Part-Time Art, Naturecraft Supervision For Schools

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FOREST FIRES TAKE THREE LIVES

BOARD MAKES ADDITION TO COURSE HERE

Action Hinged on Disposition of 5th and 6th Grades at Willow.

PUPILS WILL GO TO GREENWOOD

Other Four Grades Continued at Willow—Mrs. Douglas, Harvey Carter New Supervisors.

As a result of a decision reached last night by the school board, which gave approval to an earlier recommendation by Supt. Herbert Evans, part-time art and naturecraft supervision will be available to the grade schools in La Grande during the school year 1934-35. No such supervision was enjoyed in 1933-34 here.

The entire matter centered around Willow school, and action was not taken until Supt. Evans completed a survey of that district to determine probable attendance as well as the sentiment there.

NO IDEA OF CLOSING UP WILLOW SCHOOL

During last night's school board meeting, the board, in answer to rumors that Willow school would be closed after the 1934-35 year, authorized the statement that the board has absolutely no present intention of closing Willow. As long as there are children in that district to be taught, the school probably will be continued, the board members said.

In brief, by continuing the first four grades at Willow school during the coming year, Supt. Evans reported that only three teachers would be necessary there — the same as last year. But if fifth and sixth grades were to be left at Willow and not sent elsewhere, another teacher would be necessary for the school. This, however, would not have increased the total list of grade school teachers, as the requisite number are now under contract.

But by sending most of the fifth and sixth grade students in the Willow district to Greenwood, where no added teaching strength would be required to handle the extra pupils, one full-time teacher would be released. Then Supt. Evans' plan was to have Mrs. Gladys Douglas teach half a day and spend the remaining half in the capacity of grade school art supervisor. Harvey Carter would teach the other half a day and during the remaining time would act as boys' work and naturecraft supervisor.

Only Two Objections

The survey of parents of Willow district children of fifth and sixth grade age revealed only two maintained objections to the plan, a de-

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Fire Department Burning Tracts Of Dried Grass

The city fire department is continuing the burning off of large tracts of dried weeds and grass in various sections of the city to reduce the fire hazard. Citizens, also, believe the work is also increasing the sightliness of several tracts.

The work, which has been continuing for some weeks, already has produced results in a lessening of the number of grass fires, as compared with normal. The flusher truck is being used for the work, providing adequate control facilities.

Yesterday and today the truck was operating in the vicinity a few blocks from the High school west of Fourth street.

Will Comments On Japanese Logic

TOKIO, Aug. 13 — The Japanese naval committee announced today it is going ahead with shipbuilding. If allowed at the next conference, they will have them. If not allowed, they will have them, too. Can't beat logic like that.

In the Japanese-American swimming meet our backstroke boy won one swimming on his stomach, but lost in tonight's races. I am coaching them all to turn over on the back.

Sure hot here. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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SEEKING SLOGAN IN CAMPAIGN FOR 1935 CONVENTION

The American Legion convention committee of the La Grande post No. 43, seeking to bring the 1935 state meeting to this city, last night enlarged the personnel of its committee by the addition of five more members.

The original committee consisted of Fred E. Kiddle, chairman; Bill Wilkins, C. J. Shorb, H. E. Brady and Victor Eckley. Additional members are Chet Thompson, J. R. Garity, H. H. Richardson, Fred Read and Jack Biggs.

The committee last night decided to adopt a slogan in connection with its convention drive, and invites anyone to submit a slogan to Victor Eckley at the post office.

Plans also were made for several stunts at the convention beginning Aug. 23 at Astoria. The stunt committee consists of Raymond Williams, Charles Graham, Bill Wilkins and Clifford Bragg.

VENTILATION OF CHEMISTRY ROOM TO BE PROVIDED

At a special meeting of the school board called last night at the High School building, a number of matters incident to the opening of school next month were considered.

Among the more important matters was the question of ventilation of the chemistry rooms and the gymnasium, and the shading of the skylights in the chemistry rooms to avoid glare. These defects in the remodelled High school building have developed. The upshot of this was that a motion was carried unanimously to have the Melville Co. install a system of ventilation, the cost to be approximately $375. As to the glare from the skylights, the board decided to use blinds now on hand and have them installed horizontally beneath the skylights.

Chairman Colon R. Eberhard announced appointment of standing committees for the year, as follows:

Buildings committee (includes fuel): Ed Moon, chairman, Lee Han-

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NRA TEST CASE IS FILED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) — The recovery administration was charged with being "a dictatorial form of government" in a major test case before the federal trade commission today involving NRA's price fixing powers.

Edward J. Ramsay, New York shoe manufacturer, answering NRA's complaint that he was violating the shoe code by granting excess discounts, said congress violated the constitution in delegating legislative powers to the executive.

INCREASE IN ROAD TRAVEL THIS MONTH

Highway Count in This District Shows Six Gains And Two Losses.

A decided increase in travel over most highways in this district as compared with July was revealed in the August count, conducted at eight different points. The count, which was conducted Sunday, was tabulated late yesterday.

The greatest increase probably was on the Old Oregon Trail between Meacham and La Grande. The count was made at mile post 262, five miles east of Meacham, and revealed 764 cars compared with 543 last month, an increase of nearly 40 per cent. Counts at five other points showed material increases, while counts at two points showed some decrease—with much of this credited to the fact that this month's count was on a Sunday, and the July count was on a Saturday.

Results of the counts at other points follow:

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Legion Signs Up Fan Dancer For Benefit Aug. 18

"So You Can't Take It" is the American Legion show to be held in Zuber hall next Saturday night. Rehearsals for the legion act will get under way tonight and from advance information this one act will be well worth the admission.

The "Oregon Trail Buckaroos", one of the leading Cowboy Orchestras in the west and well known vaudeville

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Did You Ever Try Playing 'Oh Heck!'

YELLOW SPRINGS, O., Aug. 14 (AP)—Dr. Robert F. Wallace, Antioch college, has invented a new solitaire game which he calls "Oh Heck," or something like that.

Turning up the cards one at a time, he guesses the identity of each. If he gets one right, he loses; if he gets 52 wrong, he wins.

He won 13 times out of 1,000 games.

Bullets Whine Last 'Get Along' to 'Dogies'

Here are three "dogies" that never more will hear the mournful refrain of the cowboy, two dead by bullets and a third about to meet a like fate, among the thousands that have been slaughtered on western plains to relieve them of the agonies of hunger and thirst. They are part of a herd shot by government marksmen on a farm near Arapaho, Okla., because they were too weak to be shipped where feed and water could be provided for them.

PLAN TO SPEED HOUSING LOANS GETS APPROVAL

By Max Boyd

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) — J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, today approved a plan designed to facilitate the making of government-insured loans to property owners for alterations, repairs and improvements.

In an interview regarding his department's attitude toward the loans now being made under the federal housing administration, O'Connor said:

"There has been approved a plan whereby national banks may purchase participating interest in loans

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MONDAY WARM WITH MERCURY AT 92 ABOVE

With the mercury moving up to 92 above, yesterday was the warmest day this month since Aug. 1, when the maximum was at 93 above. The nights remain comparatively cool, despite clear, warm days.

The weather prediction today indicated no change in temperature tonight or tomorrow.

Little Girl's Testimony Frees Mother

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 14 (AP) —A mother who punished her six-year-old daughter with fire was free today because of the intercession of the child.

"I love my mommy," little Nora Ruth Niciforos told Justice Eugene Daney Jr. "I was a bad, bad girl and picked things up after she told me not to. She never was mean to me before."

And because of her daughter's plea, the court released Mrs. Miliana Niciforos, who admitted holding the little girl's fingers over a gas flame as a punishment, with a 30-day suspended jail

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HUNT "BABY FACE" NELSON IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14 (AP)—Federal, state and county officers patrolled all main highways in this area today with orders to "shoot to kill" after receiving information George "Baby Face" Nelson, America's "public enemy No. 1" since the demise of his chief, John Dillinger, was headed in this direction.

RESULTS OF WORLD GRAIN PACT GIVEN

Argentina Exported More Than Wheat Quota — U. S. 20,000,000 Bushels Under.

N. W. PRODUCTION ESTIMATED

SEATTLE, Aug. 14 (AP) — Wheat production in the Pacific Northwest states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana this year is expected to be 91,525,000 bushels against last year's harvest of 110,648,000 bushels and a five-year average of 145,504,000 bushels, John S. Dence, department of agriculture statistician, said today.

LONDON, Aug. 14 (AP) — Official statistics, showing exactly how the international wheat agreement worked last year, the first of its operation, were disclosed today at a closed session of the international wheat conference.

The figures in bushels for the year ending July 31 follow:

Country	Expt Quota	Actual Expt
United States	47,000,000	27,000,000
Canada	200,000,000	195,000,000

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STRIKERS VOTING ON ARBITRATION

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP) — A proposal to end Portland's 24-hour strike of 400 transfer and draysage truck drivers by complete arbitration of all issues involved will be voted upon by the union today.

The announcement was made late last night following an all-day series of conferences between employers, drivers and members of the state board of conciliation called into the dispute by Governor Julius Meier and Mayor Joseph K. Carson.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 14 (AP)—Peaceful picketing continued today at six Aluminum Company of America plants, while both sides in a three-day employes' strike watched mediation efforts.

Wheat Today

The price of local new crop cash wheat stood at about 66½ cents bulk here today, according to the Pioneer flouring mills. This is eight cents below the price Aug. 9. Portland cash 85 cents.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14 (AP) — Selling on the part of houses with eastern connections pulled wheat prices down in the late dealings today.

The selling revealed a lack of aggressive support. Stop loss orders were forced into execution, and wheat tumbled 3½ cents from earlier high points.

Wheat closed flurried at almost the day's bottom level, 1⅞@1⅞c under yesterday's finish, Dec. new $1.04⅝@$1.04⅞, corn ⅛@⅜c down, Dec. 78⅝@¾c, oats ⅛c lower to ⅛c higher, and provisions showing 20 to 50c gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

RICH CANADIAN KIDNAPED

POOCHOW FEARS BRIGANDS

TWO PRISONERS FREED

LEGISLATURE IS CALLED

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 14 (AP)—John S. Labatt, president of the Labatt Brewing company, was kidnaped today and late this afternoon his brother left for Toronto where the kidnapers were reported to have directed that $150,000 ransom be paid.

HONG KONG, Aug. 14 (AP) — General apprehension continued today in Poochow, heightened by reports that 2,000 brigands attacked the suburb of Peihu and threw the population into panic.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14 (AP) — Two prisoners at the St. Louis county hospital were freed today by two armed men who forced attendants to give them the key to the prison ward, on the fourth floor of the hospital.

BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 14 (AP) — Governor O. K. Allen this afternoon called an extraordinary session of the Louisiana legislature to meet at 10 o'clock tonight. The session was called for 12 days for the consideration of 20 general topics, and was scheduled to end on August 25.

SALEM, Aug. 14 (AP) — The Oregon Food and Beverage Dispensers, Inc., through R. W. Sawyer, president, today filed with the governor, petitions asking for the suspension of the state marketing agreement affecting the state restaurant industry. The petition contained the signatures of 1,737 restaurant operators in the state.

DERN APPROVES SEALOCKS PLAN FOR BONNEVILLE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) — The war department announced today that Secretary Dern, upon recommendation of the chief of engineers, has approved changes in the plan for the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river to cost an additional $1,200,000.

The modifications approved by Dern were:

An increase in the length of the lock at the dam from the 360 feet in the present plans to 500 feet, and in the depth over the sills, now 15 feet, to 27 feet at ordinary low waters.

The present width of 76 feet will be retained to the end that this lock may be usable if at some future time a 30-foot channel is provided in the

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MORE TROUBLE IN THE SAAR REGION

GENEVA, Aug. 14 (AP) — The governing commission of the Saar region—where a plebiscite will be held in January to determine whether it shall become French or German territory or remain under the control of the league of nations — today informed the league it needs at least 2,000 additional foreign police to maintain order.

The commission declared that the situation in the Saar had become so much worse that it was beyond control.

It asked that the additional officers of the law be recruited in foreign countries, recommending that they be appointed from countries which are members of the league and in which the German language is spoken.

BLAZES OUT OF CONTROL IN 2 STATES

Fighting Worst Northern Idaho Fire Since 1910 Conflagration

FALLING SNAGS CAUSE FATALITIES

First Fire Deaths of Season in Woods — Situation Elsewhere on Coast Better.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 14 (AP) — Roaring forest fires killed three CCC workers as spreading flames drove back exhausted crews in Idaho and California.

The worst Northern Idaho fire since the 1910 conflagration that wiped out entire towns, took the lives of two young men identified as Leroy McGinnis of Kewanee, Ill., and Lester Johnson of Galesburg, Ill.

William Mattison, 21, Los Angeles, was killed while fighting flames near Nevada City, Cal.

Falling snags, charred and weakened by fire, crushed each of the trio. Theirs were the first deaths this year in flames which have raged through western forests and drawn heavily on CCC camps for fire fighters.

McGinnis and Johnson were killed in the Selway national forest, center of the flame-swept Northern Idaho area where 4,000 men fought futilely to control four major blazes and innumerable spot fires. Smoke was so dense that aerial surveys became impossible and attempts to move men and supplies into isolated fire centers by plane were abandoned.

Areas burned over by major Idaho fires were uncatimated. A new blaze in the Clearwater forest, near Selway, covered about 1,500 acres on Pot mountain.

Elsewhere in the west, with the exception of British Columbia where foresters abandoned their efforts and

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Future Policy On Drouth, Farm Relief Forming

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) — The reclamation bureau today told drouth-ruined farmers seeking the relative security of irrigated lands that approximately 500 farms were available on the Riverton reclamation project in Wyoming.

By Stephen J. McDonough

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt is expected to lay be-

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

First Game)

Detroit	9	12	0
New York	5	11	2

Crowder, Marberry and Hayworth; Gomez, Deshong, Allen, Van Atta and Dickey.

St. Louis	3	6	1
Boston	7	9	1

Coffman and Hemsley; Grove and R. Ferrell.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York	2	6	1
Pittsburgh	3	5	1

Hubbell and Danning; Grimes, Hoyt and Padden.

BACK TO THE MINES

MT. FANNY IS HIGHER THAN MOUNT EMILY

"Which is the highest — Mt. Emily or Mt. Fanny?"

This question was asked the writer the other day and he couldn't answer it offhand.

But a check of the Wallowa national forest map revealed that Mt. Fanny towers more than 1,000 feet higher than Mt. Emily.

Sacajawea peak in the Wallowa national forest is the tallest in Eastern Oregon, with an altitude of 10,033 feet. Matterhorn is next at 10,004. Then there are seven peaks between 9,000 and 10,000, including Eagle Cap at 9,675 feet, and there are seven more between 8,000 and 9,000, including China Cap at 8,638.

The height of Mt. Fanny is 7,132 feet, Mt. Emily 6,061 and Mt. Harris near Elgin 5,312. Bald mountain east of Union is 6,823 and Meadow mountain is 7,806.

Craig mountain, west of Union, is 4,988 feet high.

LEGION HEAD WARNS AGAINST RADICALISM

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14 (AP) — Radical teachings were declared by Edward A. Hayes, national commander of the American Legion, here today to be spreading in colleges, churches and social organizations and "even in government circles" of the United States.

"The legion," Hayes said in an address prepared for the annual convention of the California department of the veterans' organization, "is not hunting a 'red' behind every bush but it does recognize a very definite communistic movement in the United States. . . ."

Hayes asserted that in all parts of the country evidence of communistic activity had been discovered.

"In California some time ago," he added, "the legion clashed with a set of communists in one of the beautiful vallews of the state. Traveling rapidly across the country, we find in the state of Texas the students of the university in a quarrel wit the legion because of propoganda inimical to the welfare of our government.

"We found this same destructive menace in Ohio's State university where some of the young fellows rebelled against military training. . . . Then, in New York, we find several hundred students of the great Columbia university adopting a resolution in which they said that under no conditions would they comply with any edict of the war department in the event of another war."