

OBSERVER TO HOLD COOKING SCHOOL SOON

Mrs. Beth Bailey McLean to Conduct Four-Day Demonstration.

WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, AUG. 20

First Day at Union, Second at Elgin and Last Two Days Will be Held in La Grande.

The fifth annual Cooking School of The Evening Observer will be held in Union county four days beginning Tuesday, Aug. 20, it was announced today by the publisher, Mrs. Beth Bailey McLean, who has conducted two previous schools for The Observer in La Grande, with return for this year's demonstration.

Mrs. McLean has won a wide following throughout the community, and is recognized as one of the best authorities on home economics on the Pacific coast.

A variation in the Cooking School program this year is announced in that a one-day school Tuesday, Aug. 20, will be conducted at Union in the Woman's club building, and a one-day school at Elgin, Wednesday the 21st in the high school auditorium, both of these being sponsored by the women's clubs of these communities.

Two-Day School Here The final two days of the school will be held in La Grande in the high school auditorium as in the past.

The Observer is holding the school in three different communities this year to give more housewives of the county an opportunity to hear Mrs. McLean. The paper has received many expressions of regret in previous years from women in the outside territory, that they were unable to come to La Grande for the school. This year the scope is to be broadened and the school taken to them.

The plan has already met with enthusiastic approval in Union and Elgin and a big attendance is anticipated all four days.

The program for the school is now being completed and details will be announced in succeeding issues of The Observer.

W. J. PASSEY FUNERAL WILL BE TOMORROW

Funeral services for William Joseph Passey, former La Grande resident who died in Canyon City, Aug. 8, will be held at the L. D. S. church tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. The body is at the Stoddard and Zimmerman mortuary today and will be held to rest in the L. D. S. cemetery beside his wife.

Mr. Passey threw some ashes out of his cabin on Thursday, and the ashes ignited some grass. In fighting the blaze that resulted, he was overcome by heat and suffocated by smoke.

Apartment Sold To Haines Couple

The Grande Bunde apartments, located at the corner of Third street and Washington avenue, have been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris, of Haines, who announce that the same policies will be carried out in the future operation of the apartments.

RANKIN TESTS PLANE PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—With about 75 gallons of gasoline aboard, Tex Rankin, Portland flier, took his tiny plane off the Port of Portland airport after a run of only 600 feet. It was his first test for his projected non-stop flight from Vancouver, B. C. to Agua Caliente, lower California. He will leave Vancouver tomorrow morning and hopes to arrive at his goal tomorrow night.

WEATHER TODAY 7:24 a. m.—45 above, minimum 32 above. Condition: clear. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 82, minimum 52 above. Condition: clear. WEATHER AUG. 10, 1928 Maximum 91, minimum 63 above. Condition: clear.

Eastern Oregon Net Tourney To Be August 16-18

Event to be Staged at Union—Worth Oswald, Spokane and Idaho Champion, to Compete.

The Eastern Oregon tennis tournament, an annual sporting classic in net circles east of the Cascades, will be held at Union on Aug. 16, 17 and 18. It was announced here today. The program has not been completed but it is expected that play will begin Aug. 16 with the men's singles.

In addition to the men's and women's singles, the event will include men's doubles, mixed doubles, and there is a possibility of playing women's doubles.

Worth Oswald to Play A feature of this year's tournament will be the participation of Worth Oswald, of Spokane, who ranks No. 2 in the Pacific Northwest. He is the ranking Spokane net artist and has two legs on the Idaho state championship cup, only needing a win this year to have permanent possession. Local players declare it would indeed be an upset if anyone defeated Oswald in the Eastern Oregon.

However, Jack Ahern, of Milton, champion in 1925-26 and 27, will be busy with his racquet, although Claire Hartman, last year's champion, is not expected to defend his title.

Miss Jeanette Bell, women's singles champion, of Pendleton, is expected to again try for top honors.

Several players from Bend have entered, besides the tennis players (Continued on Page Three)

Isaac Bonsell Passes Away At Fruitdale Home

Isaac Bonsell, retired railroader and pioneer resident of La Grande, died yesterday about noon at his ranch in Fruitdale, where he has made his home for the last several years. Funeral services are to be held tomorrow afternoon at Stoddard and Zimmerman mortuary at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Bonsell was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows lodge and all Odd Fellows are urged to be at the temple an hour before the services to attend the funeral. If Mr. Bonsell had lived until today, he would have been 75 years of age. He was born Aug. 19, 1854 in Michigan, coming to La Grande 20 years ago where he made his home until death.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harriet Jameson, of Novato, Cal., and three nieces, all of California.

U. S. Official's Car Stolen And Wrecked

Car thieves are no respecters of Uncle Sam. Last night W. L. Closs's coach, bearing license 2455 U. S., was stolen from near Haskell Andrews home. This morning, the police found the machine, in a damaged condition, near the city sewage disposal plant. The front of the car was damaged to the extent of about \$100 and Mr. Closs's personal belongings, including a shotgun and some clothing, were missing.

Mr. Closs is federal supervisor of state inspectors, with headquarters in Portland.

British Woman Wins From Miss Jacobs

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 10 (AP)—Great Britain pulled up to even terms with America in the women's tennis series for the Wightman cup today when Mrs. Phoebe Watson overcame Helen Jacobs, youthful Californian, 6-4, 5-3, before a crowd of 8,000 persons. It made the count 2-all in the matches.

Occasional Thunder Storms Predicted

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning August 11, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: For western states—the outlook is for generally fair weather but with showers along the coast and occasional thunder storms in the plateau region and Sierra. Temperatures near or somewhat above normal throughout the interior.

Health Prosecution Up to Government

DETROIT, Aug. 10 (AP)—Prosecution of John M. Heath for the death of Richard J. Sandbanks, federal prohibition agent, will be left to the federal government, James E. Chynoweth, prosecuting attorney, announced today following a conference with John R. Watkins, district attorney. Should Heath be convicted of first degree murder in the federal court, he would be sentenced to death, Watkins said.

LIONS CLUB DRIVES OVER SCENIC ROAD

Two Committees Appointed to Add Impetus to Highway Campaign

LUNCHEON GIVEN GROUP AT UKIAH

Second Caravan From Pilot Rock Joins La Grande Men—Stop Also Made at Pendleton.

More headway in the campaign being sponsored by the Lions club of La Grande, to secure a scenic route between La Grande and Pendleton via Starkey, was made yesterday during a caravan trip. Two committees, one headed by George Huntington Curry, of La Grande, and the other by Mr. Mossie, of Ukiah, were appointed to work out the program.

The plan in brief, is for a cooperative highway, with counties, the forest service and the state highway commission each furnishing a share of the funds for the work. The highway would also result in a new outlet for Grant county, an improved road connecting with the proposed scenic route at Ukiah.

Twenty in Caravan The caravan, consisting of seven or eight cars and nearly 20 persons, left here yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock, making a brief stop at Tom Veigh's sheep camp above Starkey, where motion pictures were taken.

The next stop was at Lehman Springs, where several of the caravan members took a short swim. Another brief stop was at Hildaway springs. Lions report that the road between La Grande and Lehman Springs is in bad condition, although parts of it through the Ukiah national forest, are in fair shape.

At Ukiah the caravan lunched with a representative group of Ukiah business men, augmented by 15 or 20 Pilot Rock men who formed a second caravan to greet the visitors. Brief talks were made by A. W. Nelson, president of the chamber of commerce; A. R. Hunter, chamber secretary; Jack Forgie, Lions club president; S. L. Thompson, County Judge; G. Conch and several of the Pilot Rock and Ukiah men. The committees were appointed.

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CHRISTIANS MEET IN CONVENTION

Youth and the Missions Topics Discussed in Seattle Today.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10 (AP)—Youth and the missions were topics in the spotlight at sessions of the international convention of the Disciples of Christ here today.

The morning session was devoted to home and foreign missions with addresses by Miss J. Smith, San Francisco, secretary of the Northern California Christian Mission society; R. C. Stoddard, Elgin, Okla.; E. T. Cornelius, San Antonio, Texas; and Bert R. Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.

An address on Social Unrest and the Race Problem by Howard E. Jensen, sociologist of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., closed the morning gathering of the 7000 churchmen who are attending the church organization.

Tonight the several hundred members of the youth convention had arranged a joint session with the entire assemblage of adult delegates to hear the viewpoint of the younger generation toward religion.

Harry H. Rogers, Tulsa, Okla., president of the international convention and Dr. Robert Burns Mayhew, Mo., president of the youth convention, will preside over the joint session.

Russian Frontier Guards Are Slain

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (AP)—Reports from the Manchurian frontier today said two Russian frontier guards had been killed and eight wounded by white Russian soldiers at the village of Chernyev, near the Amur river. A Russian gendarme and a small detachment of troops were ordered to proceed at once to the village.

Portland Drum Corps Captures First At Salem

Medford Legion Auxiliary Quartet Takes Honors—Convention in Closing Session Today.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—S. S. George, of Eugene, was elected state commander of the American Legion over Carl D. Gabrielson of Salem by an official vote of 145 to 102. Don McClell, of Hood River, chosen as state vice-commander.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—The drum corps from Portland Post No. 1, American Legion, again carried away first honors in the annual contest here last night, one of the spectacular features of the 14th annual state convention of the legion. The prize was the Clifford W. Brown Trophy cup and the score of the Portland corps was 1924 out of a possible 2000 points.

Bend was accorded second place with 1797 points and Cottage Grove third with 1799.

The Portland drum corps also won the Seegerling-Lucas cup for the best music, scoring 455 1-2 out of a possible 500.

Charles Whittemore of the Corvallis corps won the Aronson cup as best drum major, scoring 243 out of a possible 400.

Baker will be chosen formally today as the place of meeting of the 1929 convention. No competition remained after the committee brought in its report yesterday recommending Baker.

The Medford American Legion auxiliary quartet won the state championship in the annual music contest of the Oregon department of the Legion auxiliary held here late Friday afternoon. The Lydia Horstall silver loving cup and a \$100 cash prize, the gift of the Silent auxiliary, were presented to the Medford singers. The winners were credited with a total of 259 points.

McMinnville's quartet received second place rating with a total of 241 points. The quartet from (Continued on Page Three)

SLIDING SCALE SUGAR TARIFF PLAN DROPPED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—Definite abandonment of the sliding scale sugar tariff plan as a substitute for the increased duty proposed in the house tariff bill, was announced today by chairman Snoot of the senate finance committee.

The Utah senator said he had decided to ditch the flexible rate plan after sounding out the sentiment of his republican committee colleagues.

This sentiment, Snoot said, was that inasmuch as representatives of the sugar interests were unanimous in opposing his scale plan, it would be inadvisable to go ahead with it.

Secret Marriage Reports Confirmed

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 10 (AP)—The secret marriage of Sidney Blackmer, stage and screen actor, to Lenore Ulrich, actress, at Westchester, N. Y., last May 22, was confirmed last night by the actor.

Blackmer said they were married by a justice of the peace, and that Gilda Gray, vaudeville dancer, witnessed the ceremony. Miss Ulrich refused to comment on Blackmer's statement.

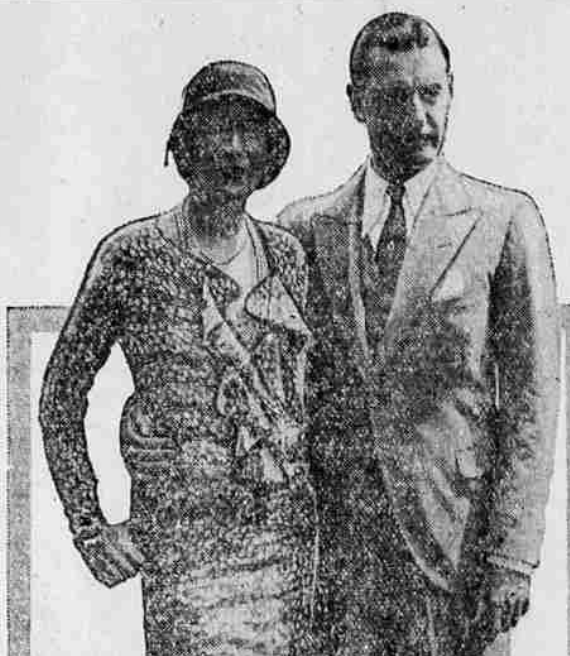
ASK MODIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—The Armour and Swift groups of Chicago today asked the federal Columbia supreme court here to modify the consent decree of 1920 under which they, along with other large packers, were required to restrict their activities exclusively to the meat packing business.

MUST SELL FLAG

CHEMNITZ, Germany (AP)—The local government has ordered the administration of Hartman, Saxony, to sell a huge red flag which was hoisted on the town hall last May Day. The sale price will go to the town treasury.

HONEYMOON IN EUROPE



Ima Claire, motion picture star, and her husband, John Gilbert, famous on the screen, photographed on the roof of their apartment in New York just after their arrival from Hollywood by airplane. They sailed shortly afterwards on the Ile de France for their honeymoon in Europe, where they will remain three months.

Finds Defect In Legislators' New Prohibition Law

BEND, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—Attorneys for persons convicted under Oregon's new prohibition law making possession of liquor a misdemeanor were preparing appeals for new trials today following the decision of Circuit Judge Duffy who held that the law passed by the 1925 state legislature was unconstitutional.

Judge T. E. J. Duffy declared that it was apparent the legislature through an error, had legislated the penalty out of prohibition. No maximum penalty for first offenders is fixed under the law as amended at the 1925 session, he said.

Attorneys declared the legislature intended to make the section read "no more than \$500 fine," but the wrong word was passed up by all committees and went through both the houses of the leg legislature. The amended law reads that the penalty for first conviction must be a fine of not less than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months or both.

The judge's decision followed a plea from Mrs. Rose Tribun of Redmonds, Ore., convicted under the law, who sought a writ of habeas corpus.

DELAY PICKING PEAR CROP AT GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—With the pear crop here this year exceptionally light, yet bringing a high price, growers of this section are delaying picking to increase weight on the result of pressure tests announced today by H. B. Howell, agricultural agent.

"Fears left on trees have been known to increase in weight 20 per cent," Howell said. "Our tests from time to time assure safety in picking."

"Most of the pears in this district are taken by the canners in Salem, Hillsboro and other Willamette valley points. These pears are particularly adaptable for canning purposes."

TRAIN CRASH KILLS THREE, INJURES FOUR

WADSWORTH, Ill., Aug. 10 (AP)—With three persons known to be dead and four others injured, two of them seriously, as the result of a head-on crash between a crack Milwaukee road passenger and a freight train last night, wrecking crews today were still delving into a mass of debris, fearful that other victims had been buried under the wreckage.

The dead are: John Lormer, 59, Milwaukee, engineer of the passenger train; Nick King, 49, of Milwaukee, fireman; and an unidentified negro, who is believed to have been stealing a ride on the tender of the train.

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4,000 Men Fight Major Fires In Northern Woods

Forest Officials at Wits End Today to Find Men to Send Against Smaller Blazes.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 10 (AP)—With 4,000 timber fire fighters embattled against a score of major conflagrations that were covering nearly 20,000 acres in the northwest and Canada, forest officials today were at wits' end to find men to send against the myriads of smaller blazes that were breaking out on every hand.

A disastrous combination of low humidity and lack of rainfall turned the forests into tinder boxes and the slightest spark or lightning flash, aided by the ever-present wind, set blazes almost faster than "smoke chasers" could locate and count them. Many of the blazes were in inaccessible regions and could be reached only by pack train.

Taking Harvest Crows The severe drain on man power for fighting and harvest had left an added handicap, and calls were being sent even into the grain fields for additional crews.

Major blazes were raging in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Canada, with the situation "slightly improved" in Oregon.

The obstinate Bald mountain and Mt. Macdonald fires in Idaho, twice reported under control, were blazing furiously last night. The former covered 400 acres yesterday and was spreading rapidly in the direction of Lolo trail. The third major fire in Idaho was in the Salmon river forest, which had been ablaze for 10 days.

Crews Hopeful Crews attempting to check the Wolf creek fire in the Chelan forest of Washington, were hopeful last night that they could control it within a day or two, providing wind conditions were favorable. It was fanned by wind yesterday and had burned more than 2,000 acres. The (Continued on Page Three)

Harry C. Witwer Dead Today In California Home

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10 (AP)—Harry Charles Witwer, 52, the writer who made a fortune out of American slang, died at his home here yesterday following a nervous breakdown suffered a week ago.

Known chiefly for his humorous and price-fixing stories, Witwer had in recent years turned to writing scenarios along with his magazine contributions. Chief among his film series were "The Leather Pushers." His series of stories entitled "Classics in Slang," were among the more prominent.

Previous to entering the fiction field, Witwer was a newspaper man. It was only on the suggestion of his wife that he wrote in slang style that his attempts to sell his short stories met with success.

Born in Athens, Pa., March 11, 1890 he attended St. Joseph college in Philadelphia and was married to Sonia Schragin of Yonkers, N. Y., in 1912.

His career began as an errand boy in a butcher shop. He began his writing on the St. Cloud, Fla., Tribune, in 1911, going to the New York American a year later. He also worked on the Brooklyn Eagle and other eastern newspapers. In 1917 he was named war correspondent for Collier's weekly.

MacDonald Moves To End Difficulty

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Aug. 10 (AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald moved dramatically today to bring about settlement of the Tomswaterbury strike, which is causing idleness of nearly a million workers and 1,500 factories.

Leaving Loughmuth, his native village, by airplane without announcing his destination nor the purpose of the flight the prime minister reached Edinburgh at noon and immediately went into conference with eight representatives of the cotton mill employers' negotiation committee and Sir Horace Wilson, permanent secretary of the ministry of labor.

50,000 Pass Bier Of Victor Berger

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 10 (AP)—"The masses" as Victor L. Berger called the working men and women whose cause he championed for a life time, today paid their last tribute to the former socialist leader as his body lay in state in the city hall rotunda.

ZEPPELIN AT HOME AFTER RECORD TRIP

Graf Cruises From Lakehurst to Germany in 55 Hours 24 Minutes.

NEXT JOURNEY IS TO TOKYO, JAPAN

Enthusiastic Crowd G greets Air Liner—Honor Dr. Eckener on His 62nd Birthday.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Aug. 10 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin, at the conclusion of a record breaking crossing of the Atlantic on the first leg of her round-the-world flight from Lakehurst, N. J., landed at Friedrichshafen at 1:03 p. m. (7:03 a. m. E. S. T.) today.

The huge ship made the crossing in just 55 hours and 24 minutes, having picked up speed as she approached the coast of Europe.

The zeppelin touched the earth at exactly three minutes after one o'clock and with the help of the landing crew was 10 hours better than her westward journey to Lakehurst and 13 hours and 32 minutes better than her last voyage from Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen in October, 1928.

Average of 75 M. P. H. The Graf covered approximately 4,200 miles in the 55 hours and 24 minutes that she was in the air, thus covering the entire distance of 75 miles a brilliant performance in the opinion of aviation experts.

No thrilled were the spectators here by the Graf's early arrival that there was a general feeling that if breaking the record was a good omen, then the accomplishment of the Graf's first long hop on her round-the-world flight (Continued on Page 5.)

SOVIET PLANE ENDS HOP TO KRASNOVASK

KRASNVOVASK, U. S. S. R., Aug. 10 (AP)—The Russian airplane "Land of the Soviets" bound for Moscow to New York landed here this afternoon. It made the flight here from Novosibirsk in excellent time across the steeps of Central Siberia.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

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