

# Society News

## LaVonne Wright And Mr. Syring Quietly Married

At a pretty ceremony, solemnized quietly at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at 8:15 o'clock last evening Miss LaVonne Wright became the bride of Edward Syring. The Rev. Vernon Hall performed the wedding.

The bride was beautiful in a dress of light blue georgette. She carried a bouquet of butterfly roses.

Louis Wright acted as best man for the bridegroom. Those who witnessed the ceremony were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Wright.

The couple left this morning by car for Seattle where they will make their home.

The bride has always made her home in Union county and has many friends in the community. She graduated from the high school at Union where she made her home until coming to La Grande a few years ago. Miss Wright was an ardent devotee of horseback riding and was prominent in the women's riding division of the Union stock show a number of years.

The bridegroom attended school at the University of Oregon where he is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, national men's fraternity. He was formerly organist at the Arcade theater here. His home has been in Western Oregon.

## Entertain Friends At Enjoyable Party

The Misses Louise and Libetta Leighton were hostesses at an interesting party recently when they entertained eight of their friends at their home on Cedar street.

Card games were the principal entertainment for the evening and at an appropriate hour refreshments were served.

Guests of the Misses Leighton for the evening were Anna Gaithe, Berneta Pierson, Charline Paus and George Moats, Adam Leighton, Vernon Dalton, Jay Kendrick and Eugene Cates.

## Parkdale Club In Park Meet Today

A rather quiet one in the light of entertaining, the present week has more than usual summer quota of interesting church, lodge and club meetings.

With three important meetings today marks the height of the week.

At noon today members of the Parkdale club had luncheon at Riverside park. They have planned an informal afternoon of visiting about the cool spots of the park.

For the afternoon there was a meeting of the Christian women's society at the home of Mrs. Arno Vels, in Riverside, and here, too, a large attendance was expected.

This evening the Crystal Rebekah lodge No. 50 will meet and there is to be a social hour following the business session.

An interesting event of tomorrow will be the August meeting of the First Presbyterian church at which Mrs. Harry Mohr, Mrs. Shiel and Mrs. A. S. Anderson are to be the hostesses.

## Boys Entertained At Ralston Home

Master John Ralston was host to ten of his young boy classmates yesterday afternoon when his mother, Mrs. E. L. Ralston, entertained them at a jolly party at her home on N avenue. Games were played on the lawn during the afternoon and at its close Mrs. Ralston served the boys refreshments.

## Drill Team Will Attend Convention

If it can be arranged the La Grande lodge of the auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will take a drill team to the state meeting in Roseburg, early in September, it was decided at a meeting last night at Eagles hall. There was a large attendance.

Discussion of the proposed trip was the main order of business. As large a representation of the local membership as possible will make the trip to Roseburg, the members determined in declining to make every endeavor to take a drill team.

Mrs. Stella Denny presided at the session in the absence of the president, Mrs. Ada Pidoock.

At the September meeting of the White Hospital, social department of the auxiliary, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Fox will be hostesses at the home of Mrs. Fox. It was announced.

A pleasant social hour, during which ice cream and cake were served, brought the evening to a close.

## Wedding Guests Return to Homes

Among the many out-of-town guests who were here for the wedding of Thelma Kitcher and Raymond L. Hall Sunday and have now returned to their homes were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Larson, of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Larson returned last night after spending several days with their friends here. They are former La Grande residents.

Mrs. I. Youkam, a sister of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. J. Kitcher, has returned to her home in Baker, after attending the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, of Union, were other out-of-town guests for the event.

## Announcements

The Home department of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Harry Mohr, Mrs. Shiel and Mrs. A. S. Anderson as hostesses. All members are requested to be present.

The Island City club will meet at the park Thursday afternoon of this week.

## FOREST DISTRICTS ARE THREATENED

By L. A. Brophy (Associated Press Feature Editor) WASHINGTON, (AP)—Scouring through the rain-bereft trees of the national forests in the west, fire is threatening apparent destruction unparalleled in years.

Not since 1919, United States forestry officials say, have conditions appeared so grave, and the forest fire season is just starting. The hazard exists in most sections through September.

Approximately 45,000,000 acres early stood in the path of possible destruction. How many more acres will feel the licking rivulets of fire is a question only the hot winds of a drying summer can answer.

Under the direction of Maj. E. Y. Stuart, chief of the United States forest service, the entire field personnel of the service has mapped out battle lines to meet and, if possible, conquer the common enemy as the smoke clouds roll onward, masking the during tongues of flame.

Lightning Menace

Lightning storms, passing over the national forests during the period of July 11 to 29 set 259 fires. It wasn't long until a total of 325 fires, largely concentrated, but the protective organizations of the national forests to a severe test.

Fires raged now in three sections and the endangered areas, according to the forest service, are:

Southern California, 12,186,000 acres.

Northern Idaho and Western Montana, where two-thirds of an acreage of 22,522,000 is endangered.

Northern Minnesota, the \$13,000,000 Superior forest.

A combination of dry weather and severe electrical storms was the match that set off the tinder. Rain rarely follows lightning storms in the western country. A flash sets a tree ablaze and destruction is on its way.

Two hundred men fought a July fire in the Modoc forest in Southern California; 6000 acres were burned over and 50,000,000 board feet of lumber killed.

In the Superior forest there has been no rain since April. The humus in the trees is reported as powder dry. The underbrush crackles under foot. Smoke clouds roll up and obscure the vision of fire watchers.

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## SEAMAN GIVEN MEDAL AFTER LONG PERIOD

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (AP)—The bulletin board at the Seaman's Church Institute is a sort of international newspaper for the men who follow the sea, so when John Maxim, able seaman, arrived from foreign parts he headed there as a matter of course.

Running his eye over the hundreds of items which in brief told tragic stories of missing men and missing ships, Maxim suddenly was halted by an item of more personal interest.

"There is a gold medal in the chaplain's office awarded to Seaman John Maxim if he will call for it," it read.

Mentally sketching his past, Maxim went to the chaplain's office where he learned he had been sought as a hero for almost five years. The medal, awarded by King George of England through the British board of trade, was in recognition of his part in the rescue of the crew of the British Brigantine Thames on Dec. 23, 1924 when he was boatswain on the steamship Springfield. The board had dispensed of finding him and had forwarded the medal to the institute.

## Bishop Refuses To Talk About Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (AP)—Bishop James Cannon Jr., a leader of the Anti-Smith forces in Virginia, said today he had no comment to make on the selection by Virginia democrats of John Garland Pollard as their candidate for the governorship. Cannon took no part in the primary and is supporting the candidate endorsed by the republican and anti-Smith groups.

## Cherry Packing Continuing At Cove This Week

By MRS. A. G. CONKLIN (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—The last of the Cove cherries from the co-operation association were to leave Cove Tuesday. Packing will continue at the plant of K. J. Stackland for several days yet as he reports 10 or 15 tons of Cove cherries still marketable. The hulls should come in streaks, some orchards were utterly finished, while others were only damaged in part.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Red) Needham are the proud parents of a baby boy born to them at the home of Mrs. Needham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith. The boy weighed six and one-half pounds and will be called Leon-Itax.

Mrs. Myrtle Conley and her daughter, Beryl, have been at the home of L. N. Conley during the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Brown, of Portland, who have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker for the last month will leave Tuesday for their home. This is Mrs. Brown's first visit to the Grande Ronde valley and she is quite impressed with its beauty. Miss Dorothy Barker will accompany them as far as Portland and she will then go to Salem to visit at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barker.

Mrs. Anna Himm, of La Grande, and some friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gane and Mrs. King and son from Oakland, Cal., attended the service at the Ascension Episcopal church Sunday evening.

Philemon Fowler Sturges III was christened at the Ascension Episcopal church Sunday evening.

The baptismal service was read by the Very Rev. Philemon Fowler Sturges Sr., dean of St. Paul's cathedral of Boston. Major sponsors at the christening were the Rev. P. P. Sturges II, Mrs. Sturges, Miss Mary Sturges, sister of the Rev. Mr. Sturges, Herbert Howe, brother of Mrs. Sturges and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price. Following the baptism the Very Rev. P. P. Sturges gave a very interesting sermon.

The service at the Methodist Episcopal church was conducted by the Rev. T. P. Graham both morning and evening last Sunday. The usual Sunday school was held at 10:00 and Epworth League at 7:30 P. M.

The Ascension Grove will be the meeting of two pleasant social gatherings this week, Saturday, Aug. 10, is the day for the "Old Folks' picnic. This is an all day affair and visitors are asked to bring a lunch basket. Ice cream and coffee will be furnished by the Woman's club who sponsors this annual picnic. These picnics are a time when the pioneers of this valley may get together and enjoy a day of visiting. A heavy invitation is extended to all who have ever called Cove their home.

The Union county grand memorial will be held at Cove Sunday, Aug. 11. The sermon will be delivered by the Very Rev. P. P. Sturges, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Boston, Mass., and the hour will be 11:25 to enable everyone from the different churches to attend. A picnic dinner will be served at noon and in the afternoon the Hon. Walter M. Pierce will deliver a memorial address.

Mrs. Don Gale and two children, Donna Claire and Billy, of Union, were guests of Mrs. Cora Bloom last week.

Haskell Bloom, who began his swimming instructions July 25, has a class of 48. Students are from Cove, La Grande, Union, Elgin and Imbler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Blank, and family, of La Grande, have rented a house in Cove for the summer.

P. B. Brothers who was injured in an automobile accident early last week is recovering from his injuries.

Russell Paige left last week for Fort Collins, Colo., for an indefinite stay with two cousins, Marvin and Moore Paige who have been visiting here.

Fred Dutt and son, Walter E. Dutt, of Enterprise, were guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bertsch. Mrs. Eva Frank, of Enterprise, was another guest.

## The Longworths



It isn't often that a cameraman manages to get a group picture of the Longworths, but here's one. Little Paulina Longworth, christened the new air line between Cincinnati and Detroit, establishing a contact point between Buenos Aires and Montreal, and her father, Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the House of Representatives, was one of the speakers. Mrs. Longworth is pictured with them.

## TWO SHOT TO DEATH TODAY IN APARTMENT

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 7 (AP)—Each shot through the right temple, Belmont Pugh, 36, night lieutenant of police in Wilkinsburg, a suburb, and Miss Louise Stine, 28, were found dead in the woman's apartment early today.

Police were unable to decide if it was a case of double murder or murder and suicide.

The woman was found lying across the bed by detectives summoned by a taxi driver, who saw her through a window. Nearby they found Pugh, in full uniform, his revolver clamped in his hand, one cartridge fired. Near the body was an empty shell which police said fitted the empty chamber of the pistol.

Pugh was married and was the father of two children.

## MR. AND MRS. WRIGHT JOURNEY TO SOUTH

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young rang and they had a rest. They were for the most part very dark but several were lighter and one or two almost white. Later on in the day several girls joined them and went after the coins along with the boys. The coins sink very slowly and seldom get away from them. For a dollar they would dive from the life boats on top of the ship and go completely under the other side. There was also an entirely white child with whom one of the men on board told me had been with them years. Probably some child they have raised, rather nice looking, but with a very vacant expression on his face. This same man, who makes the trip every year, told me there was a colony of inferior whites on the island. Scotch and Irish descent, that had intermarried until they had become obscure and he rather imagined the child belonged to them. The divers have wonderful bodies but they really swim very poorly, just paddle around. They were there all day and still shouting "Throw us a dime, mistress" when we sailed away at three in the afternoon.

## GORGEOUS FLOWERS

"Barbados is entirely tropical, almost no grass. Even the wealthy have only half hearted attempts at creating a lawn but the flowers are gorgeous. Entire trees of growing red flowers with almost no leaves, white, pink, all shades of purple from pale lavender to the deep shades and most of them overpoweringly sweet. We took

## Long Hair Popular

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a car and rode around an hour, visited the coral caves and while there picked a beautiful bouquet but it hardly lasted till I got back to the boat. The 50 in honor the pictures we took there will turn out well. Everyone is out to make as much money as possible off the visitors.

"I am told I shall have to get used to seeing dire poverty such as we saw there as it is quite prevalent in South America. The huts the natives live in have no windows, just shutters to close in case of rain. Malaria is very bad there during the rainy season. I can't imagine anyone living there from choice but we had a great number of interesting and attractive passengers that lived there. It is impossible to screen homes on account of the heat which is terrific. The island itself is of coral formation so the roads, streets etc., are blazing white and the combination of the sun on the roads is almost more than your eyes can endure. They told us the natives work all day on those roads for 25 cents a day. The ship seemed like home and everyone was so glad to get back to it. Sonny came back with a lovely case of prickly heat that he still has although it is cool on boat. The island is about 25 miles long so we sailed beside it for quite awhile. It looked very attractive from an island as we could see it was the last land we were to see for ten days.

"The last two days have been unusually active as the various athletes are deciding who the best players on board are. I watched a snappy game of tennis this morning and they play the finals this afternoon. They took up a collection so that they have quite attractive prizes.

"There is a fancy dress ball Saturday evening in honor of the passengers who get off at Rio. "We acquired a celebrated passenger at Barbados as Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes and her party joined us there. She is making a tour of South America and writing about the countries for "Good Housekeeping." Miss Gavins and I are going to get up our contract and talk to her. There are five in her party and they seem fond of dancing. Mrs. Keyes is a rather short, stout woman, with a very nice face and she wears the most wonderful evening clothes. We all sit around wondering what it's going to be tonight.

"So far we haven't discovered a single thing in any of the stores that we couldn't buy at home. I think they import almost everything they use.

"The women here use make up

a great deal and all, including the men, use "gallons" of perfume. I have yet to see any of the Latin American women smoking. If you see a woman smoking you can be sure she is English or American. They drink a great deal of light wine or beer as the water isn't much to say the least of it. We have our filtered and iodized and can manage it that way here in Rio but have been warned we must not trust any drinking water outside Rio. . . .

"Allen is quite enthused about the office here. . . ."

"It is quite chilly today. The Buenos Aires people all have their winter clothes along and they say it's very cold down there.

"I have been going swimming every day or so but I can't say I'm keen about swimming in salt water. When the boat rolls a good deal the tank has big waves almost like surf bathing. . . .

"July 15, Rio de Janeiro

"We have been here a week today and we like it better all the time. The company gave us two weeks to get located but we were fortunate in getting a boarding house, English, last Saturday so we are going to move Wednesday. I've changed my mind about keeping house. House rent is simply absurd, it's so high, and the language is simply impossible. A day or two trying to make people understand what you want makes you realize how handicapped you would be trying to manage a house. We are right on a most beautiful beach, two blocks from the American colony. It is quite a reasonable place, about one hundred and thirty dollars for the three of us, with all baths extra. After looking at two room apartments at ninety dollars, with no kitchens, this looks reasonable. Without a doubt, this is an expensive place to live. I have had a number of callers, wives of men at the office.

"We went on shore on a launch about ten o'clock. English is spoken on the island but I needed an interpreter as it is so different and they speak so rapidly it is almost impossible to understand. The city itself is so different from anything we've ever seen its hard to describe. The streets are very narrow, about as wide as an alley at home and the sidewalks are only wide enough for one person to walk on. Consequently everyone walks on the streets. The curbs are about 15 inches deep and one must watch their step while on the sidewalks. The stores are just cubby holes and as it was extremely hot in them I nearly expired. The population is mostly colored, ranging from black to pale yellow, and they are extremely rude to whites. I should hate to be left alone there among them. One of them pushed me off the sidewalk and I fell to my knee and had about forty beggars there in an instant to help me up, all for a shilling, of course. The men from the Nollars were all buying linen suits. . . .

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ous Rio harbor about seven in the morning.

"We have been initiated into Neptune's court, had the children's party and the costume ball. The children were all fixed up and too cunning for anything. All were presented with lovely presents. Oh yes, I forgot to mention the fourth of July celebration. We had the most elaborate decorations and favors. There were a number who celebrated with gusto. This is an English boat.

Sail into Winter

"It is quite chilly today. The Buenos Aires people all have their winter clothes along and they say it's very cold down there.

"I have been going swimming every day or so but I can't say I'm keen about swimming in salt water. When the boat rolls a good deal the tank has big waves almost like surf bathing. . . .

"July 15, Rio de Janeiro

"We have been here a week today and we like it better all the time. The company gave us two weeks to get located but we were fortunate in getting a boarding house, English, last Saturday so we are going to move Wednesday. I've changed my mind about keeping house. House rent is simply absurd, it's so high, and the language is simply impossible. A day or two trying to make people understand what you want makes you realize how handicapped you would be trying to manage a house. We are right on a most beautiful beach, two blocks from the American colony. It is quite a reasonable place, about one hundred and thirty dollars for the three of us, with all baths extra. After looking at two room apartments at ninety dollars, with no kitchens, this looks reasonable. Without a doubt, this is an expensive place to live. I have had a number of callers, wives of men at the office.

"So far we haven't discovered a single thing in any of the stores that we couldn't buy at home. I think they import almost everything they use.

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