

FIRE LOSS IN FIRST HALF OF '30 LESS

Semi-annual Report Reveals Efficient Work by La Grande Department

ANSWER 44 CALLS SINCE JANUARY 1

Much More Insurance at Risk but Total Loss \$4,419.60 Less Than in First Half 1929.

The fire situation in La Grande, and the territory immediately surrounding the city, is receiving better protection than ever before, according to the report for the first half of 1930, issued today by Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey.

During the six-month period ending at midnight June 30, there were 44,419.60 less fire loss here than during the first half of 1929, in spite of the fact that there was \$48,001.20 more insurance at risk.

Fire Drills Are Aid

Quick runs to calls and efficiency in combatting flames, gained not only through experience but through regular fire drills (which are turned in without advance notice to the fire men on duty), and better equipment are held responsible for the improved record. With a few exceptions, where fires were not reported until flames had engulfed the buildings, all fires were quickly extinguished in La Grande during the first half of this year. Fortunately no really large blaze resulted, although several fires started in buildings in the business district which could have been much more serious.

44 Calls Answered

Since Jan. 1, 1930 there have been 44 calls answered by the department, of which nine proved to be false alarms, and three from outside of the city limits. Thirty-two of the calls were from inside the city.

As a precaution against the grass fires that sometimes prove serious during the last part of the summer, Fire Chief Lindsey today pointed out that a city ordinance makes it mandatory to cut all grass within the city before July 25. After July 25 and until the fall rains dissolve the fire hazard, no fire permits will be obtained at present upon application to the fire department.

REV. HOPKINS RE-APPOINTED TO LA GRANDE

CORVALLIS, July 2 (AP)—Bishop Arthur J. Moore, at the concluding sessions of the northwest conference and assembly of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, announced new appointments to the Portland and Spokane districts.

The appointments included the transfer of N. D. Wood, formerly of the Peoria and Lake Creek churches to Medford; the transfer of E. E. Smith from Milton to Portland and announcement that Dr. E. J. Harper, for ten years pastor of the Corvallis church, had been granted a year's leave. E. C. Smith of Missoula, Mont., will fill the vacancy.

Error Appears in Hill's Adv.

An error appeared in yesterday's advertisement in The Observer on Hill's department store sale, wherein one coupon gave credit of \$10 on \$10 dresses and hats, when it should have read \$1 credit on the \$10 item. The Observer was entirely responsible for the error, which is much regretted.

SEEKS DIVORCE

ROSEBURG, July 2 (AP)—Among other things, Mrs. Ruby B. Miller charged in a divorce complaint, her husband attempted to give their 12-month old infant liquor. She said she married Sam Miller in Vancouver in 1927.

DIES OF SMALLPOX

SALEM, Ore., July 2 (AP)—Mrs. Sarah Brown died from smallpox at Mill City yesterday. Dr. Vernon Douglas, county health officer who investigated, said she lived on the Linn county side of the line and that no doctors had been called. There are other suspected cases in the community.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—62 above.
Minimum 49 above.
Condition: Partly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 81, minimum 56 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER JULY 2, 1929

Maximum 84, minimum 63 above.
Condition: Clear.

Ten Eliminated In Lions Beauty Contest Tuesday

Considerable Sum of Money Realized For Band's Trip—Final Selection Next Wednesday

Ten contestants in the Lions club beauty contest, to select a "Miss La Grande" to represent this city in the "Miss Oregon" contest in Portland next Wednesday night, when elimination of the band benefit dance held in the Sacajawea Inn ballroom last night.

Popular vote, taken by the measure of applause, ruled primary in the elimination contest. The remaining eleven girls, who will be judged as to beauty, form and personal charm, will appear at a second benefit dance next Wednesday night, when final selection of the winner will be made.

Eleven Girls In Finals

The girls remaining in the contest following Marian Aske, La Grande; Beulah O'Neil, Perry; Helen Reed, Elsie Val Geertsen, Union; Thelma Spencer, La Grande; Velma Peterson, Union; Alice Wilde, Hot Lake; Eva Riggs, La Grande; Florence Houston, La Grande; Lena Duckett, La Grande; and Lewana Graham, La Grande.

In connection with the contest last night, the dance was preceded by a concert by the La Grande municipal band, which will enter the northwest contest at Jackson Beach, Portland, later this month. A considerable sum was received from the dance last evening, with about 250 persons in attendance, and the Lions club will undertake a large portion of the cost of the trip. Previously the Rotary club and the American Legion each gave \$200 to the band.

Excellent Concert

The band, in its hour concert, was in excellent form, directed by Andrew Loney Jr. Numbers played included: "In a Persian Market," selections of world war songs, "I Guaranty," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The crowd at the concert was very large.

Rotary Officers Are Installed At Luncheon Today

Officers were installed at today's luncheon of the Rotary club held at the La Grande hotel at noon. Hugh E. Brady was inducted into office as president. W. C. Perkins is the new vice president, and Francis Greulich will serve as secretary and treasurer.

Red Cross Swim Week To Be Held For Boys, Girls

A Red Cross swim week, designed to instruct youngsters who are unable to swim, 60 feet, will begin in Crystal plunge tomorrow morning and continue through next week. However, lessons will not be given on July 4 and on Sunday, July 6.

Anti-Parking Law Will Be Enforced

Opening its campaign to enforce the ordinance that makes it unlawful to park automobiles in the business section between the hours of 2 and 5 a. m., the police department last night left approximately 60 warning tickets in cars. Beginning immediately, if any cars previously warned are found in violation of the ordinance, a summons will be given to the owner. Thorough enforcement of the ordinance will begin shortly.

LIQUOR LAW MODIFICATION BILL PASSED

Senate Approves House Measure Providing Lighter Penalties

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—The senate today passed a house bill modifying the Jones law to provide lighter penalties to petty offenders of the prohibition act.

The measure went through the senate on a vote of 67 to 17. It provides those convicted of selling, making or transporting less than a gallon of liquor, subject to a penalty of not more than \$500 and jail sentence of not more than six months.

Will Apply, However, Only if the Defendant Was Not Engaged Habitually in Traffic.

The senate amended the bill to stipulate these lighter terms should apply only if the defendant was not engaged habitually in the liquor traffic and had not been convicted of violation of the dry laws two years before.

INVESTIGATION IN FALL

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—The senate leaders said today investigation of the stock market and national banking system would not be started until fall.

APPROPRIATES \$250,000 MORE

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—An additional \$250,000 was appropriated by the house today from its contingent fund to permit its interstate commerce committee to continue its investigation into railroad holding an investment trust companies.

HOUSE VOTES \$250,000 MORE

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—The house voted \$250,000 to the Hoover law enforcement commission today for continuation of its general study through another year.

AGED FELIDA, WASH. FATHER SHOOTSON

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 2 (AP)—Alicia Felida, 48, Felida, Wash., who authorities said was shot and wounded seriously last night by her father, Charles Beletski, 87, was near death in a hospital here today.

FOUR-HOUR DAY COMING, BELIEF

Editor Advises American Educators to lay Ground-work in Schools.

Mrs. Burgess Fined And Given 60 Days

Mrs. W. H. Burgess was fined \$50 and sentenced to 60 days in jail for the possession of intoxicating liquor. In the justice court, and has started to serve the jail sentence. Her husband is also serving a 30-day jail term on a similar charge.

Adjuorn Normal Session Today

The students and faculty members of the Eastern Oregon Normal school decided this morning to adjourn school with the close of today's classes until Monday morning, July 7, to give students one day in which to reach their homes to spend the Fourth of July weekend.

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GUNMEN AND OFFICER IN PISTOL FIGHT

Gangsters Fail in Bold Attempt to Assassinate Released Prisoner.

CHICAGO, July 2 (AP)—Gangsters stood in the glare of the bright lights of South state street last night and made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Jack Zuta, gangster.

MOTORMAN SLAIN, ANOTHER INJURED

Chicago a Policeman and Two Killers Exchange Volley of Shots Under Bright Lights.

The man killed was Elbert Lusader, 38 year old, motorman on a street car. A bullet from the pistol of one of the attackers penetrated his neck.

Charles Morrow Lindbergh Is Name Selected

NEW YORK, July 2 (AP)—It was learned in well informed circles that the Lindberghs have finally decided on a name for their little son. Charles Morrow Lindbergh after his father and grandfather, was said by friends to be the name selected.

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Issue In Jersey Campaign London Naval Document

TRENTON, N. J., July 2 (AP)—With wet planks in both the republican and democratic platforms relegating prohibition to the background as an issue, the New Jersey senatorial battle on ratification of the London naval treaty.

Packers Accept Canned Goods Act

PORTLAND, July 2 (AP)—Edgar M. Burns, secretary of the Northwest Canners association, said today the canned goods informative labeling bill, passed by congress without an amendment, was accepted by northwest packers as an advantage.

Italy Doubles Import Duty On Motor Car

ROME, July 2 (AP)—The Italian government today, without previous notice, increased the import duty on automobiles between 110 and 120 percent. Notice of the increase was published in the official gazette.

Mooney-Billings Pardon up to Court

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 (AP)—Chief Justice William H. Waste said today on the state supreme court's recommendation on Warden Billings' appeal for pardon, will be sent to Governor C. O. Young at Los Angeles after a final conference of the court this afternoon.

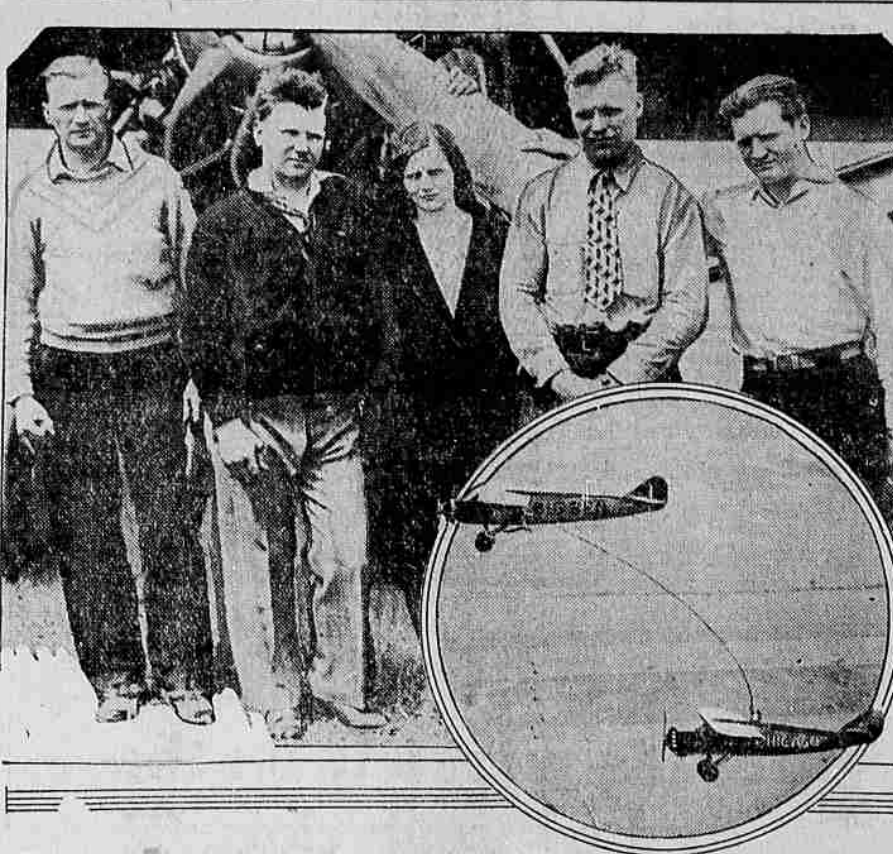
Resignation Accepted

SALEM, Ore., July 2 (AP)—The resignation of Harold Clifford as state game warden was demanded in resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Marion county game protective association. The association charges inefficiency and failure to cooperate with local game associations.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 2 (AP)—Reports that the 1930 French wheat crop will be short 64,000,000 bushels compared with last year brought about late rallies here in wheat prices today. Considerable notice also was taken of primary receipts of United States wheat today totaling but 1,049,000 bushels against 1,996,000 bushels a year ago.

HUNTER BOYS PASS 500 - HOUR MARK IN AIR



The monoplane "City of Chicago" passed its 500th consecutive hour in the air over Sky harbor at 11:40 a. m. today, central standard time. John and Kenneth Hunter are piloting the ship while their brother, Irene (center), is in the cockpit for the boys. The brothers, left to right, are: Walter, John, Albert and Kenneth. Inset shows plane being refueled in flight.

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Attorney Rules On Blakerly; Plurality Holds

SALEM, Ore., July 2 (AP)—Dr. A. F. Blakerly will be the Marion county member of the republican state central committee that nominates a candidate for governor to take the place left vacant by the death of George Joseph, according to an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle Tuesday. The opinion held that Blakerly, who is a Silverton resident, was legally elected state committeeman at the organization meeting of the county central committee here several weeks ago.

Abandoned Rail Line In Oregon May Be Rebuilt

BEND, July 2 (AP)—From reliable sources today it was learned Great Northern railroad officials considered seriously reconstruction of grade and track, abandoned by the Oregon Trunk railroad in the Deschutes gorge 10 years ago following the historic battle for rights of way by the Hill and Harriman systems.

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MONEY, OFFERS ARE ARRIVING HOURLY

Kenneth Tired and Would Like to Come Down But John Plans to Continue Flight.

CHICAGO, July 2 (AP)—John and Kenneth Hunter in the monoplane "City of Chicago" flew through their 500th consecutive hour over Sky harbor today at 11:40 a. m. (Central Standard time). They were approximately 80 hours ahead of the previous world's record for endurance flying. At 3:40 p. m. they had been up 60 hours.

The motor in the "City of Chicago" apparently was functioning smoothly and except that Kenneth was tired of the three weeks of monotonous droning there was every indication the flight would continue through the week.

Radio Contact Falls

As the pilots passed through their 500th hour, an army plane soared overhead endeavoring to drop a radio contact for a noon broadcast by the record-holding pilots.

Actual profits to the fliers and their backers at 11:40 o'clock today, C. B. T. amount to \$2,000 not including the commission they will receive from gate receipts at Sky harbor. No estimate had been made on the latter.

Offers Received

Offers by wire and mail continued to flood the flight secretary today. One, from a movie company, was in excess of \$30,000 for a picture. They were all declined.

Clarke-McNary Allotment to State \$99,045

SALEM, Ore., July 2 (AP)—State Forester Lynn F. Cronmiller has been informed by the United States forest service that the federal allotment to the state for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is \$99,045. This fund is paid to the state in recognition of federal responsibility in the protection of Oregon's timber.

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