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HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES

Graduating exercises of the class of 1920 will be held in the high school auditorium next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. There are nine graduates this year, all girls, Marcea Casserly, Mildred Percy, Viola Crandall, Loretta Bennett, Grace Thompson, Ruth Sprague, Kathryn Beebe, Janice Brigham and Bertha McKeen. Miss Janice Brigham has the highest average class standing for the four years and so is valedictorian and Bertha McKeen with next highest is salutatorian.

Professor Peter Crockett of the University of Oregon will give the Commencement address.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given at the Baptist church Sunday evening by Rev. Hall. The public is invited to these exercises.

The class will appear in the gray cap and gown which is the regulation color for high schools. The Commencement activities were begun last evening when the Junior class gave a banquet and reception in honor of the Class of 1920 at Mack's hall at which covers were laid for 40. Everyone had a good time with oratory, songs and dancing as the program for the evening.

Following is the program for Friday evening:

Music School Orchestra
Salutatory Bertha McKeen
Reading Grace Thompson
Class History Ruth Sprague
Vocal Solo Mildred Percy
Class Prophecy Viola Crandall
Class Will Marcea Casserly
Valedictory Janice Brigham
Vocal Solo Kathryn Short
Address Prof. Peter Crockett
Presentation of Diplomas

Chairman C. S. McNaught
Song, Alma Meter School

Erroneous Impression Refuted

Due to the fact that malicious reports are being circulated among the happy owners of Johnson Massey Harris Mowers and Rakes and among prospective purchasers of these now well known machines on the project, we must, in justice to those 44 owners of Johnson Massey Harris mowers and nearly as many owners of the same rakes and to those considering the purchase of a new machine, publish the following statement above our corporate signature. The reports being circulated are to the effect that these well known manufacturers are to discontinue the manufacture of their products, that parts for same will no longer be obtainable and if obtainable will have to be imported and at high prices. To refute these statements we have to announce that the Johnson Harvester Co., and Massey-Harris Harvester Co. Inc., have both been, since their inception, under the same control as to capital and stockholders, the former company having since merged its name with the latter, this having been about the time we decided to handle this well known product as their agents for this territory. Previous to the year 1917 some of their manufactures such as Side Delivery Rakes were already known as "Johnston Massey-Harris, but the dump rakes and mowers, have, until this season been sold under the former name of "Johnston." This season they are known as "Johnston Massey-Harris," preparatory to making the name in the future for their products "Massey-Harris" only, due to the fact that the Johnston Harvester company name having been merged with the Massey-Harris to eliminate the expense of the same stockholders operating two separate and distinct corporations. These products have always been manufactured in Batavia, N. Y., being eastern products the same as all other reputable mowers, there being no manufacturers of these products in the west. The original double name of these interests was caused to save about 20 to 35 per cent duty into Canada on their products, as completed implements carried a heavy export duty, while a separate manufacturing company in Canada could operate there, purchase their products from a United States company in parts and assemble there at this great saving, with but a very small duty on un-assembled machinery. Laws and conditions having changed some time ago, the two names have been made one, the factory still remaining at

GRAND MINSTREL SHOW TONIGHT AT THE AUDITORIUM

There is going to be a wealth of hilarity, merriment, tuneful music, dancing and singing tonight at the Auditorium, for the greatest aggregation of burnt cork artists Hermiston has seen for a long time are here, and you cannot miss seeing their smart musical comedy, "A Holiday in Dixieland."

Here we are to have a combination of an old time plantation scene and minstrelsy of the day right from the heart and very soul of Dixie headed by Everett Parker. Its dominant keynote is laughter, and they promise to eliminate M. Gouch from the face of the earth.

Dan Winesett and Dewey Payne are as funny as ever, and they have gathered new stuff, new jokes, and other material sure to keep their talents busy. Others who aid these two gnomes destroyers and their inevitable tomfoolery are Frank Swazze, Emery Warriner, John Watson, Roy Silvey and 25 other singers.

The directors feel proud of the younger set who take part in the folk dancing, for here the brilliant array of costumes and stage colorings in our own colonial minstrel and later in interpretive dances by Lenore and Alice Dyer are bound to be pleasing to our guests.

The high school orchestra are all tuned up for the Dixie merrymakers, and you will hear from them before the cotton pickers declare it a holiday. Don't you hear 'em bells, Well, let's get started. Auditorium tonight, 8 p. m.

SOUVENIR FOR INDEPENDENCE

Receipt of a letter this week from Mrs. Clark Mansfield of Independence, Oregon, to her husband, who is buttermaker for the Cooperative Creamery in this city, conveyed the information that the town was thrown into a state of excitement a few days ago when a meteor fell from the heavens and struck on the pavement of one of the streets in Independence. The lady stated that it appeared like a bolt from the blue, coming as it did in a trail of fire, and striking at white heat. It weighed about 200 pounds on reaching the earth. Independence scientists have expressed the opinion that it weighed over a ton at the beginning of its flight, friction and fire in its rapid downward flight causing the great reduction in size and weight.

NEW GROCERY STORE

Another grocery store is to be added to the list of business concerns in Hermiston. It will be located in the Adams building, one door west of the Liberty Bakery, and will be operated and owned by J. Maurice Equals of Echo, who is now and has for some time owned and operated the Economy Cash Store in that city. The work of remodeling the store-room began last Monday, and with a new and complete stock of groceries Mr. Equals hopes to have everything in readiness to open the doors of the institution to public patronage this Saturday morning. The proprietor declares that the store will be conducted on a strictly cash basis.

Its large plant in Batavia, N. Y., which is its "home office and factory." Our shipments of machines come to us in carload from this point as well as having a drawing stock for smaller shipments from the Portland, Oregon jobber. Paris to the value of several completed machines are and will be carried in stock at our store for the full life of any machine sold in the past or that will be sold in the future and at no higher prices than other makes of reputable machinery and we will continue to handle the well known products of this many million dollar corporation in the future as we have in the past with the same service in parts and guarantees. Johnston Massey-Harris products will after this year be known as "Massey-Harris," however, will be made of the same satisfactory material by the same makers as previously and will appear for sale at our place of business as a permanent creditable line. The manufacturers first, R. M. Wade & Company, the largest and most reliable implement house in Portland, now 55 years in business, second and we third, stand back of the guarantees made by the Massey-Harris products. Products of the makers will be changed by them only as they see chances of improving their products by new inventions and from other manufacturing standpoints.

SAPPERS, Inc.

NEW CONCRETE MANUFACTURING FIRM FORMED

Within the past week a new manufacturing firm has been organized and is already in operation in Hermiston. This concern will go under the name of the Hermiston Cement Products Co., and its operations will be directed by the H. M. Straw, secretary and manager of the Inland Empire Lumber Co., and A. F. Beisse, building contractor.

The Hermiston Cement Products Co. has leased the concrete pipe yards in the east end of town from the U. S. Reclamation Service and purchased the equipment of the Newport Construction Co., former operators of the yards.

It is announced by Messrs. Straw and Beisse that their company will specialize in the manufacture of concrete blocks, cement brick and cement pipe. There will at all times be on hand a good supply of these commodities, so as to meet the demands of local and outside trade.

Already the company has received numerous orders for pipe, blocks and brick, thus denoting that there is urgent need of a manufacturing industry of this character on this project.

PENDLETON TRIBUNE TO HAVE A NEW OWNER

For some time past a deal has been pending for the sale of the Pendleton Morning Tribune to Harry L. Kuck of The Dalles, Oregon. The culmination of these negotiations came this week, when, after buying up much of the stock of the Tribune Company and getting hold of the mortgage on the plant, Mr. Kuck forced foreclosure proceedings and this brought about a court order for the sale of the paper to satisfy the mortgage, which, it has been announced, will take place on Friday, May 21st.

Following the sale, Mr. Kuck plans to become sole owner of the Tribune, the announcement says. The paper will remain a morning daily. In the meantime he will direct the publication and handle the business affairs of the company.

Mr. Kuck is a newspaper man, of several years experience in Oregon. He was a student in journalism at the University of Oregon before taking up the work on various state papers. His home is in The Dalles.

DAIRY AND HOG SHOW WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 8 AND 9

The board of directors of the Dairy and Hog Show Association held a meeting a few days ago and decided on and set the dates for the holding of the eighth annual fair in Hermiston.

This year the Dairy and Hog show will be held about 15 days earlier than last year, the directors deciding on October 8 and 9. The last fair consisted of a three days' session, on October 22, 23, and 24. It will be remembered that the last day was given over to the Oregon Jersey Breeders' Association convention, many members of which were in attendance from Spokane and the Willamette valley. As there will be nothing of this nature held in conjunction with the show this year the directors have dropped back to the original two days' exhibition.

The members of the board of directors in deciding on October 8 and 9 as the time of holding the show this year, evidently had in mind the cold, raw weather encountered at fair time in former years, and no doubt believe that this will be obviated this year by holding the show on the above mentioned dates.

HERMISTON BOY WEDS

The A. O. C. Barometer gives the following account of the wedding of Clarence B. Johnson, formerly of this city and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson, and Miss Lulu Vivian Meloy of Corvallis.

A wedding of considerable interest in college circles is that of Miss Lulu Vivian Meloy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Meloy of Corvallis and Clarence B. Johnson, solemnized at Yakima, Washington, last Saturday by the Rev. Edward Campbell of the Presbyterian church of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Toppenish, Washington, where Mr. Johnson is employed by the Mutual Creamery Co.

JUDGE WILL R. KING QUILTS RECLAMATION

An Oregon News Bureau dispatch from Washington, D. C., says that Will R. King of Ontario, Oregon, former democratic national committeeman for Oregon, has resigned as chief counsel for the United States Reclamation Service, to become effective June 15. The reason given for his resignation by Mr. King in a letter to Mr. Payne, secretary of the interior, is that he desires to return to private law practice.

The resignation has been accepted by Secretary Payne says the dispatch, and he has appointed Ottamar Hamele to fill the vacancy upon the recommendation of Mr. King. In accepting the resignation Secretary Payne writes:

"I quite understand the necessity of lawyers retiring from the public service to enter private practice on account of the limited government salaries. I therefore accept your resignation and will appoint Mr. Hamele, as per your recommendation."

On the recommendation of Senator Chamberlain, Dr. H. M. Bowry has been appointed examining pension surgeon at La Grande.

HERMISTON GIRL IS BEST IN DECLAMATION CONTEST

Eighteen pupils from the various schools in the county competed at the high school auditorium in Pendleton last Saturday night in the county oratorical and declamatory contest. While Hermiston school won no laurels in these events, Miss Wilma Waugaman of Columbia school four miles east of this city saved the day for the West End of the county by winning first prize in the declamation contest in Division C, which included the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of the county schools. For this the young lady has been showered with oceans of praise by her many friends in this community.

After the contest W. W. Green, county superintendent of schools, gave a talk on the necessity of more money for the schools of Oregon, and Orville Reeves of the local high school gave a talk on "higher education."

Winners of the contest are to be presented with medals as soon as the engraving is finished. Winners of first place receive gold medals, while silver medals were given those who won second place.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT

The C. S. McNaught Co. began Wednesday on an extension to the alfalfa mill that it operates in this city. More floor space was needed for the ever increasing business of the concern, and thus it was decided to add another 20 feet to the north side of the mill so as to give ample room for the storing of alfalfa bales and alfalfa meal prior to loading into cars for shipment. This improvement will relieve the hitherto congested condition of the mill, giving, as it does, more floor space for the rapid handling of the alfalfa product.

BOUGHT WHITING RANCH

After selling his small farm east of town over a year and a half ago to H. L. Payne and moving with his family to Pendleton, Isaac Jay returned to Hermiston the first of the week and on Monday closed a deal whereby he became owner of the 11 1/2 acre improved tract owned by F. W. Whiting, which adjoins his former old home place. Possession will be given immediately, and Mr. Jay and family will again take up their residence in the Hermiston valley. Mr. Whiting and family have moved to the house on Ridge-way avenue which they formerly owned and which has until recently been occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDonald and daughter arrived from Fort Wayne, Ind., for a brief visit among friends last Sunday. They were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Phipps by the Linger-Longers to a sumptuous banquet, Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leathers another party was given by the Linger-Longers in their honor. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were residents of Hermiston some four years ago. They left Wednesday for Seattle where they expect to reside permanently.

MAY 31 TO BE GALA DAY IN BOARDMAN

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Association held their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church with a good attendance.

The opening feature of the program was Mr. C. Wood, county Y. M. C. A. secretary, of Pendleton, and he gave a very interesting talk, followed by a cornet solo by Frank Stevens which was very much appreciated by those present. Four of Miss Sholin's pupils gave an interesting program entitled "Thrift Stamps." Miss Kittie Short rendered a beautiful vocal solo after the business meeting and installation of officers, with Mrs. Hinkle presiding. During the meeting the subject of the "Elementary and Higher Education Tax Measure" was ably discussed by Mr. Dodd and Mr. Hinkle, showing why we should vote for this measure.

At the next Commercial luncheon this tax measure will be brought before the club and invitations are extended to those interested in this matter.

CLAIM THEY WERE BILKED

It would seem that the trading of land for land in Umatilla county has always been equal and all right, but trading land in Umatilla county for land in Morrow county is a horse of another color. This idea is enlarged with the filing of a suit the other day in the circuit court wherein an option given by Olive Lee and Viola Savage to O. T. Lathrop on a trade of Umatilla county wheat land for wheat land in Morrow county is asked set aside, charging the defendant and his agents, E. C. Lloyd and R. C. Lashley, with deceitful, fraudulent and malicious dealing. The plaintiffs allege that they gave the option on their land worth \$92,000 for land which they afterward discovered is worth but \$26,420.

The plaintiffs, according to their complaint, stood to lose \$65,580 if the deal went through. They allege that the Morrow county land was represented to them as being worth \$40 an acre and would produce between 25 and 30 bushels of wheat an acre. There are 2300 acres in the tract, 1100 acres of which, the defendant is alleged to have represented, is in crop. Later the plaintiffs learned, they aver, that the land was on the market at \$20 an acre and considered worth not more than that.

The plaintiffs have an option on the deal, which they asked the defendant to cancel when they learned the alleged true value of the land, the complaint says. The defendant has refused to cancel the option and has had it recorded in Umatilla county, is the allegation of plaintiffs.

FIRST VISIT IN YEARS

S. B. Munkers, an early day resident of Hermiston who is now operating a wheat ranch about 23 miles southwest of here, came to town Wednesday, it being his first visit in a number of years. On arrival he was amazed at the wonderful strides this town and project had made since last he had been in Hermiston. Mr. Munkers came to prove up on his land before U. S. Commissioner W. J. Warner, as did also his daughter Miss Zelpha, who with her brother Bruce accompanied their father. The young lady is the owner of a choice quarter section of grazing land adjoining her parent's wheat ranch.

LISTEN TO THIS

Rinehart Buhmann and his sister Elda went to Wasco last Saturday, where the former purchased an Indian motorcycle with a side car attachment. They returned Sunday over the rocky desert road through Morrow county, making the trip in five and one-half hours. The most remarkable feature of the journey was the fact that the machine only used six quarts of gasoline and one quart of oil. Miss Elda says riding in side cars is much more comfortable and sporty than bumping along in an automobile. Mr. Buhmann is agent in Umatilla county for the above mentioned machine.

Mrs. H. M. Straw entertained at a card party last Saturday afternoon at her new home on the Columbia highway. After passing a pleasant time playing bridge the ladies partook of a very dainty luncheon. Mrs. J. W. Ralph and daughter Betty were in Pendleton Monday shopping.

Everyone will admit that the hustling town of Boardman in the capital of the West Extension Irrigation District, and if Heppner "don't look a little out" are long this same town of Boardman will west from her the crown she now so proudly wears by annexation of the county seat of Morrow county. This might seem a far cry, but the youthful history of Boardman is something to compare with, for almost superhuman have been the accomplishments of both farmers and business men of that community since the beginning of the town and development of the country only a little over three years ago.

And now comes a further criterion of what concerted action and a "pull together" spirit will do for a community in the swinging against all odds of the picnic and barbecue being arranged by the directors of the John Day Irrigation District, who have definitely decided to hold this gala event at Boardman on the 31st day of this month.

This affair will go down as one of the greatest occurrences in Boardman's progressive onward march, and will be a means of giving added impetus to the already fast settling up of the rich farming land surrounding, for assembled at the picnic will be many homeseekers from this and other states who will come to join in the festivities and at the same time look over that part of the Greater Umatilla Project with a view to buying land and becoming part of that bustling community.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is behind the big affair and it is said Portland will send a delegation of business men, bankers and other live wire citizens to enjoy the day. The Commercial Clubs of Hermiston, Heppner and Arlington are also backing the project, and all promise a big turnout from their respective towns.

Arrangements for the entertainment of from 1500 to 2000 people are being made, and the occasion promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted in Morrow county.

WINTER WHEAT IN THIS STATE IS UP TO NORMAL

Material improvement over the previously unsatisfactory agricultural outlook is reported in a bulletin issued by the Twelfth Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, covering general business and agricultural conditions in the states of Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah.

The improvement noted resulted from the general rainfall during March and April, according to the bank's report, which stated:

"The condition of winter wheat is now 85 per cent normal in California, 91 per cent in Oregon, 87 per cent in Idaho, 94 per cent in Nevada and 98 per cent in Utah, as compared with the district condition of approximately 95 per cent at the same period in 1919. In Washington, which normally produces approximately one-third of the winter wheat grown in this district, the condition is only 73 per cent of normal, as compared with 97 per cent a year ago, and it will be necessary to reseed from 10 to 20 per cent of the fall sown wheat in that state.

"Spring wheat acreage throughout the district will approximate that of a year ago. The ground is in excellent condition for seeding. In the inter-mountain region heavy snowfall during March and the early part of April assured sufficient moisture for dry-farming sections, and abundant water for irrigated lands."

Lumber mills in the Pacific Northwest are being compelled to restrict acceptance of orders due to their inability to secure cars.

STOCKRAISERS' CONVENTION

With the announcement of the holding at Burns, Ore., on May 24 and 25 of the seventh annual Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association convention, a few interested local stockraisers are planning to be in attendance. An interesting program of an educational character to all farmers has been prepared for the occasion. Among the subjects to be discussed at the convention are "The Use of Silage," "Some of the Reasons for Federal Taxes," "The Grazing Regulations," "Household Remedies for Range Diseases," "The General Future of the Stock Business," "Beef Cattle in Oregon," "Livestock Shows," "Possibilities of Cooperative Disposal of Beef by Producers" and "Winter Rations for Calves and Yearlings."