

BOY BABIES NEARLY 50 PCT. IN LEAD

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BIRTHS HERE IN 1929 SHOW LOSS

More New Arrivals in May, With 33, Than in Any Other Month—Only 10 in September.

During the last 18 months, of a total of 361 children born in La Grande and the immediate vicinity, 212 of them were boys and only 149 were girls.

This was revealed today when the birth report for the last half of 1929 was issued through the courtesy of Mrs. Elizabeth Carney, of the office of the city health officer, Dr. A. L. Richardson.

This trend has held good for a year and a half, with the sole exception of an occasional month, including among which was November of last year, when the girls exceeded the boys 10 to 6. But on the other hand in September there were nine new boys to one baby girl.

Nearly 50 Per Cent. More At any rate, since June 30, 1928, there have been nearly 50 per cent. more youngsters of the male sex born in La Grande than of the feminine sex.

The reports show that during 1929 a total of 241 boys and girls were born in La Grande, a decrease when compared with 1928 when the total was 263. The year 1928 showed a gain of 15 over 1927, and the total births here for the three-year period reached 752.

During last year, more children were born in May than in any other month. Next to the May record of 33 births was January with 29, then December with 26, June with 25 and July with 27. The smallest group of children to come into La Grande during any one month of the year was 10 in September, February was next lowest with 12 and then April with 14.

The list of children born in the last six months of 1929 follows: (The Observer printed the first half year list in July):

- July: Ruth Kukiya Komachi, Avery Lee Glenn, Howard Lawrence Hull, Barbara Fay Kennedy, Bert Barnes (died), Mary Gail Larson, Jere Lynne Russell, Phyllis Jean Howard, Carol May Harget, Vernice Wilson Pennington, Vernon Archie Hopper, Betty Lou Harland, Arthur Scott Harrison, Dale Alvin Warstaff, Carl Dean Stoddard, F. D. Miller (son), Billy Joe Ferguson, Jack Gerald Lamb, James Edson McAnise, Wm. Westenskow (son), Dale Vernon Beverage, Thelma Jean Freis August: Raymond Edwin Walker, Dale Vernon Jones, Sharon Ruth Palmer, Helen Lynne Anderson, Joann O'Neill, Barbara Jean Walker, Leon Ray Needham, Norman Eugene Panches, Mary Jane Walker, Max Leroy Murais, Anna Marie Lloyd, Raymond Henry Swart, Lyle Clair Smith, Mary Doline Fabler, Junalia Lillian Greenmough, John Howard Callahan, Denzel Ferguson September: Wm. Arvel Brooks

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G. W. PARKER STRICKEN BY HEART ATTACK

George W. Parker, a resident of La Grande for the last 14 years, died suddenly last night at the home of his son, Rollie Parker, 2907 Cove avenue. Mr. Parker, who was stricken with heart disease, had been in good health during yesterday, being out of the house a few times. His unexpected passing came as a severe shock to his many friends.

Mr. Parker, who was born Dec. 26, 1849, was 80 years and 20 days of age.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, with burial in the Masonic cemetery.

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Blizzard Whips City At Night; Mercury 4 Above

Sub-Zero Weather Leaves Eastern Oregon With Exception of Enterprise and Meacham.

In spite of a chilling blizzard, that tore and groaned through La Grande for several hours last night, sending the mercury back down to four above zero, it appeared that Eastern Oregon was practically out of sub-zero weather's grip today, only two localities reported zero or lower, both at high altitudes. At Enterprise the official reading was two below and Meacham, which had 18 below a couple of mornings ago, had warmed up to even zero.

The wind that struck La Grande followed an inch of snow last night, and the mercury nosed several degrees with the blustery visitor out of the southwest. The storm continued until 5 or 6 o'clock, when it abated somewhat, although in some sections of the city, strong winds continued during the morning.

Official readings in Eastern Oregon points for this morning included the following: Pleasant Valley, one above; Telocaset, five above, and Echo, 11 above.

The forecast today was for a light snow and a few flurries, with a high of 10 and a low of 4. The snow fell in La Grande this morning, with the skies overcast, indicating more.

Snow in West Oregon Heavy snows fell over Western Oregon yesterday with more than seven inches of snow fall in Portland.

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Cheney Normal Here Tonight In College Contest

Two undefeated college basketball teams, both victorious in three early season contests, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall, giving La Grande fans their first all-college hoop contest. From present indications, unless the weather is extremely bad, a large crowd is expected to attend. Preliminary to the main event, the E. O. N. seconds will play an independent team, this contest beginning at 7 p. m.

During the last few weeks, the Cheney school squad has been gradually working into a speedy, smooth outfit, with no outstanding scoring threat but with both forwards, the center and one guard combining in making points. A four-man offense, handled in this manner, is difficult to check and fans expect Bob Quinn's team to account for plenty of baskets before the game is over.

Cheney Normal, opposing the locals, ranks a little stronger on offense, and about the same on defense. If scores signify anything, Cheney neither team has played the same quintets, actually there is no hope to go on.

Quinn's starting lineup will be Sullivan and Honchess, forwards; Crawford, center; and Captain Sarrett and McCully, guards. Possey is still out of play due to flu.

Next week, the Mountaineers will invade Western Oregon to play Monmouth Normal school a brace of games. It is also expected to schedule two other games on the trip, probably at Astoria, Clatskanie, and the Y. M. C. A. team in Portland, although these two have not been definitely clinched as yet. Later in the season games may be played here with College of Idaho, Willamette, Monmouth and possibly others.

Loneragan Visits Local Lodge Of Elks Yesterday

Frank J. Lonergan, of Portland, district deputy grand exalted ruler of Oregon north, B. E. O. Elks, paid his annual visit to the La Grande lodge yesterday, returning coming here from Baker where he was a guest Tuesday night. He is in Pendleton today for a session with the Round-Up City lodge.

Mr. Lonergan was accompanied to La Grande from Baker by E. J. Jones, one of the vice presidents of the Oregon Elks' association. The visitor was guest at an informal dinner held at the Sacajawea Inn, with about 25 past exalted rulers, members and friends in attendance. Following this lodge convened, and Mr. Lonergan witnessed an initiation ceremony.

It was said today that Mr. Lonergan is expected to deliver the Flag day address here next June.

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RECEIPTS AT POST OFFICE SHOW A GAIN

Amount for Calendar Year of 1929 Was \$46,500.09, an Increase.

GAIN \$15,000 IN SEVEN SEASONS

Use of Airmail Becoming More Popular Each Year, Postmaster Ralph Huron Reports.

Indicative of business conditions in La Grande and vicinity, served by the post office here, is the fact that postal receipts showed an increase for the calendar year 1929 when compared with the previous year.

The report, given by Postmaster Ralph Huron today, showed no lessening of postal business, and in addition indicated an ever increasing use of the airmail for sending letters and even packages.

The postal receipts for the last year amounted to \$46,500.09. Mr. Huron reports a gain over the receipts for the year of 1928 in the amount of \$410.18. The 1928 total was \$46,089.91. Also, it is remembered that during the first half of the year 1928, postal rates were higher than during the last half and in 1929.

Last year's receipts also showed an approximate gain of \$15,000 in seven years, those for 1922 being estimated at \$31,500.

According to Mr. Huron, the heavy Christmas mailing rush was responsible for some of the increase in postal receipts.

Airmail is becoming more popular each year and the amount of mail sent by airplane is increasing rapidly. Airmail for the west and California is sent by train to Portland, and mail addressed for the east is carried by the same method to Boise before being placed on the winged carriers.

During the present season, Mr. Huron says, the work at the post office seems to be heavier for the carriers than is usually the case in January.

TIGERS TO PLAY WALLOWA TEAMS

Squad in Better Condition This Weekend—Baker Comes Here Jan. 24.

The La Grande High school basketball squad, 16 or 17 strong and accompanied by Coach Ira Woodie, will leave here tomorrow afternoon by automobile on their annual itinerary of the branch line towns. The Tigers are scheduled to play at Joseph tomorrow night and at Enterprise Saturday night. La Grande defeated Joseph here last week but lost to Enterprise in the opening game of the season. Two hard games are anticipated with the outcome uncertain.

Although most of his squad is back in harness, Coach Woodie said today that Stoddard and Paus are not in the best of shape, due to recent illness. Both will be taken on the trip, however, and both may see some time in the two games. Paus became ill early this week, recovering sufficiently to return to practice again last night, when a scrimmage was held with the railroad team. Observers said that the Tigers showed considerable improvement and are hopeful of Woodie building up a stronger team by the time of the Union tournament.

After the two games in Wallowa county this weekend, the Tigers will prepare next week to entertain the Baker High school Bulldogs here Friday evening, Jan. 24.

SAYS BABIES THRIVE ON SOUR MILK ALONE

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Nine out of ten babies, says Dr. McKim Marriott, dean of the Washington university medical school, would grow fat and rosy on a diet of plain sour milk.

Amendment to Dog Ordinance, If Adopted, Will Increase Fee to \$3

The dog question, eternally before the city commission at some time during each year, bubbled up again at the meeting last night, and an amendment to the present ordinance, designed to increase the present license fee on male dogs in La Grande from \$1 to \$3 per year, was read for the first time and laid over until next meeting, when the second reading will take place.

The matter was brought up a week ago and after some discussion, City Attorney George T. Cochran was asked to draw up an amendment for presentation last night.

The commission also decided this evening, though stop signs are covered with snow, the ordinance will be strictly enforced this winter—the same as during other seasons of the year—and instructed the police department to that effect. Last winter, some leniency was shown

QUAKE, COLD, FLOODS HIT OVER NATION

Southern California Trembles While Middle-west Battles High Water

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Frigid Wave Sets New Records in Rocky Mountain Regions With Six Deaths Reported.

By the Associated Press An earthquake in southern California, extreme cold in the north-west and Rocky Mountain regions and floods in the middle-west and south were included in the show put on by nature in the United States in the last 24 hours.

While buildings were rocking and flagpoles swayed in Los Angeles, Pomona, and along the San Bernardino valley in southern California, 500 families were being driven from their homes by a swollen, raging Wabash river at Vincennes, Ind. At Ottawa, O., 200 persons were rescued from second story windows after the Blanchard river had gone far beyond its banks.

Today cold was sweeping down from the northwest, and throughout the Mississippi valley, where rivers had gone outside their banks, were great areas of ice and slush.

Sixty Below in Denver Cold set new records in the Rocky Mountain regions. Reports from Denver were that six persons had died, victims indirectly of the cold. It was 7 degrees below zero in Denver early today, and a vast area of cold and snow extended as far south as Albuquerque, N. M. Snow blocked roads through the mountain passes in Colorado and New Mexico.

The cold extending into the south, however, was expected to save that portion of the country from bad floods.

Weather in New England and down along the Atlantic coast was about normal today. It was cold, but not unseasonably so.

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Following in the path of yesterday's storm which brought heavy snows and rain to nearly all sections of the far west, disturbances off the southern California and Oregon coasts were moving south and east bringing promise of warmer weather for the first time in weeks.

Suspended From School, Kills Self

CORINTH, N. Y., Jan. 16 (AP)—Suspended from high school for drinking home made wine in the school building, Eugene Clothier, 14 year old, committed suicide last night.

Principal Herbert A. Beckman of the Corinth high school said he found young Clothier and another boy drinking the wine in the cloak room yesterday and suspended Clothier when investigation disclosed he had brought the wine to school.

Intake Frozen In Town; No Water

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 16 (AP)—The town of Carbonado, a mining community of 1,000, is entirely without water for either domestic or fire prevention uses. The intake of the town water system is frozen up and the supply entirely cut off. Tank cars loaned by Tacoma and Seattle are hauling water from Wilkeson to Carbonado for domestic use, and some residents are carrying water to their homes in their automobiles.

Application For Wool Credit Is Granted Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Approval of an application of the National Wool Marketing corporation for supplemental credit that would enable more liberal advances to producers of wool and mohair was announced today by the farm board.

The board announced that the credit advance would be aside from that given by federal intermediate credit banks and other sources and would be extended to the grower when his wool was delivered to the regional cooperative association.

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They Play Rough; He Breaks Ankle Kicking Rival

MANASTON, Ill., Jan. 16 (AP)—The Morgan and the Hirschco, rival hardware merchants, do not get along—according to the evidence—as amicably as might be desired.

Archie Morgan was to have appeared yesterday before Magistrate Barber to answer a charge of disorderly conduct brought by one of the Hirschco brothers. Archie was absent, but his brother Arthur appeared.

"Archie couldn't get here," he told the court. "He's in the hospital with a fractured ankle—he kicked one of the Hirschcos so hard."

There may be more of this.

REPORT EIELSON IN SIBERIAN TOWN

Soviet Government to Send Dog Sleds, Although News Not Confined.

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (AP)—A report that Carl Ben Eielson and his mechanic Earl Borland were near the River Anguema, Siberia, was received by the soviet government today. Although it was not confirmed, the soviet authorities ordered a dog sled expedition to the place.

The soviet arctic commission in Moscow which has been in charge of the Russian efforts to find the fliers, was notified today that its radio station at Anadyr, Siberia, had received a report on January 14 that Eielson and Borland had landed near the River Anguema.

Tells of Letter This report came from Radio Operator Kyrylenko at Pinkigny who said he had received a letter dated December 30 from Cape Wellen, reporting the missing airplane.

Despite the lack of confirmation of this report the government gave immediate instructions to Captain Milovodovsk of the soviet steamer Stavropol, now marooned in the ice near North Cape, to dispatch a dog sled expedition to the area in question and to search for the missing Americans.

Instructions also were given to soviet fliers Gladyshev and Slepnev, who are now in the region of Cape Wellen, to join in the search by airplane.

Another searching party will be dispatched from Cape Wellen. Meanwhile the government is taking all measures to verify the report.

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DORAN FINDS LIQUOR LINES TIGHTENING UP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—In a statement issued on the tenth anniversary of the dry law, Prohibition Commissioner Doran today said that large scale liquor operators had practically been driven out of business and that the "lines were tightening with certainty" on smaller violators.

The prohibition commissioner continued, the offensive against the major bootlegger element "has been so successful that a heavy burden has rested upon the federal court system during the past few years."

"This and other phases of the problem, however," he added, "are confronted with the confidence a solution will be found for them."

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Withycombe Is Elected Wheat Grower Chief

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 16 (AP)—John Withycombe of Arlington was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at the conclusion of the annual meeting here yesterday. Withycombe, son of former Governor James Withycombe, is one of Eastern Oregon's largest wheat operators and he has been active throughout the life of the league. He succeeds Roy Rittner, Pendleton.

Other officers are: Harry Pinkerton, Moro, vice president; Charles Smith, Morrow county agent, secretary.

The place of the next meeting will be selected later by the executive committee after receiving the invitation of Heppner.

Executive committee members, elected one from each county in the league area are: Urquhart, James H. Hill, Pendleton; Sherman, Frank Emerson, The Dalles; Gilliam, E. M. Halden, Blalock; Union, Walter M. Pierce, La Grande; Morrow, George Peck, Heppner; Baker, A. B. Swift, Baker.

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