

High Percentage Of Children Attend Schools

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DROUGHT RELIEF PLAN EXPANDED

4804 ATTEND SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTY

Represents About 96 Per Cent of School Age Population.

CENTRALIZATION TREND CONTINUES

Annual Report of Supt. E. A. Sayre Shows Financial Situation to Be Improving.

Of a total of 4,957 children of school age in Union county, 4,804 were enrolled in either grade or high school during the last year, according to the annual report just prepared by E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. This represents an attendance of 96 per cent, regarded locally as an unusually high figure.

Sayre's report also revealed that the average per cent of daily attendance in the elementary grades was 86.4 and in the high schools 94.1. It also reveals a continuance of the trend toward centralization of districts. Last year three districts transferred their schools and sent their children to nearby schools, and he expects the same to occur this year.

At present there are 54 school districts in the county, and six high schools. In 1933-34 118 elementary teachers and 44 high school teachers were employed over the county.

Financially the situation is as follows: bonded indebtedness of all school districts \$180,000; warrant indebtedness \$99,603.68. The previous year the bonded indebtedness stood at \$163,460, showing a reduction of \$33,460 in the 12 months. Warrant indebtedness the year previous was \$122,460.40.

Sayre reports that all school districts held the required number of days of school which is 160 outside of holidays and Saturdays.

Five acts of vaudeville have been lined up for the American Legion show to be staged in Zuber hall on Saturday, August 18. These acts include tap dancers, singers and skits. One of the feature attractions will be Professor Charles Mixer on the theremin. This instrument is the only one of its kind in this part of the country and is the only musical instrument that can be played without the touch of human hand.

THREE QUALIFY ON CO. E RANGE HERE SUNDAY

The first Sunday of range firing by Company E, 186th Infantry, saw three out of four authorized to shoot. Qualifying. The firing was conducted by Lieut. Jesse V. Andrews, and about two squads of guardsmen were present. Firing will continue next Sunday.

BAKER RESTRICTS USE OF CITY WATER

Another city of Eastern Oregon has announced water restrictions, because of the dry year. Saturday Baker decided that the use of water for lawn and garden sprinkling would have to be curtailed. With the city divided into two zones, those in one zone may sprinkle on odd-numbered days and those in the other on even-numbered days.

Will To Let Japs Build Bigger Navy



TOKYO, Aug. 12.—Had dinner and long chat with Roosevelt in Honolulu and he gave me practically the same advice that Calvin Coolidge gave Dwight Morrow on Mexico. The president told me, "Will, don't jump on Japan. Just keep them from jumping on us."

Arrived Saturday. Everything peaceful and fine. They want a bigger navy, and I think I will let 'em have it, for they are going to build it anyway. Yours,

Will Rogers

ATTENDANCE FOR PLAYGROUND HERE AT HIGH FIGURE

An average daily attendance of about 350 persons was recorded for La Grande's first annual playground which concluded last week. The playground activity was in progress for eight weeks beginning on June 11 and continuing through August 11.

This is said to be a very excellent record of attendance for a city the size of La Grande, and particularly for the first year's playground program. At the La Grande stadium, where the largest crowds were present, the daily average attendance was 245, with a weekly average of 1,229. The total on the one playground was 11,064 for the entire eight weeks.

Although exact figures were not available from the Greenwood playground, an average of about 500 per week were in attendance on that field, bringing the grand total well over 15,000. The week of July 9 to 14 showed the greatest attendance of any week, 1611 youngsters having been present on the stadium playground during the week, or an average of about 322 per day. The final week had the second highest attendance.

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87 ANSWER MESS CALL SUNDAY AT LAKE BOYS' CAMP

The annual Wallowa Lake Boys' camp was established at the Methodist camp grounds yesterday, and 87 were fed at the Sunday evening meal. This is the largest attendance the camp has ever had, according to Harvey Carter, director.

Two trucks were required yesterday to haul baggage and the boys who had no other means of transportation. Scores of the boys were taken to camp in private automobiles. The boys are established in tents loaned by the U. S. forest service and various individuals, and were to swing into regular camp routine today. The camp, with boys present from Portland, La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise and other Oregon cities, will

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BUILDING PERMIT FOR \$300 ISSUED

Building activity is continuing during August in La Grande, although perhaps not as briskly as in July. The latest permit to be issued at the city office was to the Eastern Oregon Federal and Loan association to alter and repair an apartment on Fourth street between Depot and Washington. Cost of the work is estimated at \$300.

G. H. Foster applied for the building permit.

shortage in Baker. La Grande faces no water restrictions. City Manager Angus McAllister was at the Beaver creek reservoir yesterday and reports it practically full with sufficient water on hand now to last into October, supplemented by night pumpings from the deep wells. In other words, McAllister says there is no water shortage in La Grande this year, nor will there be.

Beauty Marooned In Penthouse



Betty Randolph, once glorified in Ziegfeld's Follies, became the feminine Robinson Crusoe of Manhattan Island when she marooned herself in her 18th floor penthouse atop the San Carlos Hotel for fear she would be locked out by the management if she went out. A bill for \$600 rent was the cause.

STATE POLICE IN FIELD TRAINING AT CAMP CLATSOP

State Policeman Bill Howard returned Sunday from a week spent at Camp Clatsop, attending the state police school. He reports a very busy week, occupied largely with the range firing, manual, etc. Twenty-five sergeants and privates were present for the opening week of school, being quartered in national guard squad tents.

The weather was chiefly throughout the week, Howard reports.

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Hard Winter Ahead?

BAKER, Aug. 13 (AP)—Sheepmen operating in the mountains of this county and farmers in Baker valley report yellow jackets more plentiful and more bothersome than ever before. Some old-timers declare this is a sign of a hard winter ahead.

NATURE STUDY



NEW HEALTH NURSE NAMED FOR COUNTY

Miss A. E. Erickson, Portland, and to succeed Mrs. Zimmerman, Resigned

Miss A. E. Erickson, of Portland, has been appointed by the county court to the office of public health nurse for Union county, to succeed Mrs. Alice Marquardt Zimmerman, whose resignation was in the hands of the officials July 1. Miss Erickson is at present at a girls' camp out of Portland but will come to La Grande as soon as that work is finished to take up her new duties.

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Walter A. Bean Gives Talk On National Guard

Walter A. Bean, captain of Company E, 186th Infantry, spoke on the subject of "The National Guard" at the Lions club luncheon today at noon in the Scajawa Inn. He contrasted the present national guard and its benefits to both individual and community, with the militia of the early days.

The La Grande company, he said, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. During the 10 years of organization it has brought \$108,000 in federal money into La Grande and has trained 400 men. A good unit is a great reflection on the community, he pointed out, since it contacts other units throughout the state.

Ira Woodie announced a free swimming period at Crystal Plunge from 1 to 5 p. m. Friday of this week.

Jackie Coogan Has a Gi-r-rl!



It seems like only yesterday that Jackie Coogan was a child star of the films, and now here he is, grown up, with rumors of a fiancée floating all about him. Some say it's Toby Wing he favors, but this picture seems to point to Jean Gale, 1934 Wampus Baby Star, as the lucky girl. Anyway, here are both Jackie and Jean scoring the rubberneck as they ride the sights of Salt Lake City on a policeman's motorcycle.

LA GRANDE NET TEAM HOLDS OWN AT WALLA WALLA

La Grande and Walla Walla broke even in a tennis tournament at the twicely-named city Sunday, each team chalking up five points. Incidentally, it was scheduled to be the "rubber" tournament between the two teams, as each had previously won an intercity match from the other. The tie score, however, left the superiority of the two as evenly matched as before.

Interest in tennis has been growing steadily here this year and following the outcome of the match Sunday, plans are under way to send at least four and possible five or six players to Walla Walla next Friday, Saturday and Sunday to participate in the Eastern Washington tournament. Others who are expected to attend

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TRUCKERS IN PORTLAND ON STRIKE TODAY

400 Drivers in Walkout—Government and State Act Quickly.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Four hundred drivers left their dry trucks in garages today as they walked out on a strike which threatened to tie up commerce, just recovering from a devastating strike of waterfront workers.

The dryage section of the Truck Drivers' union went on strike for higher wages, but about 600 other union drivers, engaged in delivery service and distance hauling were not affected.

The current wage scale for drayage men ranges from \$4.25 to \$4.75 an 8-hour day. The strikers demand a scale of from \$5.25 to \$6.25. Employers announced they were willing to concede a 50-cent advance and would

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SCHALL EXPECTS JOHNSON OUSTER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Senator Schall (R-Minn.) predicted today that President Roosevelt may "fire" Hugh S. Johnson "to set up a White House alibi" in the new-print code dispute.

Schall, persistent critic of NRA, issued a statement attacking a proposal for a special board with authority to over-see reprint prices—a plan which publishers have opposed as monopolistic. Schall declared the proposal a "menace to American publishers."

Wheat Today

The price of local cash new crop wheat stood at about 68½ cents bulk here today, according to the Pioneer flouring mills. Portland cash 87 cents.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13 (AP)—Aggressive buying late today virtually over-ruled new price setbacks which earlier had carried wheat down to 84½ cents under last week's high point.

Purchasing of wheat appeared to be chiefly for the cash, whereas the west was active in buying corn. Strength shown by securities at New York, together with some renewal of inflation talk, had a late bullish influence.

Wheat closed irregular, 1/4¢ off to 1/4¢ on compared with Saturday's final, Dec. new \$1.06 3/4¢, corn at 1/4¢ decline to 1/4¢ advance, Dec. 78½¢, oats 1/4¢ 1/4¢ down, and provisions showing a rise of 25 to 30¢.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

UNITY MAN IS KILLED
TWO NEGROES LYNCHED
CLARIFY SILVER POLICY
TO TEST PENSION LAW

BAKER, Aug. 13 (AP)—Rev. Rosenbaum, 30, of Unity, was killed Sunday night two miles from Hereford when he was knocked from the running board of an automobile by a C. C. truck operated by a civilian conservation corps worker of Susanville.

ASHLAND, Miss., Aug. 13 (AP)—Two mobs in different sections of Benton county overpowered officers and seized and lynched two alleged negro slayers early today, Sheriff R. H. Hudspeath reported here. They were Robert Jones, Tupelo, and Smith Houey, Holley Springs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—In a further effort to clarify the treasury's silver policy, Secretary Morgenthau today made public a letter from President Roosevelt dated June 14 directing him to issue certificates against all silver then held in the treasury but not needed for redemption of any outstanding certificates.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Railroads filed suit in the District of Columbia supreme court today asking an injunction to prevent the federal railroad retirement board from operating the pension law passed at the last session of congress. The law was attacked on the ground it violated the commerce clause of the constitution and the 5th amendment to the constitution by taking property without due process of law.

NEW FIRE BREAKS OUT TODAY NEAR CITY OF SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 13 (AP)—Spokane got her first taste of forest fire smoke today when a savage fire broke out in the forest ten miles northwest of the city and was raging toward the Spokane river on a three mile front.

Eastward, toward Idaho, black smoke clouds hung low over the horizon where two thousand men battled desperately to bring two wild fires in Selway national forest under control. The blazes, lightning set, were seething through heavy timber.

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TRACTOR PARTY FINDS BYRD SAFE

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica, Aug. 13 (AP)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd's lonely five-months vigil on the frozen rim of the world is over. A weary tractor party of three succeeded in reaching his solitary weather observation post, 123 miles to the south, yesterday after a three-day battle against elements of the antarctic.

They found Byrd, commander of the second antarctic expedition, worn and weak, but cheerful. The terse news that the little band of three.

EXPLOSION AT CLEANING CO.

The cleaner at the Odorous Cleaners Co., on Washington avenue exploded shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, damaging the equipment to some extent and the contents—which happened to consist entirely of overalls. The fire department prevented any further damage.

HEMOPHILIA, INJURIES FATAL TO PRINCE

KLAGENFURT, Austria, Aug. 13 (AP)—Don Gonzalo, 19-year-old prince of Spain and fourth son of Alfonso, former king of Spain, died today of the family malady of hemophilia or skin-bleeding, caused by an automobile accident.

F. R. ACTS TO PURGE WORK OF POLITICS

President Orders Dismissal of Workers Now Seeking Office.

NO CONCERN OVER A FOOD SHORTAGE

Officials Believe Slight Improvement in Drouth Area—To Buy More Foodstuffs.

By Francis M. Stephenson
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt in conferences on the drouth today ordered federal purchase of any foodstuffs which might otherwise go to waste and laid down an emphatic ultimatum against politics in the relief campaign.

He authorized Aubrey Williams, assistant federal relief administrator, and Secretary Wallace to draft a plan for government purchase of hay and fruits in small quantities which might not otherwise be harvested. Williams emphasized this was primarily to afford relief for the small growers. He said there was no concern over a possible lack of sufficient food. Officials have explained all along food supplies would be adequate. The president and Williams

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Great Slice of Horseshoe Falls Collapses Today

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 13 (AP)—With a tremendous roar, a great slice of the Horseshoe falls collapsed into the Niagara gorge at 8:20 a. m. (E. S. T.) today. The collapse, which threw a huge column of water into the air, was witnessed by a number of Niagara state reservation patrolmen and workers.

The piece of the lip of the falls which collapsed left a large gouge in the contour of the crest. The piece broke off between the middle of the falls and the Canadian mainland shore.

The collapse was the second large one to have occurred at Niagara in recent years. On January 17, 1931, a piece 150 feet deep and 300 feet wide fell from the face of the American falls, bringing down an estimated 80,000 tons of rock.

GOLF DINNER WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY

The golf match feed, which the winning team will enjoy at the expense of the losing team, is to be held next Thursday evening about 6:30 o'clock at the Charles Binger cabin. It was announced today.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh—postponed, rain.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
(First Game)
Philadelphia 9 16 1
Washington 0 8 1
Marvins and Berry; Thomas, Russell, McGill and Bolton.
Philadelphia at Washington second game postponed, rain and wet grounds.

A physician said the injuries suffered by the prince would not have caused death to an ordinary person but in his case, the doctors were unable to stay the flow of blood.

The infant, who is 25, was driving the car at the time of the accident. She swerved it into a wall to avoid running down a German bicyclist, Baron Richard von Hemsbach. The prince was hurt in the resulting crash. The baron was arrested. Princess Beatrice was prostrated by grief today.