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School Days Soon Ended

Commencement Exercises To Be Held Friday Night

In Evangelical Church

Prof. N. H. Comish of Oregon Agricultural College to Deliver Commencement Address.

Twenty-eight students will receive their diplomas at the commencement exercises of Vernonia union high school to be held Friday night in the Evangelical church, according to Principal J. B. Wilkerson. This is the largest class ever to have graduated from the local school and exceeds by one, the class of last year.

Prof. N. H. Comish, of the department of economics and sociology at the Oregon Agricultural college, will deliver the commencement address. He has a reputation of being a delightful and interesting speaker, and those who have heard him before are said to be always anxious to hear him again.

The program for Friday night is as follows:

March.....Miss Louise Malmsten
Invocation.....Rev. G. W. Plumer
Piano solo.....Miss Amy Hughes
Vocal duet.....Misses
Lavelle Gosa and Thelma Spencer
Cornet solo.....Ralph Reithner
Address.....Prof. N. H. Comish
Song.....M. Moe
Presentation of diplomas.....
.....Bruce McDonald
Song.....Mrs. W. W. Wolff
Benediction.....Mrs. M. D. Cole

Oakland Landau Wins Praise on Long Trip

Recognition of the scientific progress made within the last few years in the manufacture of automobiles caused the 100,000-mile Oakland landau sedan to be received on the recent Northwest lap of its nation-encircling tour with the same lively evidences of appreciation that had marked its trip previously through 21 states from the day it left the General Motors building in Detroit.

The famous car traversed the coast from San Diego northward to Vancouver, B. C., then proceeding eastward through Spokane and Butte, staying for a few hours at each of the larger cities and for shorter periods in the smaller cities and towns. At every point it was an object of keen public interest, parades being held in many places in accordance with arrangements made by W. M. Warren, district manager of the Oakland Motor Car company, for Oregon and Washington; E. T. Whitall, district manager of the factory sales development department; W. G. Carr, C. L. Pugh and H. S. Weller, field representatives of the factory, and officials of the company in Idaho and Montana, assisted by dealers at all the points touched by the car.

In many states, including those of the Northwest, governors and university presidents, mayors, city councilmen and representatives of civic and quasi-public bodies vied in honoring the 100,000-mile Oakland. On its eastern tour J. H. Resler, representing the Campbell-Ewald company, an international advertising organization, with Karl R. Schnorr, the driver, and Charles E. Planck, advance man who were in charge of the tour, were received by President Coolidge at the White House.

This Oakland landau is a stock car, one of the first built with the rubber silenced chassis. Stopping only for refueling and minor replacements, it ran for 163 days and nights on a treadmill in the General Motors building at Detroit, and was stopped when the speedometer indicated exactly 100,000 miles. Mayor John W. Smith of Detroit pressed the starting button at 6:01 P. M. on July 29, 1926, and the run stopped at 4:40 A. M. January 9, 1927.

"In this endurance run, in which the average mileage of ten years was compressed into less than six months, the needed replacements

Rain Soaked Roads Impede Motorists

(By A. D. Moe)
Albert Lea, Minn., May 3, 1927.
We are again on our way home and traveling in between rains much like in heavy traffic in a large city. We go a short distance and then are held up figuratively by a red light signal until the mud dries up and then move on again.

We left St. Paul for Neillsville, Wis., expecting to leave there Saturday with the car, but it rained hard all night and part of Friday, so that the mudholes in the roads around that town were again stalling cars. We did not attempt to leave until Sunday morning, and farmers in Clark county, Wis., declare they will not vote for paved roads for tourists to drive over. They even opposed clearing the main highways of snow this winter. A man operating a milk route was using a team to get through the mud and met a farmer with his car stalled in a hole, who asked to be pulled out.

"You voted against the road bonds, didn't you?" asked the milk man.

"You bet I did," answered the farmer.

"Then stay there," said the milk man, as he continued on his way.

This story is told around Neillsville with a good deal of satisfaction, that the farmer got what he deserved.

Except for the occasional deep ruts where the bad holes have dried out sufficiently to wallow through we found the roads good for the 83-mile ride to LaCrosse, with quite a bit of pavement as we neared that city. The country, after leaving the flat marsh land of Clark county is mostly rolling hills, which are now showing green pastures and occasionally grain coming up, while the trees are just beginning to leave out. The hills are quite high as we neared the Mississippi river, and the road makes quite a grade of a mile or two in going over a high ridge, with a deep rock cut at the summit, very similar to some of the west coast mountain roads.

At LaCrosse we had a nice visit with our nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Benno W. Meyer, and were taken for a drive around this city, one of the prettiest in Wisconsin. LaCrosse has a population of over 30,000, with several large industries, one of which, the National Gauge Co., employs 1600 men. The city lies between the bluffs which rise up on each side of the Mississippi river, and spring is more advanced there than other districts surrounding it. The Black and LaCrosse rivers empty into the Mississippi here and the high water now covers most of the lowland until it is about three miles wide at this point. The crest of the flood has passed and the water is several feet lower at this high mark.

A causeway and bridges cross the river and lowlands to LaCrosse, Minn., where we also were entertained by our cousin, Mrs. Wm. Kramer, and family. They are operating a fruit and flower farm on the slopes of the bluff in the edge of town, selling their product in the LaCrosse markets. Quiet a few small apple orchards are located around there, and they are generally well taken care of. They were able to get about a dollar a bushel in the local market last season.

I have seen no Hood River apples in the markets since I left Milwaukee, those on sale in St. Paul and around here being from Washington. Hood River Red Diamond Newtowns were selling in Milwaukee at 10c a pound. Prices around here are 10 to 12 cents for Washington Winesaps.

The rain delayed us again, so we stopped over until Tuesday morning. Heavy clouds threatened rain again, but the roads were good on the way west, until we got within 50 miles of Austin, Minn., when a cold wind with occasional showers made a disagreeable drive, and we soon ran into soft spots in the road, but were able to get through to Albert Lea. From here the best road is by way of Mason City, Iowa, and we have hopes of reaching Omaha, without further delay unless rain puts up another stop signal on the heavy gumbo roads in Iowa.

Sidney, Nebraska, May 6, 1927.
We reached here this afternoon after a hard day's ride, crawling through mud most of the time. A misty rain with a wind gives it the appearance of a blizzard, with snow reported in the mountains, so

Pomona Grange Favors Re-enactment of The State Income Tax Law

New Juvenile Grange Organized at Yankton; Next Pomona Meeting at Natal August 6.

(By Lillian Daniels)
Columbia county Pomona met with Yankton Grange No. 301 at Yankton May 7, for their 95th regular session. Master Warren Young was in the chair and State Master Geo. Palmiter, was a welcome visitor. Reports from all granges show some gain in membership, good attendance at meetings, and much activity in committee work. Quite a few are busy with community projects, and all are in fair shape financially. Yankton has just organized a Juvenile grange with 38 members making 3 Juvenile granges in Columbia county.

Resolutions on the death of two members, Al Duffy of Armstrong grange and Harold Carter of Beaver Homes grange, were passed; and a memorial tribute to Brother C. E. Spence was read. A resolution submitted by Deer Island grange in favor of "the re-enactment of an income tax law" was adopted; also "one favoring the settlement of all property rights between the United States and our neighbors to the south of us by arbitration."

A resolution submitted by Warren grange asking that our representatives petition congress to investigate the matter of having the government manufacture powder for distribution, at cost, to the farmers for land clearing purposes and for road improvement" was adopted.

We also had for a visitor the chairman of the Agriculture committee of Portland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Flavel who gave us a very interesting address; paying a high tribute, at the beginning of his speech, to our departed brother C. E. Spence, telling of "his interest in all grange matters, of his clear-sightedness on all projects undertaken for the good of the people, of his pleasing personality, and of his long years of work for the grange and his loss to our state. Brother Flavel gave a very instructive speech, and we were sorry his time was limited, and hope he can be with us again.

The lecturer's program was well filled. Brother Palmiter gave a talk on the measures to be voted upon next month, June 18, and asks that all granges thoroughly discuss them, and all go to the polls and vote. A short talk by County agent, brother Nelson, on "Life on the farm and farm co-operation," was enjoyed.

Sister Maud Mills had a fine article on the history of the organization of Columbia county granges. It was to be regretted that the time was limited so she could not read it all. Recitations, songs, violin solo, monologues and readings ending with a song by a group of Yankton's young people made a program enjoyed by all.

The Fifth degree was exemplified for a class of 45. Yankton had a splendid dinner and supper and after the degree work a midnight lunch was served. There were about 200 present, although some had to leave before evening, but Yankton received a vote of thanks for making our 95th session pleasant and enjoyable. Next Pomona meeting will be with Natal grange No. 302, August 6.

"Grandma" Spencer is 76.

Mrs. Sarah A. Spencer, Nehalem valley pioneer, was 76 years old Tuesday. Many of her friends called to pay her homage. The evening previous a group from the local posts of the American Legion and Auxiliary presented her with a large birthday cake. Mrs. Spencer left Tuesday for Portland and Victoria, B. C., for a visit with relatives.

Legion Dance Successful

The opening dance in the new Legion home was reported to be very successful, 186 couples attended. Another dance will be given May 28, it is planned. The hall will be dedicated Memorial day.

R. Hornbeck spent all night Monday cutting trees across the road between St. Helens and Vernonia arriving here about 6:30 a.m. Cleve Tisdale had his car damaged at the dance Saturday. Some one backed into it.

Frosts Damaged Many Tender Crops In The Pacific Northwest

Early Fruits and Vegetables Ruled by Cool Weather; Low Price Prevailing On Cows.

April provided many setbacks for what had promised to be an early season. Floods and other weather disturbances were reported over the country. Crop acreages will be changed in some respects, particularly in the flood areas. Yields will be reduced because of rains and frosts in some places, while other areas have been benefited by the increased moisture.

Farm population decreased 649,000 persons last year, the greatest loss since 1920. The estimates indicate a total loss of around 3,000,000 in farm population since the census of 1920. This is a factor of more consequence than all current shifts of weather, production or prices.

The east experienced typically variable weather last month, heat waves and freezes. Frosts of last month damaged early fruit in the northern Pacific coast and to an undetermined extent in California, where cotton, melons and other tender crops also suffered. Citrus fruits doing well; navals blooming and valencias colored in the south. The picking of navals continues.

Wages in the United States have seen a slight increase and the retail price of food is a little lower. Wholesale prices have remained about the same. Most observers appear to regard the business situation as satisfactory, with productive activity above normal, employment fairly complete and wages high. Interest rates continue low, with consequent ease in the credit situation. Bank clearings, railway traffic, retail sales all reflect a heavy volume of business.

The exchange value of all farm products in terms of all non-agricultural commodities continued at 82 per cent of the pre-war. The supply of farm labor is larger in relation to demand than last year, but high industrial wages have apparently acted to maintain farm wages at about last year's level.

Reports of sales of dairy cows in Oregon at prices below the market continue to come in, but available stock is scarce. All information on the economic outlook for dairying indicates that the industry is in a very firm position and likely to continue so far some time to come.

Condensed milk made a very substantial gain in March resulting in a net increase for the calendar year of approximately four per cent over 1926. Cheese production still continues to run eight to 10 per cent below last year. Condensed milk stocks are the lowest on record for any month of any year since reports first became available in 1920.

New Service Station Attracts Motorists

The Vernonia Service Station at Bridge and Rose streets, recently opened under the management of Roy G. Clark, is one of the most modern and up-to-date structures to be found in this or any other city, being of brick and concrete with a fire proof roof. It has a large, well lighted sales room, a full concrete basement for shop and storage, and convenient rest rooms for the traveling public. The best of pumps, tanks and other equipment have been installed. Racks for greasing, washing and oil changing have been constructed and will be enlarged in time to give "super-service" as found in the larger stations in Portland.

A complete line of the highest grade lubricants, accessories and tires will be put in. All products will be sold on a fully guaranteed basis, and all service given will be guaranteed or money refunded. Customers are fully protected against the possibility of damage or personal injury by insurance.

Mr. Clark is a competent and courteous salesman who has had a great deal of experience in meeting and serving the public. He is highly versed in the repairing of tires, and lubrication.

The motto of the station is "The Customer Must Be Satisfied."

Mr. and Mrs. Thacher purchased the Tom Magoff home which was partly destroyed by fire last week and are remodeling it for a home.

Baccalaureate Sermon On Sunday Impressive

Rev. O. L. Curtis of the Christian church preached the baccalaureate sermon to the high school graduating class Sunday which many afterwards stated was the best they had ever heard. The services were held in the Christian church, with the congregation from the Evangelical church also present.

The choir of the Evangelical church supplied the music. Their anthem was, "Great is the Lord." Rev. W. F. Rademacher then offered a prayer. A ladies quintet, composed of Mrs. W. W. Wolff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. M. E. Moe and Mrs. C. W. Reithner sang a selection. Later Mrs. Wolff and Mrs. Moe sang a duet.

Alleged Federal Officer Arrested

Jack Wilson, who claimed to have been working in conjunction with federal prohibition officers and the district attorney at St. Helens for the purpose of obtaining evidence in liquor cases, was arrested by City Marshal Kelly Friday night about 10 o'clock for being drunk and having liquor in his possession. He was fined \$175 by City Recorder Reasoner the next day.

Marshal Kelly stated that the man had been here about a week and had done nothing but loiter around the streets. Tom Poynter, who was arrested with Wilson, was fined \$25.

Study Club Will Send Old Clothes For Benefit of Flood Sufferers

The Vernonia Study club will send old clothes for the relief of Mississippi flood sufferers in the near future, it is announced. Those having garments to give are asked to leave them at the Vernonia bakery or phone Mrs. J. C. Lindley, who will see that they are collected.

It is reported that cash contributions to the Red Cross for the aid of the flood victims are not coming in very fast lately. The Bank of Vernonia is still receiving contributions for this cause.

Raymond Hall Gets Two Homing Pigeons

Raymond Hall, whose guess of 63 minutes and 45 seconds was the closest for the time of flight of two homing pigeons from the school to the Sperry Flour company mill in Portland, just prior to the guessing contest held in town here, received the two pigeons promised by the company last Thursday.

It will be necessary for him to keep the pigeons penned up for at least two months for them to become accustomed to their new home, officials of the flour company stated. After that they may be released and will return to him.

Ladies Athletic Club Hold Festive May Party

The last monthly party of the ladies athletic club was held at the club room Tuesday May 17. A delightful program was given by the committee which composed all the members who lived on the O-A. hill. While a grand march was rendered on the piano, the prime minister entered, escorting Charlotte, queen of the fairies, with her two little flower girls holding up her long ermine trimmed carnation robe and followed by two ladies in waiting with flowing gowns of apple green and carrying garlands of apple blossoms. The queen was crowned with a wreath of apple blossoms and escorted upon her throne which was a bower of greenery and flowers. A may pole was placed in front of the class. Sixteen at a time proceeded to wind and unwind it. Queen Charlotte thanked them for the delightful time given her and then retired, after which the prime minister was discovered to be Mrs. D. Marshall the queen Charlotte Green and with little Lorane Space and Dorothy Black as pages. Mrs. E. Bell and Mrs. E. A. Green as ladies in waiting. Mrs. Lindsey sang a solo and then followed guessing games of which the answer to each question was the name of a club member. The coo coo game furnished many amusing stunts, after which flowers were matched for partners and a grand march to the table where a delightful luncheon was served. All regret that this is the last of the parties as the club disbands June 1.

Many Attend Mass Meeting

Advise Directors To Build Two Classrooms on Playshed

Meeting Was Very Short

Sentiment Was Mostly in Favor of Keeping Down Expenses For Another Year If Possible

The construction of two rooms over the school playshed at the Washington school was the advice given to the board of directors of school district 47 by the taxpayers at the meeting held in the Washington school May 13. The meeting was called by the board of directors to secure the consensus of public opinion as the course to pursue to relieve the present congestion and improper classroom facilities, since the defeat of the recent bond election.

R. Sessman was elected chairman of the meeting and M. Moe secretary. W. A. Harris asked that reports on the number of pupils, the capacity of the school and the need for more rooms be made. He stated that he had heard that some rooms had less pupils than last year.

Principal O. A. Anderson reported that there are 510 pupils in school this year as compared to 495 last year. At the beginning of the school year there were 40 more than last year. Last year there were 45 five-year-old children on the school census, and more than that number entered school during the first month. This year there are reported to be 72 five-year-old children.

It was pointed out that at present the room intended for the principal's office is being used as a classroom and that it is not safe for that, with children seated within one foot of the radiator.

Someone then asked why it is not possible to repair the playshed and put two rooms in that to relieve the situation. One person replied that an inspector had ordered the use of the playshed stopped. Another replied that it could be repaired for less than \$70,000. (applause.)

When one person asked whether the eighth graders leaving were counted, which was followed by applause, Mr. Anderson replied that there are 85 in the first grade and 50 in the eighth; that there are three teachers for the first grade and three teachers for the seventh and eighth grades.

It was estimated that the playshed could be repaired for use for about \$1000, and that part of the \$25,000 already voted could be used for this purpose. Mr. Harris then moved that the directors proceed to put two rooms over the top of the playshed in time for the fall term. It was seconded and carried. The meeting then adjourned.

Credit Association Is Now Functioning

The Vernonia Credit association, which was recently organized, is now functioning and local members express themselves as very much pleased with the work and benefits derived.

Monthly reports of debtors are made by the members to the secretary, who compiles them and gives each debtor a rating. This information is available to all members of the association. An invitation is extended to all business men to join.

The officers of the association are as follows: C. S. Hoffman, president; R. S. Hornbeck, vice president; K. A. McNeill, treasurer; Lucile Bennett, secretary; Albert Childs, E. W. Holtham, G. C. Mellinger and C. L. Bateman, board of directors.

The following firms carry memberships: Hoffman Hardware, Brant & Culver, Vernonia Drug Co., Brown Furniture company, Gilly Motor company, Mellinger Hardware, Mac's Pharmacy, Nehalem Market, Sessman's Blacksmith shop, Workingmen's Store, Crawford Motor company, Dr. W. H. Hurley and the Vernonia Brazing & Machine Works.