

RANKIN FIELD DEDICATED HERE SUNDAY

LARGE CROWD SEES EVENTS AT AIRPORT

Stunt Flying By Dorothy Hester and Tex Rankin Feature of Program.

'CHUTE JUMPER IS INJURED SLIGHTLY

Ted Benton's Arm Sprained—Dedication Address Delivered at Field By Hugh E. Brady.

Unperturbed by the fog of dust which settled over the airport, several thousand spectators witnessed the dedication of Rankin field yesterday and paid tribute to Dudley Rankin, La Grande aviator who died from injuries sustained while working on his plane in Walla Walla, and for whom the field is named. Thrilling stunts by Tex Rankin, brother of "Dud," and Dorothy Hester, the northwest's foremost stunt pilots, parachute jumps and flights by barnstorming planes from Portland, Spokane, Walla Walla, Baker and Boise characterized the dedication which was one of the largest performances in the field of aviation ever held in La Grande.

Mr. Rankin, the former local aviator, was prominent in aviation circles in the state and was indelible in his efforts to promote flying in Eastern Oregon. It also was through his efforts and those of other air enthusiasts in this vicinity that the La Grande Aeronautical association was formed and Rankin field established. Service clubs and civic organizations took an active part in sponsoring the airport, among them the Lions, chamber of commerce, Rotary and American Legion.

TABLE STOLEN FROM BACHANT HOME OCT. 8

To chain down the furniture when one leaves one's house unoccupied even for a short time, appears today to be good advice.

Saturday night a dining table was stolen from the home of I. J. Bachant, 1406 Cherry street, he reports to the police.

Then C. E. Happerstett, of 1301 O avenue, came in to report that someone had taken a washing machine from the rear of his house.

The third theft reported was in the Grande Ronde packing plant, where the cash register was jimmied and about 25 pennies stolen. Entrance was gained through a window.

Burt Kail, of 14th and H, reported that someone stole his gasoline engine, used for pumping water for irrigation, etc. The robbers left the crank and did not molest the pump. This occurred last night.

Robbers also entered Mrs. Leo Hansen's home but fled empty-handed when she was aroused. They were in the kitchen when she woke up.

Whiskey Explodes; Man Dies of Burns

DENVER, Oct. 10 (AP)—Louis (Stats) Cefalu, 30, night club proprietor, was fatally burned in the cellar of his home yesterday when a keg of whiskey exploded, showering him with flaming liquid.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Tuesday; occasional rain north portion; somewhat warmer in east portion tonight; gentle to moderate southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m. 37 above.
Minimum: 34 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 61, minimum 39 above.
Condition: Clear. Range: 22 degrees.

WEATHER OCT. 10, 1931

Maximum 70, minimum 35 above.
Condition: Clear. frost.
Range: 35 degrees.

35 Young People Attend Meeting Of Fellowship

Baker, Ontario, Nyssa and La Grande Represented at Regional Conference Held Here.

Thirty-five young people from Baker, Ontario, Nyssa and La Grande attended the regional conference of the Young People's Fellowship of the Episcopal church during the weekend in this city. Rev. George Poeter Pratt, of Baker, and Miss Catherine Peterson, of Heppner, were the leaders of the conference and prominent on the program.

The conference opened on Friday evening with registration and allocation, after which the delegates were the guests of the Eastern Oregon Normal school at their dance.

Saturday's program included corporate communion at 8 o'clock; breakfast at 8:45, served by the women of St. Peter's church of this city; business meeting at 9:15 o'clock with Mrs. Ison as chairman; an address by Miss Peterson entitled "Our Program," followed by a round table conference of initiation program by Rev. Pratt.

At the afternoon session Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, of St. Peter's church, addressed the group on "Youth and the church."

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Death Comes To Mrs. F. Gaskell; Burial Tuesday

Mrs. Fred D. Gaskell passed away early Sunday morning at the home in Eastern Oregon. It was through his efforts and those of other air enthusiasts in this vicinity that the La Grande Aeronautical association was formed and Rankin field established.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Summerville chapel with Rev. Clarence Kopp in charge. Burial will take place in the family plot in the Summerville cemetery.

The body will lie in state in the chapel of Walker Funeral Home until 1 o'clock Tuesday. The casket will not be opened at the funeral.

Mrs. Gaskell was the daughter of George and Rebecca Lamb Smith, who were among the early pioneers of the valley and settled in this country on what is now the Pierce farm. She was born in Union county Jan. 1, 1872 and spent her entire life here, being active in church and social work until she became ill three years ago.

She is survived by her widowed husband and two daughters, Mrs. Carl C. Evans, of Seattle; Mrs. Harry Zurbrück, of La Grande; two sisters, Mrs. Leila Graham and Mrs. Hilda Martin, of Medford, and by four grandchildren.

1932 Registration Heavier Than 1928

The 1932 registration is much heavier than that for the 1928 presidential election. C. K. McCormick, county clerk, believes, although he will not be able to make a definite count for several days, he announced this morning. More than 150 registered when the books were downtown Friday night, while 300 more filed at the court house on Saturday.

NEW REGISTRATION ON RECORD

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—A new registration record for a presidential election was established when the Multnomah county books were closed Saturday night. James W. Gleason, chief registrar for the county, announced today.

A total of 160,951 voters registered more than 11,000 greater than the number who registered in 1928, the previous high year.

W. H. Brice Speaks At Noon Meeting Of Lions Club

Two guests attended the meeting of the La Grande Lions club today at noon at the Scajawa Inn. L. P. Hess, of Portland, brother of Henry Hess, and W. H. Brice, also of Portland.

Mr. Brice, who is with the Anti-Food Tax league, spoke in opposition to the oleomargarine tax bill, bringing out several points to prove his contention that the bill should be defeated in November.

A little later he reported today that a D. L. Weller there would be further developments in connection with the proposal to form a "touch" football league among the youths and young business men of the city.

Meier Wires About R. F. C. Proration

SALEM, Oct. 10 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today wired the reconstruction finance corporation asking what was cut from the requests for relief for Coos and Wallowa counties so that the \$48,818 received could be prorated to the counties.

The governor requested a total of \$63,498 for the two counties for immediate relief needs for October, November and December. Coos had asked \$46,788 and Wallowa \$16,710.

A telegram Saturday informed that the reconstruction finance corporation had approved but \$49,819.

CROP REPORT IS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT

Preliminary Estimate Given at 711,707,000 Bushels of Wheat.

APPLE YIELD IS BELOW LAST YEAR

Condition of Apples 48.6, Potatoes 69.3; Production of Oats Over That of 1931.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—A forecast of 2,884,682,000 bushels of corn and a preliminary estimate of 711,707,000 bushels of wheat for this year's crops were reported today by the department of agriculture.

A month ago its forecast of corn production this year was 2,854,307,000 bushels. Last year 2,569,371,000 bushels were produced.

A wheat crop of 714,838,000 bushels was forecast last month, while production last year was 894,204,000 bushels.

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USE TEAR GAS TO PROTECT MINERS

Illinois National Guardsmen Disperse 1000 Pickets at Taylorville.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Oct. 10 (AP)—Tear gas was employed by Illinois national guardsmen before they could disperse 1000 members who picketed mine number 88 of the Feasbody Coal company from its reopening today.

The pickets drifted into Hewittville, a suburb, during the night. It had been announced the mine would return to work under the new wage scale negotiated with the United Mine Workers. The mine was closed when pickets of the new progressive union surrounded it two weeks ago.

The maximum temperature Sunday was 61 above, quite a bit colder than other high last week.

Clouds and smoky atmosphere prevented any frost near La Grande.

MERCURY NEAR FREEZING POINT IN LA GRANDE

The mercury approached the freezing point in La Grande this morning when it dropped to 34 above, two degrees short of freezing. On the outskirts of the city, however, the temperature was somewhat colder.

In other points in the Grande Ronde valley freezing point was reached—in fact, ice was reported at Union Sunday morning, which found a minimum of 39 above here.

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Adjusters Checking Fire Loss

Heavy Tiger Team Held to Scoreless Tie at Milton-Freewater Saturday

ARRYING the ball twice during the last half almost into touchdown territory, the La Grande Tigers failed to show the fighting punch necessary to score, and came home from Milton-Freewater Saturday night with nothing to show for their efforts other than a scoreless tie. And that 0 to 0 score has all the earmarks of a "moral victory," whatever that is, for Mac-Hi.

In brief, the La Grande Tigers, with plenty of beef and veterans, have been unable to score in their first two games of the season, although still in the championship race by virtue of losing no Oregon game.

Play Enterprise Next

And, after the poor showing at Mac-Hi—those who saw the game felt that La Grande could have won by three or four touchdowns if the spark had been there—it looks as if the Tiger is destined to enter the

game here next Saturday against Enterprise the "underdog." They should be favorites by two or three touchdowns, these L. H. S. boys, but without that precious fight size and experience mean nothing. Suffice to say, the Savages attempt to live up to their name, and unless La Grande's team comes to life, it may be another championship for the Enterprise lads.

But to get back to the Mac-Hi game: Le Grand Thrusts Stopped

It took spirited defense measures on the part of the scrapping, courageous Pioneers to stop the charge of the beefy La Grande aggregation, but the Mac-Hi lads did it—not only once, but twice. In the third quarter the Tigers twice moved to the shadows of the goal post, once being held on the seven-yard line and the second time on the five. Poor punts hurt the Pioneers both times.

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Samuel Insull Held By Police In Athens Today

Detained to Question His Passport Papers; Question of Extradition Not Answered.

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 10 (AP)—Samuel Insull, under indictment in Chicago on charges arising from the collapse of his utility interests, was detained by police today on a technicality, pending extradition proceedings.

Police found him at his hotel and informed him it would be necessary to accompany them to headquarters because his papers were not in order.

It was first reported that his detention had been requested by the American legation but police said they acted entirely on their own initiative.

It was explained police cannot hold any person more than 48 hours in connection with defective papers. In the meantime police took possession of Mr. Insull's passport in order to examine it. They may be authorized to arrest him pending an extradition application by American authorities.

His detention took place while he was sitting calmly drinking coffee on the terrace of the Hotel Grand Bretagne and basking in the bright morning sunshine which was pouring

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Portland Makes Ready For P. I. Show Oct. 15-22

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—The aristocracy of "bad" horses and meat cattle had been installed in Portland today, and the city at the same time became headquarters for the rough and ready gentry who make a life work of taming the wild ones.

Two hundred head of bucking horses, steers and saddle horses, reached Portland Sunday on a special train, to participate in the Pacific International livestock exposition Oct. 15 to 23. Thirty riders, bulldozers and ropers, constituting the rest of the rodeo forces, were on the train.

Midnight, famous bucking horse, featured at many western rodeos, led the animal contingent. With him were Broken Box, King Tut and Five-Minutes-to-Midnight.

Pete Knight, holder of the 1932 bronc riding championship at Pendleton, Cheyenne, Fort Worth and Denver shows; Paddy Ryan, former champion buckaroo; Mabel Strickland, Buck Lucas and many others will take part in the first rodeo ever held in connection with the Pacific International.

The largest single movement of exhibition stock for the show will arrive Wednesday noon. It is a 25-car train from Salem. Other special trains of livestock will come from Salt Lake City, Montana and the Dakotas.

Rain Held Likely In West Oregon

PORTLAND, Oct. 10 (AP)—With humidity high over most of Western Oregon and rain in sight for tonight and Tuesday, more relief for forest fire fighters was in prospect today than at any time since the serious outbreak last week.

Edward L. Wells, weather man, said the likelihood of rain is more pronounced than at any time since the dry spell started.

The general prediction was for somewhat warmer weather in the eastern part of the state tonight.

Hunter Shoots His Friend and Suicides

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn., Oct. 10 (AP)—Carl Lang, 17, of Indus, Minn., shot and killed himself with a rifle in remorse after accidentally killing Amos Snyder, 20, also of Indus, while the two were hunting in the woods on the Minnesota side of the border near Emo, Ont. The tragedy occurred yesterday.

Snyder was shot through the heart at a distance of 90 feet when Lang fired into the brush at a bird.

Board to Meet Soon To Check On Comparisons

W. G. Lloyd, chief adjuster, accompanied by Mr. Wegman, building expert, arrived here from Portland early this morning and within a short time Architect C. B. Miller, representing the school board, and Mr. Wegman were at work on a comparison of their respective claims and valuation of each item in connection with the fire loss on the high school building.

It was reported at noon that thus far, except for one or two instances

Three of Family Killed in Wreck

WYACONDA, Mo., Oct. 10 (AP)—Three persons, father, mother and son, en route to Ottumwa, Ia., from Lewistown, Mo., Sunday to attend a funeral, were killed when their automobile was struck by a Santa Fe mail train at a crossing near here.

The dead are: Wiley Shoemaker, 50; Mrs. Shoemaker, 44, and their son, Harold, 21.

COUNTY FAIR SUCCESS AT ENTERPRISE

Large Crowd on Hand Saturday in Spite of Disagreeable Weather

TOM ZAHN WINS BUCKING TITLE

Good Entertainment Afforded Through Three Days of Fair—Fast Races in Afternoons.

By W. L. Flower (Observer Correspondent) ENTERPRISE, Oct. 10 (Special)—In a beautiful ride on one of the worst buckers seen during the three days of fair, Tom Zahn, veteran rider at Wallowa county fairs for years, Saturday won the bucking championship this year at Enterprise, when riding as one of the four finalists who had been picked from the riders during the three days of competition. The finalists were Tom Zahn who won first, Gerald Martin, second; Wayne Davis, third and Wayne Harshorn.

The bucking contest this year was one of the best seen in years, the hardest pitching horses and some mighty fine riders, who typified the hard riding cowboys from the Snake river country and other stock ranges in Wallowa county. A string of hard buckers also came in from Union county as a gesture of good will from some of the boys over there who wanted to show that they had as good horses there as here and they came very close to proving their contentions.

Gradually the process of elimination went on through the three days until the finals were reached. Bob Shouse, Jim Wilson, Merl Johnson, Gene Moore and Ben Tippett being thrown Friday afternoon and others eliminated for pulling leather and other infractions of the rules of the contest.

Saturday saw the pick of the riders left and the strange part was that Cody Dodson, who had been favored

MAN READS OF HIS DEATH IN SUNDAY PAPER

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9 (AP)—Fred Strayler, 38, of Tillamook, Ore., awoke Sunday morning to read in the newspapers of his own death, erroneously reported by his police Saturday night several hours after the truck he was driving had left the road and crashed down a steep embankment here.

Strayler suffered only minor injuries, police said in correction, and was discharged Saturday afternoon from the hospital where he was treated.

Charles J. Brown, 76, also of Tillamook, a passenger in the ill-fated truck, died in a hospital here early Saturday from injuries suffered in the accident.

GIRL ACCUSES CLERGYMAN OF KIDNAPING HER

STRETORT, Ill., Oct. 10 (AP)—Colette Haley, rural school teacher, missing since September 6, was back home today with a story Sheriff E. J. Weller said accused a Catholic priest, long a friend of the family, of kidnaping her.

Weller said Miss Haley told him the priest, Rev. William Courtney, 42, of Alexis, Ill., invaded her Eagle township school near here shortly after a noon recess on Sept. 6, pointed a revolver at her and forced her to accompany him.

Courtney, she said, and four of his friends, kept her prisoner at Chicago, Grand Rapids, Mich., and St. Louis until last Wednesday when she escaped and hitch-hiked to Chicago.

The girl called her mother from Chicago Saturday night, stating she was unharmed. The mother returned the girl to her home here yesterday.

Callicotte On His Way to California

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—Paul M. Callicotte left Portland by automobile Sunday for San Francisco, where he said he plans to place before the grand jury his story that he believes he played an unwitting part in the San Francisco Preparedness parade bombing of 1916.

Accompanying him was Irvin Grossman, Portland attorney representing the Mooney attorney defense committee, who was present at all 0-2-4, inquiries of the Portland mountain-peak's story conducted by Captain Charles Goff and Inspector Mahes, sent up here from San Francisco police headquarters.

EXILED

As a result of the bitter quarrel between the pope and the Mexican government, the papal legate, Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, above, has been exiled. He was deported to Brownsville, Texas, by plane.

Mont. and Wyo. Fields Covered With Snow Today

Mercury Drops to 15.7 Above at Helena—Moisture Welcomed in Drouth-Stricken Area

By The Associated Press Montana and Wyoming stockmen and farmers today looked out on fields of white—a life blood—snow storm for field and farm in the two states which had experienced a 30-day drouth.

Snow fell again in Colorado, Wisconsin and Minnesota had their first snow this autumn, accompanied by near-freezing temperatures. Lincoln, Neb., had its first snow of the season, a light one that melted as fast as it fell.

Transportation and communication facilities generally were undamaged in the snow area, but a spot of bad flying weather between Cheyenne and Laramie in Wyoming caused air officials to take passengers by bus between the two points.

Temperatures generally hovered just above or below freezing but Montana reported a new record low. At Helena the thermometer showed 15.7 degrees above zero early yesterday. The previous low for October 9 in the 52 years of weather records was in 1919 when the reading was 15.1 above.

Southeastern Montana received the heaviest snow fall, while all Southern

EXPEDITION WILL HUNT OUT MOROS

Trouble in Philippines Flares Up—12 Militiamen Killed Sunday.

JOLO, P. I., Oct. 10 (AP)—A strong punitive expedition was organized here today as a result of two engagements between the Philippine constabulary and the war-like native Moros in which 12 militia men were officially reported killed, three missing and many wounded.

Only two Moros were known to have been killed, but constabulary officers said probably more fell in the severest fighting in recent years in this troublesome Southern Philippine district. Among the slain constabularymen was Lieut. Vincente Alagar, who led the first expedition in an effort to settle difficulties between two opposing Moro factions.

Lieutenant Colonel Luther R. Stevens, commander of the Mindanao-Sulu district, as speaking here from Zamboanga with constabulary reinforcements to take command. He was confident of success.

The trouble started early yesterday near Kulakulay on the southern side of Jolo Island when Lieutenant Alagar, leading 22 men on a peace expedition, encountered three Moros on a narrow trail. As Alagar held out his hand in friendly gesture, a Moro identified as Iman Ibhah hurled a spear striking the officer down.

Immediately 50 Moros appeared, attacking the insular police. Five more constabularymen were killed and the rest scattered.

Later in the day Captain Leon Angeles led a relief party of 50 to the scene, assaulting the outlaw camp. A six hour engagement followed during which two Moros and two constabularymen were known to be killed. The Moros used 14 rifles and six shotguns which they had captured in the previous engagement. The fighting ended only when dark-

Note in Bottle Asks Help For Marooned Girl

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—Whether a note purporting to be a call for help from a 15-year-old girl marooned on a small island in the Hawaiian group and found in a corked bottle washed up near Siletz Bay is a genuine message of hanging or was merely written as a prank by someone who cast the bottle from some nearby beach was an object of conjecture here today.

The note was brought to Portland yesterday by A. A. Donaldson, Oklahoma City lumber dealer. Donaldson said he found the bottle, of pint size and round, on a sandpit outside Siletz Bay last week. The small neck was so tightly fitted with a wooden stopper that he found it necessary to break the bottle to get the note.

One owner, Rhode Island, probably will be visited before election. The governor has been represented as eager to visit all 48 states, but pressure of state duties has prevented this. Tentative plans call for his departure Oct. 18 from New York City. The present schedule calls for stops at Baltimore on the 18th; Raleigh, N. C., and Atlanta on Oct. 19; Warm Springs, Ga., on Oct. 20; either Birmingham, Nashville and Louisville or Chattanooga and Louisville on Oct. 21; and then to St. Louis on the 22nd. The return trip likely will include Springfield, Ill., and Indianapolis on the 23rd; Wheeling, West Va., and Pittsburgh on the 24th, and Buffalo and Rochester to Albany on the 25th.

Preliminary arrangements also have been made for the Democratic nominee to visit Boston on Oct. 31 after a weekend at Orton, Mass., where Mr. Roosevelt will attend a football

WOMEN KILLED IN CAR WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

MADRAS, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—Miss Myrtle G. Wilson, 29, of Agency, Iowa, and Mrs. Hulda Hamilton, 48, of Portland, were killed near Warm Springs, Ore., last night, when their automobile swerved off a grade and toppled 300 feet into the Deschutes river canyon. Both women were employed on the Warm Spring Indian reservation. The bodies were taken to Redmond.

No one today had reported witnessing the accident but motorists some distance from the scene said they heard the crash as the automobile struck the bottom of the canyon.

Von Gronau Plane Is Forced Down

RANGOON, India, Oct. 10 (AP)—The steamer Karagola, in the bay of Bengal, reported today she was in touch with the round-the-world airplane of the German (Hitler) Capt. Wolfgang von Gronau, which was forced down in the bay 100 miles south of Moulmein, and was attempting to tow the plane.

Benjamin Franklin Nudism Exponent

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 10 (AP)—Benjamin Franklin was a pioneer exponent of indoor nudism, an old letter discloses.

"I have found it agreeable to my constitution to bathe in cold air," the letter says. "I rise early almost every morning and sit in my chamber with my arms and legs extended, either reading or writing."

"I find no ill consequences whatever resulting from it. . . and I shall call it for the future bracing or tonic bath."

The letter, written in 1768, was found among ancestral papers by J. Ogden Cuthbert of Cynwyd.

HOOVER AND F. R. PREPARE NEW DRIVES

President Will Speak in Cleveland Auditorium Saturday Night

GOV. ROOSEVELT WILL GO SOUTH

Preliminary Arrangements Also Made For Democratic Nominee to Visit Boston Oct. 31.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—Prepared to continue an active part in the campaign for his reelection, President Hoover today arranged to speak next Saturday night in the Cleveland auditorium where Calvin Coolidge was nominated in 1924.

Ha probably will return directly to the capital, as he did last week after his Des Moines speech.

Postmaster General Brown said the president was still considering the possibilities of a transcontinental campaign trip that would carry him to the Pacific coast.

"Requests for speeches by the president are coming in from all sections of the country," he said.

"They want him in New England, and they want him in the far west. He is still considering a western trip, but honestly I do not believe he has reached any final decision."

The postmaster general said he believed Mr. Hoover would speak in Cleveland on unemployment and possibly upon low farm prices.

"Certainly he will talk about unemployment there," Brown said. "We are feeding thousands of people in Ohio who can't feed themselves. It is one of the most pitiful sights I have ever seen."

30 Carloads Of Prunes Unpicked; 40 Cars Shipped

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVEE (Special)—The prune harvest is nearing the close and the packing was to have been completed Saturday although there may still be a few left to pack. Friday night the co-operative plant had shipped out eight cars and the Backland house had shipped a like number but part of the latter's shipment went from Union. At the close of the shipping season there will have been about 40 carloads shipped out of the county with an estimate of 80 or more cars still unshipped.

Some of the fruit hanging on the trees. Some few of these will be dried but the greater number will be left.

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