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THE WEATHER OREGON—Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature in latter part of week; moderate northerly winds on the coast.

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132 SENIORS TO GRADUATE FROM L. H. S.

Class of 1929 is the Largest in History of All Eastern Oregon.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES SUNDAY

Burt Brown Barker, University of Oregon Vice President, Commencement Speaker Wed.

La Grande High school, which has consistently broken records for the size of its graduating classes, will set up a new mark this year if every member of the class succeeds in passing their final examinations.

Commencement exercises are to be held Wednesday night in the L. D. K. tabernacle with Burt Brown Barker, University of Oregon vice president, as the speaker of the evening.

The baccalaureate services will be held tomorrow evening, also in the tabernacle, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The program for the baccalaureate services follows:

Invocation, by the Rev. W. S. Burgoyne, pastor of the M. E. Church South.

Scripture reading, by the Rev. R. L. Putnam, pastor of the Central Church of Christ.

Sermon, by the Rev. Vernon E. Hall, pastor of the M. E. church.

Prayer, by the Rev. L. H. Awe, pastor of the English Lutheran church.

The chairman of the evening will be the Rev. J. Burnett, Dorey Gade, Jean Campbell, Velva Cantrell, Emma Chandler, Dale Charlton, Velma Charlton, Francis Clay, Agnes Collins, David Coughenower, Henry Colp, Vernon DeLong, Harlan Dexter, Roland Dixon and Margaret Doshan.

Ruth Durand, Franklin Eberhard, Franklin Edwards, Alta Fairbanks, Charline Faust, Bethel

Providing the weather is fair, and the weather bureau for Oregon promises that it will be a considerable number of fans are expected to combine baseball and fishing tomorrow, arranging their day so as to be at Enterprise during the afternoon when the Pirates and Chieftains meet in their second game of the Blue Mountain League season.

Enterprise got off to a bad start here last Sunday, losing the game in the first two innings, but reports are that a closer game is expected tomorrow when La Grande makes its first appearance in the Wallowa county seat.

Duff and Murchison will make up the La Grande battery and word has not been received here as to who will take the mound for the Chieftains.

While La Grande is playing at Enterprise, Poulton will be crossing bats with the Elephants at Baker.

Parade to Open Memorial Day Services Here

Patriotic Organizations and Veterans to Take Part—Services to be Held at the Cemetery.

A general program for the observance of Memorial day in La Grande has been prepared and announced today by members of the American Legion.

The parade, to be made up of members of the G. A. R. veterans of the World war, the Spanish-American war, members of the national guard, members of women's auxiliaries, the American Legion drill team and drum corps, all in uniform will form at the Elks club.

The procession then will march down Adams avenue to Greenwood, then south to Washington avenue and on to the Masonic cemetery. Jesse Andrews will be marshal during the parade.

At the cemetery, the veterans of the Spanish-American war will furnish the firing squad and a bugler for the services at the G. A. R. plot.

To educate the public, the American Legion plot and the new flag pole will be dedicated, with music and an address to be furnished by the Legionnaires. Hugh E. Brady will be the speaker.

Luncheon will be served at the K. of P. hall by the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by the American Legion auxiliary. The luncheon will begin at 12 o'clock and all service men and members of the national guard are invited to attend.

The local legion post urges that (Continued on Page 5)

Poppy Sale Is Opened Here In Early Morning

Some were even sold before breakfast.

This is the story of the start of the annual poppy sale in La Grande this morning, with the American Legion auxiliary in charge of the selling of the local quota, which amounts to 3,000 poppies, made by disabled veterans of the world war.

Proceeds also will go toward the relief of disabled veterans and their families.

All during this morning the sale was meeting with splendid response in the business section, and indications pointed to a very large sale this afternoon.

The sale will also be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, providing the supply of poppies lasts that long.

A change in the method of handling customers' accounts and the installation of a utility billing machine in July has been announced by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company.

The new system will become effective June 3 and meters will be read continuously throughout the month, each meter being read on the same day each month depending on geographical location and the convenience of meter reading routes.

Within five days after a customer's meter has been read, company officials say, the bill for the preceding month's service will be delivered to the customer's door, and the discount on light bills will be allowed if paid within 10 days after the bill has been received.

FARM RELIEF MEASURE IS IN DEADLOCK

Week of Conferences Fail to Result in House-Senate Agreement.

DEBENTURE PLAN STUMBLING BLOCK

House Conferees Make it Plain Today That They Will Not Yield in Their Position.

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The house conferees on the farm relief bill left the conference today with a declaration that when the senate was ready to yield on the export debenture plan they would begin arbitration on other phases of the differences.

The conference after almost a week of negotiations with little progress toward a reconciliation of the differences, apparently had reached a deadlock which brought what amounted to an ultimatum from the house group.

House won't give an inch. House conferees express a willingness to reopen the conference when the senate group was ready to have the export debenture plan removed from the bill.

They have declined throughout the negotiation, however, to take up any other phase of the differences until this has been struck from the measure.

The house group left the conference room after 39 minutes, during which it apparently had been made clear that the senate conferees were not ready to abandon their position in support of the debenture plan.

Ten minutes after the house (Continued on Page 5)

FIRE DESTROYS COVE RESIDENCE

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Millman Burned This Morning.

This morning at about 10:30 o'clock, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Millman at the Cove, together with all of its contents was completely destroyed by fire.

By the time the flames were discovered, the fire was too far advanced and nothing could be removed, so far as could be learned this morning there was no insurance, either on the house or its contents.

The building was a two story frame structure and valued at several hundred dollars.

Members of the Millman family were all absent from the house, when Mrs. Harry Welner, next door neighbor discovered the fire. She immediately turned in the alarm, but by the time the firemen arrived and a door was broken in, the entire inside was a mass of flames and nothing could be done.

While the origin is not known, it is believed it must have started from the cook stove.

Mr. Millman is employed in La Grande. Mrs. Millman and the three small children were at a neighbors, being absent about half an hour, and failed to hear the alarm or know of the fire until everything lay in ashes.

All their possessions were lost in the fire.

Presbyterians Will Decide On Women's Rights

General Assembly Votes to Submit Proposal; Desertion Still Recognized for Divorce.

ST. PAUL, May 25 (AP)—Women will be placed on a parity with men in respect to holding church offices as ministers and elders under proposals to be submitted to the presbyteries making up the Presbyterian church in the United States of America. It was decided at the 141st general assembly of the body today.

Without debate the assembly decided to submit three overtures for action by the presbyteries, which would change the constitution of the church. The first would give women eligibility for ordination as ministers; the second eligibility as elders, and the third would entitle them to licenses of the church as evangelists.

Approval by a majority of the presbyteries is necessary.

Defeat of a proposal to eliminate willful desertion as a ground for divorce, by a majority of Presbyteries preventing its establishment as a rule of the church, was reported today to the general assembly.

Would have Left One Cause. Its adoption would have left one cause for divorce which the church would have recognized—infidelity. The proposal, sent down to the Presbyteries as an overture by the 1928 assembly was approved by 35 Presbyteries and opposed by 45, while 12 took no action, the assembly was told.

Although defeated, the question is not closed, for the assembly at the same time had called to its attention a proposal for a new overture from the dubious Presbyteries which calls upon the assembly to make a study of the matter and to give to the whole church a clear delineation on divorce and remarriage.

Freedom from debt for the first time in its history was reported by J. Willson Smith, of Philadelphia, chairman of its finance committee.

Ready for Expansion. Mr. Smith said that as a result, the church was now prepared to proceed with a program of expansion. He estimated it was capable of raising \$1,000,000 for benevolent work during the next year.

The Rev. Edward H. Hamilton of Edinburgh, Scotland, declared the interestlessness of Presbyterianism.

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Albany High Band To Be Here May 27

The Albany high school band, representing Oregon in the national band tournament in Denver, will arrive in La Grande at 6:45 p. m. May 27 on their return trip to Albany, according to a telegram received here today from the Albany chamber of commerce.

The band will stop for 15 minutes in La Grande and it is expected that a large number of people, particularly members of the local high school, will be present to greet them.

Golf Dinner Will Be Given Monday

A golf dinner, the result of a match a week ago between two teams captained by Clyde R. Seltz and H. F. Matthews, is to be held Monday evening at 9:30 o'clock at the Sacramento Inn. The Matthews team, which lost the tournament, will be host to the victors. Mr. Seltz is to be toastmaster.

HAD TO HAVE EXTRA MEDAL



The faculty and regents at University of California went far back into the scholastic records of Elizabeth Stevens (left) and Dorothy Paschall. But in the end they found their grades, etc., so evenly matched that tradition was thrust aside and two medals were made and awarded the "most distinguished member" of this year's graduating class.

Scouts Receive Awards at Local Court of Honor

The final boy scout court of honor before the summer camp period, was held last evening in the high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. There was a large audience and awards were given out to the boy scouts. A. W. Nelson presented the tenderfoot badges, Dr. Ray Murphy presented the second class badges, W. C. Perkins the first class. Second class merit badges were presented by Charles Reynolds and the first class badges were given out by Mr. Nelson and Dr. Murphy.

Dr. W. T. Pily presented W. J. Briggs with an Eagle Scout patch. Five boys received Eagle scout badges. They were: Claude Thompson, presented with his badge by Mr. Nelson, Wilford J. B. by F. L. Meyers, Everett Atwood by Dr. Murphy, and Adam Leighton received his award from Dr. Pily. Max Stoddard gave the closing ceremony of the court of honor.

All Boy Scout troops of La Grande, Cove, Union, Imbler and Elgin are going to participate in the Camp-O-Roll to be given at the high school athletic field, June 8, at 1:30 p. m.

The program for the afternoon will include inspection, first aid, semaphore signaling, knot tying, treasure hunt, water boiling and fire building, starting fire without matches, scout pace, athletic events and evening campfire. The athletic events will include patrol relays, 20-yard dashes and 100-yard dashes.

The meet will begin at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Marion Talley Buys Kansas Wheat Farm

KANSAS CITY, May 25 (AP)—Marion Talley, of Kansas City, late of the Metropolitan opera, has made clear her decision to retire from the operatic stage to a farm. The singer arrived home yesterday and announced the purchase of 640 acres near Colby, in the heart of the Kansas wheat belt.

The farm is 12 miles north of Colby, 400 miles from Kansas City and 200 miles from Denver. Miss Talley described it thus: "It's a mile square with wheat up to my knees and everything to make a really fine home—in the rough."

Family Is Saved By "Wrong Number"

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—A "wrong number" today saved a family of eight from death by gas poisoning.

William Banks was aroused at his Brooklyn home by the telephone ringing. Answering it he discovered the party at the other end had been given the wrong number. He also discovered that the house was filled with gas. Mrs. Banks had forgotten to turn off a gas heater when the family went to bed and the flame had gone out.

Judge Exceeded Authority, Ruling

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., May 25 (AP)—County Judge John W. Butcher exceeded his authority in sentencing Carl Newton Mahan, 43, years old, to the reformatory until he is 21, on a charge of murdering his playmate, Cecil Van Hoes, Circuit Judge J. F. Bailey ruled today on a writ of prohibition filed by the defense.

HOOVER GREET'S YOUNG ORATORS

Finalists in National Competition to Compete for First Prize Tonight.

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Seven young Americans who met the president yesterday came here today, thinking probably about meeting one another tonight—in the sixth national oratorical contest.

These young orators and an eighth, who could not arrive until today because she did not know until yesterday that she was to be one of them, were the finalists in the competition for championship of the United States. The winner later will compete with other national champions.

Beverly Chancellor of Kentucky who had been selected to represent his zone, because ill several days ago, Randolph Leigh, director, general of the contest announced, and his runner-up was notified that she might compete in his place.

She is Katherine Marshall, 16, of Quannah, Texas. She will share the trip to South American cities which is to be given this summer to the eight finalists.

Portland Boy Presented. The other young orators are: James Leonard Butch, 19, of Washington, D. C.; Elizabeth V. Corey, 18, of Portland, Me.; Howard K. Finch, 17, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Lucille Fletcher, 16, of Brooklyn; Lee Miller, 17, of Maywood, Ill.; Ben Swafford, 18, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Wilbur Thibault, of Portland, Ore.

President Hoover, receiving them at the White House, suitably told them he was happy to "meet the winners." He made an address at last year's hearing of the finalists.

Senator Feas of Ohio will address the finalists tonight, and last year's champion, James H. Moore of Kentucky, will sit the judges, Justices Stone, Butler, Sanford, Van Devanter and McReynolds, of the supreme court.

10 Minutes to Each. Each competing orator will be given 10 minutes, and each will discuss some phase of the constitution. The judges will announce their decision immediately after the contest, and the champion will be presented a silver loving cup.

The international contest is to be (Continued on Page 5)

EDDIE TOLAN CLIPS OFF 100 IN 9.5 TODAY

DYCHE STADIUM, Evanston, Ill., May 25 (AP)—Eddie Tolan, negro sprinter from the University of Michigan, bettered the world's record for the 100-yard dash in the finals of the western conference track and field championships by winning the event in 9.5 seconds.

The bespectacled negro had raced to astonishing victory, beating George Simpson, Ohio State flier, to the tape in an eye-blink finish.

The performance of Tolan, one time national intercollegiate 100 yard champion, eclipsed the recognized world's record of 9.6 seconds, jointly held by Howard Drew, another famous negro sprinter, Charley Paddock, Cyril Coates and Don Kelly.

George Simpson, Ohio State sprinter, tied the world's record for the 220-yard dash, beating Tolan 16 to the tape in 26.6 seconds.

Dick Hookaway, Ohio State, bettered the world's record in winning the 275-yard low hurdles in the starting time of 32.8 seconds.

The accepted world's record is 23 seconds made by Charley Brookings of the University of Iowa in 1924.

Sir Esme Howard Willing To Give Up Liquor Here

Expresses Himself as Personally Agreeable to Relinquishing Time-Honored Privilege.

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, is personally willing to relinquish the time-honored privilege of importing liquor into the United States enjoyed by Foreign diplomats.

"If the United States intimates a desire to cancel the privilege," he said at New York last night, "he will be glad to cooperate with other members of the diplomatic corps in complying."

It was made clear in a statement issued by the British embassy here that the ambassador, who is dean of the diplomatic corps, was expressing his personal opinion and was not speaking on behalf of the corps.

The ambassador's statement was drawn from him after he had been shown an article prepared for publication in a number of newspapers this morning dealing with correspondence between Sir Esme and James T. Carter, Lynchburg, Virginia, lumberman.

The article shown to Sir Esme, the embassy statement said, was incorrect. The embassy declined to make public the correspondence without the consent of Mr. Carter, who initiated it.

A copyrighted article from Lynchburg published by the Washington Post this morning, which was not shown to Sir Esme, says that Mr. Carter, whom it describes as a prohibitionist, sent this ambassador a letter and a copy of his own original message to President Hoover with a demand that "necessary steps be taken immediately to accept the proposal of the British ambassador."

Approached Mr. Hoover. The Post's Lynchburg article says Mr. Carter approached President Hoover with his demand "armed with a letter from Sir Esme Howard, intimating that withdrawal of the privilege of diplomatic liquor "would be gladly accepted and scrupulously adhered to."

"The gratitudo offer of the envoy to forego the liquor privileges on behalf of the diplomatic corps in the event such a suggestion were made by the American government," the article continues, "was in reply to a letter from Mr. Carter. The latter has urged Sir Esme to join hands with the better element of the people of the United States and try to help us enforce

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Youthful Prince Shoots Himself; Is Near Death

PARIS, May 25 (AP)—Youthful Prince De Sagan, son of the former Anna Gould, was near death today at a private hospital today after shooting himself eight days ago when his parents refused him permission to wed until he was 21 years old.

The bullet penetrated between the lung and liver. Surgeons operated almost immediately but pleurisy set in and his condition was described today as desperate.

His mother, the Duchess De Talleyrand and daughter of the late Jay Gould, American railroad financier, herself announced her son's grave illness and explained his condition.

She said he, while at school in Southern France, had met a French girl and fallen in love with her. Returning home he asked permission of his father, the Duke De Talleyrand, and herself to marry immediately, although he would not be 20 years old until July 15.

They tried to persuade him to wait until he was 21, telling him they had not the slightest objection to the young woman but thought him too young to marry. He threatened to kill himself unless the permission was given but his mother did not take him seriously.

Racer Qualifies At 116.543 M.P.H. INDIANAPOLIS, May 25 (AP)—Halp Hepburn, veteran driver, was first to qualify today for the annual 500 mile automobile race to be run at the Indianapolis motor speedway next Thursday. Hepburn averaged 116.543 miles an hour for the ten-mile trial. A machine must average 39 miles an hour or more to qualify. The trials were conducted under ideal weather conditions.

Weather Outlook Generally Fair

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning May 26 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Fair western states—the indications are for generally fair weather considerable fogs along the coast and temperatures above normal in the interior.

PLANE NEAR NEW RECORD LATE TODAY

'Fort Worth' Passes 147th Hour in Air at 2:33 This Afternoon.

AIRMEN TO TRY FOR 200 HOURS

Motor Functioning Perfectly, Message Says; Commercial Pilots Hop Off at Wichita.

FORT WORTH, May 25 (AP)—The rebuilt monoplane "Fort Worth" with its two determined civilian aviators was still soaring proudly over the city at 2:33 p. m. today, 147 hours after the takeoff here last Sunday. The fliers, R. L. Robbins and James Kelly, said they hope to remain up at least 200 hours.

Robbins to remain aloft 200 hours or more, Robbins and Kelly, dropped on towards the Question Mark's record of 150 hours, 40 minutes today. Notes dropped by Robbins today said he would try to fly until Wednesday.

Motor of the plane still was functioning perfectly and attendants at the field immediately made preparations to service the plane through another 40 hours. Robbins' message, dropped just before noon, said that he could tell by the action of the motor that it was good for 200 hours at least, and possibly 300.

SPATE "PULLING" FOR THEM WRIGHT FIELD, Dayton, Ohio, May 25 (AP)—I hope they beat me by 50 hours.

That was the comment on the endurance flight of the monoplane "Fort Worth" here today by Major Carl Spatz, skipper of the Question Mark, present holder of the refueling endurance record.

"The only way we can make progress is for some one to try to beat every record," Major Spatz said. He asserted, however, that he was not too eager to make an attempt to regain his laurels in the event the "Fort Worth" took them.

"Endurance flying is too much of a strain," he said.

TWO MORE TRY FOR MARK WICHITA, Kan., May 25 (AP)—Owen I. Haughland and Gene Shrank, commercial pilots, took off here at 8:54:30 o'clock this morning in an attempt to surpass the refueling endurance flight record set by the army monoplane Question Mark.

Flying their single motored monoplane "Miss Ranger" the two plan to cruise about the vicinity of Wichita tomorrow morning, when they will head the plane northward toward Minneapolis, Minn. They expect to remain in that vicinity for about a day and return south, flying over Wichita and then to Anger, Texas. They plan to complete the flight here.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Cal., May 25 (AP)—Herbert J. Paly hopped off at 5:15 Pacific coast time this morning.

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TODAY'S BASEBALL

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