

U.P. Celebration In July To Be Great Home-Coming

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TAKE NEW STEPS IN U.S. RECOVERY

HUNDREDS OF INVITATIONS IN THE MAILS

All Citizens Asked to Write to Friends in Other States.

STATIONERY AT CHAMBER OFFICE

Home-coming Committee, Headed by Mrs. Kate Hanley, Launches Publicity Campaign.

Formal announcement was made to the outside world today of the contemplated semi-centennial celebration in La Grande next July to commemorate the coming of the U. P. railroad to Union county.

The invitations are addressed to all individuals whose addresses are known to the committee. The letters briefly sketch the nature of the celebration and ask that the old timers plan their summer vacation to conform, and also ask that the recipient make reply at his earliest convenience as to probabilities of coming.

The total number of letters runs well over the thousand mark. Mrs. Kate Hanley, chairman, with the assistance of C. M. Humphreys, Martin King, O. J. Ruckman, J. E. Reynolds, George H. Currey, Garfield Simmons, J. H. Peare and Grace Wright Powers, have scanned the membership rolls of local fraternal organizations and the various railroad brotherhoods. From such records they obtained the addresses.

Ask Citizens to Help In addition to the lists already prepared, Mrs. Hanley is asking that every citizen in La Grande join in the letter writing, each home sending out its own letters on special stationery prepared for the purpose and available at the chamber of commerce free. Likelihood of overlapping is not a worry — should more than one invitation go to some individual no harm would be done, the

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Expect 500 At Birthday Ball Here Tonight

Final arrangements were completed today for La Grande's Birthday Ball for the President, to be held at the Sacajawea Inn at 8:30 o'clock tonight following receipt of a radio address by the chief executive about 8:15 o'clock.

More than 100 tickets had been sold today and around 500 were expected to attend. The tickets, priced between \$50 and \$2.50, will be sent to the Warm Springs "Little Paralysis" foundation for the ball. This is one of 100,000 similar balls being held in honor of President Roosevelt's 52nd birthday anniversary.

DELONG, BEAN, JOHNSON ARE GIVEN POSTS

E. H. DeLong, T. B. Johnson and Charles Bean have accepted an appointment to the farm debt adjustment committee and will meet with representatives of other sections on Thursday in Baker. Delinquent farm mortgage problems will be considered at the meeting.

MANY LOCAL PEOPLE CELEBRATE WITH F. R.

Scores of people in Union county were celebrating their birthday anniversaries today in company with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who is 52 years of age today.

One of the most unusual of the birthdays is that of little Roesech Andrew Fitzgerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzgerald, who is four years of age today. Asked when his birthday is, he said: "When Mr. Roosevelt's birthday comes then it's mine, too!" Martin Fitzgerald happens to be chairman of the executive committee in charge of arrangements for La Grande's Birthday Ball for the President, was an active supporter of the president throughout his campaign, and is one of the leading Democrats in this county. So, naturally, he

WILL ROGERS says:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 — Senate layed off today on account of Huey Long going to speak tomorrow. They give 'em a day off to get rested up. Huey give me a dose of my own medicine. I generally talk everybody to death, but he got ahead of me and rehearsed his speech on me. He was trying it out on the dog. I can remember it myself in case anything happens to him. Since the big money stabilization bill passed Saturday everybody here is in fine cheer and great optimism, senators all practicing dancing for the big ball. Our president is going to have a wonderful birthday, but many a lady's feet is going to suffer for their loyalty. Yours, Will Rogers.

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FRED SPAETH NEW HEAD OF COUNTRY CLUB

Elected to Succeed C. H. Reynolds, Retiring President, Last Night.

Fred Spaeth was last night elected president of the La Grande country club to serve during the year of 1934.

The election of officers was held at the office of Charles H. Reynolds, who has been president of the club for the last five years, giving valuable service to the organization as an executive during that period of time.

Elmer McManus was elected vice president, succeeding W. C. Perkins, and M. L. "Pete" Larson was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Spaeth, who incidentally is a member of the local "Hole-In-One" club, will announce his appointments in the near future.

LESTER KINGSLEY NAMED CHAIRMAN OF GROCER GROUP

Lester Kingsley, manager of the Interior Grocery Co., has received an appointment from Theodore Roth, state chairman of the retail and wholesale grocers code organization with headquarters in Salem, as temporary chairman for Union county.

Mr. Kingsley has not received complete instructions as yet as to all procedure, but a meeting will be held here today for preliminary organization.

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\$1-A-YEAR GIRL



You can add to New York City's list of public-spirited citizens the name of Mrs. Mildred Semach (above). Because she wants a "clean government to win," Mrs. Semach, the wife of a physician, is working in Mayor LaGuardia's office at a salary of \$1 a year. The mayor's paying it himself.

OREGON ESCAPES COLD WAVE OVER MOST OF NATION

La Grande had colder weather yesterday and today than during the previous week, and it is believed that the drop in temperature was possibly due to the extreme cold wave in the mid-west and east.

The maximum was 42 above Monday, compared with 51 the day before, and 60 last Friday. Monday's minimum was 30 above, compared with 34 above this morning.

The weather bureau in Portland forecast cloudy weather with moderate temperatures for tonight and tomorrow, with the west wind offshore switching to the south.

Reports today were that the cold wave in the middle western states appeared to have passed its peak, and the weather was moderating slightly.

One of the worst storms in many years swept over Quebec's Gaspé peninsula today, imprisoning two express trains in mountainous snowdrifts.

DISCUSS TAX, GAME LAWS AND MONEY

Local Speakers Take Up Current Problems at Lions Public Forum.

Three local speakers discussed problems of current interest at a public meeting held in the Sacajawea Inn last night, sponsored by the Lions club of La Grande. This was the first of a series of public forums, the text to be announced later.

Speakers were Roy Farnum, who discussed game laws and enforcement; Senator Henry Heas, who discussed the sales tax, and Joseph H. Gaiser, E. O. N. instructor, who discussed the monetary situation. Following each address, some time was devoted to round-table discussion.

Mr. Farnum pointed out many interesting things regarding the present controversy centering around the game commission, and said that for this reason, it was deemed inadvisable for a state officer to discuss the subject.

Concerning game laws, he said that drafting of these laws often worked a hardship on some one section, since the laws usually were made in response to recommendations from sportsmen, and the greater number of recommendations frequently received the most attention. He favored local sportsmen's clubs agreeing on their recommendations for game law changes, then presenting them to sectional meetings, which in turn would forward them to the game commission, thus giving recommendations agreed upon the backing of a large territory of the state. During his talk, Mr. Farnum pointed out that from October, 1932 to October, 1933, state police arrested

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Twidwell And Stewart Start Terms In Salem

Sheriff Jesse Breshears returned last night from Salem where he accompanied Arlo Twidwell and John Stewart, convicted of larceny, to the state penitentiary. Twidwell was sentenced to two years and Stewart to one year in the state institution.

THIRD ST. FIRE EXTINGUISHED

The fire truck was called to 802 Third street on a silent call yesterday afternoon to extinguish a fire in a smoke house. The damage was slight.

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THE CELLARS OF FRANCE



Confer With President on Relief



With his request for an investigation of alleged graft in the Civil Works Administration granted, Harry L. Hopkins, CWA administrator, called on the President to discuss the question of advancing Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds to cities to lighten local relief problems. Hopkins (right) and Jesse Jones, R.F.C. head, who also conferred with the President, are pictured leaving the White House.

CLYDE KIDDLE IS ELECTED LEADER FOR HOG CONTROL

Clyde Kiddle was elected president of the general committee in charge of hog control in Union county under the national administration, yesterday at the first meeting of the combined committee at the office of H. C. Avery, county agent. John Shaw, of North Powder, is vice president, while members of the allotment board, besides the president, are John Waelly, of Elgin, and R. S. French, of Cove.

Hog control, which is meeting with a ready response among producers of the county, will be conducted much the same as the wheat allotment plan, the producers who are eligible signing contracts to reduce production for which they will receive from the national recovery administration a sum totalling between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

A tentative budget of expense was drawn up by the committee and will be submitted to the agricultural adjustment committee. A plan of pro-

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F. R. DELUGED TODAY WITH GREETINGS

Thousands of Congratulatory Messages Come From Every Section On His 52nd Birthday.

By Francis M. Stephenson WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt was deluged today with a mighty birthday greeting from every sector of the country.

Looking forward to his birthday tonight with his "buddies" of 1920 and workers at the White House, the president arranged to acknowledge his 52nd birthday celebration in a

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Franklin D. Roosevelt

talk over the air at 11:20 p. m. E. S. T.

Mail and express trucks and telephone wires brought greetings that

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 55 1/2 cents bulk today, the highest since November, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland, cash 53 cents, Export bid 78 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP)—Profiting after four successive days of advancing prices led to late setbacks of the wheat market today, temporarily wiping out early new gains. Halloo, however, ensued at the finish.

The late transient reaction in wheat was in the face of reports of dust storms today in Western Kansas. Forecasters indicated rising temperatures for the entire domestic grain belt.

Wheat closed nervous, at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/4c higher, corn unchanged to 1/4c lower, oats unchanged to 1/4c up, and provisions at 7 to 12c advance.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

QUAKE FELT IN UTAH

FLORIDA NEGRO LYNCHED

F. R. APPOINTS POINDEXTER

A. A. A. HELD INVALID

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 30 (AP)—A slight earthquake was felt here this afternoon about 1:20 p. m. Light quakes also were felt in California.

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 30 (AP)—A band of men early today lynched Robert Johnson, negro, held for investigation for an alleged attack on a white woman.

HONOLULU, Jan. 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt's nomination today of Joseph B. Poindexter to be governor of Hawaii found favor in both political parties.

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 30 (AP)—Federal Judge Alexander Akerman today declared the agricultural adjustment act unconstitutional and issued a group of Florida citrus growers an injunction restraining the state control committee from enforcing production orders.

BAY OF WHALES, Antarctica, (Via Mackay Radio) Jan. 30 (AP)—The four-mile ice front of the bay of Whales where Admiral Richard E. Byrd and his expedition are attempting to land supplies from their flagship, appeared today to be disrupting.

TACOMA, Jan. 30 (AP)—Death by a bullet from a state highway patrolman's revolver last night ended the career of Judger (Terrible) Terry, 28, Tacoma wrestler and wrestling referee.

ATHENS, Jan. 30 (AP)—The government of Greece today granted Samuel Insef Sr., fallen czar of middle western utilities, ten more days' haven in this country.

APPROVAL GIVEN KERR'S PLAN FOR SCHOOL WORK

PORTLAND, Jan. 30 (AP)—Unanimous approval of a report by Chancellor W. J. Kerr defining duties and outlining functions of the new acting presidents of the university and state college, was voted Monday by the state board of education at a brief and harmonious session.

Each acting president, newly appointed, will be solely responsible for the administration of his own institution. They are C. V. Boyer of University of Oregon, and G. W. Peavy of Oregon State. They will be responsible to the chancellor alone, and he to the state board.

The petition of a group of university students that membership in the student body be made optional, was denied by the board.

Although the request of a group of university students that a \$1,000 bonus be awarded Prince Caillon.

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PRESIDENT SIGNS DEVALUATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt issued the orders necessary to take over the national gold supply late today.

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FEDERAL AID WILL EXTEND TO DAIRYMEN

Unemployed to Be Shifted to Communities Where Work Available.

MODERNIZATION OF HOMES CONSIDERED

Administration Hopes to Speed C. W. A. Bill; Compulsory Wheat Program Talked.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—New machinery that may expend billions, altering in its course the nation's industrial and agricultural map, today advanced in part beyond the blueprint stage in the administration's reconstruction laboratories.

Among the developing plans were these: A movement to shift hundreds of thousands of unemployed from communities where once booming industries have left them stranded into the open country or "smaller communities where industries are moving."

A half billion dollar emergency program to aid the dairy industry throughout the country and to help cattlemen located principally in the west.

A new effort toward modernization of homes that the federal home loan organization hopes will send hundreds of millions into such channels and the construction of new dwellings.

A movement on Capitol Hill to speed the appropriation of \$600,000,000 for carrying on the civil works program, at least until spring, and providing fresh direct relief funds.

The mapping there and at the labor department of an unemployment insurance bill, designed in the words of Secretary Perkins, to do away with bread lines.

Consideration at the agricultural adjustment administration of possibly applying a compulsory program to wheat, depending upon future developments.

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Dillinger Taken East in Airplane; Others In Train

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP)—Captain John Stege received a long distance telephone call that three carloads of men armed with machine guns that they were believed to be headed for Crown Point where John Dillinger is expected to be imprisoned tonight.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 30 (AP)—The last of the Dillinger gang of Indians—Harry Pierpont, Charles Mackley and Russell Clark—were put into a private car here this morning to be attached to the regular train scheduled to leave at 10:55 a. m. mountain standard time for Indiana. Being taken with them was Mary Kinder wanted for aiding in a prison delivery.

Their chieftain, John Dillinger, is en route to Indiana by airplane.

In contrast to Dillinger, their leader, who fought, scratched and screamed when he was taken from his cell last night for an airplane journey to face murder charges in East Chicago, Ind., the three remaining gangsters accepted the turn of events smilingly.

SOVIET BALLOON UP 67,585 FEET TODAY

By Stanley P. Richardson (Associated Press Foreign Staff) MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (AP)—A Soviet civil aviation atmosphere balloon which took off on an unannounced ascension today was reported in a message from its crew to have reached the record-breaking height of 20,600 meters (67,585 feet).

The balloon, known as the "Oso-aviakhim," attained that altitude at 11:59 a. m. Moscow time (4:29 a. m. E. S. T.). A radio message from the top said a descent was being started immediately.

At that position, the crew reported the temperature outside was between 33 and 49 degrees below zero and 4 below inside.

The message "all is well" was followed with additional word that visibility was so poor the crew could not determine their exact position.

Airplanes were dispatched from the Moscow military airbase to help the stratosphere crew locate themselves.

The flight reported by the Soviet balloon is 1 1/2 to 20,000 feet.

Larry Combs, T. C. W. Settle of the United States set the present recognized stratosphere flight record November 20 when he and Major Chester L. Fordney reached a height of 61,237 feet.

The record previously had been held by Professor Auguste Piccard at 53,153 feet.

Three Soviet balloonists in the stratosphere U. S. S. R. claimed to have ascended more than 62,000 feet September 30.

The Soviet Union, however, is not represented in the International Federation Aeronautique which approved the Settle mark. Hence the Russians' flight could not be considered for the record.