

DRUM CORPS WINS FIRST IN CONTEST

La Grande Organizations
Have Prominent Part in
Wallowa Celebration.

CITY DESERTED; POOLS CROWDED

Fireworks Keep Sky
Aight During Evening
—No Fatal Accidents to
Mar July Fourth.

With hundreds of La Grande people seeking diversions elsewhere, the city was quiet yesterday, the Fourth of July, although in the evening—with scores equipped with fireworks, roman candles, skyrockets, flares, etc.—the community took on the aspect of an old-fashioned celebration. For two or three hours the boom of crackers and the brilliant rockets furnished a considerable pyrotechnical display.

Scores of celebrants left La Grande Thursday afternoon and evening, with others going early yesterday morning. This city was very well represented at the celebrations at both Enterprise and Wallowa lake, and it is reported that at the latter place, one of the biggest crowds in the resort's history was present.

At Enterprise, the La Grande American Legion drum and bugle corps took first place in a contest in which Lewiston, Ida., and Baker, Oregon groups were entered. The enterprise corps gave an exhibition but did not take part in the contest. Baker was second and Lewiston third.

In the drum major contest, Bill Kirk of Baker won first, J. R. Garby of La Grande, second, and Mr. Olsen, of Lewiston, third.

Both contests were very close. "The drum corps also participated in a parade held during the morning. Other features of the day were auto races, speaking, etc.

At the lake, with the La Grande band playing motor boat races and other events furnished thrills and entertainment for the crowd during the day. In the evening a beautiful fireworks display was a feature. Groups of Wallowa county sponsored this celebration.

Most of the people of Scotch descent attended a first annual picnic held at Emigrant springs, three states were represented.

Fortunately, the day was not marred locally by any fatal accidents, although a few minor mishaps occurred.

Minor Accidents
A car driven by A. Turner and another machine collided at 9:30 o'clock yesterday at Jefferson and Depot, but no one was injured. Two accidents took place Thursday. One at 10 o'clock was driven by George Faussett and Mrs. W. K. Gilbert collided on Depot street, and the same day a machine belonging to Walter Smith, of Yakima, was crowded off the road by another car. Mrs. Smith was bruised on the forehead but her injury was not serious.

Reports are that straits and lakes in this territory were liberally lined with picnickers and fishermen. Camps continued along the streams this morning, many people making it a three-day vacation, intending to return home Sunday.

Swimming Pools Throughout Union
and Baker counties were alive with persons seeking relief from the 90-degree heat of the first of this year. Others sought the shade of fir and pine trees in the mountains. Still others turned to golf or some other sport.

The 21-cent rate on gasoline was taken advantage of by many motorists, the cheaper fuel serving as an incentive for longer automobile trips.

THREE DIE IN AUTO WRECK
PORTLAND, July 5 (AP)—The aftermath of Fourth of July traffic rebounded from hospitals, morgues and police stations today. Traffic mishaps killed three scores were injured in some serious and many were arrested on various charges.

William H. Wing, 60, was killed and several other persons were injured in an automobile accident at Gold Hill, Ore. Their car left the road.

**BAND CONCERT
AT THE PARK
NEXT TUESDAY**
The municipal band will play the next outdoor concert at Riverside park next Tuesday evening, July 8. The concert will be called "The Most Perfect Concert Ever." The band will be chosen as the ones that have proved the most popular at previous appearances of the band.

In addition to the appeal of these numbers the band is going to include in this program the numbers that will be played by them at the north-west band contest to be held in Portland July 12. This will be the only opportunity the public will have of hearing the rendition in the contest pieces. The band has put in about three months rehearsal on these numbers and they are as near perfect as it will be possible for the La Grande band to play them.

It is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance at this concert as the evenings are getting warmer and the park makes an ideal place to listen to band music.

Conditions Good For Apples This Year, Is Report

H. H. Weatherspoon, Elgin Orchardist, Believes Outlook is Ideal in Grande Ronde.

ELGIN, Ore., July 5 (AP)—"In the thirty years that I have been engaged in apple growing in this county, never have conditions been so ideal as they are the present season," declared H. H. Weatherspoon, speaking at a meeting of apple growers held at Imbler, Idaho, yesterday.

Mr. Weatherspoon in his talk analyzed the crop reports showing a shortage for this season, which he said undoubtedly would work to the advantage of the local growers. In ordinary times, the price this year would be above the usual, but on account of the general business depression over the country, he believes the price will at least hold up to the level of last year.

Owing to the low production costs in this district, this district stands to make a nice profit from the 1930 crop if the apples are well cared for. Prices for thinning apples have been fixed at 30 cents per hour for men and 25 cents per hour for women, with the privilege granted to growers of varying from these prices under certain circumstances.

A meeting of county apple growers will probably be held before the fall harvest begins, to discuss the scale and to discuss problems to be met during the harvesting and packing operations of the fruit men.

Two Gold Star Mothers Leave On Pilgrimage

Mrs. M. H. Beeson, gold star mother of this city, left her Thursday for New York, where she will sail on July 9 for the battlefields and cemeteries of Europe. Mrs. Beeson will visit the grave of her son, Harry C. Beeson, who was killed in action during the war.

Mrs. Beeson will visit relatives in several states before her return to La Grande. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ann Nolan, also a gold star mother, of Lodi, who is making the trip alone.

A group of friends and members of the American Legion auxiliary were at the train Thursday night to bid farewell to Mrs. Beeson. The auxiliary presented Mrs. Beeson and Mrs. Nolan with flowers. Mrs. Beeson is the first mother to take the trip from La Grande.

Scotch Gather For Picnic At Emigrant Springs

Somewhat like a bit of old Scotland transplanted in America, the Scotch picnic held yesterday at Emigrant Springs found everyone from La Grande, Summerville, Kamela and Pendleton there.

More than a hundred natives of Harry Laidler's own land were seated at long tables loaded with Scotch delicacies such as scones, oatcakes, curran buns, fruit cakes and short bread. Above the tables were the pine trees decorated with the stars and stripes and the Union Jack. The tables were decorated with thistles and heather imported from the north of Scotland.

Races were held, which were heartily enjoyed and the following were presented prizes by Jack Coleman: Mrs. Coleman, Pendleton; Mrs. Milne, La Grande; M. Henderson, Pendleton; Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Robertson, Pendleton; V. and A. Peterson, Pendleton; Jack Coleman, Pendleton; C. Cook, Pendleton; Miss Mine, La Grande; Mrs. Davidson, David Meldrum and Alfred Milne, La Grande, were the winners.

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The message to Mrs. Hutchinson contained very little particulars of the accident but it is known that she was injured considerably.

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Anderson Injured But Will Recover

Frank Anderson, who was injured Thursday morning when a wheelbarrow fell from the Sacajawea Inn annex striking him a glancing blow on the head, is recovering and doctors said the injury was not dangerous. He was cut about the head and bruised.

Church Service To Be Held Earlier

The morning worship at the English Lutheran church will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock during the summer months, beginning July 6 it was announced today. This will be half an hour earlier than the usual time. A very attractive worship program has been planned for these months. Of special interest will be the appearance of a vested junior choir for the first time. The Junior choir will provide special song numbers during July and August. The selection chosen for Sunday is the appealing number entitled "Give of Your Best to the Master." The pastor, the Rev. Leif H. Aasen, will bring the message on the subject "Some Factors That Make for True Greatness."

SIX PERSONS VICTIMS OF RACE RIOTS

Negroes and Whites Clash in Emelle, Ala.—One Negro is Lynched.

QUARREL STARTS VICIOUS WARFARE

Gun Battle and Burning of Dwelling Follows Shooting of White Man in the Back.

EMELLE, Ala., July 5 (AP)—Six persons were dead today in race warfare which flared here late yesterday and resulted in a gun battle, the lynching of a negro and the burning of a negro dwelling.

Two of those killed were white men. The others were negroes. The dead: G. L. Boyd, white; a man named Marrs, white; Jean Robertson, negro; three unidentified negroes.

Quarrel Starts Riot
A quarrel between Clarence Boyd, a nephew of G. L. Boyd, and a negro named Marrs, who had an automobile battery was credited by officers as starting the riot.

After the argument the negro left the Boyd place of business, and returned to his home, where he was shot four times in the back by one of the negroes.

One of the negroes struck Clarence Boyd on the head with a bottle and Elder Boyd came to his nephew's rescue, he was shot four times in the back by one of the negroes.

Surrounded by Crowd
All three negroes then sought refuge at the house of John Robertson, a negro. The home was immediately surrounded by a crowd of white people. In an exchange of shots between negro occupants of the home and one group of white men, two negroes and two negroes were wounded.

With the death of Marrs, a rush was made in the negro's house and the body of the negro, when the fire died down, the embers were searched and the bodies of two negroes were found. They had been burned to death.

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But the pack was near its quarry. Police and airport officials were helpless as the body of the negro, alleged to have been one of the ring leaders in the race riot, was found hanging to a tree near here. He was said to have been the negro who hit Clarence Boyd with a bottle during the first argument. Officials said he had been dead for some time.

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SHOOTING FALLS BELIEVED FATAL

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NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 5 (AP)—Shooting of the horseshoe falls in an oak barrel of his own design is believed to have cost George E. Stathakis, 43, Buffalo, self-styled Greek philosopher, his life today.

Stathakis took the plunge over the falls at 2:35 p. m. and an hour later he was seen in the water. The barrel of the river below the falls still waiting for him and his barrel to appear. The barrel was believed to have been crushed against the jagged rocks at the foot of the falls.

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FINISH OCCURS AT 5:21 FRIDAY

Holiday Thousands Surround Plane — Protection Finally Established After Chaos.

CHICAGO, July 5 (AP)—The longest sustained airplane flight in the world's history has ended. The finish came at 5:21:30 (C. S. T.) last night, when John and Kenneth Hunter, who rose from the plough to the plane, landed in Sky Harbor airport with a world's refueling endurance record of 553 hours, 41 minutes and 30 seconds razed on the wings of their "City of Chicago."

The end was an unexpected as the beginning 23 days ago was inauspicious. Clogged Filter Cause
A clogged filter stopped the oil flow, the motor was seared from lack of lubrication; a hurried landing was made; and the old record of 420:21:30 was left 133 hours and 20 minutes behind.

Holiday thousands who had jammed the airport since early day floundered in the suddenness of the descent.

They had just seen the endurance ship succeed by "Big Ben," the providing plane manned by Albert and Walter Hunter, two more of the Hunter boys, who landed in pasture of their farm at Sparta, Ill.

Thousands thought the "City of Chicago" was set for another night of spurring back onto the fliers instead of flowing into the overheated motor.

So many planes pock-marked the air that the blue monoplane "City of Chicago," as it was called, was the grand before it was noticed. Then came the spontaneous combustion of human enthusiasm.

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UNION BOY, 11, LOSES SIGHT IN ACCIDENT

Donald Tarter, 11-year-old Union boy, suffered severe injuries to his eye yesterday morning while playing with firecrackers. He was brought to La Grande hospital, where he is recovering. It is doubtful if he will ever be able to see more than enough to determine light from dark.

County Court Ends Its July Session

Before adjourning late Thursday afternoon, the county court appointed viewers for that part of the Catheleine creek-Medical Springs market road where it leaves the old road to the G. F. Hall property. The viewers are meeting today.

The exact cause of his death had not been learned early this afternoon but it is believed that heart disease was responsible. Officers reported that other prisoners heard Mr. Burgess breathing heavily last night, but apparently there were no outcries.

Grudge Believed Motive of Slaying

NEW YORK, July 5 (AP)—A grudge, harbored during three years in prison, was one theory upon which police sought today to solve the slaying of a man whose oil-drenched body was found blazing in the Bronx.

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California Leads In Sending New People to State

California continues to furnish by far the largest number of families in the list of states from which new residents come to Oregon, according to the monthly report just issued by W. G. Ide, state chamber of commerce. Five California families were reported as having arrived and brought farms the last week in June. The report shows a total of 297 families who arrived during the last six months of this year, who have purchased over 50,000 acres of land and invested in lands, household goods, machinery and equipment of all kinds approximately \$1,232,384. Over 1000 families have also written of their intentions to locate in Oregon later in the year and the prospective residents indicate on questionnaires they will have \$3,255,470 for investment purposes. Manager Ide calls attention to the large number of out-of-state families now pouring into the state from every side who have come as a result of having resigned from the military service in the United States Army and Navy.

Oregon literature and who are looking for a new home. Every assistance the state chamber head points out should be given these inquiring folks to learn of our state and its many opportunities.

Policeman And Bootlegger Are Shot to Death

DETROIT, July 5 (AP)—A special investigator for the Hamtramck police and an alleged bootlegger were shot to death today by two unidentified men who entered the former's home in Hamtramck.

Barney Roth, the investigator, was in the kitchen of his home getting ready to go to work. He was shot in the back by a man who was taking to federal court on a liquor charge today, was waiting on the front porch. Roth's wife Annette was in a bedroom adjoining the kitchen. She was shot in the back by the other man. Roth's wife died through the back door. Roth told the police she heard the men talking with her husband.

"I can't do anything for you and I've told you that before," she quoted him as saying.

Shots followed and she ran to the door to see her husband fall. Metz, hearing the shots ran into the house and was fatally wounded by one of the two gunmen.

The assassins left by the front door and escaped in an automobile. Mrs. Roth said one of the men had white hair and three weeks ago in an unsuccessful attempt to get aid in a case. Ten days ago a representative of the man went to the Roth home and threatened Roth with the bombing of his home if he did not offer assistance.

W. H. Burgess Dies In County Prison

W. H. Burgess, about 55 years of age, who was serving a short term in the county jail, died unexpectedly in his cell during last night. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary today pending funeral arrangements.

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ONE TO THREE KILLED WHEN PLANE DIVES

ALAMEDA, Cal., July 5 (AP)—Alameda police expressed belief today that a plane, owned by the Alameda Flying club, was taken by the unidentified pilot from its Alameda airport hangar while most of the field pilots and mechanics were at the Oakland airport joining in the welcome to Wing Commander Charles Kingsford-Smith, Boyd McDonald, a mechanic, the only person who saw the ragged take-off, could not say whether the plane carried passengers.

One mile south of the airport the plane suddenly went into a dive. The crash was heard at the airport and seen by two pilots on a San Francisco Air Forces Ltd. plane, which circled and sighted a film of oil and wreckage but no bodies.

Fred Spackman, president of the flying club, said he had checked all club members and none was able to indicate who might have been the pilot. None had given permission for the plane's use, he said.

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On July 1 the state general fund showed an overdraft of \$944,512.05. After applying uncollected turnovers of intangibles taxes in the amount of \$594,936.90, excise taxes in the sum of \$183,722.44, inheritance taxes of \$104,487.90 and miscellaneous amounts of \$79,209.84 the fund showed a balance of \$296,933.43, says a statement from the treasurer's office. The intangibles and excise tax monies have not yet been received into the general fund because the validity of the intangibles act is in litigation. Inheritance tax receipts are being held pending adjustment of the exact amounts due. The other monies will be received in a short time.

Total cash in the state treasury July 1 was \$5,212,913.09. On the same date last year the amount was \$4,543,623.65. Midyear revenues from motor vehicle license fees should increase the total cash balance this month, the statement says, but there will be a steady drain on the fund in payments for road work and state expenses.

Two 'Put On Spot' In Cleveland War

CLEVELAND, July 5 (AP)—Two men were shot and killed, one while inside of Frank Milano's restaurant and the other just as he stepped outside today. Both are believed to have been "put on the spot" in a bootleg war.

One of the men was identified as Joe Porello, head of Cleveland's corn sugar business since the murder in October, 1927, of "Big Joe" and John Lonardo.

The other was Sam Tlocco, Porello's right hand man.

Kills Wife, Then Commits Suicide

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 5 (AP)—Henry Ruhl, 46, shot and killed his wife, then committed suicide here yesterday following a family quarrel. Ruhl, convicted bootlegger, returned from an outing and his wife refused to get his breakfast. Their six children, four girls and two boys, told officers their father had struck the mother and then drew his revolver and shot her after she threw a dish at him.

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