for four months, during the last part of that period undergoing a major surgical operation, is becoming stronger daily since coming home. He contemplates going to his summer home at Bingham Springs shortly, where he will recuperate. Their friends will be glad to learn of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley's return home.

Landplaster Alfalfa

An application of 100 pounds of landplaster per acre to alfalfa on the C. Muller farm near Independence brought a large increase in the first cutting, and by the time the crop was ready for the second cutting had more than doubled the yield, says J. R. Beck, county agent. In addition to the heavier yield, the crop was heavier and leafier.

Wallowa Livestock

Twenty-five cars of livestock were shipped through the Wallowa county livestock marketing association during the past month, reports county agent N. C. Donaldson. This included 11 cars containing 2034 hogs, 3 cars with 90 head of cattle, 9 cars containing 2514 head of sheep and two cars of blackface lambs.

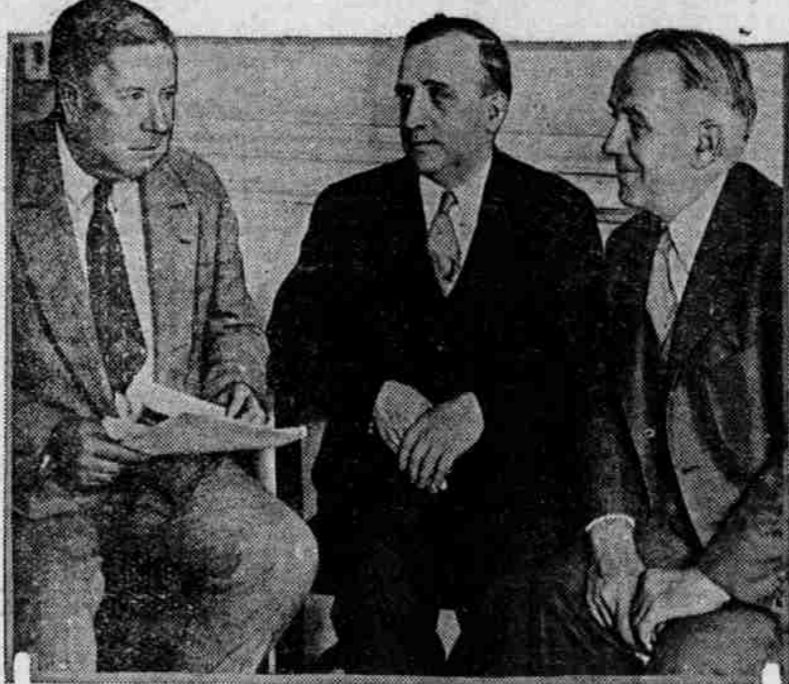
Paid His Fine

It is reported that Norvell Ferguson, committed to jail last week by Judge B. B. Richards for non-payment of a \$10 fine for driving without a 1931 license, paid the fine at Pendleton and was not placed in the county jail.

Coyotes After Flocks

Coyotes in more than unusual numbers are reported to be infesting the Gardena district, and to be making inroads in chicken and turkey flocks on the Oregon side of the line.

Smashed Twelve Liquor Rings



Just like the Northwest Mounted, Owen P. McKenna, customs agent, and Thomas F. Finnegan, deputy collector of the port of Boston, always "get their men," schooners and other such things connected with rum running. During the last decade, it is estimated, a dozen big rum smuggling rings have been broken up by the quiet, efficient work of these officers. In the photograph, left to right, are W. W. Lufkin, collector of the port of Boston; Mr. Finnegan, and Mr. McKenna.

RULES THE SHRINE



Thomas J. Houston of Chicago, newly elected imperial potentate of the Shriners of North America.

This County and One Other Free From Debt

The East Oregonian observes that Umatilla county is one of only two counties of the state to be entirely free of indebtedness, according to the results of a survey just completed by Rufus Holman, state treasurer. Although most of the counties are in fairly good financial condition, the survey shows, Umatilla and Linn top the list of the whole 36 with no road warrants, bonds or bridge debts unpaid.

The survey was made as of July 1, 1931, but since that time Umatilla county has remained debt free except for approximately \$100 in current warrants which can be paid as soon as they are turned in to the county treasurer, it is reported.

First Fall Meeting

The first fall meeting of the B. B. club occurred Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eager. The rooms were prettily decorated with clusters of vari colored flowers and four tables of bridge were in play. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watkins were additional guests and Mr. Eager was honor guest in commemoration of his birthday. Mrs. Lloyd Michener and Flint Johns made high score and Mrs. Arthur Douglas and Gordon Watkins received the consolation prizes. Members decided to meet alternate weeks serving light refreshments following the play.

Week-End Guests

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flint Johns were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Chapman, parents of Mrs. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. William Chapman and son Roger, and Miss Josephine Chapman, the latter a sister and William Chapman, a brother. The party came from their home at Vancouver Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Looked At Watch: In Ditch

Victor Chastain well known Milton druggist, driving home from Walla Walla Tuesday night glanced at his watch and found himself in the ditch by the side of the road. His car, a new Chevrolet turned on its side, and though it was not damaged, a wrecker was required to lift it back on the highway. M. Chastain was not injured.

Local Committee Will Co-Operate in Plans to Relieve Unemployment

Complying with a request of County Judge Schanney to take charge of local plans to relieve unemployment and prepare for assistance to the needy during the coming winter, E. C. Rogers as chairman, has appointed Alex McIntyre and W. P. Littlejohn as committeemen to assist him. Judge Schanney's letter to Mr. Rogers, in part, reads as follows:

"On August 15, 1931, Messrs. Charles L. Bond and L. L. Rogers were appointed by Governor Meier to act with the County Judge as a committee to formulate plans for unemployment relief during the coming fall and winter. At a meeting of this committee held September 1st, you were selected by the committee to organize your locality to aid and assist in this work....

"It is essential that we get the organization perfected as soon as possible in order to take care of the work during the coming winter. The Governor's idea in appointing these committees as expressed in his letter is to the effect that only such public projects should be undertaken as are permanent in character and which would, in the ordinary course of events, require construction in the future....

"He also suggests that a committee be created to deal with the problem of feeding destitute families. He believes that the acquisition of surplus food stuffs and for the storing and distribution of such food stuffs in every locality should be undertaken.

"With these facts before you are asked to undertake the appointment of a committee for your locality, consisting of two other members and yourself to solicit food stuffs and assist in storing and preserving them for distribution as necessity may require, as well as to register those applying to you for employment. The committee is of the opinion that contributions of any food stuffs might be solicited by your committee. Some have signified willingness to contribute wheat which the committee believes can be converted into flour by asking the mills to grind it gratuitously and then distribute it so that each town in the county shall have a supply on hand at all times. Potatoes and apples and other fruits and vegetables might well be solicited as well as canned goods."

Pilot Rock's First Annual Golf Tournament

M. D. Orange on behalf of the Pilot Rock Golf club extends an invitation to the members of Athena Golf club to attend the first annual golf tournament and picnic to be held at Pilot Rock, Sunday. Play will begin at one p. m., and a charge of 25 cents will be made, the proceeds going for eats.

Mr. Orange advises that each Athena player bring his wife, and if he has no wife, to bring a "gal that looks like she ought to be!" Also you are to take along with you a covered dish of some kind of food—your selection—a knife and a fork.

Orange, from the tenor of his invitation, appears to be all pepped up over anticipation of the good time everybody is going to have over at the Rock.

Good Golf Weather

The recent cool weather is most conducive to pleasant golfing. Throngs of players were on the local course Sunday and Monday and each day sees numbers of devotees making the rounds. A number of players from neighboring towns motor here for the game.

Coach Miller's Foot Ball Squad Rush for Work

Coach Miller issued suits to twenty-four players reporting for workouts on Athena High school football team, and he informs the Press that at least two others will be eligible. This is the first time in several years that Athena has had the nucleus for two full teams to appear on the local grid for practice.

Intensive practice is being held daily and all is hustle and bustle from the time classes are over until in the opinion of the coach, the boys have had enough for the day.

One week from today, Friday, Athena opens the season at Milton against Mac-Hi in what Miller terms a "practice game," so it behooves both coach and players to get a move on and keep going. The scholastic schedule of games for the season is now being arranged by Superintendent Bloom.

So far games have been scheduled with Pendleton, to be played here, Saturday October 3, and with Touchet at Touchet, Friday, October 23.

Among the players are nine letter-men. The two-year lettermen are: Solista Pickett, Fred Singer, Lowell Jenkins. The one-year lettermen are: Lester Towne, Glenn McCullough, Ralph Moore, Bob Campbell, Jack Weber, and Bud Miller.

Employs Mechanic

H. C. Arkell, an automobile mechanic, comes from Pendleton to take a position in Gallaher's Garage. Mr. Arkell is an experienced mechanic and car repairer who makes a specialty of expert work on tractors, trucks and passenger machines. He will give special attention to the general run of garage work. Mr. Arkell and family have taken up residence in the west part of town. Four children of the family have entered the Athena schools, two in high school and two in the grades.

Liked The Fair

A number of Athena people attended the Walla Walla fair Saturday. The general report is that the fair was a creditable one. Exhibits were effectively arranged in the numerous booths and displays of fruits and vegetables were more numerous than in past years. Live stock exhibits and the races were up to standard.

Kenneth Rogers Home

E. C. Rogers was accompanied on his trip to British Columbia last week by Stafford Hansell. Accompanied by Kenneth Rogers, who returns for school after assisting in harvest on the Dudley Rogers ranch, they came home Monday evening.

Helix Child Scalded

When Fallen in Spring

The Helix Viewpoint reports that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McIntyre and grand daughter of Mrs. Zelma McIntyre of this city, who live near Helix met with quite a serious accident while vacationing with her parents at Lehman Springs. While playing, she fell into one of the hot springs, scalding herself badly from her waist down. According to reports her feet were not burned owing to the rubber soles on her oxfords, which proved very fortunate according to the attending physician as the feet might have been so badly burned that the child would be unable to walk again. She is now recuperating at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Potatoes Need Rain

Farmers who planted potatoes on Weston and Reed and Hawley mountains are despairing of a normal crop unless they are favored with a real rain soon. Early potatoes are doing well and apparently will make a yield. On account of lack of moisture the second planting was not made until July and with the 60 consecutive days of drought the tubers are failing to develop. The plants however are hardy and green and with immediate moisture it is hoped the crop will not be a failure.

Rebekah Meeting

Rebekah lodge held a regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall. The main event was the installation of Miss Virgie Moore, Noble Grand and Miss Lois Smith, Vice Grand. Plans were made for a called meeting to entertain the president of the state Rebekah assembly, September 25. Adams Rebekahs will be guests for the evening and refreshments will be served. At the next regular meeting the appointive officers will be installed.

Rollers at State Line

Mr. and Mrs. George Roller (Florence Gagnon) who have been managing a golf course at Eugene have sold their interests there and purchased an alfalfa ranch near the state line. They will arrive at their new home this week after a motor trip to Seattle and other Sound points.

Former Umatilla County Man Gone; Car Left

A special from The Dalles says State police officers are frankly baffled over the puzzling aspects of an automobile wreck on the Columbia highway near the Herman creek ranger station, that had all the visible aspects of having been carefully arranged.

The automobile, owned by Vayne M. Boynton, manager of MacMarr grocery stores, was found at the bottom of a 57-foot embankment, virtually unmarred. Apparently it had reposed there for three or four days before being discovered by passing truck drivers. Boynton's hat and a brief case were in the car.

State Police Sergeant Frank Grimm, handling the investigation, learned that Boynton, last seen in Portland more than a week ago, was supposed to have left for San Francisco to take over the management of a MacMarr store there. Previously he had managed stores of this company in Walla Walla, Pendleton, Burns and Portland. Earl Boynton, a brother in Portland, and H. W. Kelly, a brother-in-law at Hermiston, are aiding in the search. In so far as state police have been able to learn Boynton never arrived in San Francisco.

The car gave evidence of having been carefully piloted over the steep bank, with all brakes set, and then abandoned, Sergeant Grimm said. He was unable to provide a motive for the act, and subsequent disappearance, however. The theory of foul play was given some consideration, although a careful check of the area failed to reveal any trace of violence.

Baptist Church Founder Honored at Weston Grave

The members of the Umatilla County Baptist association, in session at Pendleton, Wednesday afternoon honored the grave in the cemetery at Weston of David Lenox, who years ago in the Willamette valley, founded the first Baptist church in Oregon. The association closed its sessions yesterday. Delegates from Athena Helix, Milton, Hermiston and Weston were present to the number of 100. Officers chosen for the ensuing year are Guy Johnson of Pendleton, moderator; A. C. Demaris of Milton, vice-moderator and Kohler Betts of Athena, clerk. Delegates from Athena were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Street, Joe Clemons, Gordon Hand, Mrs. Frank Williams and Kohler Betts.

Tuesday evening the young people enjoyed a six o'clock dinner followed by a business session when election of officers was held. Topics of interest to young people were discussed and Miss Helen Barrett of Athena gave an instructive and interesting talk.

The Study Club

Commencing the season's activities auspiciously, the Athena Study club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. C. Rogers and elected officers for the coming year. Ten members were in attendance and a spirit of keen interest in the year's study was manifest. The first of the "Travels in the United States" began with a paper on New England by Mrs. Frank Little, embracing its topography, characteristics, etc., followed by Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton with "Boston: History and Landmarks, and Literary Associations." Mrs. Rogers was chosen president, Mrs. Little vice-president, Mrs. Louis Keen and Mrs. Stella Keen being retained as secretary and treasurer, respectively, and Mrs. Boyd reported. The meeting for September 16 will be with Mrs. Little with a continuation of the study of Boston and environs. Mrs. M. W. Hansell will give Cambridge, Harvard University, literary and historic associations, etc., Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Charleston, Plymouth and Salem. Roll call will be answered with quotations from Hawthorne, Longfellow or Lowell.

Returns From Coast

H. H. Hill returned Saturday night from a motor trip to Newport and Seaside. Mr. Hill says the Rosevelt highway is a marvelous scenic drive. Returning from Seaside he crossed the Longview bridge and proceeded to Portland on the Washington side of the Columbia. Mr. Hill recommends this route to motorists, saying that besides cutting out so many sharp curves, it is much smoother.

On Orpheum Circuit

Miss Clara Schanney who conducted dancing classes here last winter is now touring with a group of eight girls on the Orpheum circuit which extends as far east as St. Louis and as far south as New Orleans. Several of the girls are from the Steamboat Springs School of dancing and dramatics where Miss Schanney attended and studied under Portia Mansfield of New York.

ATHENA DAIRYMEN WIN FAIR PRIZES

Guernseys of Ringel, Duncan and Coppock Score at Walla Walla.

Entries from the Louie Ringel, James Duncan and William Coppock Guernsey dairy herds brought home prize winning ribbons from hot competition at the Walla Walla county fair, last week.

From the Ringel herd, a senior yearling bull won first, and a senior yearling heifer took second.

James Duncan exhibited three entries from his herd. His herd bull took the grand senior championship. Second prizes went to his cow, two years old and under three, and third to his bull junior calf.

William Coppock had two yearling bull entries. One won first and junior championship. His second entry took fourth prize.

The fair closed Saturday night after a successful three days. A home talent show, "Harvest Revue," directed by Howard E. Pratt, head of the Whitman conservatory of music, was the night attraction. The fair brought two honors to Tom Jones, Jr., son of a Russell creek fruit raiser and orchardist. Young Jones, who is 14, was named the healthiest boy in the county, and his entry won the honors for the 4-H club in pig litter contest.

In the stock judging contest Cheney won the honors with 2154, while Pomeroy was second with 2090 and Walla Walla third with 2024. Nine teams were entered.

World Series October 1

The world series of the pennant winning teams of the National and American baseball clubs will begin on Thursday, October 1, in the park of the National winning team for the first two games. The following three games in Shibe park Philadelphia, home of Connie Mack's Athletics. Box seats will sell for 6.60; reserved seats for \$5.50; general admission tickets for \$3 and bleacher seats for \$1.

Heppner Man Held

Ed McLaughlin, 33, Heppner, is in the Canyon City jail waiting formal filing of a first degree murder charge against him following state officers' announcement that he had confessed to shooting and burning the body of Joe Blessing, fellow sheep camp tender near Granite, 45 miles west of Baker, August 30.

Umatilla Forest Fires Extinguished by Rains

"There is not a fire in the Umatilla National forest at the present time and if more rain falls in the next week or ten days the menace will be materially decreased," says Albert Baker, ranger in charge.

He added that rain fell throughout the entire Umatilla reserve Tuesday night and aided greatly in the fire situation.

Fifty-Eight in High School

The Athena high school opened Tuesday with a total enrollment of fifty-eight students, fifteen freshmen included. Having passed their eighth grade exams they are now ready to begin their upstair careers. The upper classes are glad to have these newcomers with them and they wish the freshmen a good time and success during the coming four year stay.

Apple Picking Discontinued

On account of apples in the Walla Walla valley being unripe, picking the fruit which began several days ago, has been temporarily discontinued. A couple of weeks of cool weather should put the apples in proper condition for harvesting and packing.

Rev. Johnson Returns

Rev. Johnson, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Athena, returned to the city Sunday and conducted services morning and evening. Since leaving Athena several years ago, Rev. Johnson has been residing in the state of Washington, near Goldendale.

Labor Day Observed

Athena observed Labor Day, Monday, when all business houses remained closed. Many Athena citizens took advantage of the holiday and motored to different points of interest. Opening of school was postponed until Tuesday, thus enjoying, unexpectedly, one more holiday.

Old Timer Returns

The Weston Leader reports that R. W. Brown, formerly a well known Weston farmer, greeted old-time friends there last week-end while on his way home to Portland from Gardfield, Washington, where he spent the summer. Mrs. Brown is still at Gardfield, and will follow a week later.