

Sowing Spring Wheat In Union County This Week

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CURTAIN ARMY'S FLYING OF MAIL

PLANTING OF GRAIN EARLY OVER VALLEY

Mild Winter Allows the Farmers to Begin Their Spring Operations

CONDITION OF FALL WHEAT BEST YET

Acreage in Union County Less, However, Because of U. S. Reduction Plan

Spring sowing of wheat and barley already is under way in the Grande Ronde valley and elsewhere in Union county—the earliest on record. Some tracts already have been planted, particularly in the North Powder district.

Jack Rush is to start sowing 200 acres of spring wheat on Monday.

The acreage in wheat in Union county this year will be less than usual, because of the federal acreage reduction plan, which was generally accepted throughout the county. This plan already has returned to Union county farmers \$110,000 in U. S. money with more to come next June.

The mild winter, with growing periods throughout, has resulted in fall-sown wheat and grain going through this winter practically 100 per cent.

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SCHOOL MEN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Senator Henry Hess, of La Grande, will be the principal speaker Monday evening when the School Masters' club meets at North Powder. The Baker and Union county clubs are to meet jointly and the North Powder school men will be hosts.

A dinner will be held, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

DAIRYMEN TO MEET MONDAY

All dairymen in Union county and others interested are invited to attend the meeting of the La Grande Dairy association at the city hall Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting is the regular March session of the association.

Women Especially Invited to Attend Annual Banquet

Women are especially invited to attend the La Grande chapter of commerce annual banquet, it was announced today by Charles H. Reynolds, president. Members are being urged to bring their wives and sweethearts. Prominent among the women attending will be Mrs. W. J. Kerr, wife of the chancellor; Mrs. Herman Oliver, of John Day, and Mrs. E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton.

Also, the erroneous feeling exists on the part of some that the dinner is for members only. It is open to the public but reservations should be made with Secretary Harold Boone as early as possible.

For the information of those who read this, the time, place, etc., are as follows:

Time—6:30 p. m., Mar. 13.
Place—La Grande hotel.
Speaker—Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education of Oregon.

Tickets—75 cents each.

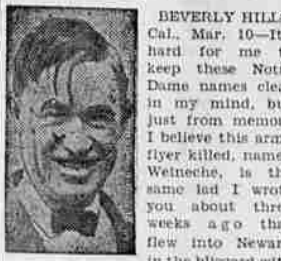
MEMORIAL CONCERT MONDAY EVENING

The late Robert S. Eakin, former attorney and one of La Grande's most respected citizens, will be the inspiration for a memorial concert Monday evening, March 12, at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Harley Richardson, organist; Paul Knautz, baritone; and Harley Richardson, reader, will present the following evening of music:

"Evening Benediction"—Marsh
"In Springtime"—Kinder
"The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre"—Russell
Mrs. Richardson
"Thanatopsis"—Bryant
Mr. Richardson

Merlin Bailey at the piano
"Majesty of the Deep"—Hamer
"Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2"—Chopin
"Londonderry Air"—Old Irish
"Midsummer Overture"—Johnston
Mrs. Richardson
"Evening Star"—Tannhauser—Wagner
"The Builder"—Cadmian
"Caprice Viennoise"—Kreisler
"Pilgrims' Chorus"—Tannhauser—Wagner
Mrs. Richardson

Watch Out, Ladies! Zara's on Loose



BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 10.—It's hard for me to keep these Notre Dame names clear in my mind, but just from memory I believe this army flyer killed, named Wetneche, is the same lad I wrote you about three weeks ago that flew into Newark in the blizzard with the mail. He was a fine flyer.

The more we read about that jail breaking the funnier it gets (that is if we didn't know that there was going to be a lot of people killed as a result of it). Now we find one of the guards was 84 years old. All they have to do now to make the whole thing perfect is to find that Baby Leroy was the turnkey. Yours,

Wile Rogers.
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SUMMERVILLE'S POST OFFICE IS ROBBED AT NIGHT

The post office at Summerville was robbed of about \$100.00 in cash last night, it was learned here this morning. Details of the theft had not been received in La Grande, but Sheriff Jesse Breshears left this morning for Summerville to investigate the case.

LEGIONNAIRES OF TWO COUNTIES TO CELEBRATE 15TH

American Legion posts of Union and Wallowa counties will join in a national celebration of the American Legion's 15th birthday anniversary on the evening of March 15, meeting at Wallowa, it was announced today by Jack Biggs, of La Grande, state commander of the legion in 1930-31. Mr. Biggs has been assigned the seventh district in Oregon, consisting of these two counties.

The legion was organized 15 years ago in Paris and since then has become one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world.

At Wallowa, a banquet will be held with a birthday cake, a program of speeches has been arranged for with Mr. Biggs to give the main address, and it is hoped that an attendance of 300 will be reached.

Both the Enterprise and La Grande drum corps are to attend.

Incidentally, the 15th marks the beginning of the final phase of the 1934 membership drive, and all posts

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FRIDAY WARMEST DAY OF THIS YEAR

Friday was the warmest day so far this year—in fact, the warmest since late last fall. The maximum in La Grande was 65 above, three degrees warmer than Thursday's high.

Today was clear again, with the weather man predicting continued fair weather tonight and Sunday, but with chilly nights. Fair weather and normal temperatures are forecast for next week.

DOCTORS WILL ATTEND MEET

Dr. W. K. Rose and Dr. Lewa Wilkes Ager will be among the La Grande doctors attending the meeting of the alumni association of the University of Oregon Medical school at Portland. The meeting is in the form of a dinner which will be held on March 12, 13 and 14.

TIGERS TURN BACK HAINES QUINT 27-14

La Grande Well on Way to Title With Three Straight Wins

IMBLER DEFEATED IN AFTERNOON TILT

La Grande Plays Cove and Baker Bulldogs Meet Haines in Semi-Finals This Afternoon

By Nolan Skiff
Haines challenged La Grande's right to remain at the top in the district play-off at Union last night, and for the first quarter the Baker county basketball leaders held their own. But with the score tied six all at the end of the opening period, Haines wilted temporarily and slipped behind 16 to 8 at halftime. The last half the Tigers widened the margin of victory to score a 27 to 14 win.

With three wins behind it, and all other remaining teams in the tournament defeated once, the Tigers were favorites today to go to Salem, with indications that they would dispose of Cove this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and then wind up the tourney by defeating either Baker or Haines in the final tonight. Baker and Haines play at 3:30, the loser to be eliminated.

On its showing against La Grande, Haines appeared to be the second strongest team in the tourney, with Baker and Cove not far behind. Cove's showing has been the nearest thing to an upset yet developing. Friday afternoon the Cherry Pickers handed Imbler's strong five a thorough whipping, rolling up a 12 to 1 score in the first half and finally winning out 33 to 19, to eliminate the Imblerites. The DeBorde brothers, Mills and Richards all found the basket with regularity, and in the meantime only H. Pratt, McKinnis and Crouser could connect for the losers.

Richland succumbed to Baker in the opening game last night 40 to 25, but not until the Bulldogs were thoroughly put to a test. Richland trailed 17 to 11 at halftime, but rallied strongly in the third period, scoring seven to Baker's six. They blew up in the final period, however, and the Bulldogs merrily chalked up 17 points to Richland's seven.

The La Grande-Haines game had the crowd on its toes during most of the first half, but the all around sharp shooting of the Tiger team, coupled with a defense that kept

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BANKER'S HOME BURNED FOR REVENGE

Dr. McCann—
Your bank cost me my money and my home.
Now you know how it feels.
I'm going to get even with some more of them too.



Burned as an act of revenge by a depositor in the defunct Dayton, O., bank of which George B. McCann was a director, McCann's \$59,000 home is shown here, a fire-ravaged ruin, near Dayton. Inset is a note left in a garage in the rear of the home by the arsonist, giving the reason for the deed and threatening further vengeance.

DILLINGER FIGURES IN SENSATIONAL GUN FIGHT IN CHICAGO AND ESCAPES

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP)—A sensational gun fight in which the police believe John Dillinger, "kill-crazy" jail breaker, was the chief gunman, investigators on an intensified hunt for the slippery desperado today.

The fight occurred late last night in suburban Schiller park between gunmen and Police Chief Robert Christian, whose car was completely disabled by gunfire.

The men, whose leader was identified by James Gaskin, a chauffeur, as Dillinger, escaped. They are believed to have gone to a hideout in Wisconsin.

Chief Christian had pursued two speeding sedans. As he drew up to within 10 feet of the larger of the two, a gun was thrust through the rear window. Shots splattered all around the chief, but he was unhurt. He returned the fire, but without apparent effect, and the two cars sped away.

Federal officials delivered their second blow in the Dillinger affair by ordering the arrest of Ernest Blunk, fingerprint expert, who is accused of locking Matt Brown, one of Dillinger's guards, in a cell shortly before Dillinger escaped. Previously the government removed its eight prisoners from the Crown Point jail to South Bend.

The order for Blunk's arrest was based on the allegation that he violated the Dyer act by driving a stolen automobile across the Indiana-Illinois line with Dillinger as a passenger last Saturday when Dillinger escaped with the aid of a wooden pistol. The automobile, stolen from Sheriff Lillian Holley, later was found abandoned in Chicago. Blunk protested that he was compelled to do the driving at the point of a gun.

Gov. Meier to Say Whether He Will Seek Re-election

SALEM, Mar. 10 (AP)—The question as to whether he will or will not seek reelection as governor of the state will be answered by Governor Julius L. Meier in his address tonight. The promise was made by the governor himself late last night.

SILVER BILLS APPROVED BY HOUSE GROUP

Committee O. K. Put on Both Fiesinger and Dies Measures Today

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP)—The house coinage committee today approved two bills under which silver received in payment for agricultural surpluses would be accepted by the treasury at a premium above the world price, while at the same time enough additional silver would be purchased until the 1935 commodity price level was restored.

One of the bills, by Representative Dies (D., Tex.), authorizes the treasury to pay as much as 25 per cent above the world market price for silver shipped into this country in payment for exported agricultural commodities.

New silver certificates, based on

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DELONG TO HEAD FARM DEBT BOARD

M. H. DeLong was elected chairman of the farm debt adjustment committee at a meeting this morning at the office of H. G. Avery, county agent. Mr. Avery was chosen secretary, and the other members of the committee are A. K. Barker, La Grande; Merrill Conley and T. B. Johnson, Cove; and Charles Bean, Elgin.

Consideration of farm mortgage foreclosures and loan applications will be the work of the committee. The group will assist in scaling down debts on farms in order to assist in getting loans from the Spokane farm credit bank, to stall or manage foreclosures. Loans in the amount of 75 per cent of the appraised value of the land will be made by the bank, and the work of the committee is to arrange conferences between the creditors and the farmer holding the land, especially in those cases of debts against the land amounting to more than 70 per cent so that an agreement may be reached that will be satisfactory to the Spokane bank and the loan procured.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 23½ cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring mills. Export bid 77 cents. Portland cash 77 cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP)—A sudden outburst of buying hoisted wheat prices almost straight upward about two cents a bushel today above an early low level.

Favorable action of the house coinage committee on a proposed bill at Washington to exchange agricultural products for silver inspired brisk purchasing of wheat.

Wheat closed strong at the day's top point, 1 cent to 1½ cents higher than yesterday's finish, May 87½, @ 88, corn and oats both ¼¢ up, and provisions varying from 2 cents decline to an equal gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SENATE PASSES REEF BILL
WOMAN ON LONG FLIGHT
MORE RUSSO-JAP TROUBLE
ROOSEVELT SIGNS BILL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP)—The senate today passed the \$350,000,000 Jones-Connally bill to make dairy and beef cattle basic commodities subject to processing taxes under the agricultural adjustment act, but loaded it with amendments going far beyond administration wishes.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Mar. 10 (AP)—Laura Ingalls, American flier, took off at 2 a. m. today for the Canal zone. She arrived here last night after a flight from Mexico.

TOKYO, Mar. 10 (AP)—Vernacular newspapers printed dispatches from Seishin, Korea, today that soviet authorities had seized a small Japanese fishing boat, the Tajima Maru, and a crew of 14 fishing off the coast southeast of Vladivostok.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the legislation appropriating \$40,000,000 for crop production loans.

PENDLETON, Mar. 10 (AP)—Basketball teams of McLaughlin High school of Milton-Freewater, and Pendleton High will meet here tonight to determine which quintet will represent district No. 3 in the state championship tournament to be held in Salem.

TWO MORE ARMY FLIERS DROP TO A FIERY DEATH

By The Associated Press

Friends and foes of the Roosevelt administration's air mail policy squared off for a fight in congress today amid an atmosphere made tense by a growing list of deaths among army mail fliers.

Two more army men perished last night at Cheyenne, Wyo., when a plane in which they were making a trial run fell, struck a power line and crashed in flames. Two had died earlier yesterday in crashes near Dayton Beach, Fla., and Chardon, O.

All told, 10 army fliers have been killed since the post office department cancelled private mail carrying contracts on charges of collusion and the army was directed to take the job.

Of the 10, only three actually were carrying mails, six were on errands connected with the mail service and one perished on a visit to his home before taking up an air mail assignment.

President Roosevelt's request that postal funds be transferred to the war department to finance the army mail service was due for debate in the senate today.

Chairman McCellar of the senate post office committee has introduced legislation to put the air mail back into private hands. This was in line with the president's suggestion that the mail be turned back to companies on a drastically revised basis of "honest pay for honest service."

The fliers killed last night, Lieutenants A. R. Kerwin of March field, California, and F. L. Howard of Shreveport, La., were seeking to familiarize themselves with the Cheyenne-Salt Lake City route when the plane crashed.

LIONS TO HOLD FORUM MEETING

The second of the open forum meetings sponsored by the Lions club will be held Monday evening in the small ballroom at the Sackajaw Inn, at 7:30 o'clock. "Development of Power and Electricity from the Bonneville Project" will be the theme of discussion with Representative Bill Allen discussing one phase, and Leroy Grettum, of Baker, district manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, will present another phase.

The public is invited to attend.

MAE WEST FILM IS SCORED IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Mar. 10 (AP)—The semi-official Reichspost vehemently demanded today that the film "She Done Him Wrong"—starring blonde Mae West—be suppressed in Vienna.

The movie in which the American actress is featured as "Lady Lou" opened here yesterday. Vienna, the newspaper pointed out, can again call itself "Christian Vienna," as a result of the crushing of the socialists.

But, it was added, if the capital is to continue rightly bearing this name, such a "shameful film" as the West picture must vanish from the screen.

The Reichspost said the picture was "nothing but uncouth and clumsy eroticism, appealing to the basest instincts."

ROOSEVELT'S ACTION DUE TO 10 DEATHS

All But Most Important Routes Are Discontinued by Order

EVERY SAFEGUARD DIRECTED BY F. R.

In Meantime, Col. Lindbergh and Secretary Dern Hold Important Conference

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP)—President Roosevelt today curtailed army flying of the mails. Motivating the action was loss of life in the undertaking.

Even at the time of the action more protests were being raised in congress against the army carriage of the mails which have been followed by ten deaths of army fliers, three of whom were actually carrying mail at the time.

The president acted after a conference with General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff and Major General Foulis, chief of the army air corps.

He ordered the elimination of all but the most necessary air mail flying. He further directed every safeguard humanely possible be thrown about the equipment and personnel of the army air service.

In announcing the curtailment, Stephen Early, a secretary to the president, recalled that assurance was given by the army when it took over the mail service that it could safely undertake the job, but he said Mr. Roosevelt regarded the casualties as far too great.

Early said the president recognized the army fliers had been "with unusually severe and adverse weather conditions," but nevertheless he was aroused by the deaths.

At the war department at the same time was going on a conference between Secretary Dern, Assistant Secretary Woodring, and Charles A. Lindbergh on the subject of army aviation in general. It appeared clear that, although air mail might have been touched on indirectly, it was not the primary topic.

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Search For Two Missing Salem Girls Continues

SALEM, Mar. 10 (AP)—Continued search by police, neighbors and friends so far has failed to reveal any trace of Anna Kooley, 9, and Betty Savage, 12, Salem grade school pupils who have been missing since 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The sheriff's office and hastily formed deputies, state and city police and hundreds of townspeople yesterday participated in the search, all without avail.

Reports that the girls had been seen at Roberts station, as well as reports that they had been seen with three Filipinos could not be verified.

Police were considering dragging the Willamette slough, as fears were expressed that the girls had wandered there to play on the log rafts and had fallen in.

Guard Troops And Planes On Patrol In Alabama Today

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 10 (AP)—National guard troops and airplanes patrolled troubled Walker county, Ala. today as citizens of the district circulated a petition to Gov. B. M. Miller asking removal of the soldiers sent to preserve order in Alabama's mine strike.

Executives of the United Mine Workers of America continued efforts to reach an agreement with mine operators in order that the estimated 9000 men on strike might return to work.