

Grade School Enrollment Passes Total For 1932-33

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HOUSE APPROVES SALES TAX BILL

2,056 PUPILS IN LA GRANDE CITY SCHOOLS

Supt. Herbert Evans Makes Report Today on Registration Figures

L. H. S. TOTAL IS SOMEWHAT LOWER

With Six Months of Year Still Ahead, Indications Point to a Fairly Good Gain.

At the conclusion of the first three months of the 1933-34 school year, enrollment in the city schools stands at 2,056, it was announced today by Supt. Herbert Evans. This is only nine less students than enrolled throughout the 1932-33 school year, the final figure for last year being 2,065.

With approximately six months of school ahead, every indication pointed to a greater attendance when the 1933-34 year is completed than was recorded last year, on the basis of the enrollment so far.

Enrollment in the grade schools for the 1933-34 year already has surpassed the total of elementary students last year, when the figure was 1,413. This year's total is 1,428, a gain of 15 students.

In the high school, however, the present total of 628 is 24 students less than the final total for last year, 652.

Present attendance in the grade schools is as follows: Central 487, Greenwood 394, Rivera 265, Ackerman 186, Willow 95.

These figures are based on monthly reports as of Nov. 29.

EAGLES MAKE PROGRAM FOR RELIEF WORK

The Eagles lodge will carry on its relief work according to the regular program during the Christmas season. It was announced following a regular meeting last night at the hall. A Christmas tree will be enjoyed by the members and their families on Dec. 22 at the hall.

Play for the presentation of the musical comedy, "The Road to Glory," Dec. 15, were discussed.

Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock by all members of the lodge who had birthdays during November.

The Story of Christmas



And all who heard that which was told by the shepherds concerning the child who was born to be Saviour of the world wondered at the tidings, but Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

13 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YULETIDE GIFTS

It's getting that time of the year when writing letters to Santa Claus is a popular pastime. Especially among the kiddies, who address the envelope North Pole and ask Dad or Mother or the postman to mail it. However, it appears that as people become more mature, the habit of writing to Santa stops.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 7 — Guess you all heard Mr. Roosevelt on the radio Wednesday night. These old big boys can all get up before their little audiences and yell for stabilization, amortization, gold standard or platinum finish. Then the president can come to the microphone with that convincing manner of his and the rest of 'em just as well wash up their little speeches and go home.

Say, I guess there must be another conference on somewhere. I see where the United States is accused of conspiracy, by noon, and the conference only opened at 11 a. m. What would conference be without the "goat," Yours,

Will Rogers

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RECEIVE RETURNS FROM SEAL SALE IN THIS COUNTY

Contributions to the Christmas Seal fund are beginning to come in from all parts of the county and the sale promises to meet with general success, Mrs. E. A. McEachran, chairman, announced this morning. Part of the receipts are used in the county while the remainder is sent to the Oregon State Tuberculosis association where it is used to stamp out tuberculosis in Oregon.

Tuberculosis was first among all causes of death 25 years ago and today it has dropped to seventh, although still leading among younger age groups, the chairman reveals. Measures initiated and supported by Christmas Seal funds helped to make this progress, it is said.

Facts about the disease in the state are still startling, however, Mrs. McEachran added. Oregon is still losing one tuberculosis patient per day. A quarter of a million dollars, tax funds, are being spent annually

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COURT ACTS ON UNION PETITION

Improvement of the two miles of road from Union to Union Junction was asked in a petition yesterday to the county court, which acted on it in a way to allow for improvements and repairs. The petition was signed by many business men and residents of Union. The county court completed its December term late yesterday in the office of Judge U. G. Couch.

The petition pointed to the need for an all-year-around road to the Junction.

A petition from J. A. Nice to create a rodent control district in the county was continued for the term.

MERCURY PLUNGE IN '32 RECALLED

Mild December temperatures continued in La Grande during the last 24 hours, with 16 of an inch of rain falling, and traces of snow that melted quickly. The minimum last night was 32 above — even freezing weather.

A year ago today the mercury plunged to two above and on Dec. 9, 1932, dropped still farther down the tube to eight below. The minimum remained below zero for seven consecutive days. Beginning Dec. 6 last year the maximum temperature was not above freezing point for 12 straight days.

Yesterday's maximum was 45 above. The weather forecast is for cloudy weather with rain possibly tonight or Saturday; little change in temperature.

CHICKEN COOP



When nine-year-old Mary Jerome was found sleeping in a Pennsylvania, N. J., chicken coop, she said she had run away from her parents in Philadelphia because she was "afraid to go back home." Here she's shown at the Camden County Juvenile Detention Home with a bandaged hand which she charged was burned to punish

ELKS MAKE PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL HELD

Juvenile relief work will comprise the B. P. O. Elks relief program during the Christmas season and plans have been completed for carrying out the work, it was announced last night by the committee, of which Jesse V. Andrews is chairman, at the meeting of the lodge at the temple. The Christmas tree, erected annually on the corner of Depot and Washington, will be put up the week before Christmas and presents will be distributed to deserving children on Christmas morning.

A dance will be held in the ballroom of the temple on Dec. 12, it was announced.

Memorial Services

Memorial services were held for members of the lodge who have died

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HOME LOANS APPROVED IN THIS COUNTY

Government Bonds and Cash to Be Exchanged For 26 Mortgages.

CITY LIENS AND TAXES TO BE PAID

Total Amount Involved is \$33,599.21 — Pay-Off to Come With H. E. Walter's Arrival.

Approval of 26 loans by the Home Owners Loan corporation in this county announced today, will bring \$33,599.21 in government money and home loan bonds to this section. Twenty-eight loans were approved for this county, but two have been withdrawn.

Mortgages amounting to \$26,864.56 will be paid up, with bonds and cash, and city assessments amounting to \$1,486.65 will be paid. Also, county taxes will be benefited by the sum of \$4,348 in cash. In addition to this, appraisals, attorney fees and abstract work will bring an additional \$900 into the county.

Several of the loans include provision for repair of roofs and for painting, and this work will be let to local contractors, who already have bids in for the projects, said C. J. Shorb, district manager with headquarters here.

Actual payment of the home loans will not be made until H. E. Walter, from state headquarters in Portland, arrives here in a week or ten days. All that remains to be done, pending his arrival is to complete legal work on some of the loan projects.

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Gassett, Wardell Reach Finals In Oregon Contest

Gene Gassett and Bert Wardell, vocalists whose harmonizing has won them much support in La Grande, were the winners of the La Grande group in the semi-finals in the McKesson contest yesterday in Portland. Their number was one of a group of three selected at the Liberty Tuesday and sent to Portland with all expenses paid.

Being selected from the La Grande group entitles them to go back to Portland in January, with all expenses paid, and compete with winners from 40 other theatres in the state.

Mr. Gassett and Mr. Wardell, accompanied by Mabelbeth Cooper and Fred Bales, the other two contestants, returned this morning.

And Furthermore, He Did It



"If I don't get more votes than Walter Barowski, I'll jump off the dock," Hesse Knabb declared during the recent Bremerton, Wash., mayoralty campaign. Barowski won—and here's Knabb making good his promise at the Bremerton municipal dock.

2,500,000 MEN NOW AT WORK ON C. W. A. PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Development today from varied angles of the administration's program included announcements that 2,500,000 men now are employed by the civil works administration, the allotment of \$41,588,268 from the public works fund for projects in 21 states and RFC purchases of bank stock aggregating \$22,900,000.

Other activities included an enthusiastic statement on the recovery outlook by Henry Bruere, federal credit co-ordinator, as he returned to his post as president of the Bowers Savings bank in New York, purchase by the Surplus Relief corporation today of 6950 hogs; and a move by Harry L. Hopkins, civil works administrator, to remove CWA county directors whose appointments were "based on political consideration."

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ARLO NOYES IS ELECTED BY DEMOLAYS

Arlo Noyes will head the activities of the De Molay following his election as master counselor last night at the Masonic hall. Wallace Kaepcke was chosen senior counselor and Robert Zweifel, junior counselor.

RUMOR LINDY TO EXPLORE THE AMAZON

Colonel and His Wife Fly to Para, Brazil From Natal Today.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Unconfirmed reports were received here today that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh intends to fly tomorrow toward the headwaters of the Amazon, far into the relatively unexplored interior of South America.

It was said the colonel intends to spend a month in the jungles hunting for the "lost" white pigmy tribes. No indication was given as to whether the "purported" trip would include Mrs. Lindbergh.

It was said, however, that the flight into the Amazonian region would be made from Para, near the 100-mile wide mouth of the Amazon.

PARA, Brazil, Dec. 8 (AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, homeward bound for the Christmas holidays, landed here at 1:30 p. m., Eastern Standard time, today after a flight from Natal, Brazil.

They had covered 1,684 miles from Natal. More than 3,000 miles still lies between them and Miami.

Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh made the flight from Natal, 1694 miles, in seven hours, 15 minutes.

MYSTERY BLAST IN WYOMING CITY

TORRINGTON, Wyo., Dec. 8 (AP)—With one known death and others suspected, searchers today began exploration of the still-smouldering ruins of Torrington's business district, wrecked by a mysterious blast last night.

National guardsmen patrolled the town of 2000 as volunteer organizations lugged at the mass of wreckage left by the blast.

Virgil Duckworth was dead and 20

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 56 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 68 cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Stop loss selling in a market with speculative buying down to almost all led to a maximum fall of more than 2 cents for wheat today.

Doubts regarding the monetary situation were looked upon by numerous traders as the main factor in refusal of the wheat market to respond to constructive news. Declines in prices today were in the face of unofficial estimates that 5,000,000 acres of domestic wheat land would afford no winter pasture, and that the southwest demand for feed grains would consequently be 50,000,000 bushels greater than usual.

Wheat closed unstable, 1 1/2 c under yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 c off, oats 1/4 c off, and provisions 2c to 17c up.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

- LIQUOR PRICE WAR FLARES
- F. R. SIGNS SEVEN CODES
- FAMOUS JAPANESE DIES
- FAVORS HUGE P. W. PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP)—A liquor price war broke out here today, featured by signs of at least two large dealers offering blended whisky at 98 cents a pint and gin as low as 89 cents a pint. Table wines were offered in some places as low as 39 cents a quart and \$1.19 a gallon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Roosevelt today approved seven new industrial codes including one for the furniture manufacturing industry, bringing the total of codes now in force to 10.

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Count Gombel Yamamoto, 81, twice premier of Japan and a naval hero of the Russo-Japanese war in which he served as an admiral, died tonight.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 8 (AP)—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Wisconsin Progressive, has announced his intention of proposing a ten billion dollar public works program to congress.

PARIS, Dec. 8 (AP)—Reports of a mutiny aboard the convict ship La Martinique, steaming toward French Guiana with a cargo of more than 600 prisoners, were said today by the ministry of interior to be "greatly exaggerated."

SENATE PASSES BILL TO BORROW FUND FOR RELIEF

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—The state senate passed its first major measure Thursday in approving the house bill to authorize the state of Oregon to borrow up to \$3,000,000 from the federal government for unemployed relief, the loan to be secured by anticipated liquor revenue. The bill now goes to the governor. The league of Oregon cities last night unanimously voted support of the general sales tax for school relief. The vote included more than 30 representatives of cities. The consensus was that the sales tax is not like the one voted down at the last election.

Some of the speakers expressed belief that action of some of the grange leaders in opposing any kind of a sales tax was not backed up by the actual members. The league of Oregon cities declared it would support and boost the school relief sales tax

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JOHNSON DEFENDS AMERICAN DOLLAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The "Roosevelt dollar," in the words of General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA chief, is "the soundest money on the face of the globe."

General Johnson told members of the National Manufacturers association last night that the president is "on sound ground." Only a few hours earlier the association members had applauded a plea for "rugged individualism" as opposed to "ragged collectivism."

He scoffed at the criticism that the government had been "dictatorial" in the framing of codes.

"Every code came by agreement," he said. "The agreements came through a long and painful process, but they came by common consent and not by any federal dictum."

He urged the manufacturers to "do your own thinking," and said that criticism from political groups opposed to President Roosevelt's is natural.

NEGRO SLAIN; THEN MAD MOB TAKES HIM

KOUNTZE, Tex., Dec. 8 (AP)—David Gregory, a negro ex-convict accused of criminally attacking and slaying a white woman, was shot to death when he allegedly resisted arrest by a posse and his body later mutilated and burned by a mob which dragged it to a pyre in the negro section of Kountze early today.

Officers and increased citizens had been searching for the negro, since Mrs. Mollie Williams Brockman, 30, wife of a farmer, was found dead on a highway near here last Saturday. Last night a posse trailed the negro to his hiding place in the belly of a

VOTE 39-21; ECKLEY, ALLEN OPPOSE BILL

Measure Passes Despite Crushing Sales Tax Defeat Last July.

SENATE WILL ACT NEXT ON PROPOSAL

Upper House Busy Today With Liquor Control Problem — Committee Makes Report.

SALEM, Dec. 8 (AP)—The new sales tax proposal, one and one half per cent on sales of tangible personal property and on gross earnings of utilities, passed its first hurdle today when the house of the Oregon legislature approved it by a 39 to 21 vote. The revenue from the tax would be used exclusively for public schools.

The measure, which now goes to the senate, was argued all morning and the vote taken during the noon hour. A sales tax plan was defeated by the people last July nearly five to one.

The roll call, with every member present, showed the tally as follows: For the bill—Belton, Best, Brockway, Childs, Christman, Clarke, Dammasch, Duerst, Gordon, Gouley, Graham, Hall, Herrman, Herron, Hill, Horan, Huntington, Judd, Keasey, Longman, McAlister, McChesney, McCornack, McPhillips, Miller, Nicholas, Oakes, Page, Price, Scott, Senon, Snider, Stockdale, Taylor, Turner, Walker, Weatherford, Wells and Winslow.

Against the bill—Abrams, Allen, Beckman, Bennett, Cooter, Deich, Eckley, Hilton, Johnson, Lang, Lewis, Lynch, Martin, Olsen, Paulus, Ryan, Sheddor, Staples, Wiers and Speaker Snell.

The sales tax bill, as passed by the house, calls for a one and one half per cent tax on retail sales of tangible personal property, modeled closely after the California law. The bill also includes the same tax upon gross earnings of utilities. There would be no tax on personal or professional service or wages. The tax would be passed on to the ultimate consumer, and was expected to raise \$3,000,000

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Recommend Tax Of \$2.60 Gallon On Hard Liquor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The president's special interdepartmental alcohol committee has recommended that congress impose a tax of \$2.60 a gallon on distilled spirits as compared with the present \$1.10 tax. The committee also recommended that all beers be taxed \$5 a barrel, the same as the present 3.2 brew.

The present tax on beers of alcohol content in excess of 3.2 is 10 cents a barrel.

The committee recommended a 15 cents per gallon tax on still wines

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Father Admits He Killed Small Son

LITTLETON, Colo., Dec. 8 (AP)—Sheriff E. E. Monzingo of Arapahoe county, announced early today that Donald K. Smith had admitted responsibility for the death of his three year old son.

Deputy District Attorney A. T. Monson moved at once to prepare murder charges against Smith.

Monzingo and Monson declared the wife, Mrs. Mabel Jeffers Smith, told them the boy was beaten and kicked by his father in a fit of rage after the child had asked him for candy.

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