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FLAMES SWEEP RICH OIL FIELDS

LARGE CLASS TO GRADUATE HERE JUNE 7

C. A. Howard to Deliver Commencement Address Next Thursday.

F. E. CALLISTER TO PRESENT DIPLOMAS

Baccalaureate Service to Be Held Tomorrow at 4 p. m. in Normal School Auditorium.

Sixty-nine students will receive their diplomas and junior college certificates at the commencement exercises of the Eastern Oregon Normal school to be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., June 7, it was announced today by President H. E. Inlow.

Commencement week started last night with the coronation of the queen of "Evening", and this afternoon an all-college picnic was being held at Cove. Baccalaureate services will be held tomorrow at 4 p. m. in the E. O. N. auditorium, with Rev. Weldon M. Wilson, pastor of Grace Baptist church, of Spokane, delivering the baccalaureate sermon.

The baccalaureate program follows: Processional: Pilgrims Chorus "Dawn-hauser" Wagner Normal School Instrumental Ensemble Invocation Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, First Baptist church

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Kruse, Freeberg To Wrestle At Union on Friday

Two of the highest rated heavyweights on the Pacific coast, "Big Red" Kruse, Oregon grappler, and John Freeberg, Seattle matman, were last night slated for the main event of the stock show wrestling card at Union next Friday night, a wire from Ted Thye, Kruse's manager, to George Singer, promoter of the event revealed.

In Bob Kruse, Singer believes he has signed a man whose combination of cleverness and rough tactics will prove an even match for the terrific body slam of the Seattle giant. Freeberg weighs in at 225 pounds, while Kruse tips the scales at only an even 200, but the latter trickster has perfected a double wrist lock which he has used on several previous occasions to hurt his opponent through the ropes and into the ring-side seats. Both men are rough, but use different technique, Freeberg depending on battering down his adversary with his superior weight, while the Brockton merchant relies on speed and scientific wrestling tactics.

For the semi-windup Singer has secured Leo Jensen and Hans Olsen, two fast and rough light-heavyweights from Chicago, and for the preliminary is now seeking a match for the skill of Jack Cox of Union, former professional football player and college wrestling star. The wrestling card, an innovation in stock show entertainment, will be held in the Union gymnasium Friday night as the closing feature of the sports program the second day of the show.

V. F. W. POST TO MEET TUESDAY

Mt. Emily Post No. 2090, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet at the Eagles hall Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. for a regular session, according to Commander Fred Roberts. Roberts announced that the charter still remains open and urges all ex-service men to attend.

MAY SIXTH MONTH TO EXCEED NORMAL

May was the sixth consecutive month in La Grande for the mean temperature to exceed normal. As a matter of fact, May, 1934, goes down on the records as one of the warmest and driest in La Grande history, with a mean temperature of 61.1 degrees and a total rainfall of .40 of an inch.

The normal mean temperature is 54.5 according to government records, meaning that May's mark was 6.6 degrees above normal — quite in keeping with the unusually warm weather this section has been experiencing since last November.

Apes Never Had Any "Cowlicks"



BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 1 — Among all the big news and headlines of today's news, there was a little item that sure gave me great encouragement. It said that some great professor of the Smithsonian institution had discovered that a person with a "cowlick" was human and not like the person who had none, as they descended from the ape, as no ape ever had a cowlick. So now instead of having M. D. and P. H. D. after your name (and all those things to publicly advertise your supposed knowledge) why we just take off our hat and show you the old "cowlick" and say, "There, you apes, take a look at a human." Yours,

Will Rogers
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LOCAL HOTEL PURCHASED BY B. J. SPERRY

Portland Man Pays \$23,400 For the La Grande and Assumes \$33,000 in Back Taxes.

Word was received here this morning over the Associated Press wire from Spokane, stating that B. J. Sperry, of Portland, announced in Spokane yesterday that he had purchased the La Grande hotel at La Grande, for \$23,400 and that he had assumed more than \$33,000 in taxes due on the structure.

The Spokane Savings bank operated the hotel here for some time, until it closed two or three years ago, according to local information, and then the state banking commission of Washington took over the management of the hotel, continuing to

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DETECTIVES HERE FOR CHICAGO MAN

Detectives Chico and Kelly, of the Chicago city force, arrived in La Grande this morning and were taken to Enterprise by Sergeant J. A. Roberts, of the state police. The two Chicago officers are to take Roman Piskorz, charged with murder, back to trial. Governor Julius L. Meier recently granted extradition.

GOLF TEAM WILL PLAY PENDLETON

Members of the La Grande country club enjoyed a stag party last night at the club house, with Fred Lanzer and William Siegler co-chairmen of the event. Nearly every member was present and all enjoyed an evening of cards and discussion with a Dutch lunch served. More of these parties may be held in the future.

Wheat Today

No local or export quotations today because of the longshoremen's strike. Portland cash 77c.

CHICAGO, June 2 (AP) — Collapse of wheat prices in connection with the partial destruction of the C. H. Reynolds home by fire believed of an incendiary origin yesterday morning, was released late Friday by the city police.

LEADS RACE



Marjorie Hlatt, Baker Business Girls' club candidate for queen of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, Miss Hlatt was leading at the last count.

187 PUPILS HAVE PERFECT RECORDS FOR ATTENDANCE

A check of the number of La Grande school students who were neither tardy nor absent during the nine-month school term in 1933 and 1934 has been completed by Supt. Herbert Evans.

The list shows 187 students with perfect attendance records: 18 at Ackerman, 46 at Central, 23 at Greenwood, 24 at Rivera, 11 at Willow and 66 at the high school.

The lists follow:

Ackerman: Third—Edwin Radd; fourth—Marlon Sulder, Lorraine Chrusoskie; first—Billy Bailey; second—Lila and Lily Lloyd, Matt Swetich; sixth—George Quinn, Betty Larson, Thomas Kennedy; seventh—Marie Worrell, Edna Jasper, Nancy Lindsey; eighth—Donald Shultz, Kathleen McDowell.

Central: Second—Lo Desca Pieper.

Third—Richard Bunting, Dale Hargett, Dick Yeske, Maxine Hazer.

Fourth—Gail Gardner, Betty Ann Jennings, Max Jennings, Joseph McDowell, Helen Parsons, Annie Sweet-ich.

Fifth—Kenneth Bray, David Kelly, John Martin, Margaret McClure, Lorraine Noland, Catherine O'Rourke.

Sixth—Eugene Hargett, Justin Lloyd, Weldon Marshall, Eva Feik, Georgene Gietheiser, Wanda Marshall, Yvonne Neumann, Maxine Turnbow, Alice Wicklander, Oneta

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\$202,200 IN LOANS MADE TO FARMERS

Union County Receives This Amount From June 1, 1933 to May 1, 1934, From FCA.

A total of \$202,200 of federal land bank and land bank commissioner's farm mortgage loans was made in Union county, Oregon from July 1, 1933, to May 1, 1934, according to farm credit administration word sent to Bernal D. Hug, secretary-treasurer of the Elgin National Farm Loan association.

Of this total, farmers in Union county used approximately \$182,600, or 90.3 per cent to refinance their indebtedness. By refinancing, farmers obtained new mortgage loans which they used to repay their old debts. They generally reduced their annual interest charges in doing so. In a number of cases, scale-downs of indebtedness occurred in connection with the new loans. These and other advantages benefited farmers primarily. Secondly, creditors benefited from the receipt of cash or bonds in exchange for obligations they held.

Of the loan money used by farmers in Union county for refinancing their debts, about \$31,400, it was estimated, repaid their debts to banks; \$31,600, their debts to insurance companies; \$12,900, their taxes; \$2,600, their debts to merchants; \$104,100, their debts to "others," or creditors not separately classified, including private mortgage lenders, mortgage loan companies, retired farmers and many others to whom farmers were indebted.

A total of about \$19,600 of loans in the county was used for purposes other than the refinancing of borrowers.

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Cool Weekend Is Likely, Weather Bureau Reports

A somewhat cool weekend seemed in store for La Grande, with the minimum this morning 41 above, the maximum yesterday only 60 above, and the weatherman predicting cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Sunday with "continued cool."

No more rain fell last night, but the total for Friday came to 23 of an inch, the heaviest rainfall here in the last six weeks.

Slightly below normal temperatures were expected in the northwest early next week, the weather bureau reported.

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SPEAKING OF MOBILIZATION



Reported at Parting of Ways



Reports that Barbara Hutton, heiress to the Woolworth millions, was planning to divorce her Georgian Prince, Alexis Mdivani, were strengthened when the young bride's father sailed for France purportedly to counsel her. Married last June, the Prince and Barbara are shown in their most recent picture as they were about to take a plane for Paris for their present visit.

LA GRANDE WILL SEND CARAVAN TO UNION ON FRIDAY

The chamber of commerce is making plans to sponsor a caravan of automobiles to Union on next Friday, La Grande day at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show. All La Grande people planning to go to the show that day are urged to gather with their cars at the chamber of commerce office at 12:30 o'clock Friday, and then go to Union in one, long caravan. The afternoon program at the stock show grounds is scheduled to begin about 1:30 p. m.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

BOLIVIA PROTESTS TO U. S.

MENARY TO APPEAL TO F. R.

HELEN JACOBS BEATEN

MEIER ASKS HIGHWAY ACTION

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP) — The Bolivian government has protested to the state department against stopping sale of munitions for Bolivia in her war with Paraguay over the Gran Chaco. This country's action applied to both nations.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (AP) — United States Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, Republican floor leader, will make a personal appeal to President Roosevelt to take action in the Pacific coast longshoremen's strike.

PARIS, June 2 (AP) — Margaret (Peggy) Scriven, left-handed English star, today turned back Helen Jacobs' fifth bid for the French hard court tennis championship, defeating the United States titleholder in the final round 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

SALFEM, June 2 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier today telegraphed Senator Charles L. McNary urging him to do all in his power to secure "restoration of original appropriation of \$400,000,000 for highway work in Cartwright bill."

CORRELL, Ont., June 2 (AP) — One of the Dionne quintuplets, the little girl infant who weighs about one pound 12 ounces, is not making as good progress as her four sisters, Dr. A. R. Dufor, their physician, said this afternoon.

BAKER BASEBALL TEAM IS FACING TOUGH TILT HERE

"Regardless of how tough the Baker team is rated, I'm certain we'll give them a merry tussle tomorrow afternoon, and I wouldn't faint from surprise if La Grande won the game," said Manager Oib Stokke last evening after the La Grande baseball team had completed a week of vigorous practice in preparation for its game with the first half championship Baker squad at the High school field tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock — and D. W. Hall, business manager, sized up the game as follows: "In my opinion the teams are evenly matched. I am inclined to give La Grande a little edge however, I know the frame of mind the team is in, and any team as determined to win as the La Grande boys are, will be tough to beat."

Tentative starting lineups for the

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ITALY'S POLICY ON WAR DEFINED

ROME, June 2 (AP) — Premier Mussolini told 10,000 war volunteers today that Italy will fight her next war for herself alone and not on behalf of any other nations pretending to be her allies.

"Italy's volunteers, if war is necessary, will shed their blood for only Italy," declared Il Duce. "Experience has shown them that it does not pay to help by land and sea the people who pretend to be our allies."

Mussolini was interpreted as referring to France and her World War ally, Serbia, now part of Yugoslavia.

France, he said, did not give Italy the colonial territory promised in the London treaty of 1915 following which Italy entered the war.

Four men who were arrested for investigation in connection with the partial destruction of the C. H. Reynolds home by fire believed of an incendiary origin yesterday morning, were released late Friday by the city police.

The officers were satisfied none of the four had anything to do with the fire, and are still searching for suspects.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH LOSS AT MILLION

Six Producing Oil Dericks, Dozen Storage Tanks, Plant Burned

EXPLOSION SHAKES CALIFORNIA CITY

Firemen Find No Loss of Life Indicated By Search of Ruins Despite Early Report.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Cal., June 2 (AP) — Spread by a terrific explosion, flames swept a section of the old Huntington Beach oil field today, destroying six producing oil derricks, about a dozen storage tanks and a gasoline refinery plant.

Fears that some members of oil pumping crews had been caught in the flames were allayed four hours after the blaze, when firemen, searching through the ruins as the intense heat died away, found no victims and succeeded in accounting for everyone in the devastated area.

At first police reports told of several persons who had perished. Because of the terrific heat, firemen were unable to ascertain the veracity of the reports, which were subsequently discounted.

A preliminary estimate of damage by field officials placed the figure between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

The blast, which shook Huntington Beach, with the force of a minor earthquake and was noticed as far away as Long Beach, 23 miles distant, occurred when a hose, carrying high test gasoline from a refinery to a truck snapper, spraying the fuel down a fire box.

Governor Rolph Has Only Hours To Live, Report

GOV. ROLPH DIED LATE TODAY

SAN JOSE, Cal., June 2 (AP) — Dr. J. M. Scanlan announced at 9:30 a. m., after a visit to the bedside of Governor James Rolph Jr., that "it is only a matter of hours now until the governor passes." The governor, Dr. Scanlan said, is now in an almost constant coma.

"I sat on one side of the bed this morning and James III (the governor's son) on the other," the physician said. "James held his father's hand. The governor roused slightly, and barely recognized his son. The family is reconciled that it is only a matter of hours now until the governor passes."

Baseball

National League		R. H. E.
FIRST GAME:		
St. Louis		13 18 2
Pittsburgh		4 8 0
Batteries:	J. Dean and Delancy; Lucas, Chagnon, Smith, Harris and Grace,	
Philadelphia		R. H. E.
New York		4 11 1
Batteries:	Collins and Todd; Fitzsimmons, Bell and Mancuso,	
Brooklyn		R. H. E.
Boston		6 12 3
Batteries:	Beck, Smythe and Lopez, Berres, Frankhouse and Spolner,	

RELIEF PROBLEM OF U. S. BEFORE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP) — The house, still tense over its own recent partisan and personal quarreling, had a grim reminder today of the nation's relief problem as that of the federal treasury.

Recess of the senate under the agreement reached to result in a tariff bill vote at least on Monday meant all the more notice for the almost \$1,800,000,000 general appropriation bill.