

Victor Eckley Appointed La Grande Postmaster

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BOWMAN-HICKS MILL TO BEGIN RUN

SAWMILL MAY BEGIN CUT ON NEXT MONDAY

Length of Run Problematical — Will Depend Upon Lumber Market

150 MEN WILL BE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT

Crew Busy at Present in Wallowa County Taking Up Rails — Truck Logging to Be Used.

The Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co. sawmill here will resume operations probably next Monday, after a shutdown since the first week of last November. It was announced today by H. N. Ashby, western manager of the company.

The length of the run is problematical, and will really be on a day-to-day basis, he reports. The mill is short of lumber and will depend upon the market as to how much of a stock will be cut.

At first plans were to open the mill the middle of this week, but the rain the last week resulted in a delaying of the opening.

Mr. Ashby estimates that the work will afford employment to about 150 men in the woods and in the plant in La Grande.

At present a crew of men is employed in Wallowa county taking up the railroad, some 30 miles of it. Hereafter the company will depend upon truck logging for its supply. Work on taking up the railroad started about a fortnight ago.

Pendleton High Wins Track Meet; La Grande Third

Pendleton High school's track team, favorite to win the Eastern Oregon title here Saturday, May 5, added another victory to its spring string here last Saturday, defeating Milton-Freewater, La Grande and Baker in a quadrangular meet.

The Bucks, with seven firsts out of 14 events, and a sizeable assortment of other places, easily led the field, piling up 82 3-5 points. Mac-Hi was second with 59 1-5 and the Tigers were a close third with 54 7-10. Baker was fourth with 7 1/2 points.

La Grande showed increased strength over the last meet—so much in fact, that local fans are hopeful that the blue and white may be able to finish second in the district meet. La Grande athletes won one first and tied for two other firsts, and finished second in three events. Tiger points were made in every one of the events — no shutouts against La Grande being recorded.

No records were made, but some excellent performances initiated the newly reconstructed track. Giechris, Pendleton man who was high point winner with three firsts, threw the javelin 199 feet 4 1/2 inches. Langley, Mac-Hi, went 10 feet 6 inches in the pole vault, and Barker, La Grande.

LIONS TO HEAR MRS. KLETZER NEXT MONDAY

Mrs. William Kletzer, state president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be in La Grande next Monday and will be the main speaker at the Lions club luncheon that day. It was announced today during the club meeting at the Sacajawea Inn.

Wives of Lions are to be invited to next week's luncheon. Warren K. Gilbert was the speaker today, giving a very interesting talk on the credit structure of the United States.

Talked Himself Out Of a Treat



GILROY, Cal., April 29 — Mrs. Rogers and I driving along from Fresno to San Francisco seeing all the ranchers run in at Willie Tevis' ranch (the champion endurance rider) and there at a barbecue was the sultan of Jahore, the biggest game hunter of all the Indian royal pack and tremendously popular over there and a regular guy. Well, I got to tell you how I talked myself out of seeing his place and stable and horses. He is just out of Singapore. I come in on a boat from Hongkong, going to take a plane the next morning for London, so was going to drive to his estate that afternoon, but I talked at the Rotary club luncheon and did I talk? I must have blathered for hours, bored the whole of Singapore and missed the palace of Jahore. That's one case in history where a long-winded speaker suffered in the long run more than his listeners. Yours,

Will Rogers. ©1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

100 SHOOTERS IN COMPETITION AT LONE TREE TRAPS

Approximately 100 shooters, with nearly all sections of the Inland Empire represented, took part in a registered merchandise shoot held at Lone Tree yesterday by the La Grande Gun club. It was the most successful shoot of its kind ever staged here, and weather conditions also were ideal. Prizes, in cash and merchandise, amounted to \$400.

Although Guy Cheisman, of Lewiston, topped all shooters with 59 out of 100 birds from the 16-yard line, M. L. Hunt, of Burns, was high over all. Hunt was first in the handicap event with a 49, and broke 98 in the event won by Cheisman.

Leading scores in the 16-yard event included Dr. McMurdo, Heppner, 97; Earl Troeh, Portland pro, 96; James Bogart, Lewiston, 96; Win Huff, Spokane pro, 96; J. C. Gray, Nampa, 95; Art Meehan, Spokane, 95; A. J. Gower, La Grande, 93; J. A. Wade, Boise pro.

IDAHO NINE HERE FOR GAME TODAY

The College of Idaho baseball team, a member of the northwest conference, is in La Grande today and was to meet the Eastern Oregon Normal school nine at the E. O. N. field at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the opening game of a two-till series. The second game will be played tomorrow at 4 p. m.

The Mountaineers and Coyotes split a two-game series at Caldwell, Ida., a little over a week ago, and indications point to a hard fought game both days. Last Friday E. O. N. broke even with Whitman college at Walla Walla.

EXTEND TIME ON FARM SEED LOANS

According to word received here from the farm credit administration, the time for seed loans has been extended to May 15. The final date was originally set as April 30. These loans are being made daily at the county agent's office in the federal building and are under the emergency crop loan section of the farm credit administration.

It is also announced that loans may be obtained by fruit growers to a maximum amount of \$400, providing the money is used exclusively in fruit growing.

FOUR SEE MOVIES FOR FIRST TIME

Four school children had an unusual thrill in this modern world last Friday. It was learned today, when they saw their first motion picture show.

The four, all pupils in Genevieve Adler's school at Pumpkin Ridge near Summerville, undoubtedly will remember that day as long as they live. Needless to say, they were impressed with the entertainment they saw.

Miss Adler brought her class in to see the show as a reward to them for work well done during the last year, and it was then that it developed that four of her students would see a "talkie" or any other kind of a motion picture, for the first time in their lives.

Pastor Ousted



Fred W. Shorter, pastor of the fashionable Pilgrim Congregational Church, Seattle, ousted by a vote of the congregation following a row over alleged radicalism of his views in selection of church murals.

BENEFIT CONCERT TONIGHT AT 8:00

The benefit concert for the scholarship loan fund of the La Grande Neighborhood club will be held this evening in the First Presbyterian church and will commence promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

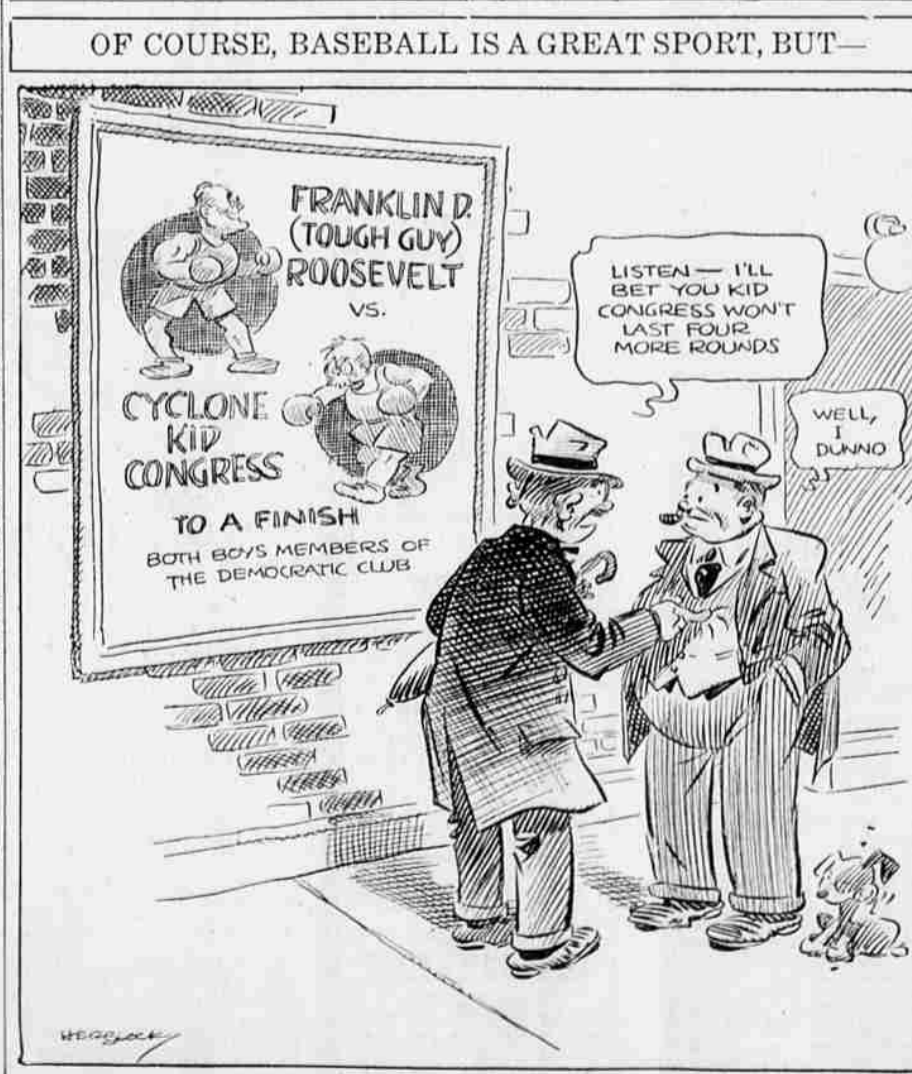
The program is to be given by Jack Dennis, tenor, of Pendleton, and the Ladies Triad choir, directed by Mrs. A. L. Richardson. This local musical organization is made up of the following group of prominent musicians of La Grande:

First sopranos: Mrs. Ray Fuller, Mrs. David I. Stoddard, Mrs. Lee B. Bouvy, Mrs. C. W. Moore, Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. H. N. Ashby, Mrs. S. B. Morgan, Mrs. T. R. Maxwell, Miss Elizabeth Cooper, Miss Helen Hertzog. Second sopranos: Mrs. Arnold Grapp, Miss Ruth Gettel, Miss Margaret Michaelson, Miss Vina Conley, Miss Eleanor Hicks, Miss Vivian Galagher, Miss Joan Williams, Miss Ida McMeekin, Miss Eileen Cochran, Miss

FALL RESULTS IN FRACTURE

Mrs. Martin Wilcock suffered a broken pelvis bone when she fell at her home Saturday. X-ray pictures revealed that the bone had been broken in three places. Mrs. Wilcock is confined to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Russell, and her condition is reported to be quite satisfactory.

OF COURSE, BASEBALL IS A GREAT SPORT, BUT—



STUDENTS IN SPEECH ARTS COMPETITION

Eastern Oregon High Schools Participate in Second Annual Event Held By E. O. N.

Settling the third Saturday in April, 1934 as the permanent date for the third annual speech arts tournament at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and deciding definitely to have three divisions in the tournament next year—one act plays, extemporaneous speakers and reading of lyric poetry, the second annual tournament closed Saturday evening, with the students and their coaches quite enthusiastic over this year's events. The affair was sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Normal school with all schools in Eastern Oregon invited to participate.

Following the program of Saturday afternoon when all those registered for any of the divisions appeared, the evening program was presented and consisted of three extemporaneous speakers and the two one-act plays which judges had selected worthy of repetition. There was nothing of the contest idea, no rank was given those asked to perform in the evening and it was the statement of the

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Popularity of Cooking School Grows Annually

"Give us meals that are inexpensive to purchase, simple to prepare, yet delightful to eat, and healthful, too." That's what Mrs. America is saying these days, according to Mrs. Julia Lee Wright, director of the Safeway Stores Home-makers' bureau, in those headquarters thousands of requests for meal information pour every week in the year from all parts of the country, and it is these requests and the general desires which they express which have dictated the planning of the bureau's course in "Kitchenizing," opening here at the Sacajawea ballroom on May 9 for a three-day session.

Now in its fourth year, the Safeway Stores Home-makers' Bureau has achieved, in the cooking schools which bear the name "Kitchenizing," an enviable popular favor simply, believes Mrs. Wright, because the bureau follows the practice of keying its presentations to the desires and demands of the public.

"It would be simple enough."

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Latest Victim of Kidnap Gang



June Robles, 6-year-old granddaughter of an Arizona capitalist, who is sought by hundreds of officers and citizens, following her abduction in Tucson, and a demand for \$15,000 ransom.

FIVE OF COUNTY SCHOOLS FINISH WORK FOR YEAR

Five of the schools in the county already have closed for their summer vacation period, according to County Superintendent E. A. Sayre. These schools are Gordon Creek with Mrs. Edna Rush as teacher, Pumpkin Ridge, Miss Genevieve Adler, teacher, Willow Creek, Dorothy Higgins, teacher and Gunningham school, Ruby Parsons, teacher.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

The school board will hold an adjourned meeting this evening at the high school and business which was carried over from the meeting last week will be discussed.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

MAY RELEASE SUSPECTS
CREATES HUGE FUND
STATE TO BUY MORE GAS
INVESTIGATE SLAYING

LOS ANGELES, April 30 (AP)—Suspicion wanted today that two negroes detained here as suspects in the ghastly murders of six persons a month ago near Bremerton, Wash., might have any connection with the case.

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—The treasury formally created a \$2,000,000 stabilization fund today, apparently depositing \$200,000,000 with the federal reserve system for active use and holding the remaining \$1,800,000 in reserve.

SALEM, April 30 (AP)— Authorization for the state purchasing agent to proceed with obtaining storage facilities for 200,000 gallons of gasoline and to purchase gasoline independently in or outside the state at a price estimated at 6 1/2 cents under the present bulk wholesale figures of major companies, was granted unanimously by the board of control here today.

BEND, Ore., April 30 (AP)— James T. Barnes, president of Southern Deschutes county, was held in the county jail here today while police investigated the slaying of Knut Lundin, 63, in Lundin's ranch home south of Lapine.

GIRLS LEAGUE WILL CONVENE HERE IN 1935

La Grande will be the hostess city for the annual meeting of the Tri-State Girls League, which closed its sessions in Pendleton Saturday afternoon, with a registered attendance of 700 high school girls, their mothers and dozens of girls.

Local women and girls who were present for the several sessions which started with Friday evening are very enthusiastic over the conference, its program, its scope and with anticipation over the opportunity to have the meeting here next time.

The theme of the conference was "Milestones of Life," and following

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PLAN FOR WAGE BOOST ATTACKED

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)— An NRA plan for a 10 per cent cut in working hours but a boost in wages drew another lambasting today from the heavy goods industries.

Asserting that "any further general increase in wages at this time would retard and not encourage recovery," the durable goods industries committee said that "no attempt should be made to effect blanket increases in wages or reduction in code hours by executive order."

The committee made a 13-page report to Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator, who asked it to study a dozen problems confronting NRA.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 49 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring mills. Export bid 73 1/2 cents. Portland cash 70 cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 30 (AP)— Wheat soared today to more than 65 cents higher than last week's low point, with the northwest and southwest both reporting prevalence of dust storms.

Concentrated buying of July delivery of wheat, representing the new 1934 crop, was an outstanding feature. Although some selling resulted from eagerness of securities, the wheat market was a rice was thoroughly dominated by the unfavorable outlook for crops.

Wheat closed strong, 1 1/2 to 2 cents above Saturday's finish. May 80 1/2 @ 1/2, July 79 1/2 @ 1/2, corn 1 1/2 @ 1/2 up, May 45 1/2 @ 1/2, July 48 1/2 @ 1/2, oats 1 1/2 @ 1/2 advanced, and provisions varying from 1/2 decline to a rise of 5c.

POST OFFICE APPOINTMENT MADE TODAY

Eckley Will Succeed Ralph Huron, Postmaster Here 12 Years.

FORMAL WORD IS EXPECTED SHORTLY

Pending Orders, it is Believed Eckley Will Take Office in About Two Weeks.

Victor Eckley, La Grande merchant and representative in the state legislature from Union county for two terms, today was appointed by the U. S. post office department in Washington as acting postmaster of La Grande.

Eckley, a Democrat, has been considered the leading candidate for the position for the last several months, had not received confirmation from Washington this morning when the Associated Press wire brought the news to the Observer office, but he had received a wire urging him to forward his bond to Washington as quickly as possible.

Colonel Ralph Huron, postmaster under three Republican administrations, completed his 12th year in office today, and was one of the first to congratulate Eckley on his appointment.

KIDNAPED CHILD STILL MISSING; DILLINGER SEEN?

PLAYING A "LONE HAND" TUCSON, Ariz., April 30 (AP)— Grizzled Bernabe Robles was playing a "lone hand" today in a campaign to effect return of his six-year-old granddaughter June, held for \$15,000 ransom, and was prepared, sources close to the family said, to contact her abductors somewhere in Mexico.

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP)— John J. "Boss" McLaughlin has confessed handling \$53,000 of the ransom collected from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, the federal bureau of investigation disclosed today. McLaughlin was held in \$100,000 bond Saturday for removal to St. Paul for trial under the "Lindbergh" kidnaping act. His arrest followed the recovery of \$2,965 in \$5 and \$10 bills identified as part of the ransom money. The "hot" currency was found on William E. Vidler, a gambler, last Thursday.

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TWO HELD AFTER AUTO KILLS MAN

GRANTS PASS, April 30 (AP)— Accused of having driven his automobile over Bruce Locks, 60, of Hugo, and of having then backed it across his body, crushing his skull, Edward E. Willett was held in the Josephine county jail today, as was Madge Wiseman, his companion. Both are recent arrivals from California. Police indicated a charge of involuntary manslaughter was being prepared.

Locks' death occurred at about 1:15 Sunday afternoon at the Three Pines junction of the Meritt-Hugo road 14 miles north of the city, and was witnessed by Harold Reed, 25, of Hugo who was in the truck body of Willett's light machine.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (AP)— Sir John Simon, foreign secretary, told the house of commons today that Japan has fully accepted the policy of the "open door" for all nations in China. Sir John said that Sir Francis Lindley, British ambassador in Tokyo, had pointed out to Koki Hirota, the Japanese foreign minister, that the principle of equal rights in China was very explicitly guaranteed by the nine-power treaty signed at Washington in 1922, to which Japan was a signatory.

JAPAN PROMISES TO LIVE UP TO TREATY

The British government must continue to enjoy all rights under that treaty in common with other signatories, the foreign secretary said.

He told his hearers that Japan has informed the British government it has no intention of interfering with "the common rights" of other powers in China and has reaffirmed its policy of the maintenance of the open door.

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Detroit 2 8 4
Batteries: Andrews and Hemsley; Howe, Hogeist and Cochrane.

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New York 5 10 0
Batteries: Mungo, Perkins and Lopez; Fitzsimmons and Richards.

National League R. H. E.
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Philadelphia 5 11 2
Batteries: Cantwell, Barrett and Spohrer; Hogan; Holly, Klime and Todd. (Ten innings).

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP)— Dr. William A. Wirt, Gary, Ind., educator, charged today there was "frantic struggling to conceal the aims of official Washington."

Dr. Wirt In New Verbal Assault On The New Deal

When he went to Washington to accuse minor and major "new dealers" of slipping a revolution over the country, he met, Wirt declared: "Not only stubborn official resistance, but actual slander, intimidation, and other hindrances that do not rest well with free citizens."

In a speech today before an American Legion group, his first public statement since the congressional committee declared his revolution charges were "unfounded," Dr. Wirt singled out former Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Rexford G. Tugwell and Speaker Henry T. Rainey as having made disturbing statements.

Dr. Wirt implied that "government officials" had blocked rather than aided recovery. "We actually had destroyed it," he declared, "and destroyed it."

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