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## Many Attend Commencement

### Exercises of Both 8th Grade and High School Held

## Books Are Carried Home

Prof. Comish of O. A. C. Spoke At High School Exercises. Rev. G. W. Plumer at Grade School.

A record crowd attended the high school commencement exercises at the Evangelical church Friday night, when Prof. N. H. Comish of O. A. C. delivered the principal address. Students and townspeople alike expressed pleasure at hearing his talk.

The high school graduating class was comprised of the following students: Kenneth Whittell, Lewis Loudon, William Hill, Theresa Tackett, Percy Bergerson, Russell Mills, Annie Laurie Laird, Gladys Krinick, Anna Rea Webster, Loretta Johnson, Norman Pettijohn, Dudley Spencer, Amy Hughes, Margaret Shipley, Marshall Malmsten, Sheila Williams, Ruth Holaday, Lewis Laramore, Norman Engen, Ralph Reithner, Harry Hixon, Louise Schmiden, Wilburn Charlesworth, Glen Hawkins, Richard Peterson, Lillian Lilly, Wayne Wall and John Wardle.

Rev. G. W. Plumer of the Evangelical church delivered the commencement address at the eighth grade exercises held in the high school Thursday night. Mrs. Paul Wiggins of St. Helens sang a solo.

The following 45 students successfully passed the recent eighth grade state examinations: Gloyd Adams, Freddie Alexander, Viola Barnett, Kenneth Bell, Junior Bennett, Elida Berg, Ford Berg, Joste Bjornson, Maxine Blair, Erma Brady, Grace Condit, Bruce Cummings, Maybelle Drorbaugh, Clifford Fiala, Gladys Flannery, Goldie Flannery, Gladys Garner, Vera Goodin, Robert Holcomb, Lucy Hopson, Helen Imbeck, Earl Knowles, Helen Lamoreaux, Ruth Lee, Arthur Lilljig, Goldie Lindberg, Jack Marshall, Larry Marshall, George Oberst, Marvin Porterfield, Verna Ray, Robert Riley, Flora Ross, Everett Rundell, Ila Seascam, Allie Simmons, Florence Stubbs, Minerva Thompson, Virgie Urie, Georgia Van Doren, Eldon Walker, William Washburn, Fay Webster, Veda Webster and Luella Williams. Gordon Smith and Jewel Lloyd passed the eighth grade examinations in January. Four who failed the last examinations will take them again in June.

## C. Meyer Heads Old Seattle Livestock Concern as President

C. Meyer, who severed his connections with the Bank of Vernonia some months ago, is again president of the Seattle Packing company, which position he held before coming to Vernonia. The company is a wholesale dealer in livestock. Mr. Meyer, as both president and general manager, will travel between Seattle, Portland, Spokane and other cities buying for the company.

Mr. Meyer left for Seattle Sunday, and his headquarters will be in the Frye hotel there, he stated. His family will remain in Vernonia.

## Senator James Reed Visits.

United States Senator James A. Reed, who has figured prominently the past six months in a number of law cases of national importance, including the Sapiro-Ford libel suit, was here Tuesday with Chas. E. Keith to view the Oregon-American mill.

Senator Reed was formerly a member of the firm that were the legal advisors of the company at Kansas City.

## C. E. Visits in St. Helens.

Twenty-four members of the local Christian Endeavor society left here at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and drove to St. Helens, where they stopped for lunch in the Coleman auto park. They participated in the meeting of the Christian Endeavor at the Congregational church and later attended the high school baccalaureate services there. They expect to take similar trips to other towns this summer.

## Oregon Looks Better Than Any Other State

(By A. D. Moe)

We arrived home Sunday after a trip of four months, traveling 10,000 miles by auto and passing through 20 states. After all the places we have seen, Oregon looks the best to us.

Last Wednesday morning we left Cheyenne. Tuesday afternoon cars were coming through from the west, and roads were reported passable so we started out. The drifts of snow on the highway had been opened up and we got through all right with chains. Quite a few miles west the roads were better, and we soon were able to discard the chains. The blizzard did not reach far beyond Rawlins, but rain extended into Idaho.

About 40 miles west of Cheyenne we passed the summit, an elevation of 8835 feet, the highest point on the Lincoln highway and a few miles west of the summit a sign marks the continental divide, where the water east drains into the Mississippi river and west into the Pacific ocean. There was but little snow in this neighborhood along the road, but the high mountains all around were white. The elevation all through Wyoming on the Lincoln highway each side of the summit is around 6000 to 7000 feet, but there are no bad grades on the road, the elevation going up or down so gradually as not to be noticed.

We spent the next night at Wamsutter, where a number of wells 2,000 feet are operated by a large power plant, furnishing water for the railroad and selling it to residents of the town.

The next day we passed through the oil district, with a large refinery at Parco. We expected to find gas cheaper at this place. It had been mostly 20 cents from Wisconsin to Cheyenne, but was 26 at the refinery town, and up to 29 cents farther west, and did not get lower than 24 cents all the way home.

We left the Lincoln highway at Granger, Wyo., and took the Old Oregon Trail from there home going through Kemmerer and Soda Springs to Pocatello, following the Union Pacific all the way. The mud had dried up and the roads were good all the way, except for a short stretch over a mountain pass in Idaho. The elevation was lower in Idaho and we began to see trees leaving out, and it was a pretty drive as we worked out through the Rocky mountains. There are some very pretty valleys between the ranges, with irrigation along the streams. A large dam at American Falls furnishes irrigation for a large area, and also at Twin Falls. General farming, but mostly alfalfa and dairying, is carried on. As we neared Boise we began to see small orchards with trees loaded with bloom. The principal apple section is around Payette and Weiser. From the looks of the bloom they will have a heavy crop this year.

Crossing the Snake river at Payette we were again in Oregon, with an oiled road as good as pavement all the way home. It was a warm day, the first summer weather this spring. Trees were all leaved out and the Blue mountains showing up in the distance were green with grassy slopes, but some of the ranges bare and rocky. We followed the Snake river to Huntington and then set our timepieces back another hour.

The highway winds around through the mountains with easy grades until it makes the final climb to the summit near Meacham, an elevation over 4300 feet, then drops down on a continuous fall for about 25 miles to Pendleton.

Many California cars were on the road going east. The Lincoln highway has been blocked with snow in the Sierras west of Salt Lake, and while it is now open, many are still coming by way of Portland, then taking the Old Oregon Trail to Granger, where it connects with the Lincoln highway.

Roads are better in Idaho than in Wyoming or Nebraska. We found the Old Oregon Trail completed with a fine macadam road, except a short stretch near the southeastern part of the state. In fair weather the road is excellent from the coast to the paved roads near Chicago, but when it rains one has the choice of going through the dirt roads in the mud or waiting until they dry up. From the western boundary of Wyoming, and a few miles in Idaho, to Des Moines, Please turn to page 2

## Legion Auxiliary To Have Poppy Sale Friday and Saturday

### Annual Custom of Spelling Poppies Before Memorial Day for Benefit of Disabled Vets to be Observed.

The ladies of the Vernonia unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell the little red poppies Friday and Saturday, which has become an annual custom in the United States, for the benefit of disabled veterans of the World war.

President Coolidge says, "The annual sale of poppies has a double significance. It perpetuates and emphasizes a particularly fine symbolism, calling to mind the supreme sacrifice of those who died in the service of our country. Such symbolism cannot but have its effect in inspiring us to the sacrifices demanded of all good citizens in peace times. Furthermore, those who buy these poppies do something very real to help the disabled veterans who in making them are able to contribute to their own support."

"I would commend this movement heartily, and my hope is for its continued success."

### The Message of the Poppy

Buy Me—I stand for service. I enabled one cent to be earned by a disheartened service man in the hospital who needed it, and all you pay for me goes for service for those for whom the war is not yet over. BUY ME!

WEAR ME—I represent the sacrificial blood of the men who fell in Flanders Field. I am a Memorial to all who died in service. In reverence and understanding, WEAR ME!

### Initiated Into Fraternity

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 23.—Robert Hoffman of Vernonia, sophomore in chemical engineering, has been initiated into Kappa Kappa Psi, honorary band fraternity. Election to this fraternity is based upon personality, scholarship and musical attainment. Four new members were taken in at this time.

Hoffman is a member of the chemical engineering society, an organization on the campus to further social relations among students in chemical engineering. He is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, social fraternity.

H. C. Rones, optometrist of Astoria, was a Vernonia visitor Monday. He will make regular monthly visits here in the future, he states and will receive patients in the office of Dr. M. D. Cole. His first visit will be on June 13.

## Churches To Hold Union Memorial Services Sunday

### New Pastor, Rev. G. W. Plumer, Was Born in Holland; He Began To Preach at the Age of 16.

The local Christian and Evangelical churches will hold union Memorial services Sunday in the Evangelical church at 11 a. m. Rev. D. A. Smith of Portland will preach the sermon.

The new pastor of the Evangelical church, Rev. G. W. Plumer, had charge of the services last Sunday.

In the evening of May 29 the pastor will use as his subject, "Joy in Our Salvation." The Sunday school will hold their annual Children's day program tonight. They will have a Sunday school picnic next week. It is planned to take up the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday at the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.

Rev. G. W. Plumer was born in Holland and at nine years of age came to the United States. He was converted in Rooks county, Kansas, when 12 years old, and began to preach at the age of 16 in northwestern Iowa.

Rev. Plumer began his first pastorate at Blooming Prairie, Minn., when 18 years of age, and has not been without a pastoral charge since. He was a pastor in Iowa for nine and one-half years. Among the fields served were Anita and Red Oak. From Red Oak he was appointed to the First English church of Portland in 1900.

He has been pastor of Chemeketa Street church, Salem; First church, Albany; First church, Everett, Wash; First church, Seattle, Wash; Wichita church, Portland. He was general missionary of the church for Oregon, Washington and Idaho for a number of years, and was conference evangelist for two years. At the present time he is secretary-treasurer of all the conference benevolences.

Rev. Plumer was in Vernonia twice for camp meetings. The last time that he visited here was to hold a quarterly meeting when the roads were so bad that he had to come on horse back from Houlton. He reports that he is greatly pleased with the outlook in Vernonia and is here for work.

### J. A. McCall Dies

James A. McCall of Vernonia died at the St. Vincents hospital in Portland, May 19. Mr. McCall has been a resident of Vernonia for four years. His son and daughter, Claude McCall and Mrs. Erlie M. Knapp of Vernonia, reside.

## Railway Safety Essay Contest Closes June 1

Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has agreed to act as head of a special committee which will select the winners in the contest now being conducted by the American Railway association among school and college students for the best essays on the subject of how to prevent grade crossing accidents according to an announcement made Tuesday by the American Railway committee through the western railways' committee on public relations.

The other members are Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile association, and Walter G. King, president of the national safety council.

Three cash prizes of \$250 each will be awarded, one for the best essay by a grammar school student, another for the best essay by a high school student and another for the best essay by a college student.

The essay contest began on April 1 and will terminate June 1. The essays entered in the contest should be in the hands of J. C. Caviston, secretary of the safety section of the American Railway association at 30 Vesey street, New York city, by not later than June 10. Shortly after that date the secretary of commerce and the other members of the committee will meet in Washington for the purpose of reviewing the essays and selecting the winners. The awards will be based on the best essays containing the most outstanding, readily available suggestions for preventing highway grade crossing accidents. Arrangements are being made whereby the authors of the three winning essays will be given a trip to Washington where the cash prizes will be distributed.

In connection with the essay contest and in addition to the methods already in force to provide greater safety at grade crossings, as well as to increase interest on the part of both the railroads and the public in the necessity for continued care being exercised at highway grade crossings, the railroads this year will conduct an intensive campaign in an effort to reduce the number of such accidents. The railroads are prompted in this move by the fact that last year 5921 highway grade crossing accidents occurred, in which 2492 persons were killed and 6991 were injured. In 1925, there were 5479 accidents in which 2205 persons were killed and 6555 were injured.

With more than 22,000,000 automobiles now in use and the number constantly increasing, the hazard from such accidents is annually becoming greater and it is only through the cooperation of the public and the railroads that a reduction in such accidents can be brought about, especially in view of the fact that the elimination of highway grade crossings is both physically and financially impossible.

### To Graduate at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 28.—Alvin L. Parker, son of Albert Parker of Vernonia, Oregon, is one of nearly 500 candidates for graduation in June.

Mr. Parker is a graduate of Vernonia high school. He is majoring in technical forestry. Though he has earned all his expenses while in college, he is secretary and treasurer of the Hesperian club and has earned the rank of second lieutenant reserve engineer in the R. O. T. C. Mr. Parker has had two years of practical experience in the United States forest service.

### Eastern Star Dance.

An Eastern Star dance will be held on Friday, June 3, at the American Legion hall. All Masons and Stars are cordially invited to attend. Admission will be charged.

Any Mason or Star desiring to bring friends may do so by obtaining a card of identification at Mac's Pharmacy or from Mrs. Katie McNeill.

State will spend \$88,000 in oiling 120 miles highway in Klamath county.

Multnomah county adopts black-top paving on link of Mount Hood loop road.

Forest Grove—Two electric recirculating prune driers being built here.

Government will assist in colonizing 80,000-acre Owyhee project.

## Memorial Day To Be Observed

### Parade To Cemetery at 10 o'clock Monday Morning.

## State Legion Head Here

### Relief Corps Will Banquet ex-Servicemen and Immediate Families at Noon Monday.

The Womens Relief corps, the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion are cooperating this year to observe Memorial day Monday with fitting ceremonies. State Commander Arthur A. Murphy of the American Legion, department of Oregon, and the Civil war veteran, Judson Weed, will be the guests of honor on that day.

It is planned to have a parade start from the Washington school at 10 a.m. Monday which will be made up of veterans, local organizations, the school children and gold star mothers to go to the cemetery for the decoration of the graves. Flowers will also be strewn on the waters of Rock creek in memory of the unknown dead.

After the ceremony at the cemetery, the Womens Relief corps will serve a banquet to all war veterans and their immediate families in the Evangelical church, when there will be addresses by Arthur Murphy and Judson Weed. Following this the new Legion home will be dedicated by the state commander of the American Legion.

M. E. Carkin, in charge of the Legion Memorial day exercises, has appointed Bert Hawkins officer of the day. Post Commander McGraw will preside at the various functions.

## Grade School Operetta Pleases Large Audience

Miss Kathleen Mitchell's operetta held at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening May 18, was enjoyed by about three hundred parents and friends. Miss Mitchell, as music supervisor of the grade school, had taught most of the songs used in "The Posey Bed," in regular classroom singing. Mrs. Jean Yeo played the piano accompaniment. All of the children were beautifully costumed in dresses representing flowers, bird, king, queen or play dresses. The part of the queen was filled by Joy Bush who pleased the audience with two solos. The king was Ruth Page Simmons. Others taking part were: Hazel Chapman, Doris Phelps, Evelyn Shipley, Leona Fetsch, Pauline Dial, Hazel Ross, Annabel Heath, Mary McDonald, Gertrude McDonald, Genevieve Garner, Mildred Garner, Helen Anderson, Alice Bennett, Dorothy June Wolff, Eleanor Fiala, Roberta Williams, Sara McGee, Mary Ann Childs, Dorothy Black, Ruby Palmer, Leona New, Bernice Ellis, Betty Cameron, Mildred Rogers, Mignon Depue and Betty Bennett.

### Prohibition Agent Released

Jack Wilson, alleged stool pigeon for Federal prohibition officers, who was arrested on charges of possession of liquor and being drunk, and who had served 10 days in the city jail after his plea of guilty, was released Tuesday when Sheriff Rea W. Craven of Dallas, a relative, paid \$155, the remainder of his fine, to the court.

Much attention was drawn to the case when federal officers appeared here and attempted to have him released from the possession charge and fine of \$150, saying that he had a right to have possession of the liquor. Since two officers had come here before his trial and had not advised him to plead not guilty to the charge, his plea of guilty left no other recourse to Judge Reasoner than to treat his case the same as any private citizen, and it is thought by some that he may take action against the prohibition department for not giving him better protection.

Astoria—Roads graded and surfaced to Camp Clatsop, national guard camp.

## MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 30, 1927.



Our wish to those who have given their all, prompts us, on Memorial Day, to bow our heads in reverent memory.