

## HARVEST OF CHERRIES TO BEGIN SOON

Estimate Royal Ann Crop  
at Between 400 and 500  
Tons in County.

## PRICE LESS THAN IN LAST SEASON

First Contracts Made on  
6 1/2-Cent Basis — Black  
Cherries to Ripen Early  
in July.

UNION, Ore., June 28—With an estimated crop of between 400 and 500 tons, the Royal Ann cherry crop in the Grande Ronde valley this year is rated as slightly under normal, while prices are somewhat less than were paid a year ago, according to the Weekly Republican.

This condition is due to several causes. While some orchards have been adversely affected by an excess of irrigation, the percentage of culls will be larger than usual. The loss to the growers from this source, however, cannot be appraised until packing is under way. Present estimates place a five per cent loss from frost injury and an additional five per cent from hail and rain. The excess of water in some of the orchards is attributed in some cases to gardening among the trees. One grower on the Cove road has solved the problem of drainage by setting out his orchard on sloping ground.

Cullage Conditions  
Cullage conditions are reported to be more than usually serious in the Northwest this year. At Milton-Freewater it has been necessary for the first time to grade the Royal Ann over belts before shipping on account of the excessive cullage in some orchards the cullage is estimated at fully one-third.

The first contracts made this year are on the basis of a 6 1/2-cent price, as compared with 6 1/4 cents paid for the crop last year. Buyers are expected to be active in the valley during the next few days, and there will be some variance in price on account of variance in quality of the fruit. No barrelling has been done this season, so far.

Ripening Earlier  
The Royal Ann cherries are ripening about a week earlier than normal after July 1 by the Bing, while the Lambert is ready for the pickers about the end of the Bing. The name of the last cherry has been developed many years ago by a Chinaman named Bing, who was the head nursery man for the famous Llewellyn orchards in the Willamette valley.

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## Many View New Observer Plant Friday Evening

Continuous Stream of  
People Inspect News-  
paper Building From 7  
to 10—Continues Today.

With a continuous stream of La Grande and Union county people going through the Observer's new building between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock, the newspaper held its formal opening last night. The public inspection is continuing today, with an additional crowd of people visiting the newspaper plant hourly.

The new building, erected by F. B. Appleby, publisher, and housing among its equipment, the new Model E Duplex press, the Associated Press automatic telegraph printer and the always interesting and modern machines called linotypes, provided much of interest during the three-hour open house last night, and a great many compliments were received from the newspaper plant hourly.

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## ITALY TAKES UP PROBLEM OF DEFENSE

Increased Tax on Ex-  
change Transactions to  
Provide More Cash.

FRENCH ACTION  
GIVEN AS REASON

Premier Mussolini Pre-  
sides at Council of Min-  
isters Who Plan For  
Armaments.

ROME, June 28 (AP)—The council of ministers, with Premier Mussolini presiding, today took up national defense problems and issued a statement saying the action was taken because of France's preparations for fortifying her Italian frontier.

"Several problems inherent to the national defense were taken up according to the official communication.

In order to raise more money for defense, the ministers, on the Duce's recommendation, decided to raise the tax on exchange transactions and to work out a method of exacting the taxes from firms affected by it.

In this way, the statement said, it will be possible to increase the budgets of the armed forces of Italy by a half billion lire (more than \$25,000,000) at the beginning of the 1930-31 fiscal year and with the sum for later years to be determined.

For the next year the army will receive 1,000,000,000 lire more, the navy 1,000,000,000 lire more, and the black shirt militia 20,000,000 for equipping armaments.

Fourteen boys have registered to attend the Boy Scout camp at Anthony Lake to be held two weeks beginning July 27 and ending August 10. A camp director has been selected and the camp will be held at Anthony Lake, near the mouth of the Grande Ronde river.

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## Crops In West Canada Suffer Severe Damage

Wind, Lack of Rain and  
Plague of Pests Costly  
—Wheat Short in Straw  
and Backward.

WINNIPEG, June 28 (AP)—The Manitoba Free Press said today that crops of Western Canadian provinces had suffered severe damage in the last 30 days and that permanent losses in wheat acreages would be extensive.

Wind, lack of ample general rainfall and a plague of cutworms and wire worms have been costly to farmers. Damage is estimated to all provinces with Manitoba suffering the least, a review of the situation indicated. In addition to losses caused by drought and insects, slight damage has been caused by hail and frost.

The Free Press report, based on information received from 357 correspondents in the crop areas, says wheat plants are stunted and backward as to the percentage in shot blade for this time of the year.

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PENDLETON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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## GIRLS WIN TRIP TO EUROPE

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## World's Record For Sustained Flight Menaced

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—A new world record for sustained flight by refueling will be written, if all goes well, against the background of tomorrow's sunrise.

Maintaining the record will be the brother-pilots of the "City of Chicago," had been aloft 404 hours at 12:40 p. m. (C. D. T.) today—only 10 hours, 21 minutes and 30 seconds away from the record of 420:21:30 set by Forest O'Brine and Dale Jackson last year in the "St. Louis Robin."

All all continues well aboard the Stinson-Detroit cabin monoplane the record will be equalled at 5:01:21 (C. D. T.) tomorrow morning. Another hour must be drained out, however, before an official record is made.

"Good For 700 Hours"  
Walter Hunter, who with his brother Albert made up the contact crew, said last night the Wright Whirling motor "sounds good for another 700 hours." At that time, the 174th refueling contact had just been successfully made with Will Rogers, the humorist, going aloft in the contact plane "Big Ben," to cheer the fliers.

The endurance plane flies with a constant list to the left. The gasoline tank in the right wing sprang a leak and to avoid trouble, only the tank in the left wing is used.

The brothers alternate in crawling onto the catwalk—grease-run in one hand and hanging onto a strut with the other—to lubricate the engine. This is the thrill for the crowds that have begun to swarm the field at Sky Harbor.

The contact angles on the narrow board—his head inches from the whirling propeller, which spins

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## Tragedy Wipes Out Lives of Three

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 28 (AP)—The bodies of Wesley Oakley, 55, Mrs. Clara Roney, 28, and Mrs. Roney's five-year-old son were found today in Oakley's apartment under circumstances that indicated the woman had shot and killed Oakley and her son, and then committed suicide. Mrs. Roney had been employed as a housekeeper in Oakley's apartment.

No motive for the act could be established.

## East Oregonians In Caucus Monday

PENDLETON, Ore., June 28 (AP)—Tom C. Elliott, Milton, republican state committeeman, Friday called a meeting here for Monday night of 18 committeemen in Eastern Oregon together with increasing movement was not called so much to discuss the selection of a republican gubernatorial nominee as to discuss matters of interest to Eastern Oregon.

BAKER, Ore., June 28 (AP)—George Miller, chairman of the republican central committee, denied today that selection of a republican candidate for governor will be discussed at a meeting of state committeemen to be held at Pendleton next Monday.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Quenching the hope of friends of higher prices, widespread rains in Canada, the spring wheat crop in domestic parts of the west, showing at no time much power to rally.

Apparently the bulk of traders accepted opinions that this season the spring wheat crop in domestic parts of the west would mature fast enough to beat black rust.

Wheat closed heavy, 1-1/2c a bushel under yesterday's late quotations. Corn closed 1/2c off, in golf tops, fishing logs of pickering, etc.

## Northern Ontario Reckoning Damage

SUDBURY, Ont., (AP) June 28 (By the Canadian Press)—Transportation and communication systems were being established in northern Ontario today and farmers and others were reckoning the damage of one of the worst storms in the north country's history. The storm took 14 lives, washed out highways and destroyed fields of maturing crops.

## Minister Shot To Death; Two Others Wounded

Man, 37, Arrested; Offi-  
cers Say He Confessed  
Intentions of Murdering  
Five.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. June 28 (AP)—Frank Ross, 37, wanted for the fatal shooting of the Rev. Ed. E. Wood and the wounding of two members of his congregation last night, was arrested today on a road on the outskirts of the city. He had a pistol in his possession, but offered no resistance to arrest.

Police said that Ross made a statement to them in which he admitted that he went to the mission intending to murder Wood, his wife, Mrs. Mildred Ross, the latter's sister, Leona Kuhn, and Leonard Towe. He said, according to police, that he had been practicing in a woods, shooting at a target.

The shooting occurred at the close of services in a small Tenth street mission which Mr. Wood has conducted for several years.

As the evangelist uttered his closing prayer and stepped down from the platform, Ross, according to witnesses, rushed forward and