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PACIFIC MONOPLANE REACHES HAWAII

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WINS HONOR

Miss Lula McClure Is Oregon Champion in National Story Contest

PRIZE OF \$500 TO BE GIVEN TO HER

Article Entered in Competition Given Annually by U. S. Livestock and Meat Board.

La Grande High school girl, who has just finished her sophomore year, has been awarded a very high honor. It has just been learned.

Today the announcement came that Miss Lula McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClure, of 422 C avenue, had been selected as champion of the state of Oregon in the fifth national story contest conducted annually by the national livestock and meat board.

Miss McClure's story was chosen from among several thousand submitted to receive the principal award in her state. Stories were submitted from every state in the union. Students of home economics are eligible to enter stories in the contest, which is conducted each year and is attracting more and more contestants with each season.

High school teachers are encouraging students to participate in the contests as they find it of great educational value.

Colorado Girl Wins

Miss Agnes Childress, of Ordway, Colo., was selected as champion of the western district of which Oregon was a part, and was also declared national champion.

Annually, Miss McClure's story ranked very high in the national competition, with her among the runners-up to the national champion.

The judges in the contest were four women well-known in the field of home economics throughout the United States: Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the bureau of home economics, U. S. department of agriculture, chairman; Dean Jean Kenner, Michigan State college; Dean Margaret Justin, Kansas State Agricultural college; and Dr. P. Mabel Nelson, Iowa State college.

Prize is \$500

A telephone conversation with Miss McClure, at their farm home near here this morning, resulted in learning that the state winner is to receive \$500 and the national winner \$2,500.

Miss McClure is 16 years of age and was the only member of her class to enter a story. Five other girls in La Grande High school, members of other home economic classes, entered stories. All contestants here sent in their articles under the direction of Miss Lois G. Davis, home economics instructor.

The Observer will publish Miss McClure's story in the near future.

City Receives Compliments On Food Ordinance

State Dairy and Food Inspector Speaks at the City Commission Meeting Last Eve.

Several matters, including the disposal of garbage, were taken up at the regular meeting of the city commission last night, postponed from Wednesday because of Memorial day.

L. S. Leach, of the state dairy and food commission, and Haskell Andrews, city food and drink inspector, brought up the garbage disposal problem and during the discussion, it was revealed that Mr. Leach had closed down two garbage plants yesterday and found conditions in some of the others out of the best.

The commissioners considered the garbage matter at some length the opinion as expressed being that the city should control the garbage disposal by letting some one person, with a well equipped plant, handle the matter in the future.

Mr. Leach complimented the city commission on the food and drink ordinance and assured the city that all co-operation possible would be extended by the state board.

Complains of Dog

A communication was read from J. L. Moore concerning an attack made on him by a dog on S. avenue. City Attorney George Cochran said that the dog ordinance provides that the police shall notify the owner and that if a second complaint against the dog is made, the owner is subject to fine.

An estimate on sidewalk district No. 177 was allowed in favor of P. J. Lilly in the amount of \$1,473.61.

Manager's Report

City Manager W. C. Crews filed his report for the week. Street work attended to included grading in Old Town and Commodore, patching concrete on K avenue, cleaning culvert pipe across Jefferson between Fourth and Third, and moving play city warehouse.

A report from the city library, in reference to the rooming at had been the fixing up of the children's room, was read. It also announced that the branch libraries at Greenwood, Willow and Riveria have been discontinued for the summer months and the books have been returned to the city library for mending. The branches will be opened again in September.

COMMITTEE SUICIDE

SALEM, Ore., June 1 (AP)—Louis Peever, an inmate at the state hospital, committed suicide last night by hanging himself with a bed sheet attached to an automatic sprinkler. He was discovered by a roommate who notified the hospital authorities. Peever was received here in April and had been in an inmate at the Stillacomb, Wash., institution prior to this time.

Miss Flexer Is Winner Of Trip To Girls' Camp

Winning Campfire girls and groups in the ticket sale contest for the benefit concert given by Mrs. A. L. Richardson Monday were announced today when it was learned that Miss Genevieve Flexer had won the week's outing at camp. Miss Flexer sold 325 of tickets.

POWER WORK IN SCHOOLS QUESTIONED

Federal Trade Commission Goes into "Educational Efforts"

EXECUTIVE HEAD TELLS OF PLANS

Aim of Movement Is "to Defeat Such Things as Muscle Shoals," Witness Admits.

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Extension of the power interest of "Educational Efforts" to the high schools of Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming, was gone into today by the federal trade commission.

The commission dealt with the activities of the Rocky Mountain committee on public utilities committee through documents submitted to the utilities of country.

While George Lewis, executive manager of the committee, was on the stand, Robert E. Healy, counsel for the committee, introduced a pamphlet which had been prepared by Lewis in 1925, entitled "Now for the High School."

Lewis had said in the pamphlet that the success attending the educational efforts in colleges and universities, prompted an "extension of the program for the coming year that will embrace the high schools."

He told of a plan for the committee to issue a series of papers in which material covering the four branches of the utility industry, and added:

"The material in these papers is being especially designed for presentation to high school assemblies and upper classes in grade schools."

Oregon Bureau Mentioned

Payments of \$25 a month to the Salem, Oregon, news bureau of E. Foter & Son, was brought up by Healy. Lewis explained that the bureau gave a resume of building activities.

"Its aim possibly is to defeat such things as Muscle Shoals is it not?" Healy inquired, and Lewis

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SAWMILL STARTS LATER IN MONTH

Mt. Emily Lumber Company Plant to Resume Operations Soon

The Mount Emily Lumber company sawmill will resume operations shortly after the middle of the month, A. J. Stango stated this morning.

The mill will begin to re-cut logs next week, the vice president of the company said.

Niemi and Heiser left here to seek the two missing planes of the Fox Film corporation. Point Barrow expedition, which left here May 11 and were last seen at Wisconsin, about half way to Point Barrow, two days later.

Three Students From La Grande To Finish Term

Henderson, Flesman and Moon Will Graduate from Oregon State College June 4.

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 1 (Special)—La Grande is represented by three students in the graduation class of 1928 which totals more than 500. They will receive their degrees at the annual commencement exercises June 4.

The graduation class is composed of those who have survived four years of rigorous work during which their scholarship had to be kept high to meet the requirements here. The college does not grant a degree to one whose average is less than C, even though he may have accumulated sufficient credits.

John M. Henderson has completed a four-year curriculum for the degree of bachelor of science in forestry with major work in logging engineering. He is one of the 17 men being graduated in forestry this year, some others having majored in technical forestry or lumber manufacturing. Henderson has had the advantage of practical laboratory work in large forestry tracts owned and controlled by the college. No other school of forestry in the country is situated in the heart of such a large body of commercial timber. Many of the graduates take advanced work in eastern institutions, while others go into the commercial field or enter governmental service.

Active on Campus

Aside from completing his regular work Henderson has taken an active part in athletics and campus affairs. Some of his activities have been Xi Sigma Pi, national honorary fraternity in forestry; Scabbard and Blade, national honorary fraternity in military science; varsity polo; Reserve Officers Training corps, captain; Omega Psi Chi, social fraternity, president; Polo club, manager; forestry club, homecoming committee and interfraternity council.

James K. Flesman has devoted his college to a study of chemical engineering, in which department he has earned his bachelor of science degree. The department of chemical engineering is maintained separately rather than as a part of

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No Word Received From Relief Plane

FAIRBANKS, Ala., June 1 (AP)—Airport officials here today were hopefully awaiting word from Point Barrow of the safe arrival there of a relief plane flown by Matt Niemi and carrying as a passenger Richard Heiser, a radio operator. The plane left Kolsobu on Bering strait a week ago today in cloudy weather, and was believed to have been halted by fog at Wayneswright, about 100 miles south of Point Barrow.

Latest advice from Kolsobu, where the government maintains a radio station, indicated that the weather had cleared and it was hoped here that conditions were similarly improved further north.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 4 6 9

Pittsburg 10 14 1

Batteries: Riak, Carlson, Holly and Barnett; Grimes and Gough.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" ARRIVES IN HAWAII TODAY



The large tri-motored airplane "Southern Cross" has successfully completed the first hop of 2100 miles to Honolulu from Oakland on its America-to-Australia flight. The big craft arrived at Wheeler field at 12:10 p. m., coast time. The next hop will take the plane 3130 miles to Suva, Fiji Islands, and from there to Brisbane by shorter stages.

Goff's Lead In West Virginia Is Regarded Safe

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 1 (AP)—While returns from 2,366 precincts of W. Va. were incomplete today, Senator Guy D. Goff, favorite son candidate for the republican presidential party, recently had a sufficient lead over Herbert Hoover to offset any gains the communist secretary might make.

Approximately 2,000 precincts gave Goff a lead of 11,000.

On the democratic side, Governor Smith, New York, maintained a 4,000 lead over Senator James A. Reed of Missouri.

Governor Howard M. Gore has conceded the republican senatorial nomination to Dr. Henry D. Hatfield. The physician will oppose the incumbent, Senator M. M. Neley, democrat, in November.

Defense Gives Its Testimony In Banking Case

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1 (AP)—The defense opened today in the trial of the suit by seven Portland banks attacking the law under which bank capital is taxed.

George Hovey, of the district attorney's office, said the defense would be based upon two promises, the first that the banks had not appealed to the county board of equalization for relief from the capital stock, upon which the suit is based, and second, that by paying the tax for several years, they had admitted its legality.

Dollar Day To Be Saturday Event

Dollar Day is scheduled in La Grande tomorrow with various merchants featuring special values, including numerous articles at one dollar and others at different price ranges.

These dollar day values together with two big sales being put on by Hills Department store and Clifts Clothery are expected to attract a large Saturday crowd tomorrow.

Big Bill Defeats Abe, Japanese Star

CHICAGO, June 1 (AP)—William "Big Bill" Tilden, captain of the American team, today defeated the 21-year-old Japanese star, Tamio Abe, in the opening singles match of the American zone Davis cup finals. The scores were 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

STERLING APPOINTED

CHANG DECIDES TO QUIT PEKING

Northern Dictator Definitely Decides to Abdicate Is Report

PEKING, June 1 (AP)—At an impressive gathering in the presidential palace at 3:30 this afternoon, Marshal Chang Tso-Lin addressed the diplomatic corps. He intimated that he was remaining in Peking pending the outcome of a decisive battle which he expected to be waged at Lusho, 25 miles to the southwest.

Although the dictator's address and the reply by the Dutch minister, W. Oudenijde, the dean of the corps, avoided any specific reference to plans for Chang's early departure, the opinion of the diplomats was that the dictator's speech was in the nature of valedictory. The event was described as somewhat affecting.

LONDON, June 1 (AP)—A Tokyo dispatch to the Evening News says reliable reports from Peking state that Chang Tso-Lin, the northern dictator, has definitely decided to abdicate.

Formal announcement of Chang's withdrawal from his position as head of the northern government was expected tonight.

Meanwhile the northern leaders were stated to be trying to establish a new government which would include Tuan Chi-Jui, the former chief executive of the Peking government.

Tuan Chi-Jui, although out of political life in recent years, was once a powerful figure in China, being premier and minister of war and finally chief executive of the Chinese republic. He was deposed in 1922 by Wu Pei-Fu and was last reported at Tientsin, living in the Japanese concession.

PRICE INDEX IS HIGHEST IN THREE YEARS

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—The highest price index in nearly three years is reported by the department of agriculture in placing the figure for May 15 at 148 percent of the pre-war level, an increase of eight points since April 15 and 22 points since May of a year ago.

Increases were shown in all groups except dairy products which declined three points. Grains advanced 16 points; fruit and vegetables 25; meat animals 9; poultry products 7; and cotton and cottonseed 12.

The May 14 price of hops rose abruptly to a position 14 per cent above the April 15 figure. This increase was ascribed to the sharp decline in receipts at primary markets following the heavy marketings in February and March.

Search, On Foot And By Ship, Is Made For Italia

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KINGS BAY, June 1 (AP)—While at least a half dozen air expeditions were being organized in Europe today to search for the missing dirigible Italia, five men were slowly making their way by foot in an effort to reach the lonely region where the Italia is thought to have come down.

Paul Kremer, a Spitzbergen hunter, and four Italian Alpinists were proceeding along Tied Bay, in Northern Spitzbergen, and along Lierde bay near Amsterdams island, and will try to go east over the glaciers to reach the most easterly winter house on the Moite bay.

If the Italia landed or crashed over land it is thought at Kings Bay that she will be found on Northeast land, a large desolate island north east of West Spitzbergen.

The sealer Hobby, which is expected at Spitzbergen on Sunday, will search for open water near the land on the north coast so that it can press forward toward the east and will also search for the Italia's crew in the winter house on northeast land.

The Hobby, as soon as possible, will go north with the planes shipped aboard her and their Norwegian pilots accompanied by the ice steamer Braganza, which is expected at Kings Bay tomorrow. The City di Milano, the Italia's base ship, also will go out again.

Haines Stampede Will Open Gates This Afternoon

BAKER, Ore., June 1—Promising the widest stampede in all the history of stampedes, Haines is all set for the opening of its big annual event this afternoon.

The program includes bucking, roping, racing and other events, and to rodeo fans both today and Saturday afternoon, with a big dance each night.

Led by riders and a covered wagon stampede boosters paraded Baker's streets yesterday.

Eight Burned To Death In Kansas

COVERT, Kan., June 1 (AP)—Eight members of the family of Alfred Kaiser were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their farm home last night.

The charred bodies of the father and mother and six children were discovered in the ruins.

DIFFICULTIES OF FLIGHT TO ISLE BEATEN

Clouds Cause Airmen to Lose Their Course for a Time This Morning

AIR POCKET HIT DURING THE NIGHT

Governor Greet "Southern Cross"—Long Hop to Suva in Fiji Islands Is Next Step.

WHEELER FIELD, Honolulu, June 1 (AP)—The trans-Pacific monoplane "Southern Cross," bearing four men, came safely to earth here today at 12:10 p. m., coast time after a 2400-mile flight from Oakland, Cal., begun at 9:51 a. m. yesterday.

The "Southern Cross" made its landing only after hours of tenebrous during which she had lost her position and her fuel supply ran low. She finished the long air journey with little gasoline to spare.

Thus ended the first leg of an air adventure of 7,600 miles over sea to Sydney, Australia. The next air hop is to Suva, Fiji Islands, more than 3,100 miles over sweltering waves broken only by occasional dots of coral and volcanic rocks.

Anxiety that had continued hours for the courageous Australian-American crew was relieved when the plane was safely over Suva beach. As the motors of the big blue and silver monoplane stopped, the welcoming committee, including Governor Wallace I. Farrington of Hawaii, stepped out to greet the in a glad airman.

Captain Kingsford-Smith was the first to leave the plane. He smiled as the crowd cheered.

"We had a terrific trip; no trouble at all," he said. "We will continue as planned to Suva."

EARLIER MESSAGES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 (AP)—The R. C. A. intercepted a radio message at 12 noon from the Southern Cross:

"We have no more fuel now. Am crossing over Oahu. Now nearing Wheeler field."

OAHU SIGHTED

HONOLULU, June 1 (AP)—A message from the Southern Cross at 11:45 a. m., coast time, said: "We have no fuel now. Am crossing over Oahu. Now nearing Wheeler field."

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CARS COLLIDE HEADON; SEVEN PERSONS DEAD

DANVILLE, Ill., June 1 (AP)—Two interurban cars of the Illinois Traction system crashed head-on near Effingham, seven miles west of here late yesterday. Seven persons were killed, five were probably fatally hurt and 15 others were injured less seriously.

Failures of air brakes of the eastbound limited, which was to have taken a siding to let the eastbound local pass, was blamed for the accident. The motorman of the local, Clarence Cummings, of Springfield, escaped with bruises, jumping when he realized he could not check his car. Frank Craig, motorman of the eastbound local, was killed.

At least two men were killed and a score injured in an explosion of acid today at the DuPont Viskolite company plant in DeForest, Wis. The bodies of the two men were recovered from the ruins by police and firemen, who, protected by gas masks, began the search a few minutes after the blast had occurred.

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ROPS TO PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1 (AP)—Ray Cooper, manager of the national reliability air tour, arrived here today in a hop from Medford.

W. K. Gilbert's automobile, which was stolen two nights ago, was found by police early this morning on Oak street between Adams and Washington avenues. As near as the police could learn it was left there between 2:20 and 5 a. m. today.

The car looks like there has been something hauled in it," the police record says.

DOJAN COMING WEST

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Prohibition Commissioner Dojan left today for the Pacific coast for a three weeks inspection trip. He will visit the principal enforcement centers along the coast.

30,000 Sheep Arrive In Wallowa County For Summer Feed On Range

WALLOWA, Ore., June 1—Thirty thousand sheep, comprising 125 head of ewes, of 748 single head ewes, averaging 120 head to a dock had been shipped into Wallowa up to and including Tuesday for distribution on the tributary summer range, according to the Wallowa Sun.