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JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION PLANS MADE

Seven Towns and Cities
Offer Programs and
Amusements

EXODUS FROM THIS CITY IS EXPECTED

Cove, Elgin, Haines, Ba-
ker Wallowa Lake, En-
terprise and Pleasant
Grove to Celebrate.

Fourth of July celebrations this year will have a great variety of programs to decide upon—seven within three counties, to be exact. La Grande, however, will be practically deserted and will send its population to other towns and cities, to river banks and picnic grounds and onto the open highways for the holiday amusement. Not a few are planning on going to Portland for the Sunday-Monday period.

Stores will be closed over Monday here and merchants are urging themselves to place their orders early Saturday for the following period. The Evening Observer will not publish on Monday as is its usual practice.

Of the seven celebrations, one is already in progress, although it is in reality a wild west show—the Haines Stampede, which opened a five-day show yesterday.

Es-Governor Walter M. Pierce is scheduled to speak at the Pleasant Grove grange celebration, which will also have other features to attract a crowd.

Elgin Plans Big Event
At Elgin, the county fair association, which turned its attention to the Fourth of July event after the fair and Union livestock show were consolidated, a three-day celebration—with everything from fireworks and patriotic addresses to races and games—is expected to attract many hundreds of out-of-town visitors.

Enterprises, also, is offering a three-day celebration, beginning today. This afternoon the radio events were to begin with amusements also on the program. A woman was selected a week ago, Miss Emma Freedenberg winning over a large list of candidates. A parade is to be held at 10 a. m. Monday and tomorrow's entertainment will feature a baseball game between all-Union county and all-Valley county nine. The celebration closes Monday evening with a display of fireworks.

Baker Combining Two
The American Legion in Baker is sponsoring a celebration which will begin Monday morning and end Wednesday evening and will be held in connection with the state H. P. O. Elks convention.

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**BIBLE SCHOOL
IN LOWER COVE
AREA CLOSES**

A successful daily vacation Bible school held in the Lower Cove community under the auspices of the American Sunday School union closed yesterday. Mrs. Eudora Hubbard and Miss Tula Childers were the teachers. Because of the illness of several of the children the entire class did not receive diplomas. Those who graduated were: Donald Gray, Della Gray, Rebecca Gray, Malva Gray, Alice Miller, Jean Miller, Don Miller, Lavonne Morris, Muriel Gray and Glenn Cunningham.

Some of the work of the pupils will be demonstrated at the annual group gathering of the Sunday school which will be held at Pleasant Grove grange hall Aug. 28.

**EAGER,
CONSTANT
INTEREST**

The constant, day-in and day-out eagerness with which a newspaper is awaited and read, the wide variety of appeal to people in all sections of the community, in all occupations over the valley, in town and country—the regarding of the paper as a necessary contact with friends and neighbors, with the community and territory at large—these things constitute what is known as reader-interest.

Without reader-interest a newspaper is a dead letter, a piece of paper with no value. With it, the possibilities of careful and successful customer cultivation are unlimited. The reader-interest and reader-confidence of The Observer is known by advertisers seeking to cover the La Grande territory—evidenced by the constant use of space by practically every successful business house.

**Decorators Joins
Furniture Company**

The addition of Albert Hines, of Seattle, to the staff of the Crater Lake Park road is opening. Mr. Hines, manager of the firm, Mr. Randall has been connected with some of the principal furniture stores of the Northwest and has personally supervised the furnishing and decorating of many homes in Seattle and other cities. Speaking of the service that would be possible with the addition, Mr. Hines said that the construction of so many new homes and the increasing demand for higher grade furnishings indicated the need for someone like Mr. Randall. He added that Mr. Randall is familiar with furniture markets throughout the country, has traveled extensively through Europe studying furnishing problems, and is particularly suited for the work he will undertake here.

**Crater Lake Park
Road Is Opened**

MEDEFORD, Ore., July 2 (AP).—Word from Crater national park received this forenoon in Medford from Superintendent C. G. Thomson stated that the road through the park is now open all the way to the lodge, but with only one way, traffic control from Anna Spring camp to the lodge on the rim. The latter section through the park will probably continue to have one-way traffic for at least a week yet, because of the heavy snow. The Crater lake stages are running daily in both directions from Medford and Klamath Falls to the lodge.

No Paper Monday
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**Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service**

Morning-glories Thrive Despite Efforts to Kill

Western Agronomy Conference Considers Weed at Moro Meeting—Tests Are Under Way.

That there is no real dependable means of destroying morning-glories was brought up in a discussion on morning glory control at the Western Agronomy conference held at the Moro experiment station this week, reports H. G. Avery, county agriculturist here, who attended the meeting.

Representatives from experiment stations in the six northwestern states were in attendance, and all expressed the opinion that morning-glories cannot be permanently killed as far as the experiment stations have been able to find out.

Salt Injures Ground
It was reported that common salt had been used to kill the weeds, but its use was objected to because of its injury to the ground.

Some of the experiment station delegates reported kills with carbon bisulphide, and one station reported a kill with material known as K. M. G., a patent weed killer. An Idaho experiment station man said that a material known as sodium chlorate offers promise when sprayed on the plants as a solution, and other materials are being tried out at the various stations.

Weed control in this county has been carried on under the direction of Mr. Avery since 1921. Different materials being tried for the control of morning-glories. A number of farmers have eradicated the weed almost entirely with common salt, two years being used to the square foot of ground. This method is not generally used, however, on account of the large cost an acre, and the injury to the soil.

Chemicals Unsatisfactory
Sodium arsenite was tried here three years ago, but did not give generally good results. Carbon bisulphide was tried for the first time in eight or nine different fields last year, and in most cases did not eradicate the weeds, although a part of them were killed, the county agent reports.

On the George McDonald place, near La Grande, the June application of sodium arsenite entirely eradicated the morning-glories, but the July application gave only a partial kill. A September application put on by J. D. Dobbin resulted in a 95 per cent kill, and the Northrup brothers, of Alsea, report a complete kill of the weeds in an area of about one acre by using an extra strong solution of sodium arsenite.

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**STOP ROAD OILING
OVER THE FOURTH**

Highway Crews Will Not Resume Work Until Wednesday, July 6

Oiling crews working on the state highways in the La Grande division ceased operations last night and on over the oiling will be held off until the state highway offices here this morning. The work was suspended so that those who wish to drive over the highways during the two-day holiday may do so without being inconvenienced by the oil.

Oil has been applied on the old Oregon Trail highway from Pendleton to the Union-Columbia road, and gravel has been put on over the oil, causing little trouble to traffic. The highway has also been oiled from the White Pine Road factory to Hot Lake and between Haines and Baker, but no fresh oil was applied today and these sections are expected to be in good condition by tomorrow.

Oiling work will be resumed this afternoon, Wednesday, July 6, although the work near La Grande will not start up again at that time. The oiling equipment and crews are moving to Heppner and will complete the oiling of a section between Heppner and Heppner Junction before returning to Union county.

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Professor Warren Du Pre Smith Makes Important Local Finding

CORAL FOUND FAR UP IN MOUNTAINS

"Coal" Deposits Near Enterprise Turn Out to Be Lignite—Wallowa Lake 283 Feet Deep.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., July 2.—Two discoveries of great importance to this part of the state have been made by Professor Warren Du Pre Smith, of the University of Oregon geology department, who has been conducting a survey of Wallowa county recently.

That part of the Wallowa mountains were at one time under a tropical sea as warm as the Caribbean sea around Cuba has been determined by the professor and his other find is that the "coal" which has aroused the interest of residents of the north end of the county for years is only lignite—formed from trees which grew a million years or so ago, and which is now in reality between peat and true coal. In another two million years it will become real coal. The extent of the lignite deposits is unknown.

Ash Covered Great Swamp
In the dim past, Dr. Smith declares, there was a great swamp covering the area on the west side of Deer creek. The climate was mild or sub-tropical, in all probability, and a heavy growth of trees flourished. The soil under the swamp was volcanic ash, and in due time another volcanic eruption came and the country was buried under a new layer. The forest, then covered with new ash, now constitutes the lignite beds.

Layers of the ash can be seen below the lignite and also above it, showing the geological history of the country.

Objectable Gases
Men who are familiar with both sides of the Grande Ronde river are positive that the lignite deposits extend for many miles. Dr. Smith said it is possible that the

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**Normal School
Attendance Is
Near 100 Mark**

Enrollment in the summer normal school session here draws nearer the 100 mark every day, a total of 24 students being reported this morning by J. T. Longfellow, who has charge of the school. Another student has made application, and the school will resume work after a two-day holiday, which will bring the total to 95.

Children in the first, second and third grades of the training school will not report Tuesday morning until 8:30 o'clock, instead of 8, Mr. Longfellow announced. The children of the other grades will report at the regular time.

**Fire Warden Is
Seriously Hurt**

PROMISE, July 2 (Special).—Jonah Trump, old-time resident of East Grossman and state fire warden, was seriously injured in a head-on collision with a car driven by Walter M. Pierce, of Enterprise, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Trump, in company with four other men, had been inspecting some of the Bowman-Hines company's engines and were driving on the speeder on the Promis road when the collision occurred. The speeder was traveling at 40 miles an hour, and Mr. Trump's right leg was caught under one of the wheels, nearly severing it below the knee. It is feared that his leg will have to be amputated. The other men escaped with slight scratches and bruises. Mr. Trump is at the Wallowa hospital.

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HUGE CROWD OF PARISIANS GREET BYRD

Tremendous Ovation Given American Flyer and His Mates Today

MOST OF CHARTS OF JOURNEY SAFE

Award of Distinguished Flying Cross Will Be Recommended by Secretary Wilbur.

PARIS, July 2 (AP).—Commander Richard E. Byrd and his three companions on the trans-Atlantic flight, of the giant monoplane America arrived in Paris from Caen at 12:28 p. m. today, receiving a tremendous ovation from a huge crowd that filled the St. Lazare railroad station.

The great crowd filled the station almost to the bursting point and overflowed into every nearby street.

So dense was the throng that Commander Byrd and his companions, after a short reception upon their arrival on the station platform, had to fight their way to waiting automobiles while the crowd cheered wildly and threw flowers in their path.

Like Lindbergh Reception
Despite a heavy rain, the American aviators who had battled for 42 hours with fog and storm in their trans-Atlantic flight which ended in the early hours of yesterday on the beach at Ver-Sur-Mer on the coast of Normandy, 175 miles west of Paris, were given a reception such as that given to Charles A. Lindbergh who so quickly became the darling of Paris on his own epochal flight.

The Place Du Havre in front of the St. Lazare station was crowded as it had not been before in the memory of veteran Parisians.

Men held women high in the air to catch the glimpse of the American flyers while children wailed their way through the crowd to the front line and the big police force stationed all about the route had the hardest kind of work keeping a passage way clear for the procession.

Not Confined to Paris
The tremendous enthusiasm was not confined to Paris and every station along the line from Caen where the American aviators went last night from Ver-Sur-Mer, was jammed with people when the

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**Normal Weather
Week's Forecast**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 (AP).—The weather outlook for the week beginning July 3 was announced here today by the weather bureau as follows:

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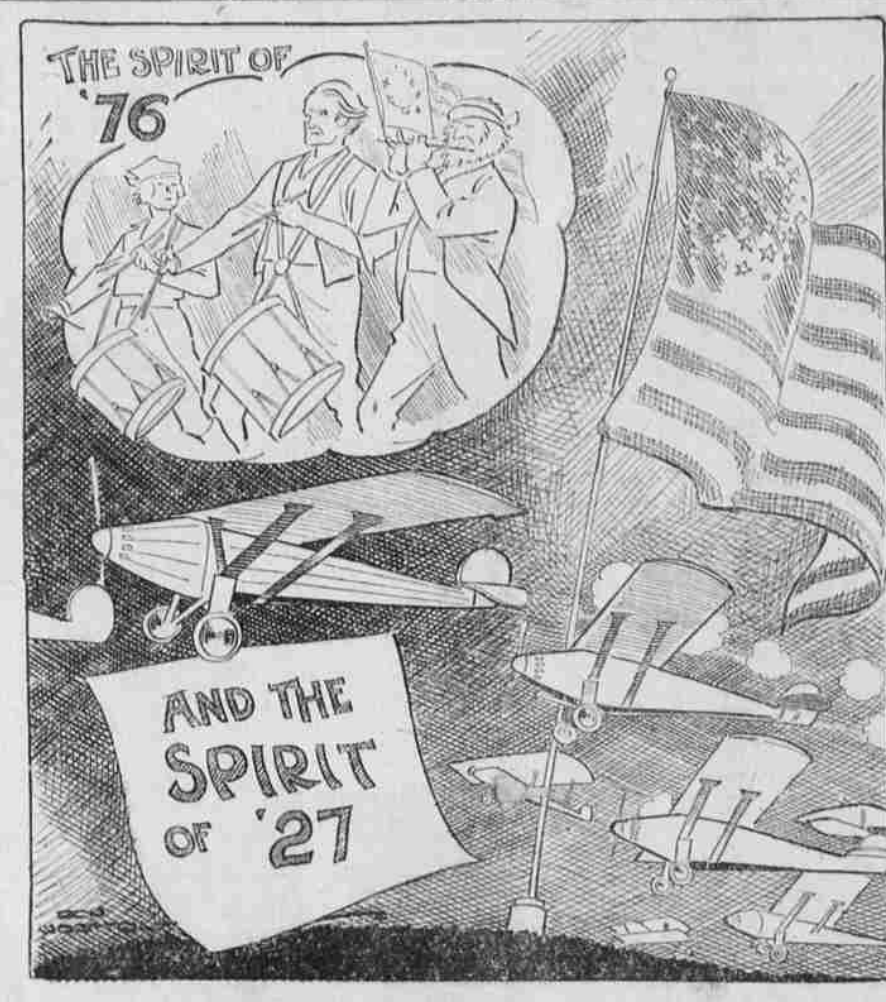
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ANOTHER GLORIOUS FOURTH NEARS



CLERKS PRESENT ANNUAL REPORTS

Only Two School Districts in County Fail to Send Data to Mr. Sayre

County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre announced today that annual reports from the following school districts have been received by his office within the time specified by law. Two districts out of the 57 in the county failed to report within the required time, thus forfeiting the \$100 county appropriation.

M. L. Carter, Riverview; Mrs. Alice Baker, Palmer Junction; J. F. Weiss, Elgin; Thos. Walinger, Alsea; Mrs. Roy Pratt, Pine Grove; Mrs. Vesta Pizzell, Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Ella White, Mt. Glen; Mrs. Zephia S. Carbine, Fruit.

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**Dorothy Mackaye
To Do Three Years**

LOS ANGELES, July 2 (AP).—Dorothy Mackaye, dramatic actress today was sentenced to from one to three years in San Quentin prison following conviction last week of a conspiracy charge brought after the death last April of her husband, Ray Raymond, of the musical comedy stage.

The prosecution of conspiracy seemed to stun the actress, but she calmly accepted her fate as she heard the words that will send her to San Quentin, where her often-quoted lover and at least father in crime, Paul Kelly, today began serving a sentence for Raymond's death.

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**HELEN WILLS IS
TENNIS CHAMPION**

WIMBLEDON, Eng., July 2 (AP).—An American girl won the women's singles crown of Wimbledon for the first time in 20 years.

Miss Helen Wills, 21-year-old Californian and three times former American champion, swept to the title today by conquering the Spanish star Senorita Elia De Alvaraz, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

It was a decisive victory for the hard-driving American girl, the climax of a march through a field composed of the world's foremost women amateurs. It put Miss Wills at the top of the tennis heap, once more undisputed successor to Suzanne Lenglen, after a brilliant comeback from the illness that forced her out of nearly all championship competition abroad and at home in 1926.

20-Year Halt
Twenty years ago, May Sutton, now Mrs. Bundy, won the Wimbledon singles but no American has triumphed in the tournament since then.

Henri Cochet, conqueror of the Bill Tilden, won the men's singles title today, defeating his fellow countryman, Allen Roberts, in six sets at his famous uphill battles. The score was 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

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