

SELECT MISS HOUSTON FOR BEAUTY TITLE

Sixteen-Year-Old La Grande Girl to Compete in Portland Contest.

LIONS SPONSOR COUNTY CONTEST

Judging Takes Place at Band-Benefit Dance Last Night With 10 Girls in Finals.

Charming Miss Florence Houston, 16-year-old La Grande girl, will represent this county and city in the Lions club beauty contest.

It was also announced today by the club that a considerable sum of money was realized last night, assuring the fulfilling of the Lions club pledge of \$200 to help defray the expenses of the beauty contest.

The girls appearing in the finals last night besides Miss Houston were: Marie J. La Grande, Beadie O'Neill, Perry, Val Geertsen, Union, Velma Peterson, Union; Thelma Spencer, La Grande; Alyce Wilde, Hot Lake; Eva Riggs, La Grande; Lena Duckett, La Grande and Lewana Graham, La Grande.

FOUR JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAMS PLAY SUNDAY

Elimination games for American Legion junior league teams in this district, No. 7, will be played at Ontario, Ore., on Sunday.

The winner of the seventh district title will go to Portland to play for the Oregon championship, the winner of this to play at Baker during the convention Aug. 14, 15 and 16, a gainst teams from Washington and Idaho.

The Jack Allen team has won all games played this year, including victories over the city team, 15 to 3 and the Baker Eagles, 8 to 0.

Two Automobiles Are Stolen Here

Two automobiles were stolen in La Grande last night, one of them from a local garage. Officers were searching the county today and had notified officers in nearby cities.

The Buick garage was broken into via the back door last night and a large automobile taken from the building.

A sedan belonging to L. R. Parlett, 1101 O avenue, was stolen about 12:30 o'clock this morning.

EMATHILA RAPIDS ASSOCIATION HEADS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

PENDLETON, July 10 (AP)—Executive committee members of the Emathila Rapids association, will be in Portland tomorrow to discuss various phases of the project with the chamber of commerce and other members of the executive group.

The favorable attitude of the federal administration toward the project caused the association to speed preliminary work.

City Commission Aids Drive For 1931 Convention

Formal invitation from the city of La Grande to the United Spanish-American War Veterans of Oregon, asking them to select this city as their 1931 convention site, was authorized at the commission meeting last night and a letter was later drawn up to be sent to the 1930 convention in Bend.

A vote on the convention city is expected to be taken soon, July 15, and, according to local delegates, Salem is expected to make a spirited drive for the honor.

Band Will Leave For Portland On No. 23 Tomorrow

The La Grande municipal band held its last rehearsal before leaving for Portland at the park last evening. The entire band, with the exception of Kenneth's hospital patients, who were taken ill with typhoid fever, will make the trip.

In addition to the contest to be played Saturday afternoon and which will be broadcast from KGW, the band has completed arrangements to play a short concert at Pendleton on the way down and a concert at the United States Veterans' hospital on Sunday evening, July 13.

The band will also make a short parade Saturday noon and serenade the various newspapers of Portland.

A. W. Nelson, upon the urgent request of the band, has made arrangements to go along with the band and will handle all the publicity and detail work in connection with seeing that La Grande receives a maximum of publicity from this trip.

The band has put in very intensive work the past two months in preparation for the contest. Director Louis states: "Although obliged to leave the city on account of illness, we are in hopes of being able to make a creditable showing in spite of the keen competition expected. We are especially wish to thank the city of La Grande through its city commission, the Lions club, American Legion and Rotary club for their splendid financial support which has made this trip possible."

The following members of the band are making the trip: Ray Matwood, Bob Bush, J. G. Snodgrass, Peter Biever, Clifford Blokland, Wm. Snodgrass, Clark Young, Wm. Eakin, Dohd Stegert, Benj. Lindsey, J. P. Caldwell, Frank Apping, Clifford Walsinger, Clark Buckman, Ray Connell, Guy McKellan, Elmer McManus, Frank Wyde, George Anderson, Amos Helms, Cecil Young, Claire Perkins, Marvin Mackey, Ray Bennett, Grover Greys, Frank Robinson, Paul Knautz, Walter Jackson, Max McMillan, Ed. Shellworth, E. R. Parker and M. G. Tenynson.

U. P. Team Wins First Place In Water Carnival

The Union Pacific aquatic team took first in the swimming meet last night at Crystal plume with the state highway shops placing second and Mt. Emily Lumber company third.

The winners who are learning to swim in the free instruction bouts in the mornings will give an exhibition in the near future, which the public is invited to attend.

Places were as follows: 30-yard free style: De Bird, Mt. Emily; first, Bagatin, U. P.; second, Taylor, highway shops; 30-yard back stroke: Roads, U. P.; first, Bagatin, U. P.; second, Taylor, highway shops; 30-yard breast stroke: Strong, U. P.; first, Bagatin, U. P.; second, Taylor, highway shops; 30-yard freestyle: Strong, U. P.; first, Bagatin, U. P.; second, Taylor, highway shops.

In the diving contest, contestant was allowed five optional dives. First place was won by Jimmy Rosenbaum, U. P.; second by Don Pague, U. P.; third, Strong, U. P.; and Taylor, of the highway shops was fourth.

Tonight at 7:15 the public is invited to attend the examination of the qualified number of hours of instruction under Nephel Combs, as part of the Red Cross work. Those who earned life saving badges and certificates in former years are urged to recheck with him this year. Any Monday or Thursday night when classes will be held and the examinations given.

Glen Barnes Must Serve Sentence

SALEM, Ore., July 10 (AP)—Governor Norblad today revoked the parole of Glen Barnes, who was sent to the state penitentiary from Willows county in 1926, in connection with a charge for forgery, but released him on parole in December, 1927.

GAS PRICES HERE LOWEST IN HISTORY

Petroleum War Sends Retail Quotations to 12 Cents in La Grande.

THIRD CUT MADE DURING MORNING

More Reductions Announced Over the Coast—Several Los Angeles Stations Closed.

Gasoline prices dropped to the lowest levels in local history this morning with retailers throughout the city selling the fuel at 12 cents to 16 cents a gallon. Most of the stations were retailing at 12 cents, with most wholesale prices quoted at about 9 cents, the wholesale price including the federal state tax, according to local dealers.

Yesterday the prices were reduced to 15 and 16 cents and this morning a third cut was announced, lowering the quotation to 21 cents. Whether any more reductions are likely to occur was unknown on the part of local dealers, who were expecting anything.

SOME STATIONS CLOSED

LOS ANGELES, July 10 (AP)—With retail gasoline prices down to as low as 9 cents per gallon including the state's three cent tax, small service station operators in Los Angeles today were feeling the pinch of narrowing profits as producing companies.

CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES GIVEN

Wheat Yield to Rival That of 1929—Fruits Show a Slight Increase.

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—Indicated corn production this year was placed today at 2,802,442,000 bushels against 2,922,000,000 last year and the combined winter and spring wheat crop at 807,265,000 bushels against 897,000,000 last year, by the department of agriculture.

The production forecasts were based on conditions existing July 1 and the department pointed out that the indicated production increases or decreases with changing conditions during the season and that therefore the final output might be above or below the present indicated production.

Other Crops In the indicated production of important crops, the last year's final figures were as follows: Winter wheat, 557,719,000 bushels, and 578,000,000. Durum wheat, 56,896,000 and 52,000,000.

Other spring wheat, 152,680,000 and 176,000,000. Oats, 1,329,407,000 and 1,239,000,000. Barley, 332,000,000 and 307,000,000. Rye, 47,900,000 and 40,800,000. Flax seed, 30,100,000 and 16,800,000. Hay, (same) 85,400,000 and 101,000,000 tons.

FIVE MEN ARE KILLED IN AIR WRECK TODAY

ARKANSAS PASS, Tex., July 10 (AP)—Five men, from Kansas City, Mo., were killed when an airplane crashed four miles from here today. The dead, Murt Boyde, Raymond Watson, Eugene Lynn, Roy Dellano and Gene Gabbert.

A wing of the plane was seen to glide away and the craft crashed to the ground shortly afterward, witnesses said.

Gabbert was piloting the plane. The party was here on a fishing trip.

CHURCHES MAY MERGE

COVINGTON, July 10 (AP)—Steps toward the possible merger of two Presbyterian denominations were taken here today by the United Presbyterian synod of Columbia which sent Dr. E. W. McQuinn, speaking at the annual meeting at Aberdeen, Wash.

America, British And Japanese In Defensive Group

Three Powers Co-operate on Yangtze River Against Chinese Bandits and Communists.

SHANGHAI, July 10 (AP)—American, British and Japanese river patrols joined today in defensive operations as bandits and communists intensified their firing on foreign vessels in the Yangtze and flanked a banner reading "down with imperialism, capitalism, foreigners and religion!"

Marauders continued to fire heavily at all foreign commercial or navy craft operating above Kiangsu and particularly beyond Hankow, where steamers attempting to reach the lower river were reported to have been subjected to showers of bullets from both banks.

Commanders of the American, Japanese and British patrol boats were understood to be working cooperatively in regard to the bandits and their ships, each patrol attempting to protect all foreigners regardless of nationality.

Because of the large number of places in which gunboats were needed, the number under any one flag was inadequate.

Reliable reports said the bandits were well armed with rifles and machine guns and had plundered numerous small river boats between Hankow and Ichang, obtaining considerable money from post offices and customs houses and abducting anyone worth a ransom.

Shipping Ceased Shipment above Hankow virtually ceased. Business was interrupted as merchants fled. Since the bandit raid on Yochow American gunboats.

GRAPE INDUSTRY Facing Crisis In California

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10 (AP)—California's \$400,000,000 grape industry faced a crisis today as the campaign to sign up 85 per cent of the growers to a farm board relief program to be held on the verge of the night riders moved through one vineyard area terrifying non-signers.

The Fresno county sheriff's office responded to two calls early today from grape growers asking protection from mobs attempting to force their signatures to federal grape control board contracts. As far as is known, there were no physical encounters.

The drive to sign up 70 per cent of the more than 500,000 acres of vineyards in California fell short of its quota by about 60,000 acres last night. Farm board officials had stipulated that the 70 per cent of the acreage be signed by then. The plan was not to become effective unless 85 per cent of the acreage were signed.

The farm board program in the event of an 85 per cent sign-up calls for a loan of \$20,000,000 to a cooperative designed to handle this year's surplus, estimated at 300,000 tons of grapes. Signers must pay the cooperative \$1.50 on fresh grapes and \$4.50 on raisins on every ton marketed, the proceeds to be used to buy up the surplus, and make it into by-products.

Poor Man! He Was Mistaken For A Flock of Pigeons!

ROSEBURG, July 10 (AP)—John Maddox, 53, Melrose avenue, was in a hospital today suffering shot wounds because he was mistaken for a whole flock of wild pigeons of the Gun Koken, neighboring farmer, employed Maddox to pick cherries. Koken, with a shotgun was hunting wild pigeons destroying his orchards. He saw tree branches moving and fired.

Maddox, with wounds in his arm, chest and head, scrambled from the tree and collapsed. Physicians said he would recover.

Combine Crews At Work During Night

KANSAS CITY, July 10 (AP)—"Make hay while the sun shines" is a proverb strictly applicable to hay, in the opinion of Western Kansas wheat harvesters. Unable to work in the blazing sun, combine crews last night went to harvest the grain by moonlight.

The field which kept them out of the fields by day yesterday caused the combine men, 45, farmers, who left in the field in which he was planting corn.

TWENTY DIE IN MID-WEST DUE TO HEAT

Grain Fields, Excepting Corn, Suffering From Merciless Warmth.

CHICAGO, July 10 (AP)—Middle America wills under a merciless sun. Twenty have died. The grain fields—save for corn—suffer. Farm work falters, the baking sun a check-rein to man and beast.

There were temperatures of 100 degrees or hotter as far north as Montana and North Dakota and south of Louisiana and Alabama.

The hottest spot officially was Miles City, Mont., with 108 degrees. Huron, S. D., had a reading of 102, while the fairest heat was also to three figures in Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Ia., St. Louis, Mo., Evansville, Ind., Nashville, Tenn., Shreveport, La., Emporia, Kas., Birmingham, Ala., and numerous other places.

Chicago surrounded by heat, benefited by its Lake Michigan location, a northeast breeze fanning thankful thousands. Milwaukee and other lake cities also enjoyed comparative isolation. But even beneath beneficent breezes, the lake cities perspired. Two.

Portland Youth Lost on Mountain

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 10 (AP)—About 700 students in summer camp and enlisted men at Vancouver barracks were searching today for two youths who failed to return from Livingston Mountain, near here last night. Most of them had already participated in a vain hunt which lasted all night.

All planes at the military field here were ordered to aid in the search and four were scouting over the mountain region early today. The search left the ridge range about 10 miles north of here yesterday with two other students to climb the mountain before they were required to be back at the camp.

The two youths finally turned back in order to be at camp in time for roll call, but Stach insisted upon going on alone.

G. O. P. CAUCUS WILL BE HELD IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—Phil Mettschman, republican state central committee chairman, announced yesterday the committee meeting will be held in Portland July 25.

Mettschman said he arrived at the decision after responses had been received from his list of 36 members, comprising the central committee. He said 29 members had answered his questionnaire and favored Portland for the meeting.

The poll showed he said: 17 for Portland, 7 for The Dalles, 3 for Eugene, 1 for Astoria and 1 for Corvallis.

Mettschman said the place in Portland where the meeting will be held had not been selected.

Mermoz Finishes Trip on The Phocce

DAKAR, Senegal, July 10 (AP)—Jean Mermoz, French aviator, and his two companions who were forced to descend on the sea yesterday while passing from Brazil to Africa, were expected here today aboard the dispatch boat Phocce which rescued them.

As the sea was rather rough it was out of the question to tow the airplane. All detachable things were removed and the plane set adrift about 600 miles southwest of Dakar.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 10 (AP)—Influenced by selling pressure from the south-west, where the harvest was reported showing enlarged yields, wheat prices underwent decided setbacks today after early upturn. Today by John W. Smith, state commissioner of agriculture.

Smith said the drought has been general all year but reached its greatest intensity during the last month.

SOME MAN!



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Earl Carroll is AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Broadway Producer and Eight Dancers and Show Girls are Under Arrest

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—Through a cluster of 200 persons who gathered on the sidewalks, Earl Carroll, Broadway producer made his way in to Jefferson Market court today with eight dancers and show girls from his newest review and again gave himself up to the law.

A warrant for Carroll, who landed in Atlanta prison because of his denial of his famous bath tub party four years ago, was issued yesterday after police had raided his "Vanities." Carroll was not at the theater when the raid was made.

Carroll's appearance today was brief. A few minutes after he and his show girls entered the courtroom his trial was adjourned until tomorrow so his attorney might familiarize himself with the case.

Among those who appeared with him at Jefferson Market today was Faith Bacon, whose dance, in an attempt to save herself from jail, she considered indecent. The show girls under arrest appeared in a tableau scene in which they represented wax figures coming to life.

Carroll went to Atlanta following a party in his theater four years ago, when he denied statements made by guests that a young woman bathed in a tub of champagne. He was indicted for perjury, convicted and imprisoned.

The prisoners included Naomi Ray, comedienne, and Jimmie Savo and six show girls. Savo and the six girls were appearing in a scene entitled "A Window at Merit," in which the lone man finds himself among a group of wax figures that come to life. Miss Ray and Miss Bacon had dance numbers in both of which the police charged they were very scantily dressed.

Those arrested were released in \$500 bail and were back in their places for the evening performance from which the show window scene was deleted.

BAILEY SAYS MYERS GUILTY OF "LAXITY"

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10 (AP)—A. Bailey, indicted county clerk, who became irked by an alleged delay in the district attorney's office in bringing Bailey to trial on a charge of embezzling \$100,000, has figured to prove "extreme laxity" in the attorney's office.

Bailey said his record showed 415 indictments returned between March 5, 1928 and April 1, 1929, have not been brought to trial. In each case, Bailey said, the defendants have entered pleas but have never been tried or convicted.

Bailey said the reason he revealed the records was for personal use, Stanley Myers, district attorney, refused to comment.

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144 Miners Lose Lives In Blast Late Yesterday

Eighty-One Bodies Received from Wenceslaus, Germany Mine—Only 49 Persons Rescued.

NEURODE, Germany, July 10 (AP)—At least 144 persons lost their lives yesterday in an explosion at the Wenceslaus mine. Eighty-one bodies have been recovered, most of them burned badly. No hope is held for those remaining in the shaft.

Of 193 miners in the shaft at the time of the explosion only 49 escaped and they were badly injured. The explosion in the mine occurred when a large gas pocket was suddenly tapped during blasting late yesterday. The fumes spread through the shaft so quickly that there was little chance for anyone to escape.

Rescue Work Hazardous Rescue work proved increasingly hazardous and finally was abandoned at about midnight after a number of the crew, fitted with gas masks, had been overcome or injured.

It was possible to save only 49 persons of the 193 in the mine before the beginning of the rescue work. All of these, although badly burned, are expected to recover.

The disaster took both men and officials completely off their guard in view of the periodical gas surges having been completed only Sunday. It was by far the greatest mine disaster Germany has known in years. In 1912 117 died in the Bochum mine disaster, and in 1925 the death toll in the Dortmund mine reached 153.

Death Almost Instant Rescuers found the dead miners still with tools in their hands, wagon men beside their wagons, and the electromagnetic pilot, lifeless at his controls.

Three years ago a similar explosion in the Wenceslaus mine took seven lives. That explosion earned the shaft a reputation as "lucky" among the miners of Selenia. The Wenceslaus mine is a coal mine.

Bids Are To Be Received On 36 Miles Of Road

SALEM, Ore., July 10 (AP)—When the state highway commission meets in Portland July 24 it will receive bids covering about 36 miles of highway improvement on two bridges. The projects are:

Benton and Lincoln counties—Approximately 5.47 miles of broken stone and crushed rock surfacing on county roads in vicinity of Oxbow. Harney county—Concrete bridge over hill section Central Oregon highway, 10.71 miles grading.

Linn county—Truett-Sheeld section of state highway, 2.37 miles of grade widening and gravel shoulder construction.

Mallheur county—Dead Ox flat and Weiser spur section of Old Oregon highway, 1.25 miles of grading and resurfacing work.

Polk county—Clow Corner-Monmouth section of west side Pacific highway, 2.8 miles of grading and resurfacing and gravel shoulder construction.

Tillamook county—Pleasant Valley-Hemlock section of Roosevelt coast highway, three miles of resurfacing work and furnishing crushed gravel for maintenance and betterment purposes.

Douglas county—Concrete bridge over Myrtle creek in town of Myrtle Creek on Pacific highway.

Multnomah county—Construction of traffic barriers on Interstate bridge between Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, on the Pacific highway.

Wheeler county—Concrete bridge over Rock creek.

SHOWDOWN IN HUSTON CASE

Republican Conference Deals Only With Routine Matters in Morning.

CHAIRMAN, EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, INDICATES HE MAY MAKE STATEMENT THIS EVENING.

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—The republican conference slated to deal with the bitter business of what to do about Claudius Huston's refusal to resign the party chairmanship deferred that problem at this morning's session.

Attention was confined to routine business, but a later meeting today was expected to result in a showdown between the Tennessee and the eight officers and party workers who assembled were said to be almost unanimous against his continuance as chairman.

However In Conference President Hoover consulted with two of them both before and after the gathering at headquarters. They were James Francis Burke, counsel of the national committee, and Joseph R. Nutt, its treasurer.

Smiling after the morning's conference, which was called by him to discuss plans for the fall campaign, Mr. Huston received newspapermen in his office. He said:

"I will have a statement to make late today. The statements attributed to me in the morning papers are correct."

The statement referred to were repetitions of his determination not to resign, despite calls for such action from republican congressional quarters.

No Change In Situation Going into the afternoon conference Huston said "there has been no change in the situation." Huston was 25 minutes late entering the afternoon conference. He spent the time in conferring with James F. Goodrich, former governor of Indiana, and an intimate friend of President Hoover.

Goodrich was at the white house at noon before talking with Huston. He said he brought no message from the Mr. Hoover.

DOCUMENT VOTE NEARING

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—With a vote in prospect before adjournment, the senate committee for the third day over the proposal requesting from President Hoover the diplomatic documents exchanged prior to the London naval parity.

Again, a bare majority of 449 answered the roll call.

Senator Johnson, republican, California, a treaty opponent, upheld the McKellar resolution seeking the papers, and the majority of the statements of Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, a delegate to London, and others that the letters and cablegrams were irrelevant and amusing.

"I am perfectly willing to concede," the Californian said, "that the papers may have contained a comic strip and be so exasperatingly funny as to confuse us all, and may contain personal references from perhaps a peppery ambassador from the United States that would cause a worldwide explosion."

RUM RUNNERS AND POLICE IN RUNNING FIGHT

CHICAGO, July 10 (AP)—Two motorcycle policemen and two rum runners with an automobile load of alcohol engaged in a speed-stimulating running fight along 22 miles of state highway between Joliet and Aurora, suburban cities, early today. The affray ended on the outskirts of Aurora with the perhaps fatal wounding of one of the officers.

Officer William Burke stopped to aid Schelling and the rum runners escaped. The officers confiscated the bootleggers' sedan and intoxicated the driver, arrested as the sedan and bicycle sped up to 88 miles an hour at times. One shot from the patrolmen pierced a tire of the sedan on the outskirts of Aurora and the rum runners left their machine. They continued the attack atop, but fled when Schelling fell with bullet wounds in the neck and shoulder.

Husband, 85, Sues Wife For Divorce

MONTROE, Colo., July 10 (AP)—Emory C. (Dad) Brooks, 85, Civil War veteran, sued his wife, Eva, for divorce and \$100 alimony. The suit both in court started on today. The charge was desertion and cruelty.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington 7 10 0 Boston 3 7 0 Hadley and Spencer, MacFayden and Hevline.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York 10 26 1 Philadelphia 10 12 1 St. Louis 1 3 1 Farnshaw and Cochran, Pennington, Carroll, Holloway and Dickey.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—85 above. Minimum—63 above. Condition: cloudy. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 91, minimum 64 above. Condition: partly cloudy, rain .61 of inch. WEATHER JULY 10, 1929 Maximum 80, minimum 50 above. Condition: clear.