

La Grande Farmers' Allotment Checks Arrive Today

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F.R. ASKS INDUSTRY TO CO-OPERATE

DISTRIBUTING CHECKS HERE TO GRAIN MEN

La Grande District Farmers Receive Approximately \$16,000.

INITIAL PAYMENT NOW COMPLETED

Second Series of Checks, Smaller in Amount, Are Expected Probably About June.

U. S. treasury checks, the final installment of the wheat allotment payments to growers in this county, arrived this morning and today are being distributed to wheat men of the La Grande district who signed acreage reduction contracts.

The checks arriving this morning totaled about \$16,000, bringing the total of the first payments of the allotment funds to \$115,000 in this county.

This represents the first 20-cent a bushel payments, the second payment of seven or eight cents to be made about June, according to present information.

Distribution of the checks is being made at the offices of H. G. Avery, county agent, in the federal building. E. H. DeLong and Clyde Kiddle, committee members, are assisting in the disbursements.

Farmers of other sections of the county received their allotment checks some time ago, and the La Grande district checks were the last in coming, due to delays.

Boone, Reynolds Are Selected On Aviation Board

A La Grander, and a former La Grander, were among the 25 Oregonians named during the weekend on a state-wide committee to work for the development of aviation in the state in connection with the Aero club, Portland chapter of the National Aeronautic association, according to Harry K. Coffey, governor for Oregon for the N. A. A.

Harold C. Boone, secretary of the La Grande chamber of commerce, received one of the appointments, and Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Klamath Falls chamber and son of J. E. Reynolds, of this city, was another appointee. Before going to Klamath, Mr. Reynolds was secretary of the La Grande chamber also.

"This committee will work first to

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ANDREW LONEY BACK AT DESK THIS MORNING

Andrew J. Loney Jr., music supervisor of the La Grande schools, who has been seriously ill the last few weeks, has recovered and returned to his work this morning.

Plans for the annual L. H. S. opera are expected to be completed shortly with Mr. Loney's return.

WILLIAMS IS SPEAKER AT LIONS LUNCHEON

W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, was the main speaker at the Lions luncheon today at the Sackajaw Inn. His subject was maintenance and construction costs of highway work, and he gave a resume of state highway activities in an interesting talk.

George Tass, of the Radio Music and Supply Co., provided phonograph music for the luncheon.

IF BONUS WERE PAID SHARE HERE \$421,382

With all this talk of cash payment of the bonus and with a vote in the house scheduled for a little later this month, there have been some inquiries as to how much money would be paid to ex-service men in Union county, were the bonus payments to be authorized.

However, with President Roosevelt announcing he will veto any cash bonus payment plan advanced this session, there seems little likelihood that any movement to get the money will be successful this year.

Will Reads Of Funniest Thing



Did you know that we got 10 dry states, 11 part dry and the other 27 can have anything they want, the same as these 21 do.

Chile is selling nitrates. Europe is fertilizing again. Yours, *Maile Rogers*

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TOURNEY TO BEGIN MAR. 8 IN UNION GYM

Close Games Expected in Basketball Play-Off—Haines Eighth Team to Qualify.

Information came out of Union today that the city has practically completed its plans for the 1934 district basketball championship tournament, to be held next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Haines became the eighth team to qualify for the tournament when it decisively defeated Ontario in a play-off held Saturday night. Other teams qualified are Richland, Union, Cove, La Grande, Baker, Nyssa and Imbler. Unusually close competition is expected at Union this year, from the opening game between Haines and Richland Thursday at 3 p. m. to the championship game Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock.

If any team in the tourney could be established as a favorite to win

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FIRST U. P. BUTTON BRINGS \$6; SOLD TO J. F. CORBETT

J. F. Corbett, assistant superintendent of the Oregon division of the Union Pacific railroad, bought the first souvenir button for the semi-centennial celebration of the coming of the railroad to La Grande, at the auction sale attended by a large crowd Saturday evening in spite of

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GUARD OFFICERS TO INSPECT UNIT

Company E, 166th Infantry tonight will hold its final regular drill before the annual federal inspection, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Mar. 14, with Major Pillsbury, U. S. A., as the inspecting officer.

Captain Walter A. Bean announced that special assignments had been made for non-commissioned officers, and that a preliminary inspection by company officers would be held this evening during drill.

Also, three vacancies exist in the ranks of the La Grande company, with enlistments of men with previous service preferred because of the nearness of the annual field training period, to be held at Camp Clatsop in June.

Asks Divorce



Roberta Semple Smythe, daughter of Almee Semple McPherson, has filed divorce suit against William B. Smythe, ship's purser she married in Singapore during a world cruise.

BUILDING COSTS REACH \$4,405 IN CITY THIS YEAR

Building permits for 1934 have reached a total of \$4,405, according to a check of the permit books at the city offices this morning.

January's total was \$2,200 and in February construction costing \$1,185 was started. With March's total a week under way, its total has reached \$1,020, largely due to a \$1,000 permit taken out by George R. Lyman to alter and repair the Mrs. Ida French home on Third between Main and Washington. Other recent per-

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350 SIGN TO CUT HOG PRODUCTION

C. V. Ruzick, of Oregon State college is in La Grande today to assist the hog control committee in starting tabulations. More than 350 contracts to reduce production under the national program have been received by the committee of which Clyde Kiddle is chairman. A few others are still to be signed.

WITH MILITARY HONORS



STORM OVER STATE HALTS AIR TRAFFIC

Low-Hanging Clouds Cause Cancellation of Many Flights.

MUCH MOISTURE FALLS IN VALLEY

March Total Already 1.10 Inches—Rainy Period to Continue in East Oregon.

Stormy weather over the northwest yesterday and this morning resulted in heavy precipitation, cancelling of practically all airmail and air passenger flights, and some snow in the higher altitudes.

The forecast for tomorrow is for more rain and snow in Eastern Oregon, but with no change in temperature.

Low ceilings over much of the Inland Empire halted air traffic yesterday and last night, although the ceiling in the Grande Ronde valley was sufficiently high for flying but low hanging clouds over the hilly sections proved a strong barrier.

In La Grande 45 of an inch of rain fell in the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning, bringing the total rainfall for the first five days of this month to 1.10 inches—more

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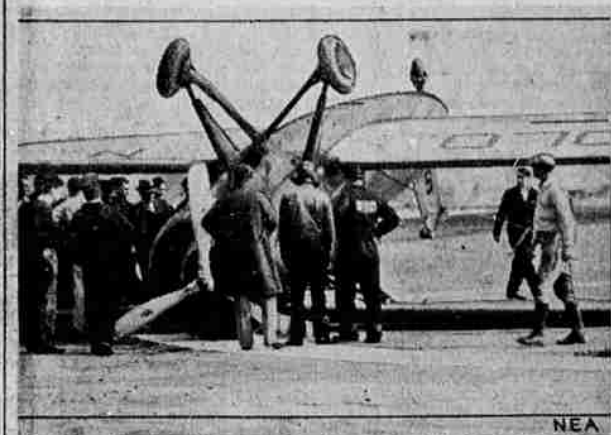
Liquor Store To Open Wednesday Is Latest Word

Because of delay in receiving office equipment and stationery, the La Grande state liquor store will not open before Wednesday morning, it was announced today by Otto J. Runte, Eastern Oregon supervisor. He said that the store probably would open Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, the regular opening hour for week-days except Saturday, when the opening is at 10 a. m.

Office equipment is expected in today or tomorrow and four tons of whiskey have been unloaded the last few days. Mr. Runte is supervising the preparations now being made at the store on Depot and Washington for its opening.

Mr. Runte reported a heavy first day business at the Pendleton liquor store upon its opening last week.

Airmail Landed—Upside Down



Making a landing at the wrong Los Angeles airport after bringing the airmail from Salt Lake City, the army plane turned completely over. The pilot, Lieut. M. J. Walsh, was unhurt. The plane was slightly damaged.

CO-OP CREAMERIES IN LA GRANDE AND UNION IN MERGER

The Union Co-operative creamery is a separate unit now and managed by the Farmer's Co-operative and the Grande Ronde co-operative, following a merging of the two last week. The Union and La Grande creameries have been separate co-operatives, but were consolidated to increase efficiency in handling dairy products and to cut down the overhead expenses. They will do all their marketing through the Interstate Associated Creameries at Portland, a marketing association for the co-ops of Oregon, according to announcement here today.

All the churning will be done at Union while the receiving station will be at La Grande, it is said.

PLAYGROUND MEET TUESDAY EVENING

The parent, teacher associations and the American Association of University Women, through their educational groups, are sponsoring a municipal playground in La Grande, a project which is being formulated at present. The first general meeting of the A. A. U. W., the P. T. A. and representatives of civic, religious and fraternal organizations in the city will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Sackajaw Inn to discuss the possibilities of establishing a supervised playground next summer.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

COURT TURNS DOWN APPEAL
SALEM MAY LOSE GRANT
PHILIPPINE VOTE TUESDAY
O.K. CROP PRODUCTION LOANS

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The supreme court refused today to pass on the validity of a federal order suspending the Chicago board of trade as a contract market for 60 days in 1932. It also refused to review the petition of the Farmers National Grain corporation, brought to test out the validity of the exclusion from membership in the clearing corporation of the Chicago board of trade.

PORTLAND, March 5 (AP)—A special dispatch to the Journal today from Washington, D. C., said "cancellation of the allotment of \$1,500,000 for waterworks at Salem will be recommended by Deputy Public Works Administrator Waite, he announced today."

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Unanimous approval tomorrow of the Tydings - McAffee bill for Philippine independence by the house insular affairs committee was predicted today by chairman McAffee (D-Ala.) after an executive session of the group.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—The house today adopted a special resolution appropriating \$40,000,000 for crop production loans. The measure now goes to the senate, where similar approval is expected soon.

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Evidence that J. P. Morgan, head of the big banking house bearing his name, sold a block of 4500 shares of United Fruit stock, within two weeks before government cancellation of the airmail contracts, was presented today to the senate banking committee.

DILLINGER HUNT CONTINUES WITH COPS UNDER FIRE

CHICAGO, Mar. 5 (AP)—The motor car in which John Dillinger sped away from Crown Point jail has been under surveillance since Saturday evening on the northwest side of Chi-

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STATE'S RIGHT TO FIX PRICE UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—In a decision having an important bearing on the validity of recovery legislation, the supreme court today upheld the right of a state to fix a minimum price for milk.

It sustained the New York milk control law under which the minimum price was set at nine cents a quart in an effort to promote the return of prosperity. Justice Owen J. Roberts delivered the opinion. The decision was 5 to 4.

Administration leaders received the decision with jubilation following their encouragement by the recent action of the high court in upholding the Minnesota mortgage moratorium act.

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HIGHER PAY, LESS WORK HOURS PLAN

President Says U. S. Cannot Forever Absorb the Whole Burden.

IMMEDIATE ACTION DEMANDED BY CHIEF

Roosevelt Warns Those Unwilling to Give Whole-Hearted Compliance to N. R. A.

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt asked American industry today for "immediate co-operation to secure increase in wages and shortening of hours."

"It is the immediate task of industry to re-employ more people at purchasing wages and to do it now," he declared.

Speaking to the several thousand members of NRA's code authorities, assembled in constitutional hall for a three-day review of the industrial control program, he warned that "the government cannot forever continue to absorb the whole burden of unemployment."

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Airplanes, Ships Rescue Most Of Hundreds on Ice

ASTORIA, U. S. S. R., Mar. 5 (AP)—Airplanes and icebreakers have rescued all but 84 of 545 fishermen carried out into the Caspian sea on breaking ice floes, rescue workers announced today.

The remainder of the marooned men were expected to be carried to safety soon. It was said they were in no immediate danger.

The 545 fishermen, with 390 horses, drifted helplessly on ice floes after they were swept out to sea February 25.

A sudden rise in temperature caused the ice to break up. Four hundred men and 190 horses were caught in the vicinity of Dolgi Island and 145 men and 145 horses near Kulai Island.

One airplane succeeded in guiding 20 of the men to safety after flying out to the ice floe on which they were marooned on February 25.

Later, the ice breaker Etwa and two airplanes joined in working toward completing the job of rescuing all of those on the floes.

MOSCOW, Mar. 5 (AP)—The ten women and two children among the 101 persons marooned on Bering sea ice from the sunken vessel Chelivskin were rescued today by the airplane ANT-4.

They were flown to Cape Wollen. Their rescue was reported in a radio message from the eastward camp to the government rescue commission here.

The ANT-4 was manned by Pilot Lepidovsky and Mechanic Petroff. They made their hazardous flight from Cape Wollen in a temperature of 40 degrees below zero Fahrenheit to reach a landing space cleared on the ice by the marooned Russians.

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Fifteen rivers and harbors projects in the Pacific northwest, carrying the approval of the house rivers and harbors committee or the chief of army engineers, and calling for expenditure of \$1,319,850, were submitted to the house today in the war department appropriations bill.

The projects for maintenance work included: lower Columbia and lower Willamette, \$300,000; Umpqua river, \$500,000.

PRINCESS WINNER OF \$125,000.00 VERDICT

LONDON, Mar. 5 (AP)—The jury in the libel suit of Princess Irena Youssouppoff today awarded her \$125,000—against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Ltd., makers of the film "Rasputin And The Empress."

The award was made after a dramatic trial in which Princess Youssouppoff testified that he was one of the group who killed the mad monk of Russia, the slaying pictured in the film.

Princess Irena testified that the character Natacha, in the picture was a libel on herself.