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NORMAL ROOF MAY BE DONE THIS AUTUMN

If Weather Is Fair, Progress of Building Will Be Continuous

CONCRETE TO BE POURED SHORTLY

Excavation Work Will Be Completed Tomorrow—Forty Men Now at Work on New School

Work on what is to be the Eastern Oregon Normal school on the Commodore bluff on the southern edge of town, is well under way and contractors hope that the goal of autumn will result in good footing for a complete length of time yet so that the carpenters will have time to get on the roof before winter rains and disagreeable weather start in.

If the weather does remain pleasant and the roof can be safely built this fall the carpenters will have a winter in which to work during the winter. However, if the roof cannot be built in time, work will be suspended until good weather in early spring commences.

May Be Done in April

All the excavation for the cement will be done by February. The work started six weeks ago. The forms are now being made for the pouring of the concrete walls. Half of the footings are also completed.

A concrete floor which extends to a considerable height in the air has been completed.

In all 200,000 feet of lumber will be used for the framing of the building in addition to the 130,000 feet used for the footings, sand and gravel amounting to 4000 tons will also be used.

It may be on job

About 100 men are working on the construction, 17 of whom are carpenters. Most workers are being employed from time to time and it is expected that the total number will reach 50.

The hours of the building are to be 10 to 5. The dimensions of the two-story structure are 211 feet 6 inches by 85 feet 3 inches.

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HIGH SCHOOL WALKOUT DUE TO NEGROES

CHICAGO, Sept. 21 (AP)—Two thousand students of 15 new high schools declared a strike today and refused to attend classes in the 130th ward today as a protest against the removal of a group of 100 Negro pupils from Morgan Park to 45th and 55th.

No entrance were the strikers that a detail of police was summoned to hold the school building.

Thomas C. Hill, principal of the school, called a meeting of the student body for later in the day and said he hoped to dispel any ill feeling. He declared the transfer of the Negro students was unavoidable because as they could not get the subjects they desired at the Morgan Park school.

ELKS 49 SHOW COMMITTEE IN WEEKLY MEET

Meeting last night in the 2000 block building will be held in the evening. The committee made further plans for the winter of the benefit event Oct. 27 to 29, inclusive.

Arrangements were made for seating of the various groups, which will be located in separate rooms adjoining the ballroom. The main dance will be placed in the center of the large dance floor and although they have been held several times, the committee announced that special arrangements will be made for the dance.

It is also planned to put a show of 45 feature articles during the show.

WEATHER TODAY

71 to 75; 10-15 above; minimum 24; maximum 74; condition cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 72; minimum 24; condition cloudy.

WEATHER SEPT. 20, 1927

Maximum 82; minimum 43; condition partly cloudy.

L. D. S. Auxiliary Groups To Meet Here Saturday

Open Two-day Conventions at Tabernacle—Salt Lake City Officers to Be in Attendance

Auxiliary groups of the L. D. S. church will hold their annual conventions here tomorrow and Sunday, in connection with the quarterly conference, it was announced today.

The main sessions will be held in the Tabernacle for an evening program of drama, etc., to be given tomorrow night between 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock, will take place in the Tabernacle hall. The dramas will be open to the public and the public is also invited to attend the Sunday school convention Sunday morning between 9:30 and 12 and the Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Joseph F. Merrill, superintendent of education, a representative of the Young Ladies' M. L. A., a representative of the second ward of the Primary and a representative of the general board of the Sunday school, all from Salt Lake City, are expected to attend the two-day sessions. All of the Utah stakes, which include Baker, La Grande, Mt. Glen, Union and Intero, will participate.

The schedule of meetings follows: Saturday Morning 10 to 12:30, M. L. A.—public session.

11:30 to 12:30—Sunday School—conference of general representatives with stake superintendents and secretary and representatives of stake presidency, high council and bishops.

M. L. A.—28th, conference of general representatives with stake superintendents and representatives of stake presidency, high council and bishops.

Primary—conference of general representatives with primary stake board and representatives of stake presidency, high council and bishops.

Sunday Afternoon 2 to 4:30, M. L. A.—Public session.

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Sunday School—stake board and ward superintendents meeting with general representatives and representatives of stake presidency, high council and bishops.

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Primary—Stake and ward officers meeting with general representatives and representatives of stake presidency, high council and bishops.

Saturday Evening 7:30 to 9:30, M. L. A.—Separate meetings of stake and ward workers.

Primary—Stake board meeting with general representatives and ward officers available.

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Bohnenkamp Buys Out Partner In Local Mortuary

A. E. Bohnenkamp, who has been associated with the Bohnenkamp mortuary in La Grande, has bought out his partner, W. H. Bohnenkamp, who has been associated with the mortuary since 1910.

The mortuary is now owned and operated by A. E. Bohnenkamp, who has been associated with the mortuary since 1910.

Mr. Bohnenkamp is now the sole proprietor of the mortuary and will continue to operate it in the same manner as before.

Mr. Rohrig Laid To Rest This Morning

Mr. Rohrig, who died last night, was laid to rest this morning in the cemetery.

The funeral services were held in the church and were attended by a large number of friends.

Penmanship, Art Conferences Held

Conferences in penmanship and art were held at the school today.

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FARM SLAYERS?

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Fires Break Out Again In South; Several Injured

Town of Magalia in California Reported Destroyed; Five Motorists Badly Burned

CHICO, Sept. 21 (AP)—Reports received here at noon said that Magalia, an old Butte county town 20 miles northeast of here, was destroyed by a forest fire sweeping that territory. All lives were down in the vicinity.

The fire swept through the valley and is raging uncontrolled. Calls for help were sent to Chico today. The appeal asked American Legion members and all able bodied men to join the fire fight.

The area burned is unestimated but declared to be the largest in years.

Butte Meadows, a popular summer resort, was said to be in imminent danger and cottage owners are rushing to the scene in an effort to save their belongings.

FIRE HAZARD HIGH SALEM, Ore., Sept. 21 (AP)—The fire hazard in Oregon forests today is extremely serious. The situation probably being more dangerous than at any other time this season, it was said at the office of State Forest P. A. Elliott.

TWO MEN KILLED SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21 (AP)—Although California's first season today faced new outbreaks, with the flames out of control in several sections. High wind and dry weather aggravated the danger.

Two men were burned seriously, several cabins were destroyed, and 1,000 acres of land, on which there was some valuable timber, was swept by a fire between Sterling City and Inskip, 25 miles northwest of Chico. The fire was out of control late last night.

FIVE HELMED IN NEWHALL, Cal., Sept. 21 (AP)—Five motorists, trapped in a raging brush fire along the Baker (old-Los Angeles ridge) route highway today were seriously burned. Four, two women and two men, were removed to the hospital here, while the fifth, a woman, was taken to the St. Fernando health center.

Round-Up Crowd Is Thrilled By Several Mishaps

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MURDER FARM DENIAL MADE BY SUSPECT

Gordon Stuart Northcott, in Vancouver, Charges A Frame-up

TALKS FREELY OF FLIGHT TO NORTH

Tells Officers He Left Riverside in Order to Protect His "Poor Little Mother"

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 21 (AP)—In a copyrighted story, written by a staff representative of the Vancouver Daily Sun, Gordon Stuart Northcott, held here on "murder farm" charges was declared to have said he fled because he wanted to shield his "poor little mother" from the pain of knowing he was charged with murdering a woman.

Northcott explained to the Sun reporter the reason for his flight. He bitterly denied being guilty of the Riverside, Cal., "murder farm" charges and declared he will fight extradition.

Denies Charges "There have been a lot of stories circulated about me," he said. "They are all untrue. What awful things to say about a man. Some people have been suffering from too much imagination, and a lot of people will be sorry when this case is cleared up."

He was asked to explain why he had disappeared.

"I had to protect poor little mother from this," he said. "I simply could not tell her mother of this. I simply could not tell her mother of what they were accusing me."

"My mother told me that she had known of these charges but would keep her mouth shut."

"No! I kept it all from her, newspapers and everything. I was forced to hide them. I wanted to get her away to some place, then I intended to come back alone and fight this thing."

Frame-Up, He Says He talked with officers about the charges, suggesting they had been "framed up."

Commenting on the disappearance of Mrs. Winifred Clark, his sister, he offered a conspicuous silence.

"I suppose they will say I killed her, too," he said, glancing at a (Continued on Page 5)

Scaffolding Gives And Workmen Fall

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Stock Raising States Hopeful; Prices Move Up

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