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BACCALAUREATE EXERCISE IS HELD AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Walter Bailey Gives Good Advice to Graduates of High School

CLASS IS ALL PRESENT

Short Program Is Given by Those Not Among Graduating Pupils of Springfield

The baccalaureate exercises held at the Christian church last Sunday proved a big success. A short program and the sermon by Rev. Walter Bailey made up the events of the evening. The exercises were begun by the singing of "America" by the audience after which prayer was offered by Rev. M. H. Fagan. Mrs. Fagan sang a most fitting solo and a short scripture lesson was read by Mr. Fagan. The speaker of the evening was introduced by Rev. J. S. McCallum. Rev. Walter Bailey was a graduate of the high school two years ago and has since made very rapid progress in his church, the Baptist church in this city. His sermon was very effective and was easily understood by the graduates.

"There are so few who plan their life. They are blown around like thistle-down in a breeze and have nothing to cling to. One thing everyone has to fight all their lives is lies and if your future is all planned there are not going to be so many of them to fight. If you have a garden you have to cultivate to be able to gather the harvest and unless you plan your garden you gather an inefficient harvest.

"Do we shun the lies as we would shun the germs of disease? The truth is the thing the people need more than anything else. Facts are better than flowers any time even though they may hurt at some time.

"Men are serving the world with the power of mind. Such men as Benjamin Franklin and Columbus. They had great ideas and where their minds were they went. As a man thinks in his heart he is. I can go into the darkest cell you can find and still I could keep my thoughts as pure as any person who ever was in the lightest place.

"A man looks upon the outward appearance while God looks on the heart. You can hide your thoughts from your friends but not from God. Right thinking without acting is like a soap bubble. Take for example a pansy seed. The seed put into the right environment grows while the one which is not does not grow and if it does it is a very poor plant.

"A man in a far off country was once seated among swine. He was even so low that he ate with the swine because his thoughts were not above a swine. He began to think and his thoughts crystallized and in time his feet turned in the way of his thoughts. He had thought 'Surely there is enough room in my father's house for me,' so he soon found himself in the home of his father.

"There was once a man who was brought up to be a Christian. The night of his graduation from the high school he was thinking of theft all of the time he was listening to the sermon. His thoughts became crystallized and a little while later he sold his life for \$18. Peter denied Christ. He had pure thoughts but in a moment of despair he denied Christ.

"There was once a soot-keeper who made a mistake on getting on a boat and instead of the right one he got on one which was taking a party of children on a Sunday school picnic. They began to sing 'Nearer My God to Thee' and the half drunken man came to him and demanded to be let off of the boat. The man whom he asked, asked him why and he

HIGH SCHOOL DOES MUCH

Marcola Pupils Work Hard for the Red Cross

The vacation which the high school students of the Marcola school asked for and were granted proved a great success and benefit to the Red Cross. All of the pupils secured work for the day and gave the proceeds to the Red Cross. Five boys and five girls hired out to plant potatoes for John Downing and earned \$15. Five boys with the use of Karl Volgamore's wagon, carried rubbish from many homes and earned \$8. Girls did various work including house work scrubbing and washing windows. Eva Titus erected a shoe-shining stand in front of the ice-cream parlors and made \$4. It cost some of the men who have unusually large feet, fifty cents to get a shine. The total sum amounted to \$65.

The campaign was closed by a dance at the M. W. A. hall and served ice cream and punch making a profit of \$70 for the evening. The total for the work day and dance was \$135, and the amount which the school cleared was \$94.

News Reporter to Leave

Miss Wanna McKinney who has been employed as reporter by the Springfield News since the first of the year, expects to leave for Portland next Saturday where her father W. B. McKinney is employed in the ship yards, and where the family expects to locate. Miss McKinney is a member of the graduating class this year and is quite popular among her many friends here. Her position is being filled by Jean Fischer who began her duties this week.

Eighth Grade Exams. Are Held

Class of Twenty Takes Finals At Lincoln School Thursday and Friday

The eighth grade examinations are to be held at the Lincoln school today and Friday for a class of twenty. H. C. Ethell will be in charge of the examinations this year. All expect to continue their school work and attend high school in the fall. The returns of the examinations will be reported in about two weeks and the pupils who are successful in the examinations will receive their diplomas at this time.

A class of thirty will take the state examinations in geography. They are all in the seventh grade. A class of twenty-three in the sixth grade will take the state examinations in physiology.

Those who are to take the examinations in the eighth grade are: Cornelia Hutchinson, Clara Volstead, Henry Tomseth, Edwena Parsons, Ray Weber, Gretchen Herrick, Dorothy Girard Dorris Smith, William McCulloch, Wallace Halsey, Mary Waechter, Flaud Townsend, Ora Chase, Mabel McPherson, Helen Myers, Emma Travis, Lester Smith, William Lindley, Vesta LaRue and Lyle Wynd.

James Cox III

James Cox of this city was taken to Portland last Saturday for medical treatment. He was taken to the Portland-Surgical-hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis last Monday. Word was received this morning stating that he had been resting easy though it will be some time before they will be sure of the case.

said, 'This is hell for me.'

"Answer a big question to yourself 'Where would you be if you were where your thoughts are?' The answer may not be what it should be, even by the best people.

People are being told constantly how to be good. The thing is practice it."

The regular announcements for the week were then made followed by a duet by Marion Richmond and Merle Nimmo. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. McCallum.

FRENCH SUPPLY DEPOT IN THE MEUSE SECTOR



A supply depot behind the French lines in the Meuse sector. It is connected by telephone with headquarters at the front, and when emergency supplies are needed they are rushed from this depot by means of auto trucks.

EDWIN OLSON DIES WHILE IN ENGLAND

Left America in January to Fight in France; Contracted Pleurisy of Right Lung

Mrs. Emma Olson of this city received a telegram last Monday telling her of the death of her son Edwin H. Olson who was in England with the 148th Field artillery where he died from the effects of pleurisy.

Edwin H. Olson was born at Barron, Wisconsin, September 30, 1897. He moved to Ashland, Wisconsin from there and came to Coburg, Oregon ten years ago with his parents where he finished his education in the grammar school. He moved to Springfield three years ago and worked in the Booth-Kelly mill for a year then went to Sheridan where he was employed in the mill.

Edwin enlisted April 6th, the day after war was declared with a number of Sheridan boys in the 3rd Oregon infantry. He was sent to the Vancouver barracks where he remained about six months then was sent to Menlo Park in California. He was later sent to Camp Merritt, New Jersey and from there to Camp Mills in New York where he contracted pneumonia and had to remain in the hospital while his company was sent across the Atlantic. After his recovery he was attached to the 148th Field artillery and was sent overseas in latter part of January. On his arrival in England he was taken to the Magdalene hospital at Winchester, England with pleurisy of the right lung from which he never recovered. He died May 23, 1918.

Mr. Olson is survived by his mother, Mrs. Emma Olson, one sister Mrs. Bruce Lansberry, one brother Oden Olson, all of this city and a brother Oswald Olson who is with the 63rd Infantry at San Francisco and several relatives in Oregon and the East. His father died before the family came West. Edwin Olson was a member of the Methodist church of this city and a member of the W. O. W. lodge.

S. P. Company Wins

The Southern Pacific company won the suit instituted by Frank R. Alexander, as administrator of the estate of the late Edgar Billings, for \$2,999 damages for alleged carelessness and negligence on the part of the railroad company. Mr. Billings was struck by a troop train at Springfield Junction and killed.

Bounties Are Paid

Bounties were paid this week to Joe W. Walker, Fall Creek on 24 diggers; Ernest Olson, Springfield on three diggers and one gopher; Wilfred Behorn, of Goshen on nine diggers.

"WATCHERS AT THE CROSS" IS SUBJECT

Rev. Fagan Speaks to Big Crowd Sunday Morning; Is Special Music

Rev. M. H. Fagan, evangelist at the Christian church, delivered a sermon Sunday morning on the subject "Watchers at the Cross." A large audience was in attendance to hear the helpful words of the speaker. There was special music and a solo by Mrs. Fagan, contralto soloist. Rev. Fagan's sermon follows:

"It was the time of the Passover feast in Jerusalem. The city was crowded with pilgrims who had come from all parts of the country to be present at the great national gathering. Many who were present expected to see Jesus. He had stirred the whole country with his wonderful words and his wonderful works.

"Imagine the thrill that passed through the crowd as they heard that he was to be crucified. With one accord they thronged to Calvary to witness the awful scene. Many thousands and were in attendance at the cross. I want to call your attention this morning to some of the watchers at the cross, noticing who watched, how they watched, and what they saw.

"First the chief priests with the scribes and elders, watched him mockingly, and saw an impostor. Jesus gave himself out to be the Son of God he claimed to have authority to forgive sins; he claimed to have angels at his command; he claimed power to raise the dead; he claimed to be the Judge of all mankind; he claimed to be the promised Messiah; he claimed to be the Saviour of the world. For these claims he was crucified. Now remember, if Jesus was not what he claimed to be then these mockers were right and he was an impostor. If he was not the Christ then he was a deceiver, a liar, a cheat, and a blasphemer.

"Next we see a group of women at the cross. They do not watch mockingly but with sorrow and see a benefactor. Jesus is the great emancipator of womanhood. In those lands where Jesus has not been preached womanhood is in slavery. She is of no more value than a cow or any other animal. She is simply a convenience for men. Purity, virtue, womanhood, equality with man, these truths you women of Springfield owe to Jesus. And yet some will not give him any place in their lives.

"Next the passers-by. They watched with indifference and saw nothing. Nothing worthy of their particular attention. One of the worst sins in the church is this sin of indifference. This is the only thing I fear in a re-

ALIEN WOMEN TO REGISTER

June 17-26 Are Days Set For Signing up of German Subjects

By proclamation of the President of the United States, German alien women will be required to register in accordance with the general rules and regulations prescribed by the Attorney General of the United States. The date set for registration is from June 17 to June 26.

Persons required to register: All natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the German Empire or of the Imperial German Government, being FEMALES of the age of 14 years and upwards, now within the United States and not actually naturalized as American citizens are required to register as German alien females. Registration does not include those born in Austria Hungary unless they are also German subjects.

Persons required to register should understand that by so doing they are giving proof of their peaceful dispositions and their intention to conform to the laws of the United States. Registration for Springfield will take place in the post office, the postmaster acting as registration officer.

Rev. Ethell Attends Convention

Rev. H. C. Ethell returned from Portland last Sunday where he attended the annual convention of the Assembly of the Pentecostal church of the Nazarine. There were about one hundred members of the church at the conference this year, eighty of which were licensed preachers the remainder being delegates from the churches in this district. The conference had regular business of six and one half hours every day. This district includes most of Oregon, all of Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Rev. J. T. Little of Newburg was elected district superintendent of this district. The annual session will be held at Ashland, Oregon next year.

Vance Cagley Home

Vance Cagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cagley of this city arrived home Tuesday for a short visit with his parents and friends. He has been at the Letterman General Hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco for a year where he is in charge of three wards, the medical, surgical and tuberculosis departments. He and a party of others were in charge of a number of insane men who were taken to St. Paul, Minnesota and on his return was given a five days stop over.

Pass Y. M. C. A. Examinations

W. S. Wright and W. J. Hutchinson of this city passed the examination for the Y. M. C. A. work in the service. They expect to go to New York soon where they will leave for France as soon as they learn some of their duties. They passed the examinations for the Portland Board of Y. M. C. A.

COLONEL LEADER ADDRESSES GUARD SUNDAY MORNING

Tells of Life and Incidents of Trenches in France With Allied Forces

M. C. BRESSLER SPEAKS

Gives Thrilling Picture on Battle of Somme; Song of Never Surrender Gives Courage to Men

At the regular church service hour last Sunday, Colonel Leader of the University of Oregon spoke at the Methodist church to the congregation and home guard. The introduction speech was made by M. C. Bressler of this city. Four new members were taken in at this time and mention of eight new stars which have been added to the service flag during the last week was made. The center row of seats was reserved for the Home Guard who marched into the church after Colonel Leader. The congregation arose and sang "America" and "God Save Our Men" after which Rev. S. A. Danford led in prayer and a selection was given by the choir. The usual morning offering and announcements were given and the new members introduced. After the song "Battle Hymn of the Republic" had been sung, M. C. Bressler spoke as follows:

"I am very glad to respond and give a bit of cheer to the mothers and fathers of boys at the front today. We realize the necessity of taking up arms in defense of the land we all love and obey. To-day we are in the greatest strife the world has ever known and one never dreamed of before.

"We are so far from the stage of action that we cannot fully realize how awful it is. Only the parents who have sent their sons across the water can realize how terrible it is. We wonder why there is the necessity of the struggle. The only answer we can give is duty.

"Because of this strife the name of the Germans is besmeared. In that place the little children at their mother's knee is taught militarism. They are taught that some day they are to be leaders in the military world. We held back from the Germans as long as we could thinking that they would realize the wrong they were doing but time passed and they only did worse until we could stand their actions against us no longer.

"This war is to put down the enemy so that some day people will put down all arms and meet as brothers and not for conquest. The time must come when they will realize that the shedding of blood is wrong.

"It is our duty to give all we can to build up our great and grand nation of people. We have not yet realized as much as we must that this is necessary.

"Through the suffering we can see the future with a ray of light—see as we see now the results of the Civil War. The price is dear yet well worth it. There is no death more honorable or more to be sought than to give your life for brotherhood. War has divided the chaff from the wheat. The future will see a higher and nobler type of men."

Colonel Leader was then introduced and gave a very interesting and appealing talk. This is to be his last talk to the public besides one to be given to the alumni of the University. The Colonel gave many very interesting experiences and stories of trench life in France.

"The Dutchman says the French are bled white, English are bled white, Italians are bled white, Russians are bled yellow and the Americans are not ready yet. The whole safety of the world depends on the United States.

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