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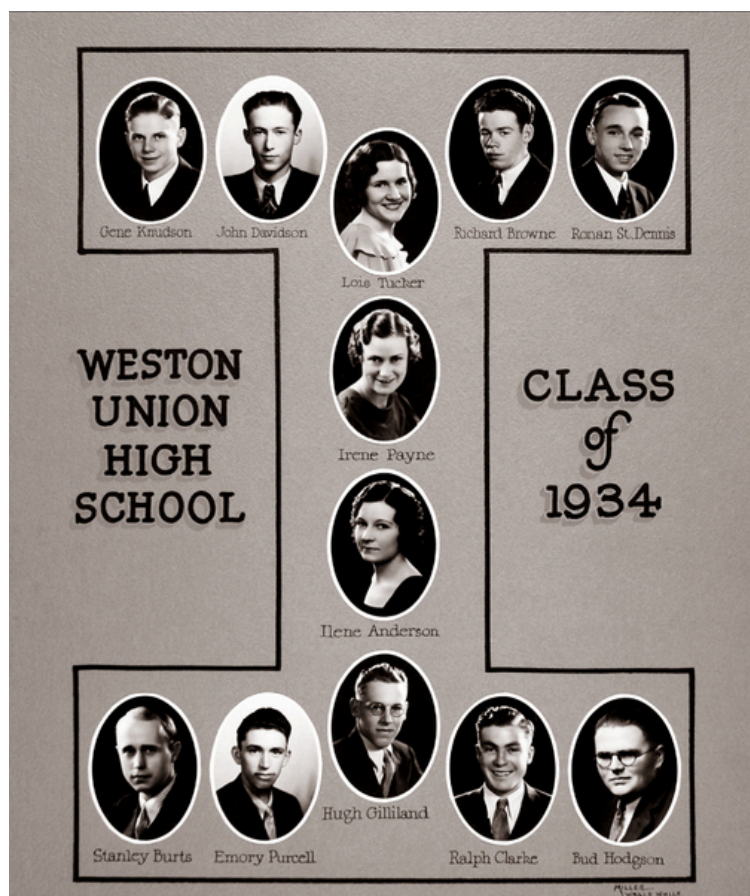
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Summer Reading Is Over!

Time to turn in your reading
sheets, even if they are
incomplete!

Get your stickers and be entered
to win a great prize!



Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1934
Hold That Tiger

What's Happening?

9/2 Closed in observance of Labor Day

9/3 Library Board 5:15pm

9/10 4:30pm FOWL Board Meeting

9/26 5pm Novel Readers: *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle

Weekly programs:

Tuesdays at 4pm Come In For a Yarn

Thursdays at 2pm Craft of Week

Fridays at 10:30am Preschool

Storytime

New at the Library

The 2024 C. S. Jackson Fund books
are available now.

Oregon For the Curious by Ralph
Friedman

Lost Oregon Treasure by Arthur H.
Redman

Lewis and Clark through Indian Eyes
edited by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

*Oregon Moonshine: Bootleggers,
Busts, and Brawls* by Bruce Haney

*Čáw Pawá Láakni – They Are Not
Forgotten* by Eugene S. Hunn

Umatilla Dictionary





C. S. Jackson Fund



Print the truth. Fight for the right. People like a fighting newspaper.

--C. S. Jackson

On our New to the Library list this month you will find the books purchased with money from the C. S. Jackson Fund. It is a trust fund established to provide Umatilla County libraries with local history books every year. Our library has a very good local history section, but there are always some books to be added. This year we chose a few books about the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and some books about Oregon in general. We are always on the search for a decent biography of Nard Jones, but so far no dice. Maybe we will have to write it ourselves. But who was this financial benefactor, C. S. Jackson, and how did the newspaper editor happen to leave money to the libraries of the county?

Before C. S. "Sam" Jackson took over the East Oregonian, it was informal, breezy, and opinionated. In those days, it was for the most part written about fistfights and knifings, with a healthy dose of horrible, horrible racist tirades. Sam Jackson was more interested in reporting plain facts.* As the Pendleton of that day took a relaxed attitude toward rowdiness, he had plenty of interesting facts to report, and did so with the intent to have that attitude changed. His complaint of the saloons and bars being open on Sundays and letting minors hang around became impossible to ignore. After all, he was perfectly correct, the laws were on the books but not being enforced. They were after Jackson began to editorialize about it. Saloons were closed, and scofflaws were fined at last.

C. S. Jackson started clubs and amusements for young men that were not based on liquor, he started a library, he joined cycling clubs. He might have been a skinny little writer, but he was no weakling. He stood up to bullies and he fought for what he thought to be right.** Under his leadership, the East Oregonian became a robust daily newspaper that informed the people of Umatilla county about taxes, tariffs, and state government thoroughly. He was the moving force of the East Oregonian for twenty years, then moved to Portland in 1902 to reorganize The Portland Evening Journal, which ran as The Oregon Journal with marked success until 1982. He made The Journal a nationally celebrated news magazine, and when he died in 1924 was able to leave a trust fund for the people of Umatilla County to receive library books for their further edification. With that money, the libraries buy books on local history and celebrate the name of Sam Jackson.

*To be fair, aside from deaths by diphtheria and the occasional successful agricultural experiment, there was little to report in Pendleton BUT fistfights, knifings, and tirades. And most of the editors before Jackson were also lawyers, in fact one or two continued to practice law while editing the newspaper in a conflict of interests that would make your head swim. Mr. Jackson was just a newspaper editor. It was his business partner who was the lawyer.

**AT LEAST twice this meant getting into literal fistfights right there in the street, which he then wrote up in the paper.

