

The News Used To Be

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (From Observer, Sat., May 28, 1906) Five young men and 12 young ladies, who yesterday were students in the high school, are today alumni and alumnae of the La Grande high school. They are: Arlie David Bay, Mamie Bunnell, Maude Clements, Maude Cotner, Roy Goodnough, Vern Hendricks, Grace Hopper, Charlotte Mae Howard, Mayme Pearl Howard, Elizabeth M. King, Hazel Dell Landrum, Zora Adalene Lane, Edgar Pickler, Jay M. Reynolds, Mollie E. Snider, Mabel Williamson and Kathryn Woodruff.

TEN YEARS AGO (From Observer, Sat., May 28, 1921) A. D. Kern was victor in a lively battle to do 5.48 miles of heavy grading on the Walla Walla hill section of the La Grande-Joseph highway. Kern's bid was \$101,744.

After conferring with County Judge U. G. Cronch and County Commissioners Cecil Galloway and J. P. Hutchinson and a committee of the Ad club composed of Judge T. H. Crawford, J. P. Phyl and A. T. Hill, the state highway commissioners agreed to designate the proposed scenic entrance into the city via Oro Dell, coming into the city near the Grande Ronde hospital, as the state highway place of the present route which enters the city by the stock yards.

ONE YEAR AGO (From Observer, Thurs., May 29, 1930) Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, accompanied by Vice President William Jeffers and several other officials, passed through La Grande en route east this morning and while here Mr. Gray stopped off to inspect the progress of the work on the new Union station being erected here.

Mrs. L. K. Kinzel, of La Grande Country club, was eliminated from the championship flight in the Oregon state golf tournament at Eugene yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Reed, former Oregon state champion and one of the leading women golfers of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Green are the parents of a baby boy born yesterday.

Sheriff Sells The Walla Walla Union

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 28 (AP)—The Washington State Realty company, Spokane, bought the Washington Printing Book Manufacturing company and its assets yesterday for \$42,912, subject to receivers' certificates outstanding.

The company, publisher of the Walla Walla Union, morning newspaper here, has been in receivership four months.

The sale was ordered by the superior court after a trial in which the Washington Realty company and the Citizens Realty company, holders of a mortgage, were exonerated of charges of usury, brought by the owners of the company.

Representatives of the buyer said the publication will continue under present management. W. E. McCroskey, the receiver, will retire.

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RUTH NICHOLS: HER CAREER OF THRILLS



Ruth Nichols, looking like a polar explorer in fur lined helmet and fur sweater, just before her successful attempt to break the women's altitude record March 6, last.

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of five articles tracing the sensational flying career of Ruth Nichols.

By Richard Mascock NEW YORK (AP)—Thrills of victory are the fruits of flying for Ruth Nichols. "Conditions will be much different. I will have a faster ship, with a wider safety margin. And mine will not be a non-stop flight."

She has braved stormy weather and sub-zero temperatures.

In the worst season of the year, she beat Lindbergh's transcontinental speed record by more than an hour.

Now she intends to emulate the solitary feat of Lindbergh. She intends to pilot her tried, trim monoplane from the American to the European shore.

"It would be unfair to compare my flight to Colonel Lindbergh's," said Miss Nichols. "Conditions will be much different. I will have a faster ship, with a wider safety margin. And mine will not be a non-stop flight."

She has always tried to minimize her victories.

Yet she has outflown feminine rivals. Mrs. Keith-Miller, Elinor Smith, Amelia Earhart. She has tied Capt. Frank M. Hawks' New York-Washington speed mark of one hour, 59 minutes, 30 seconds. Mrs. Keith-Miller had consumed 25 hours, 44 minutes over the same course.

Ten days later, with an overnight stop at Wichita, Kan., Miss Nichols bettered previous flying time for the eastward distance, including Colonel Lindbergh's, excepting only super-speedy Hawks'. She was in the air 13 hours, 22 minutes.

There was no gloating over the victory.

"I surpassed Mrs. Keith-Miller's record because I had a faster plane," Miss Nichols said. "Mrs. Miller is a great flier and a good sport, but my plane was faster. It was even faster than Colonel Lindbergh's plane."

Next . . . a soaring race for the coveted women's altitude record. The rival . . . another New Yorker, Elinor Smith.

Again Ruth Nichols, darling of

daring, took the honors. Swathed like a polar explorer, she appeared on a New Jersey flying field the morning of March 6, last. Far boots, fur lined helmet, fur sweater and a tank of oxygen were to keep her warm and breathing up where the air is rare and frigid.

Up she climbed until her plane was but a speck in the heavens. Now over New Jersey, now over New York, now over land, now borne out over sea.

As she looked down and saw the ocean through the cloudy mists she had that heart-trembling moment of aerial danger.

She heard the motor sputter, almost dying. The main gasoline tank was empty. Below her was the ominous sea.

Her tongue was nearly frozen. The steel flask from which she drained oxygen into her lungs was strapped in a chill wing, without benefit of the heat within the fuselage.

But quick as a wing's flutter, she switched on the reserve gasoline tank. Down, down she slipped, back over the surf and shore to a safe landing.

Her barograph recorded 28,743 feet. She had broken Elinor Smith's record of 27,418 feet. And although Miss Smith has tried to surpass her rival's lofty climb, it remains the highest yet made by woman.

"That left the woman's speed record to be sought. So a few weeks later, Ruth Nichols flew to Detroit. Again she pierced the early morning air. One of her flight observers took a pair of sheets from his bed to mark the course.

"The idea was a cute one," she said.

Women's Speed Mark Ten days later, April 13, she plunged her ship over a three-kilometer straightaway at 210 miles an hour. Outspeeding another heroine of the air, she had set the new record. Miss Earhart's previous mark was 181 miles an hour.

"Any girl who knows how to fly could have done the same thing with the same kind of plane," Miss Nichols said.

"What do record flights on the part of women prove?"

"By showing what the fragile sex can do," said she, "they prove that they must be easy."

(Tomorrow: Ruth Nichols' Personality.)

Leonard Wood, III, Dies of Lockjaw

WILMINGTON, Del., May 28 (AP)—Leonard Wood, III, 12-year-old son of Brig. Gen. Osborne C. Wood and Mrs. Wood, died here Tuesday of lockjaw. The disease followed an injury to his hand received while playing with a toy pistol.

General Wood, adjutant general of the New Mexico national guard, left Albuquerque by plane at noon yesterday for Wilmington.

The youngster is a grandson of the late Major General Leonard Wood.

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Harley Allen To Give Lostine's Memorial Talk

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)

LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—Arrangements have just about been completed for the Memorial day program. Harley Allen will be the speaker of the day.

The school in district No. 22 at the upper Liberty, closed with a picnic dinner and taffy pull. The teacher had not prepared a program because of the eighth grade examinations.

The directors of the school gave a silver cup to Miss Mona Louise Hammett, who won the county spelling contest.

Tom McBath, of Wallowa, spent the week in Lostine papering the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Magill. The Magills have had some extensive remodeling and redecorating done this spring.

C. P. Warren and Lester Allen drove to Stanfield last week where Mr. Allen remained. Allis Allen, a son, returned with Mr. Warren and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammett.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Searles were visitors Monday at Lostine. Mr. Searles spent the evening at the H. S. Wade home while Mrs. Searles attended the O. E. S. practice.

Mrs. M. O. Courtney drove out from Innaha for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Magill. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Sadie Hall.

Mrs. Fred Womack is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young, on Joseph creek.

Orsa McKinnis and son, Teddy, of Wallowa, were Tuesday guests of Mrs. F. B. Moffitt.

Mrs. Oliver Woods has been quite ill at her home of rheumatism. Clarence Nolan returned to his home at Vale after a week's visit with his mother, Anna Nolan. Mrs. Nolan and Miss Edith Nolan accompanied him to Portland where they visited with friends, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Whitehead closed a very successful school in the lower valley last week. Next year she will teach in the Chapman district.

Miss Jeannette Harris spent several days visiting friends before going to her home at Paradise to see her mother, Mrs. Charles Barnes.

Charles Bridwell accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Forester went out to Lower Cove Sunday where they visited their uncle, Charles Hamilton.

Mrs. William Wiggins accompanied them as far as Elgin where she spent the day with her sisters, Mrs. Florence Elliott, Mary Sturgill and Virginia Chandler.

Vernon Breeshars and Marion Pearce left last week for a hiking trip to Eugene. Marion Pearce returned home after deciding that milking cows was more to his liking than hiking.

C. M. Goodman drove over from Yreka, Cal., last week for his wife, who has been teaching in the Enterprise schools. As a result of her many years experience, Mr. Goodman said he was delighted to find far better fishing in Northern California than in Wallowa county as the trout are bigger and more numerous. There are many fine large mountain streams and apparently fish come in from the ocean.

Clive Lloyd, who has been working for the last six months on the Snake river government trail, came home last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and son, Maurice, expect to leave soon for Chico where they will spend the summer working for the forest service.

Kelso Draper, who has been suffering from sinus trouble again, went to La Grande last Thursday and underwent another operation for four abscesses which had formed. He has made several trips to La Grande since for treatment.

Mrs. Martha Swart and daughters, Ruth and Gertrude, left for Spokane to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Swart's daughter, Mrs. Wood. Miss Gertrude expects to remain in Spokane where she will enter a hospital for nurse's training.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook have moved onto the Ward property.

Mrs. M. E. Moffitt was moved home Sunday afternoon from the Wallowa hospital where she has been for several weeks. Although Mrs. Moffitt is far from being out of danger, it was necessary to remove her to her home as the hospital is closing down.

Quite a number of Lostine Christian Endeavers expect to attend the annual convention of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor union at Baker this weekend.

A woman giving her name as Mrs.

Clark Wood Says

Washington has gone to law with Oregon over water in the Walla Walla river, when there was enough last March to float a battleship.

Scientists say the human jaw is growing shorter from lack of exercise, but it looks as though Senator Norris alone ought to be able to maintain the average.

The more nations there are, if any, that decide to reduce wheat acreage, the more acreage there's likely to be that won't be reduced.

The news that an infallible breathalyzer has been developed is of no special concern to the man who is married to one.

Gotham contains more than five thousand professional blood donors. When others contribute it is usually with gangster cooperation.

Mr. Capone is said to be worth \$20,000,000, which fact explains a certain eagerness to read about his surpassingly magnificent obsequies.

Not with standing armies can peace be insured for Europe, yet she maintains them notwithstanding.

Highland Customs In the great homes of the Scotch Highlands native dress still is worn on formal occasions. The clans hold several gatherings every year, and the annual Highland games are events which attract crowds as large as those attending the more widely advertised sporting events of the south.

South China Armies Prepare for Battle

HONGKONG, China, May 28 (AP)—An exchange telegraph agency dispatch yesterday said that a contract had been signed between leaders of the Southern armies and a firm of munition manufacturers for a million dollars worth of shells, bombs, grenades and rifle ammunition with which to combat nationalist government forces.

Heavy shipments of arms from Germany and Japan, it was said, have been unloaded at Canton in the last few weeks and the combined Kwangtung and Kwangsi armies have sufficient munitions to hold out for six months.

Ask Fixing of Gas Price at 13c Mark

SEATTLE, May 28 (AP)—A committee of the Automotive Maintenance association of Seattle will recommend a fixed gasoline price here of 13 cents a gallon at a meeting of the membership tonight. Ed Westfield, committee member, said yesterday.

"Only by stabilizing the price can local dealers expect to end the cut-throat competition of the present gas war and make a reasonable profit for themselves," Westfield said.

Radio Programs

FRIDAY PROGRAMS National Broadcasting Co.: 6, vocalists and orchestra; 6:30, Theatre of Air; 7, Amos and Andy; orchestra; 7:30, orchestra; 8, vocalists and ensemble; 8:30, Kenya Bill; 9, Hill Billies; 9:30, Weekend Hour; 10, Mystery serial; 10:30, piano duo; 11 to 12, dance orchestra.

Columbia Broadcasting system: 6, orchestra; sports; novelties; 7, orchestra; band; 7:30, orchestra; Stranger Than Fiction; 8, Black and Blue; orchestra; 8:30, College Daze; 9, studio program; 9:30, orchestra; 10, band; orchestra; 12 to 1 a. m., Vagabond of the Air.

Northwest Broadcasting system: 5:40, markets; garden talk; 6, Knights of the Road; Melody Musketiers; 6:30, orchestra; 7, Ward and Chet; 7:30, Vacation Land Review; 8:30, Song Exchange; 9, Montaville Flow-

ers; 9:30, Ad Lib Review; 10, Sun-shine program; 10:30, Moonlight Melodist; 11, concert; trio; 11:30, orchestra; 12 to 3 a. m., Midnight Revelers.

Spokane KHQ (590): 7 a. m., Town Crier; Alice Blue Gown; Van and Don; 8, Happytime; 9, Walt and Norman; music; talk; 10:30, Magazine of the Air; 11:30, organ; 12, talk; Farm and Home Hour; 1, society; 1:30, Gems of Remembrance; 2, studio parade; 3, service hour; 4, concert; 5, musical programs; 9, sports; public opinion; 9:30, NBC program; 10, news; Evening Highlights; 11:15 to 12, orchestra.

Seattle KJR (970): 5:40 to 3 a. m., NBS programs.

Tacoma KVI (760): 9, Vignettes; 9:30, Servitors; 10, band; 11, Walkathon; 11:30, questions and answers; 11:45 to 12, orchestra.

Portland KEX (1180): 8, Orpheus Trio; 8:30, symphony orchestra; 9, NBS; 9:30, Frolic; 10, NBS; 10:30, Walkathon; 11:30, orchestra; 12 to 3 a. m., NBS.

Oakland KLVX (880): 7, news; 7:30, piano; 8, Hi-Jinks; 10, band; 11, classic records; 11:30 to 12, dance music.

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