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Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9: 6.

A WISE MOVE

The manipulators of our city government take a very wise course of action in the move to refund \$280,000 in improvement bonds, which fall due at intervals beginning in October. Without sufficient funds to retire the bonds, and with interest delinquencies in some cases extending back two years, it would have been disastrous to the city's credit to take any other possible avenue.

Refunding, with the support of the state treasurer's office pledged to the municipality, will when completed, again place the city's financial structure on a firm foundation—possibly on firmer foundation than it has been at any time during the last decade. In effect, it will correct the one weak spot in the financial structure, the improvement bond situation. General obligation bonds have never been in bad condition, and payments of principal and interest both have been made promptly.

With the improvement bond situation corrected, it also is expected to have a wholesome influence on the matter of redemption of outstanding general warrants, a lesser problem but nevertheless of importance. At present warrants are outstanding for approximately nine months, and with an easing of improvement bond principal and interest requirements, it may be that the city will be able to reduce the period of expectancy for payment of warrants considerably during the coming year or two until eventually the situation returns to normalcy.

There is one condition in the refunding that would seem to call for further consideration of our municipal governors. That is in the matter of the rate of interest to be paid on these refunding bonds. The tentative plan calls for a rising scale of two per cent the first five years, four per cent the next six and five per cent the last five years. It would seem, in face of what low charges are being secured in other similar instances today and the general trend and belief that interest rates will continue to hold low over a long period of time, that the rises to the brackets of the later years could be secured at lower rates.

There is one thing about our distinguished representative in congress, Walter Pierce, that is greatly to be admired. And that is his amazing frankness with his constituents—a rare quality among politicians. He keeps no cards up his sleeve, they're all on the table, face up. For example, he expressed his regrets at a club luncheon in La Grande, according to an Associated Press dispatch, that a production credit loan office was not established in La Grande instead of in Baker and Pendleton, and declared that had he been out here at the time the thing happened, it wouldn't have happened.

In other words, if Walter had been on the job instead of fiddling around at Washington, La Grande would have had the loan office. All of which strengthens the belief shared by a good many people that Walter functions more efficiently in the great wide-open spaces than in the unfamiliar highways and byways of national legislation—Union Republican.

Over The Valley Personals

Countrywomen's Club—Mrs. Ruth Anson, of near Island City, entertained the members of the Countrywomen's club Friday at her home. Mrs. Florence Jasper had charge of a number of games and contests which were enjoyed after the business session was closed. Mrs. Lorene Spitzer, Mrs. Laura Bates, Mrs. Cecil Edson and two daughters, Mrs. Elmina and Margaret and Mrs. Nellie Birch were visitors. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Sara Golden with Mrs. Kelly Anson in charge of the entertainment.

Visiting in Other Valley—Mrs. Alice Ferguson and daughter, Mrs. Frances, of Lead Canyon have gone to points near Portland where they will spend several weeks with Mrs. Leona Mulholland, Mrs. Ferguson's mother, several sisters, her son, Joe Ferguson and wife and they will also visit in Tacoma with another sister, Mrs. Mildred Mohr and family. Jackie Ferguson is still visiting near Portland with his grandmother, brother and sisters.

On The Minam—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Council, of Lead Canyon, are enjoying a much needed vacation up on the Minam. They went as far as Cove by car, then packed in with horses, where they will rest and fish for a week. Her mother, Mrs. Edith McClure, of La Grande, has little Jeanie, their baby son, while they are away.

Island City Aid—The meeting of the Ladies Aid society of the Island City Community church will be held Thursday afternoon, Aug. 9, at 2:00 o'clock at Riverside Park. Should the weather not be favorable, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dee Davis.

Have Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Groat, of Orange Hill, had as their guests the past month, Mrs. Frank Hart and daughter, Clara Norris. They left Saturday for their home at American River, Wash. While in the valley they visited other relatives at Elgin and also in Wallawa county. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Groat are sisters.

Conclude Visit Here—Louis and Clifford Depp and Alfred King have returned to their homes at Nampa after having visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gieseler and with other relatives of the Gieseler connection.

Come From California—Mrs. Mollie Porter has returned to her home in Lead Canyon after a sojourn of seven months, spending most of the time in Los Angeles with relatives. Mrs. Porter's health was very poor when she left this valley but she has returned feeling very much improved.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair in the east and unsettled in the west portion tonight and Sunday, probably light rains on the east; slightly warmer in interior of south and east portions tonight; gentle southerly winds offshore.
For the week: Generally fair with normal temperatures but unsettled early in the week in Western Washington and Northwest Oregon.

LOCAL WEATHER
Friday: Maximum 69, minimum 54 above. Cloudy.
Today: Minimum 44. 7 a. m.—54 above. Clear.

Dance Festival Added To Play Plans Today

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Nina Proffitt, Josephine Hendrickson, Anne Hendrickson, Maryn McLain, Lois Holman, Anna Larson, Betty Strand, Donna Jean Doe, Gloria See, Adrienne See, Beth Kofford, Nancy Coombs, Bernice Chadwick, Jean Ferdinansen, Bernadine Lester, Older group by partners, one girl dressed as boy, Ruth Lillie, Lois Rasmussen, Florence Schultz, Florence Lillie, Lorain Hendrickson, Charlotte Burnett, Grace Hagstale, Betty Strand, Millicent Beck, Jerry Jean Kimmell, Cassette Strand, Sigrid Borner, Betty Chadwick, Verma Borner, Pauline Brooks, Elizabeth Hendrickson, Helen Holman, Josephine Williams, Emogene Weis, Aladene Chadwick, Lois Kofford, Cathleen Dial, Mary Buckner, Doris Schultz.

Younger High school group: Virginia Landers, Marjorie Chandler, Makhine Haer, Christina Hurley, Mary Ellen Wagner, Naomi Creaman, Maryje Chandler, Betty Jennings, Winifred Crossley, Shirley Carpenter, Barbara Bean, Donna Cole, Mary O'Rourke, Harriett Avery.
Older group by partners: Betty Graham, Neva Lovan, Phyllis Metcalf, Neva Samuelson, Helen Skinner, Emma Jean Skinner, Marie Skitt, Betty May Mason, Von Celia Bruce, Dorothy Cole, Bern Palmer, Frances O'Rourke, Violet Gunn, Frances Wood, Mary Helen Dyason, Dorothy Price, June Butner, Nancy Lindsay, Sarah Patten, Verna Baker, Cecilia Cook, Marcia Miller, William Baker, Ruby Burnett.
Any other children wishing to sign up for these events may do so at the High school on Monday morning or at Greenwood on Tuesday morning.

Next Week Is Last One For Playground

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Planned by Harvey Carter, has been in charge of the activities the last seven weeks.

On Monday at 2:30 the final playground baseball games will be played and at 6:30 the twilight league games at the stadium.

On Tuesday from 1 to 3 p. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m. the water carnival, Junior lifesaving tests and Red Cross swimming tests will be given.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 the horsehoe contest will be held and at 6:30 the second twilight league games will be played.

Thursday at 6:30 the play and dance festival will be held at Greenwood school on the lawn.

Friday's schedule includes the junior lifesaving tests and Red Cross swimming tests from 1 to 3 and from 3 to 5. At 6:30 the twilight league games will be played at the stadium and at the same hour the play and dance festival will be held on the High school lawn.

Exhibits of handicraft, campcraft and construction work will be placed in a down town window for the public to view. The citizens of La Grande are also cordially invited to attend the plays and dance festivals as well as the baseball games. No admission is charged for any of these activities.

WHEAT PRICE SOARS THREE CENTS TODAY

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Over Friday's mark of 80 cents, which had held for several days.
Figuring Union county's 1934 crop of 750,000 bushels—a conservative estimate—the new price puts the value at well over half a million dollars—around \$320,230 to be more exact. It represents an increase in value of around \$142,500 in a little more than three weeks time. On July 16 local wheat was quoted at 56 1/2 cents.

LOCAL COUPLE GETS LICENSE

A marriage license was issued yesterday at the office of County Clerk C. K. McCormick to Edridge Huffman and Joyce Cusick, both of La Grande. Mr. Huffman is a teacher in La Grande High.

His grounds have been exceptionally popular also.

Making Improvements—Mr. and Mrs. Al Harlow, who recently bought the Frank McKinnis place near Summerville, are improving the house. Roy Buoy is doing the work.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Kenneth Flesman, of Los Angeles, with her baby son, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Elias Day, at Enterprise, are in the valley at the home of Mr. Flesman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Flesman, of the Willowdale district.

At Spencer Home—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Dunlap, of Watsburg, Wash., and Mrs. Emma Harmon and Mrs. Ida Dunlap, of Prescott, spent the weekend at Lawrence Spencer's home near Summerville. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Dunlap are sisters. While here they drove to Wallawa county for a visit with relatives.

Having Big Crowds—Roy Beckgren, manager of the Crow swimming pool reports the crowds of swimmers at the pool each day for the past month. There have been no special parties but just big crowds of lovers of this sport. With an absence of yellow jackets the pic-

Program, Honor Court At Boys' Camp Friday

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boys. Bishop James Eardly, of Baker, and A. W. Nelson, La Grande, spoke, Nelson complimenting the L. D. S. people highly on the progress they have made in improving the camp site. J. W. Baxter represented the state presidency of the church, and then the boys, under the direction of Stevenson, again sang. David B. Stoddard, La Grande, told a story of Jacob Hamblin, L. D. S. pioneer missionary to the Indians, and then Norman Fries, La Grande, made awards to the boys. Fifteen received awards as satisfactory campers and two as honorary campers, and seven pioneering and one first aid Boy Scout merit badges were awarded. Stevenson then was initiated into the Order of the Arrow, with Arthur Steffen and Woodrow Damerell in Indian attire giving the ceremony.

Among those present were Bishop Eardly, Joseph Williams and Mr. Yancey, of Baker; and Nelson, Fries, Lloyd Walch, R. Z. Baxter and Dr. Blackham, of La Grande.

PRELIMINARY WORK ON PWA GRANT BEGINS

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and specifications for submission to the regional office, and the entering into of a three-cornered contract on one side, and the PWA administrator on the other side.

At the school board meeting held last night at the High school, Chairman Colton Eberhard explained that Chancellor W. J. Kerr and his associates have promised the quickest possible action in taking care of preliminary matters. The state will handle the preparing of plans and specifications, and attend to many of the other matters, while the school district also will have a number of tasks to fulfill.

The arrival of the contract is expected any day now, and that probably is the most pressing matter. Messrs. bond procedure must be attended to through the school district, and instructions on this phase are expected very soon. Bond procedure will require the most careful and painstaking attention, but the bonds have been voted and their legality approved by the PWA. C. C. Hockley, state engineer for the PWA, has offered to assist the architect in preparing contract documents and the attorney in preparing the bond transcript and requisition for funds, and will assist in such other matters as it may be possible for him or his assistants to lend their offices.

After all these matters are attended to, and approved by the government, then advertising for bids is the next step, leading up to actual construction.

No Hardship for Taxpayers
At the meeting last night Mr. Eberhard explained that the repayment of the loan to the government will work no hardship on the school district taxpayers.

He explained it thusly: At present the district owes \$80,000 in general serial bonds, which will be paid off in seven years on the following basis:

1934-35	\$10,000
1935-36	10,000
1936-37	11,000
1937-38	11,000
1938-39	12,000
1939-40	13,000
1940-41	13,000

Repayment of principal bonds to the government will not begin until 1938 and during that year, 1939 and 1940, payments on principal will be \$2500, and in 1941 it will be \$3000. In other words, the school district will not be required to pay anything on the principal until 1938, and during the last four-year period on which present general bonds are being retired, will only be required to provide an additional \$2500 for the first three years and \$3000 principal for the last year of this period. Beginning next year, however, interest payments of \$2200 must be made annually to the government, as holder of the bonds.

So the actual cost to the school district—above other bond payments—from 1935 to 1938 will amount to an additional \$2200 per year (in interest payment); from 1938 to 1940 in additional \$4700 per year (in interest payment and \$2500 principal payment); and in 1941 an additional \$2200 (in interest payment and \$3000 principal payment). In 1942, with the present general bonds retired, the payments to the government will be less than present payments on bonds, which will allow for a reduction in costs to taxpayers for bond retirement.

Pepper Martin stole 20 bases in 22 attempts while he was with Sprague in 1926.

Jim Bottomley, first baseman with the Cincinnati Reds, once worked as a blacksmith in a coal mine.

SAVING TAX DOLLARS

To effect greater savings in road work, Union county recently converted an old gasoline tractor into a "Caterpillar" Diesel. On one 8-hour day's work the Diesel used 16 gallons of 6c fuel—16c worth. The former gas tractor would have burned 40 gallons of 15c gasoline. The saving per day for the tax payer, \$5.04.

BUNTING Tractor Co.

LEVEL OF FARM PRICES HIGHER; HAY CROP SHORT

CORVALLIS, Ore. (Special)—The national level of farm prices in mid-June was 77 per cent of pre-war, but since the middle of June farm prices have continued to advance on all major Oregon commodities except cattle and lambs, says the latest report on the agricultural situation and outlook issued by the agricultural economist's department of the extension service. Wheat and dairy products, the two most important Oregon products from a standpoint of cash farm income, have shown the greatest strength.

Compared with a year ago the June price index of grains at 89 was 26 points; fruits and vegetables at 108 up 34 points; meat animals at 64 down 2 points; dairy products at 84 up 11 points, and chickens and eggs at 69 up 14, says the report.

On June 15 the purchasing power in percentage of parity of leading commodities grown by Oregon farmers was as follows: Corn 72, oats 80, barley 67, wheat 73, rye 66, flaxseed 81, hay 67, potatoes 78, apples 104, hogs 40, beef cattle 63, veal 55, lambs 69, sheep 54, eggs 67, wool 102, horses 47 and chickens 81.

Purchasing power of farm products generally in the United States was about 63 per cent of pre-war.

The heavy hay crop of Western Oregon has largely offset the shortage east of the Cascades so that the total crop will be nearly equal to the 19 million tons produced last year and a little in excess of the five-year average.

United States hay crops will be exceedingly short due to low yields and use of meadow lands for pasture in the drought area. Emergency hay crops and the cutting of small grains for hay will partly offset the reduced yield from meadows. Total production of all hay is expected to total about 37.5 million tons, using the last 15 years, annual production has averaged around 85 million tons.

No serious fruit shortage will occur this year, the report states. Production of soft fruits in the eastern states was curtailed somewhat, but it now appears that the production of late fruits, except apples, will equal or exceed that of a year ago. Oregon, Washington and Arkansas are the only important apple states where the production is expected to equal that of last year.

Members of the mid-west nudist colony that installed a merry-go-round are no doubt fond of bareback riding.

Just why so many grumblers stay in this country is a problem, unless they are willing to get what others have saved.

The Klamath Indians of Oregon are said to have the highest per capita wealth, \$28,000, of any tribe in the United States. It seems to be a case of high lo and the jack.

Roger Babson thinks the average farmer is better off today, on the whole, than he was a year ago. However, there remains the hole the average farmer wants to get out of.

LOCALS

To Kentucky—Mrs. P. A. Epling and her brother, Frank McGuire left this morning for Prestonburg, Ky., where they will visit their mother. They plan to be gone from here for six or eight weeks.

To Chicago—Mrs. John C. Niederer expects to leave next week for an extended stay in Chicago. She will first attend the convention of American Cosmetics association and the convention of the national hairdressers and cosmetologists, after which she expects to take a post graduate course in the National School of Cosmetology which teaches the Marinello system. Mrs. Niederer also expects to attend the world's fair during her stay in Chicago and will probably return to La Grande late in September. During her absence her son, LaVon, will be in charge of her shop.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, administrator of the estate of Clifford Arthur Brennan, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of his attorneys, Green & Hess, at La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 28th day of July, 1934.
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LABOR

"Why do you labor so hard?" I asked Of the man by the side of the road, As he looked at me kindly he answered, "To relieve another man's load."

"Why do you labor so hard?" I asked Of the man with the sweating brow, As he smiled he answered me kindly, "Tis my children who need me now."

"Why do you labor so hard?" I asked Of a mother aged and gray, She earnestly blessed me and answered, "Because it's the only way."

Then I went out and looked at the sun And thought of the stars and the moon: I rolled up my sleeves and went to my task And had it all finished by noon.

For I had learned the value of work And its broad relation to man, I found that no one worth while e'er shirks, Each does the best he can.

—Franklin Lee Stevenson.

When our service is needed, we are prepared to meet emergencies. Do not hesitate to call us.

SNODGRASS and ZIMMERMAN

BEAVERS, INDIANS SCORE VICTORIES FRIDAY EVENING

By The Associated Press

The much walked on Portland Beavers and Seattle Indians are showing the California clubs of the Pacific Coast league a few things about baseball. The Beavers—semi-official 1934 champion—won their ninth game in twelve starts yesterday to climb out of the league cellar for the first time in weeks and weeks. With its ninth straight victory Seattle strengthened its narrow hold on third place. Three Sacramento errors helped Portland to a 6-2 win, breaking their seventh place tie with the Senators. It was the Beavers' third straight win of the series.

Even though it was "Mike Hunt" night at Seattle, Fred Berger stole the show from his fellow outfielder, wallowing two home runs as the tribe beat Oakland, 4-2. Hunt hit only a single.

The league leading Angels thumped Hollywood 11-7 to even their bitter two-month series with the stars at two all.

Aided and abetted by the Missions, San Francisco ran its current losing streak to ten games as the Reds honored their manager, Gaby Street, with a 5-3 triumph.

Report Indicates A Cheerful Future
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The association pointed out that

"some idea of what 36,000,000,000 feet of lumber means may be inferred from the fact that 12,000 feet will build a five-room bungalow."
"Thus, using that average, the estimated lumber needed for repairs alone would be sufficient to construct 3,000,000 bungalows."

POLICE KILL DOG
A dog belonging to Mrs. L. E. Comstock was killed by the police, and the owner agreed to pay C. C. Tolson's doctor bill as a result of a case before Municipal Judge L. B. Moe yesterday. The dog previously had bitten other persons besides Tolson, officers reported.

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