

Troubles are often the tools which God fashions us for things.—Henry Ward Beecher

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Pleasure is the last resort of the desperate. Happy people do not need to be amused.—Thomas Carlyle.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES PLANNED FOR MANY GRADUATES

STANFIELD WILL GRADUATE ELEVEN FRIDAY.

Others Will End High School Days May 16; Hermiston Exercises Are Set for May 23.

Commencement exercises are being conducted in this section of the county as the end of school approaches. Stanfield schools are holding exercises Friday, May 10, in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. Marie Thorsen will be valedictorian of the class and Bytha Hoskins salutatorian.

Baccalaureate services were conducted Sunday, May 5, by Rev. O. W. Payne.

Members of the graduating class are Anna Correa, Irene Fedler, La-Yada Nudo, Bytha Hoskins, Ruth Rowell, Marie Thorsen, Edna Lay, Cleo Green, Charles Hedrick, Stanley Wessell, Raymond Attebury and Leo Rueber.

The Irrigon schools will hold commencement exercises Thursday, May 16, in the gymnasium at 8:00 p. m., and Dr. E. T. Allen, Prof. of Biblical Literature at Whitman college, will be the speaker.

Commencement exercises for the Boardman schools will also be held May 16, with the following members of the senior class receiving diplomas: Zella Carpenter, Marguerite Harford, Elsie Wilson, Imogene Wil-Mackanson, Freda May Richardson, Delbert Mackan, John Healy and Fred Slanger.

M. C. Jacobs of Whitman college will be the speaker for the commencement exercises at Umatilla to be held May 16. Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 12, and class night program Tuesday, May 14. Members of the class are: Margaret Baumann, valedictorian, Helen Bar-boulet, salutatorian, Josephine Connell, Lena Rose, Louise Jackson, Jack Cooney, Lewis Dexter, Boyd Hower and Robert McKenzie.

Hermiston Exercises. Members of the senior class of the Hermiston high school will graduate Thursday, May 9. Members of the class are: Helen Addie-man, Julia Allen, Genevieve Burn-side, Julia Colpitta, Martha Lens, Florence Lewis, Margaret McMullen, Mildred Phelps, Mary Rodda, Neva Richards, Sylvia Shutter, Miriam Swarner, Edna Turnblad, Faith Wilson, Jack Dawson, Bruce Follett, Fred Hensel, Geo. Knapp, Billy Lind-ner, Morris Mullins, Don Moore, Floyd Plesce, Clement Stockard, Geo. Sale, Tom Stewart, Woodrow Whit-sett, and Ed Peterson.

Edna Turnblad will be valedictorian of the class and Margaret McMullen-salutatorian. A complete program will be published next week.

THE POPPY SYMBOLIZES A SOLDIER MEMORIAL.

How long is public memory and how enduring national gratitude? This question will be answered here Saturday, May 25th. It will be answered in bright red poppies worn over the hearts of all who remember and are grateful to those who sacrificed their lives in the nation's defense seventeen years ago.

The women of the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute the flowers on the streets. They remember. Some of their own in the poppy-studded battle cemeteries in France. Ever since the war they have been devoting their energies to aid those left dependent, to help those who came back disabled, and to carry on in peace for the cause of American democracy. And on Poppy Day they will give their services so that the rest of us may show that we, too, remember.

Wearing the poppy is the individual act of tribute to the World War dead. Everyone can wear a poppy. The Auxiliary women will offer them in exchange for a contribution for the welfare of the war's living victims. No price is asked for these little flowers, shaped by the hands of disabled veterans. A dime, if that is all the person is able to give, or a ten dollar bill, if that amount can be contributed, it is all the same. The same symbolic poppy will be given in exchange.

The money which goes into the coin boxes of the poppy workers on Poppy Day will all be expended in the welfare work of the Legion and Auxiliary during the coming year, the bulk of it right here in our own city. Thus the little poppy will give us an opportunity to prove that our memory and gratitude for the sacrifices made for America during the war still endures by enabling us to honor those for whom we can do no more, and aiding those yet within the reach of human help.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Boardman won over Hermiston in the baseball game last week with a score of 1-2. Some very fine playing was exhibited by both teams.

In the tennis meet at Stanfield last Wednesday, the scores were as follows: Girls' singles 3-6, 6-4 and 7-5; Girls' doubles 2-6, 6-1, and 6-2; Boys' singles 6-3 and 6-0; Boys' doubles 4-6 and 5-7; and Mixed doubles 6-4 and 6-0.

Pendleton won the tennis cup previously displayed in the window of the Hermiston Herald, on Saturday, May 4. They now are the champions of the county in everything except Girls' doubles. Maxine Paul and Julia Colpitta of Hermiston won that match.

Hermiston took Echo in a baseball game held on the local field May 6. After a hard battle, the Bulldogs made a run in the last half of the last inning. This brought the score up to 2-1. These teams will meet again on the 13th of May to decide who is the champion in this end of the county.

The local girls won over Stanfield in the game held on the opponent's field May 1. The final score was 2-1.

At a Junior class meeting last Thursday, the following Junior Prom committees were appointed: Ceiling, Alton Sisson, Earl Watson, Richard Cox, Archie Fry, Guy Jeppe, Jack Reeves, Paul Marble and Charlotte Ralph; Walls, Mary Burnham, Alice Edwards, Harold Throp, Bill Nelson, Barbara Reid and Bill Jackson; Furniture: Ruth Dodd, Herbert Skovbo, Dale Carson, Fred Rankin, Carrie Lage and Oliver Knerr; and Stage and Windows, Elva Stamper, Eleanor Dawson, Kenneth Knerr, Hugh Driscoll, Harold Rainwater, Frank Jeppe, and Clarence Myers. These committees began work on the hall Monday during Activity Period under the supervision of Miss Margaret Elliott, class advisor.

Jack Dawson returned home Monday, May 6, and is recovering rapidly. He expects to return to school soon.

The Student Body nominating committee, appointed Monday by Fred Hensel, student body president, is as follows: Fred Hensel, Ed Peterson, Edna Turnblad and Woodrow Whitsett. This committee selected the following nominees for the officers: President, Bill Jackson and Kenneth Knerr; Vice President, Harold Throp, Eleanor Dawson, Secretary, Margaret Clarke and Opa Stockard; Treasurer, Barbara Reid and Bonnie Lamberson; Social manager, Maxine Paul and Bill Harris; Editor of the Bulldog, Ruth Dodd and Mary Burnham; Tell Queen, Nina McCullough and Marie Stephenson; Yell King, Wayne Powell and Jim Jackson.

Students will have the opportunity of nominating other candidates at the meeting Thursday. The election will be held May 16.

Athletic letters have been ordered for all eligible students and these will be presented before school is out.

PENDLETON LEGION AUXILIARY ENTERTAINS DISTRICT GROUP.

Members of the Hermiston Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit enjoyed a pleasant Mother's Day dinner and program at Pendleton Monday evening, at which members of the Pendleton Unit were hostesses. Gold Star mothers present were Mrs. Emma Morris of Pendleton, and Mrs. J. S. West, formerly of Hermiston, but now of Pendleton.

Besides the twelve members from Hermiston there were guests present from Milton-Freewater, Heppner, and La Grande. Included among the visitors were Mrs. Rita Palmer of La Grande, past department president; Mrs. Beatrice Christopherson of Hermiston, district president; Mrs. Harriett Gamble of Heppner, past district president; Mrs. Effie Ritchey, president of the Milton-Freewater Unit; Mrs. Wilkins, vice president of the La Grande Unit; and Mrs. Anna Castrie, president of the Hermiston Unit.

Various entertainment numbers were given by each Auxiliary Unit represented. Hermiston presented Mrs. Anna Castrie, president of the Hermiston Unit, who gave a reading, and Velma Amaberry in an acrobatic dance. Those going from Hermiston besides Mrs. Christopherson and Mrs. Castrie were Mrs. Wm. Shaar, Mrs. W. L. Hanna, Mrs. O. K. Mudge, Mrs. Alice Stone, Mrs. Lyle Tilden, Mrs. Guy Amaberry, Mrs. Raymond Walker, Mrs. Harry Connor, Pauline Stoop and Velma Amaberry.

TELLS EXPERIENCES AMONG CHINESE.



Floods, famine and Chinese bandits are common experiences for Rev. John D. James and his family, shown above. With Rev. James are Mrs. James and their two children, Paul 13, and Ruby May, 15. After 23 years' experience as a missionary in China, Rev. James has returned to this country and has been telling his experiences, in churches of many denominations. The entire family takes part in the service, playing a number of stringed instruments and singing in three languages, English, Chinese and Norwegian. The group will appear Friday evening at the Full Gospel Mission, of which Mrs. Grace Trumbull is pastor.

GRAND MASTER POOLE VISITS HERMISTON I. O. O. F. LODGE

Grand Master Chas. Poole, visited the Hermiston I. O. O. F. lodge Monday night, May 6, at which time the second degree was conferred upon Robert Yeager and Eugene Hanby, of Hermiston, by the Stanfield degree team. Members of the Boardman, Echo, Stanfield and Pendleton lodges were present.

An interesting and instructive talk was given by the grand master and by T. B. Bomboy of Pendleton, special district deputy for Umatilla and Morrow county. Other talks were given by D. W. Davis of Echo, and Geo. Harkenrider of Hermiston, 2d district deputies.

LOCAL DISTRICT PLACED FIRST IN COUNTY TRACK MEET.

Section 4, Hermiston-Stanfield placed first in the county grade school track meet held in Pendleton Saturday afternoon. Section standings were: Pendleton, 14 points; Milton-Freewater, 8 1/2; Athena district, 7 1/2; Hermiston-Stanfield 82; Pilot Rock section, 24.

The following represented section 4: Lester Wilcox, Richard Rugg, Jesse Moore, Ralph Marble, Donald Tankow, Glenn Elwood, Marvin Runyon, Elbert Moore, Robert Christian, Oren Henning, Virginia Wells, Della Madden, Helen Johnson, Juanita Quick, Audrey Null and Dorothy Pierson, from Hermiston; O'Donnell, Davis, Hiatt, Caldwell, Tippie, Conroy and Kennedy, from Umatilla; Pierson, Jordan, Thompson, Roberts, Hayner and Taft, from Echo; Geer from Columbia, and Rhea from Stanfield.

FLOYD McMULLEN HONORED BY USEFUL MEMORIAL.

A memorial to Floyd McMullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMullen of Hermiston, in the form of a first aid car to be used by the Salem fire department was approved Monday, May 6, by the city council of Salem. The estimated cost of \$2,000 will be met by public subscription.

Floyd, a Willamett university student, lost his life while fighting the state capitol fire April 25.

STANFIELD WILL GET CCC RECLAMATION CAMP SOON

The bureau of reclamation has approved CCC camps at Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, Stanfield and Klamath, according to reports received here this week. An application was made for work to be done on the Stanfield irrigation project in January, 1935, but no information had been received from Washington.

F. A. Baker, secretary of the Stanfield irrigation district, reports that no communication has been received from Washington by his office.

Wins In Spelling Contest.

The Morrow County Spelling Contest was held in Heppner, Ore., May 3, in conjunction with the May Day Festival. Lovell Pieper of Lexington won first in the lower division group and Joyce Biddle of Lexington won first in the higher division.

The typing contest, held prior to this date, was won in the novice division by Alma VanWinkle and Fern Luttrell of Lexington. Miss VanWinkle and Miss Luttrell scored first and second respectively to win not only individual honors but also the team award.

LARGE DELEGATION ATTENDS LA GRANDE LEGION MEETING

Approximately 400 delegates attended a joint district meeting of the American Legion held at La Grande Wednesday night at which State Commander Joe Chamberlain of Corvallis was present. Other officials present were Al Greenwald, chairman of the organization group of the Sons of the American Legion, of Portland, J. M. Biggs and Fred Kiddle of La Grande, both past department commanders.

Sam Moore, commander of the Hermiston Post, James Todd and Guy Amaberry were delegates from Hermiston. One of the highlights of the meeting was reported to be a shirt-tail carving by Commander Buck Knight of the La Grande Post, who won a wager over Commander Pettinger of the Pendleton Post.

Anderson Presented Jewel.

S. A. Anderson of Hermiston, past master of the La Grande, Ore., Masonic lodge, will be presented with a past master jewel at the eastern Oregon, Idaho and Washington district meeting to be held there Saturday, May 11. This meeting will be the third of such district meetings, the two former being held at Baker and Pendleton. At a joint meeting here Tuesday night representative members were present from Stanfield, Echo and Umatilla. The third degree was conferred upon Gerald White. A social time was enjoyed following the business session.

Backyard Activities



REPORT RECOMMENDS CONSTRUCTION DAM AT UMATILLA RAPIDS

FAVORABLE STEPS TOWARD DAM CONSTRUCTION MADE.

H. G. West in Washington Promoting Interest; Oregon Representatives Will Be At Hearing.

A notice sent out Friday, May 3, by Colonel Thomas M. Robins, corps of engineers, confirms the belief that definite steps are being taken toward the progress of the Umatilla rapids dam. Others are that Oregon representatives at Washington are supporting the river improvement program as carried out by the following telegram received from Senator Steiwer by F. B. Swayze and E. P. Dodd of Hermiston:

"I have examined Umatilla rapids report received by chief of engineers today. Report commends against open river improvement above Umatilla and recommends if and when river improved above Umatilla it be done by dam to raise water 310.5 feet at cost of \$23,240,000. The higher dam was considered and rejected. Although more power could be produced with higher dam engineers report cost not justified. Low dam backs water up to mouth of Snake. Will appreciate your advising me if it is desired to communicate with river and harbor board with regard this report and if I can be of assistance in transmitting arguments or briefs you may desire to submit. I have arranged with chief of engineers to appear before board when report is under consideration to urge immediate construction of dam at Umatilla rapids."

Report Misinterpreted.

The report from Washington appearing in daily papers Tuesday relating to navigation on the upper Columbia, is believed to have been due to a misunderstanding of the subject as the rejected feature the writer referred to merely relates to open channel work, not to the construction of a dam at Umatilla rapids.

West to Washington.

H. G. West, secretary of the Inland Empire Waterways association, is being sent to Washington to work on the subject of channel improvement and Umatilla rapids dam construction. This is being done with the view of taking every step possible towards securing construction of the dam.

Finds Inadequate Channel.

The report in part sent out by Colonel Robins finds "that improvement of the Columbia river above Umatilla by open river methods would provide an inadequate channel for through commercial navigation to Snake river points, and would not be advisable as a first step in the comprehensive development of the waterways under consideration. Any further improvement of the stretch of the Columbia river in question should be made by construction at Umatilla rapids of a lock and dam with normal pool elevation at 310.5 feet above mean sea level. The estimated cost of this lock and dam is \$23,240,000."

Alexanders Will Celebrate 55th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. Alexander of Pendleton will observe their 55th wedding anniversary May 15th at their home in Pendleton. They will also observe the 85th birthday of Mr. Alexander, on the same occasion.

Mr. Alexander was born near Stuttgart, Germany, May 12, 1850. He came to America at the age of 16 and began work in a store in Baltimore. After two years he went to Memphis, Tenn., and from there to San Francisco. In 1874 he opened a store for himself in Baker, Ore., also owned a branch at Union. In 1877 he moved to Pendleton where he conducted a general merchandise business for 50 years. Mrs. Alexander was born at The Dalles in 1860. Her maiden name was Pauline Epinger. They were married at Baker, Ore., and made their wedding trip by the old fashioned stage coach to Pendleton.

Mr. Alexander was initiated into the order of Odd Fellows at LaGrande and received his fifty year jewel several years ago. He also has fifty year jewels from the Knights of Pythias and Elks, and has been many years a member of the Woodmen and the Masons, being a Shriner. The Pauline Rebekah lodge in Pendleton was named for Mrs. Alexander. They are both in excellent health.

Mr. Alexander has been first vice president of the First National Bank of Hermiston for the past 28 years. They have two daughters, Mrs. E. P. Dodd of Hermiston and Mrs. Bertha Collins of Portland, and one son, Roy Alexander of Pendleton.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
May 2	72	40
May 3	73	30
May 4	87	35
May 5	81	48
May 6	74	44
May 7	76	39
May 8	79	32

When the jury hangs the prisoner don't. H. J. Stillings working over time in order to put up dime chain letters. Who said it wasn't worth a dime?