

La Grande Airport Improvement Proposal Is Made

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P. W. A. PUTS 'OK' ON BEAVER PIPELINE

REDUCED TO \$193,704 IS WORD TODAY

C. C. Hockley Notifies City Manager McAllister of Action.

FURTHER DETAILS REMAIN UNKNOWN

City Asked For Loan and Grant of \$257,802—Cut From This Amounts to \$64,098.

The Oregon public works administration board has forwarded to Washington for final action, the La Grande Beaver Creek pipeline repair project, it was announced this morning by City Manager Angus McAllister. However, the project went to Washington carrying request for \$193,704, loan and grant, as compared with the \$257,802 asked by the city. This represents a lopping off of \$64,098.

Locally, no information was available as to whether the reduction was made by the Oregon P. W. A. forces, whether in the power project, or generally.

Mr. McAllister received this statement from C. C. Hockley, engineer for the P. W. A. board: "Your application for a loan and grant in the amount of \$193,704 for water-power project has been forwarded to Washington."

Following receipt of the news, V. R. Melville, president of the city commission called a meeting of civic club heads, to give them the information.

One Tax Lifted From Motorists New Year's Day

La Grande and Union county motorists will have one tax lifted from their shoulders beginning New Year's day.

It is the one-half cent federal tax on gasoline, levied beginning June 17 as one of the extra taxes designed to service public works borrowings. Uncle Sam still retains a gasoline tax of one cent, however, the change Jan. 1 lowering this from 1 1/2 cents.

FIRE DAMAGES SMALL HOUSE ON N. THIRD

A small, unoccupied house on North Third street was damaged by flames at an early hour this morning, the alarm being sounded at 3:45 p. m. The fire was controlled after considerable damage was done. Recall was at 4:55 a. m.

ODD FELLOWS PLAN PROGRAM

R. J. Kitchen was appointed by the Odd Fellows at a meeting held last night to make arrangements for a program and dance to be enjoyed during January by the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their friends, the date to be set later. Mr. Kitchen will work out the details and report at the meeting next Friday evening. Other routine business also was transacted.

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From time to time, as such become necessary, assessments equal to 1/4 of 1% of deposits may be levied against all class "A" stockholders, same to be paid to deposit insurance account of the corporation. All dividends by participating banks are prohibited

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 29.—Roosevelt is the most consistently good radio man there is. Just when you would think there is nothing of importance to be said that hadn't been said, he comes on Thursday night and gained over a hundred million new friends outside of the U. S. and perhaps that many here, by announcing that the U. S. was not going to mess around in any South or Central American country with a gun.

It was his best speech of all. If he had just gone a little further and said: "We not only won't interfere but we won't have any battleships peeping in the window while you are having your party." While we didn't land troops in Cuba we are close enough that they all could have waded ashore. Yours,

Will Rogers
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IMPROVING OF AIR FIELD IS POSSIBILITY

Lieut. Smith, C. W. A. Aviation Representative, Confers With Local Authorities.

The possibility that the La Grande airport might be improved under the civil works administration through expenditure of some \$15,000 to \$20,000 existed today, depending upon city or county ownership or long-time lease of the property.

Lieut. Basil B. Smith, aviation representative of the C. W. A. stationed in Portland, spent yesterday in La

HOG-CORN PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT DISCUSSED HERE

The hog and corn adjustment program was discussed here yesterday by county agricultural agents of North-eastern Oregon counties at the office of H. G. Avery in the federal building. Detailed instructions have not been released from Washington, D. C. but Mr. Avery believes that the set-

PIERCE TO TALK WITH ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Representative Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, Ore., has been dated to see President Roosevelt next week and will have a talk with Postmaster General Farley for discussion of Oregon patronage that remains unsettled. He saw Farley briefly Thursday, but the meeting was no more than an exchange of greetings, Pierce said.

With Commissioner Collier of the Indian bureau he discussed the problem of salvaging infested timber areas of the Warm Springs reservation, and said the solution may be a bill to insure available half a million dollars for portable sawmills to operate there.

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Defends 'Parked Car' Killing



Fearing harm to Ruth K. Heller, 19-year-old co-ed, top photo, Britton D. Young, 21, law student, left below, shot and killed Carl Meteling, 52, truck farmer, right below, when Meteling attempted to pull the girl from the car in which he was along a road near Cleveland, O. Young told officers who held him for questioning.

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ESTHER RUSAU HAS OPERATION

Miss Esther Rusau, of Elgin, underwent a major operation this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital. She entered yesterday.

\$39,315,000 IS VALUE OF 1933 CROPS

Majority of Commodities Worth More than in 1931 and 1932.

WHEAT GAINS IN DOLLARS, CENTS

12,240,000 Tons of Cherries Bring in \$612,000; Wheat Listed at \$10,320,000.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30 (Special)—The total farm value of crops produced in Oregon in 1933, as listed by the U. S. department of agriculture, stands at \$39,315,000, it was announced today.

Wheat, oats, barley, rye, tame and wild hay, potatoes, hops, peaches, cherries and fresh prunes all showed gains in valuation over both 1932 and 1931 in Oregon.

Corn, apples (except commercial), pears and grapes showed increases over 1932 but lagged behind 1931. Commercial apples valuation was behind both 1931 and 1932, and dried prunes and cranberries exceeded 1932 but fell behind 1931.

Good Wheat Crop
All wheat raised in Oregon in 1933 has a farm valuation of \$10,320,000. Total production of wheat was 17,492,000 bushels, and acreage harvested was 897,000.

Value of the apple crop of 4,095,000 bushels was \$2,252,000, and of this 600,000 bushels were commercial.

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C. W. A. Payroll Hits New High Of \$6,205.15

Civil works checks from the U. S. treasury amounting to \$6,205.15 were paid to 361 men in Union county today, according to F. L. Meyers, disbursing officer for this county.

This is the largest payroll here since the C. W. A. work started a few weeks ago. It did not include men put to work yesterday or today, the payroll week ranging from Friday morning to Thursday night.

A conference of C. W. A. administrators and committeemen from four Eastern Oregon counties were meeting here this afternoon with Burton Palmer, assistant to the Oregon administrator, and Victor Carlson, Eastern Oregon C. W. A. representative. A second meeting was to be held tonight.

Cops Capture Underhill, Desperado

Saves Baby Because His Own Son Died



Because Dr. Thomas L. Higginbotham of Louisville, Ky., after seeing his own baby die 25 years ago of a tonsil infection, had devised a technique for such cases, six-month-old Gene Ingram is well and happy again at his Queens, L. I., home. The life-saving physician, summoned by the child's mother, who before her marriage was nurse to Dr. Higginbotham, here is shown with the young convalescent (left) and his sister Patricia. The doctor rushed by plane to his young patient's side.

TURBULENT SEAS OFF COAST DUE TO SHARP GALES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 (AP)—Ships battled turbulent seas off the Pacific coast today as sharp gales, accompanied by rains, lashed land and sea.

Though storm conditions, which have caused severe floods in the Pacific northwest, were easing, California was drenched by rain, changing to snow in the high mountains.

At Death point, near Tacoma, Wash., six houses were carried into Puget Sound and two others were in danger of destruction from earth slides caused by excessive rains.

BOSTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Bitter cold held New England tight today as the mercury dropped toward more new records.

The death list mounted. Ten names

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SCHOOLS TO BEGIN WORK ON TUESDAY

Winter Term of Eastern Oregon Normal School to Commence With Registration.

With the holiday season to end New Year's night, faculties of the Eastern Oregon Normal school the city schools, and students of the E. O. N., away from La Grande on vacation, are returning to this city this weekend. And Tuesday morning both the Normal school and the city schools will resume their work, not to end until later in 1934.

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TED AUSTIN AND LA GRANDE GIRL HURT IN WRECK

BAKER, Dec. 30 (AP)—Ted Austin, of Baker, and Bertha Nigler, said to be a resident of La Grande, are in a hospital here today suffering from cuts, bruises and sprains sustained Friday night when the automobile in which they were riding toward Baker struck a culvert abutment on the Old Oregon trail two miles east of North Powder. Their condition is not believed to be serious.

Reports indicate that the automobile struck the abutment on the left side of the highway and lodged on top of the concrete, which is about three feet high and a foot wide. The automobile was badly damaged. Austin is reported to have given Miss Nigler a ride from La Grande.

The identity of Bertha Nigler, injured with Ted Austin, formerly of La Grande, in an automobile accident last night, could not be learned by the Observer today. Mr. Austin is well known locally, and is an automobile distributor in the La Grande-Baker district.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (AP)—Late upturns in price hoisted wheat today to about 2 1/2 cents above yesterday's finish.

Decided strength of gold stocks in New York brought about increased buying of wheat futures. A reaction followed, based on belief the rise had been too rapid, but the market undertone remained firm, with evidence of broader eastern demand.

Wheat closed firm, 1 3/4 @ 1 1/2c above yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 @ 1 1/2c up, oats 3/4 @ 1c advanced, and provisions unchanged to 17c lower.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FLOOD RELIEF GRANTED

TEN KILLED IN WRECK

STATE TOURNEY IN MARCH

CLACKAMAS MAKES PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator today made a special relief grant of \$100,000 to provide food, clothing and shelter for flood sufferers in Idaho.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30 (AP)—Ten persons, eight of them passengers, were killed when the Imperial Airways London-bound plane Apollo crashed in a fog near Brussels between Ostend and Bruges today.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—The annual state high school basketball tournament climaxing the current season, will be held in the gymnasium of Willamette university in Salem as usual. The dates are Mar. 21 to 24, it was announced.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—A decision by the Clackamas county court that it will provide a right-of-way for the Oregon City-Portland super-highway outside the city of Milwaukie had today somewhat clarified the controversy between the state highway commission and the county court.

P. W. A. APPROVES OREGON BRIDGES—UNOFFICIAL NEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The statement of a member of the Oregon congressional delegation that he had unofficial information that the public works board has allotted \$5,000,000 for five Oregon coast highway bridges, further strengthened the belief today that the board had taken this action at its Thursday meeting.

The Oregon delegate, who said he had his information "from a source considered very reliable," revealed he had been advised the administration had acted favorably on the projects but was withholding announcement until after the holidays.

It was said further that an allocation on a grant-loan basis of \$307,000 for buildings at Oregon State college had been approved.

COURT OF HONOR HELD ON FRIDAY

Boy Scouts from La Grande and Union, the latter accompanied by their scoutmaster, Dale Baxter, were given awards last night at a court of honor at the La Grande High school. Elmo Stevenson was chairman of the court in the absence of N. W. Frees.

Athletic stunts and games followed the court. Several parents were present for both events.

OLD GOWN PARADE BRINGS MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE BY

SIMSBURY, Conn. (AP)—Precious heirlooms in wedding gowns were brought out at a fashion parade here, with Miss Dorothy Stocking wearing the 175-year-old wedding dress of her great-great-grandmother.

Miss Julia Pattison wore the bridal gown chosen by Lydia Griswold Phelps when the latter married Jonathan Humphreys, colonel in the Revolutionary war, in 1781.

Mrs. Dorothy Ellsworth paraded a brocaded satin dress with train which was worn at President Grant's inaugural in 1869.

Styles varied, one gown a bright red with flowing red cape and quilted blue petticoat. Another was of green and lavender with full skirt and bonnet to match.

The girl, arrested December 27

BAD MAN OF SOUTHWEST NEAR DEATH

Held in Municipal Hospital in Shawnee, Okla.; Gravely Wounded.

THREE COMPANIONS NABBED BY POLICE

Woman Shot in Stomach, May Not Live; Underhill's Bride, Another Man Are Behind Bars.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 30 (AP)—Dazed and bleeding, Wilbur Underhill, southwestern desperado, was captured here shortly after 7 a. m. today.

A squad of officers, largely Oklahoma City police, found him in a small furniture store in the heart of the business district. He offered no resistance.

He had broken into the store in an effort to elude pursuers after being wounded dangerously a few hours before in escaping from a house surrounded by a posse.

Gravely Wounded
The captured man was taken to municipal hospital, where physicians said he had only slight chance of recovery. He was suffering from wounds in the back, left arm, right leg and scalp.

Underhill was one of two leaders of the Memorial day break of 11 prisoners from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing. He had escaped from the house clad only in his underwear in a shower of machine gun bullets. R. H. Colvin, federal agent, said he fired a machine gun at the man through a rear window of the house and that the man fell.

Later the man ran from the house through the front door and was shot at again by officers armed with shot-guns. He fell again but got up and ran into a plowed field nearby.

A man and a woman in the house were wounded.

Woman Shot in Stomach
Officers tentatively identified the woman as Ella Mae Nichols, or Eccles. She was shot in the stomach and her condition was described as critical by physicians at a hospital.

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2 Women Fliers Land After 237 Hours in Plane

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 30 (AP)—Exhausted from battling rain squalls and choppy winds, Frances Marzalis and Helen Richey landed at 10:45 a. m. today, completing the longest sustained flight for women, 237 hours and 52 minutes.

The women took off December 20 from the municipal airport and equaled the previous record of eight days, four hours and five minutes at 5:08 p. m. Thursday, establishing the new mark officially one hour later.

Kiddle And Snell Complete Journals

SALFORD, Dec. 30 (AP)—The senate and house journals of the recent special legislative session were signed late yesterday by Fred E. Kiddle, president of the senate, and Earl Snell, speaker of the house, preparatory to being filed with the secretary of state.

Desk clerks worked approximately 20 days to complete the journals.

Kiddle will remain here acting governor until Governor Julius L. Meier returns from California. Snell left for Portland last night.

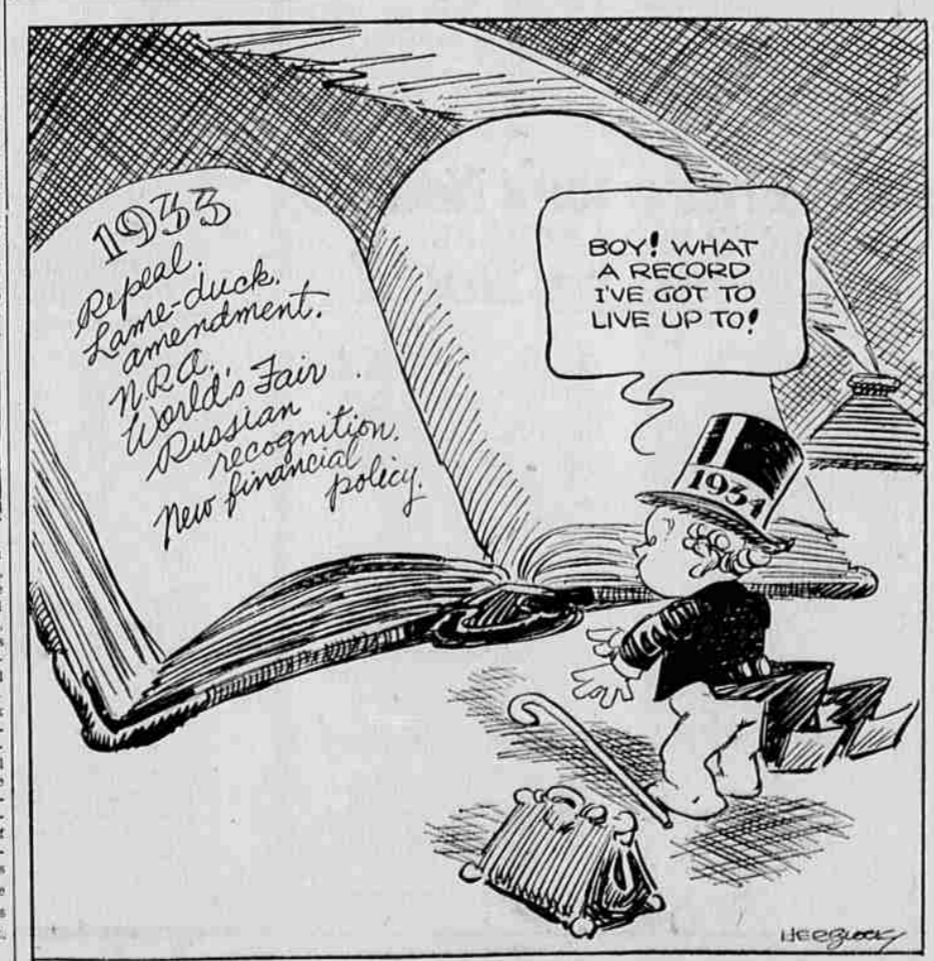
GIRL POSES AS MAN FOR NINE YEARS

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 30 (AP)—Frances Orlando, 24-year-old Masquerader in men's clothes for nine years, pleaded guilty to charges of vagrancy here before Police Judge Howard L. Bacon, and was released, with orders to "get out of town."

"You must restrain yourself from wearing men's clothes," said the court, sternly regarding her costume of blue pants, sweater and brown coat.

The girl, arrested December 27

WHAT A MAN THIS 1933 WAS!



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