

SIX MEN KILLED IN OIL EXPLOSION

211 BABIES BORN HERE DURING YEAR

Union County's Birth Record For 1933 Shows Increase.

TEN MORE GIRLS THAN BOY BABIES

Reversal of Form From 1932, When the Number of Boys Exceeded the Baby Daughters.

Two hundred and eleven babies were born in Union county during 1933, statistics issued by Dr. W. K. Ross, county health physician, today revealed.

Ten more girls than boys were born, 110 being of the former sex and 100 of the latter.

Babies born between July 1, 1933 and Jan. 1, 1934, are: Donna Mae Cummins (daughter) Lewis Charles McKelvey; Jack Dean Mallory; Kenneth Darrel Rand; (daughter) Henry Coolidge Muir; Mary Jane Fay; Robert Foster Naden; Norma Fay Williams; Melvin Leslie Carlton; Betty Aline York; Audrey Lenore Carper; David Edward Townsend; Karen Johnson; Daraline Erma Bacon; Eugene Wayne Brown; William Clayton Conrad; Jesse Delano Marcellus; Patrick; Barbara Jean Blacker; Gloria Ruth Mortimore; Charles Albert Curry; Ethel Donaldson Bull; Nancy Ann Nedrow; Ross Merrill Perry; Melvin Delano Vernon; Orvin James Peach; Nelle Jean Marks; Lorraine Laughlin; (son); Cecil Clifford Simpson; Patricia Ann Bowers; Viola Applegate Land; Margaret Marilyn Jasper; Gladys Ann Ruby; Gerald Eldon McKinney; Friscilla Ruth Parker; Mary

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Pierce Favors Inflation, Use Of Print Press

Congressman Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, is an inflationist. He definitely committed himself in Washington yesterday, according to a special news dispatch, when he announced he will submit a minority report from the house committee on agriculture next week when the committee reports favorably to the president's bill to have the government guarantee the principal on \$2,000,000,000 worth of bonds for farm loans.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLS OFFICERS FRIDAY

Galen Durkee was installed as noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge at impressive ceremonies last night at the Odd Fellows temple. Foster Naden took over the duties of vice grand; Jake Rostock, recording secretary; Melvin Bork, financial secretary; George Richardson, treasurer; Elmer McClure, warden; Frank Looch, conductor; Elbert Looch, inner guard; William Bork, outside guard; Frank Suydam, right support; to the noble grand; J. O. Anson, left support; Jake Kochensparger, right support to the vice grand; Ed Taylor, left; Joe Oliver, left scene supporter; H. W. Guthrie, right scene supporter; Ed Bork, chaplain.

LOCAL FIRE LOSS IN DWELLINGS TOPS LIST

Fires in dwellings, 31 of them in number, caused the greatest loss in La Grande during 1933, according to Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 13.—Yesterday's immortal lines that I penned to you is today null and void. I told you the senate was to buy no liquor from nations that wouldn't pay. Well, that was what they had passed, but it seemed to have been their own idea. When the president saw it he gave 'em an eraser and says, "You boys go back and rub that out."

So hereafter any news that I bring you in regard to what the senate has done, why it's subject to cancellation. This is one session of congress where the tail is not wagging the dog.

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LA GRANDE HIGH WINS THRILLER FROM WALLOWA

The La Grande High basketball team chalked up another basketball victory here last night, defeating Wallowa 33 to 27 in a tilt that uncovered a new basket shooting star.

This particular lad, who pouts 'em in from any and all angles, and from close in and far out, is none other than Bartimes, Wallowa center. He scored 22 of his team's total last night, and that's quite a performance!

Bartimes started off like any ordinary fair shot, caging three baskets in the first half while a team mate counted one, to leave the score La Grande 14, Wallowa 8 at half time.

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E. O. N. BEATEN BY LEWISTON FRIDAY IN CLOSE CONTEST

LEWISTON, Ida., Jan. 13 (AP)—Lewiston Normal Pioneer basketball team defeated Eastern Oregon Normal 42 to 36 here last night, overcoming a 14 to 6 lead at the start of the game. The Pioneers led 23 to 21 at the half time.

Peterson, of the EONS, was high point man with 18. Miles led the Pioneers with 13.

E. O. N. SHOWS IMPROVEMENT In view of the fact that Lewiston defeated Whitman last week at Walla Walla, the Mountaineers' showing against the Idaho team last night represented a considerable improvement

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SNOW FORECAST BY WEATHER MAN

With heavy snows predicted for the Cascade mountains, and unsettled weather with rain over most of the rest of the state tonight and Sunday, local people were of the opinion La Grande also might share in the snow storm.

Moderate temperatures were to continue, however, the weather man said today.

The forecast for next week and called a continuation of unsettled weather in Oregon with no prediction made as to temperatures. Warnings for south and southeast gales were posted at all Oregon and Washington coast stations this morning, although the storm was expected to diminish tonight.

MILK DEALERS OF STATE TO BE LICENSED

Next Monday, Jan. 15, Is Set as Deadline by E. G. Harlan

All milk dealers in Oregon must be licensed by Jan. 15, according to a recent statement made by E. G. Harlan, chairman of the Oregon milk control board.

"To make it easier for the milk dealers throughout the state," says Mr. Harlan, "temporary arrangements have been made for local chambers of commerce, civic organizations, and city officials to handle the application forms which must be in our office in time for the license to be issued before the fifteenth of January or the dealer shall not be permitted to handle milk."

Application forms in La Grande may be procured at the chamber of commerce office, and dealers should make immediate arrangements to get a license, fill it out correctly, and mail it to the office of the Oregon milk control board, 317 Mayer building, Portland, Ore., according to Harold Boone, chamber secretary.

Following is a brief explanation of the law: A "Milk Dealer" is defined as "Any person who purchases or handles milk within the state for sale in this state, or who sells milk within the state, except when consumed on the premises where sold."

A producer who delivers milk only to a milk dealer shall not be deemed a milk dealer. Application for a license to operate as a milk dealer shall be made within 30 days after the law is in effect. The law went into effect, Dec. 15, 1933, so applications should be made at once. All applicants for license shall pay the following license fees: "All stores shall pay an annual license fee of \$1.00. (Each separate place of business at which milk is sold by any store shall be deemed a separate store for which a license must be obtained and a license fee paid.)"

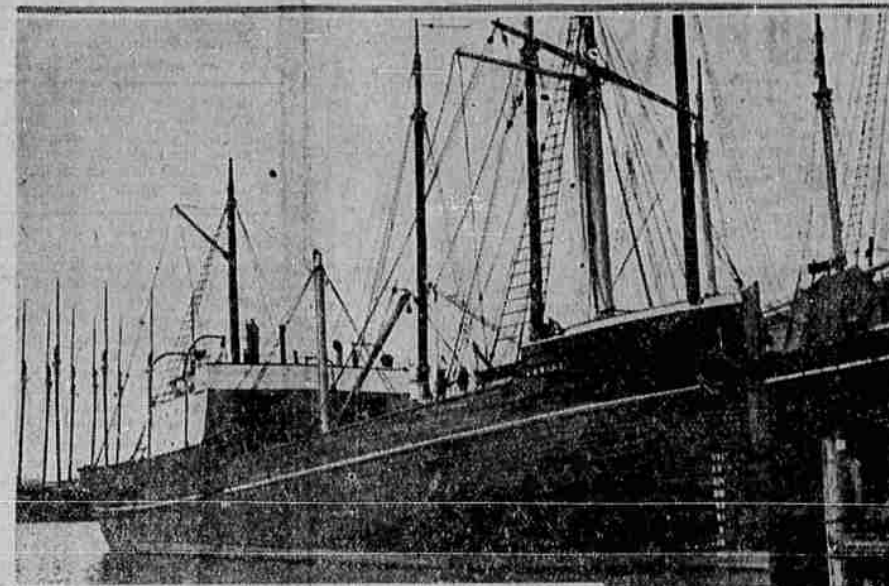
"All other milk dealers shall pay a license fee, determined as follows: \$1.00 on each pound of butterfat contained in milk received and delivered by a licensee, commencing with the effective date of this act."

C. W. A. Payroll In This County \$7,123.85 Today

Three hundred and eighty-three civil works administration employees in Union county were receiving U. S. treasury checks amounting to a total of \$7,123.85 today, it was announced by J. L. Meyers, county disbursing officer.

This is the first time since the C.W.A. operations here began that the weekly payroll reached the \$7000 mark, and it also was the first time that the full quota of 383 men put in a full week of work.

Soviet Flag Raised Over Ship—First Time in U. S.



The first ship to enter or leave American ports flying the sickle and hammer of Soviet Russia is the former Danish motorship Karise, purchased by the Soviet, and renamed the Soyuzpishchina. The flag was raised by civic officials at Seattle (below) and the vessel proceeds to San Francisco to load salt for Vladivostok.

PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FISH HATCHERY ARE EXPECTED HERE SOON

Although plans for the improvement of the state fish hatchery at Union have not arrived in La Grande as yet, C.W.A. headquarters here are expecting them this weekend. A total of \$15,500 will be spent by the C.W.A. and state game commission in improving the hatchery.

First reports as to the extent of the improvements, however, are trickling into the county, and they indicate that when the work is completed, Union will be the site of the largest fish hatchery in Eastern Oregon, probably equipped with egg-taking stations in Wallowa county.

POLICE CHIEF IN HOSPITAL

Jim Steffen, chief of police, was in the Grande Ronde hospital today, recovering from a throat ailment which he contracted yesterday. His physician expected the chief to be able to leave the hospital later today.

BOY, CAN WE TAKE IT!



JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

PORTLAND EDITOR INDICTED EGGS TO DROP IN PRICE \$8,000,000 TAX SUIT FILED SENTENCED TO DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—Jack H. Still, editor of the "East Side Post," a weekly community publication, was today indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury on a charge of criminal libel in connection with an article published Jan. 5 concerning Mayor Joseph K. Carson.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—A drop of 1 cent a dozen all through the egg market price, effective Monday morning, was announced by G. C. Koeney, general manager of the Pacific co-ops. This would place extras at 18 cents a dozen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The department of justice said today the government had filed suit in Baltimore against the U. S. Industrial Alcohol company and the U. S. Industrial Chemical company for more than \$8,000,000 in taxes on 1,271,935 gallons of denatured alcohol alleged to have been diverted for beverage purposes.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 13 (AP)—Robert H. Wiles, 49-year-old mechanic, today was sentenced to be electrocuted March 12 for the murder of Hubbard H. Harris Jr., 15.

SALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Members of the state liquor control commission and George L. Sammis, administrator, and Aaron Holtz, organizer for the commission, arrived here today for a session at the state capitol, beginning at 1 o'clock. The meeting will be an open one.

N. R. A. REPLIES TO CHALLENGES; ICKES REBUKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The N.R.A. replied today to challenges of other government branches with an assertion that public utilities "come clearly within the recovery act and may be placed under a code just as any other industry."

This statement was made today at the continued public hearing on the electric power code by Donald R. Richberg, general counsel of the recovery administration, in answer to criticisms uttered yesterday by Frank R. McIninch, chairman of the power commission, and Henry B. Hunt, representing Secretary Tamm.

Richberg at the same time rebuked the latter, without calling him by name, for hurling accusations against the Edison Electric Institute and dominant units of the power industry.

"The national recovery administration insistently urged that these utilities sign the president's reemployment agreement, which they did, and therein they made an agreement with the president to file a code of fair competition," Richberg said.

"Under these circumstances it is hardly appropriate for officials of the government to rebuke an industry, or to challenge the national recovery administration for proceeding in accordance with the law as long ago interpreted and applied by the president."

PLAN MERGER OF B. L. COMPANIES

SALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Merger of the seven insurance, building and loan associations in Oregon under a new consolidated institution will be sought by Corporation Commissioner Charles H. Carey, under a plan announced here last night. The plan is based upon the recommendation of an advisory committee named by Governor Meier last November to study the best possible disposition of these institutions with the greatest return to shareholders.

Approximately 18,000 persons are shareholders in the seven associations, Carey said, with combined assets of between five and six million dollars. The seven institutions have been taken over by the corporation commission the past two years for

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MORE THAN A MILLION USE OREGON FORESTS

PORTLAND (Special)—More than a million campers, picnickers, resort guests and special use residents visited the national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1933. The report just issued by the regional forester here, shows a total of 1,007,532 of these forest users during the year. The thirteen national forests of Oregon received 546,558 of these guests while 460,974 of them visited the national forests of Washington.

LARGE PLANT WRECKED BY FATAL BLAST

Entire Town of Hertford, North Carolina, Shaken as by Quake

CREWS HUNT FOR ADDITIONAL BODIES

Explosion in Cotton Oil Company Plant May Have Been Due to Low Water in Boilers

HERTFORD, N. C., Jan. 13 (AP)—At least six men were killed and seven injured here early today in an explosion of boilers at the Eastern Cotton Oil company plant in the heart of Hertford. The large plant was wrecked, with damage estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Debris from the brick boiler room was scattered for more than 100 feet, and the entire town was shaken as though by an earthquake.

The known dead: J. C. Wilder, engineer, and five negro helpers; Solicitor Wilson, John Wright, Kenly Forehand, George Broady Jr., and Oscar Eason. First reports said the blast, which occurred shortly after the night shift had left the plant, was caused by low water in the boilers, but later it was said this had not been substantiated. Rescue crews were at work in the wreckage of the boiler room, which contained three boilers, in an effort to determine whether other persons had been caught in the explosion.

The names of the injured and the extent of their injuries could not be determined immediately in the confusion which spread through the entire town.

Vallee Submits Records to Show Divorce Cause

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Lifeless was like that the case of Rudy Vallee so often has changed with songs of love, spoke another story for him today.

On evidence provided by transcriptions of telephone conversations between his wife and others—one of whom was Garfield Leon, an adagio dancer—Vallee won the right yesterday to sue for divorce wherever he chooses.

The specific ruling was a refusal by the appellate court to grant a petition of Mrs. Fay Webb Vallee, by which she sought to enjoin the acting-singing maestro from seeking a Mexican divorce.

"The transcriptions, obtained by a very simple device attached to a telephone extension and without the necessity of wire tapping," led Vallee to tell the court (in his affidavit) that:

"My wife carried on her affair with Leon right under my roof, with shocking callousness."

(Last night on the west coast, where the principals of the action are located at present, denials of misconduct were made on the part of both Mrs. Vallee and Leon.)

One recorded conversation led Vallee to aver:

"Not only was she (Mrs. Vallee) accumulating money also received from me for the purpose of maintaining any illicit love affair, but my wife told Leon she was 'stocking up.'"

Baker's Airport Plan Is Submitted

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 13 (Special)—The city of Baker's application for improvements at the municipal airport north of the city, estimated at \$46,468 by Philo Anderson, engineer, who prepared the plans, was approved by the county OWA committee of which Fred Moses is chairman and was sent to Portland Friday for approval by the state committee.

RETURN—Leo G. Bryant, violinist, has returned to La Grande after a long absence. He will be connected with the Eastern Oregon school of music.

NATIONALISTS IN FOCHOW; REBELS FLEE

Famous 19th Army Retreats; Japs Land Marines to Keep Order

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13 (AP)—Nationalist government marines landed in Fochow and occupied the city today after the 19th army had withdrawn before the advance of Nanking forces, said navy dispatches from Fochow.

The dispatches said slight disorder accompanied the shift in authority, causing a Japanese cruiser anchored at Mammol, below Fochow, to land a company of Japanese marines. The marines were quickly withdrawn, however, after nationalist troops had established order.

FOCHOW, China, Jan. 13 (AP)—The famous 19th route army, fighting for the rebel cause in Fukien province, was reported in retreat today before the nationalist government forces of General Chiang Kai-Shek.

TOKYO, Jan. 13 (AP)—A Rengo (Japanese) news agency dispatch from Fochow today said a Japanese warship landed 300 bluejackets there to protect Japanese nationals in the

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100 CALIFORNIA C. W. A. MEN JAILED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 (AP)—Warrants for the arrest of 100 San Francisco civil works employees, charged with forgetting their families after regular pay had replaced relief rations, were in the hands of police here today.

The warrants, charging non-support of dependents, were issued at the request of Charles M. Woltenberg, city relief head, who said wives and children were left destitute while the money-earning family heads spent their pay. Most of the men, while receiving groceries and relief supplies instead of money were considered good husbands and fathers, Woltenberg said.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 51 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP)—Wheat rose late today to a new high point for the present movement of prices. Commission house buying developed following reports of an address from Postmaster General Farley at Cleveland saying the gold policy of President Roosevelt would be neither that advocated by the bankers nor that of the inflationists. Farley was quoted as saying the president was not going to sacrifice advances in commodity prices, nor spread sales before the inflation gale with all the perils which beset such a course.

Wheat closed firm, 3/4c up, above yesterday's finish, corn 1/4c up, oats 3/8c advanced, and provisions unchanged to a decline of 2c.