

Improvement Of Fish Hatchery Nearly Completed

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KIDNAP GANG FREES EVANGELIST

UNION PLANT NOW BEST IN STATE, CLAIM

Work Conducted During Spring and Summer With Federal Help.

NEW WATER LINE GIVES BIG FLOW

Possibility Later of Additional Outside Ponds to Supplement Those Indoors.

The Oregon state fish hatchery at Union, undergoing an improvement program that is costing in the neighborhood of \$15,000 and which is nearing completion, may be classified now as the "best hatchery in this state."

It is believed that everything will be completed so that the commission's plan of raising Eastern Brook and Rainbow trout there in great numbers, beginning this fall, will go ahead as scheduled.

Work on the plant was started last spring under the CWA, with the state furnishing much of the materials. Later, when the CWA became a thing of the past, the work was continued under SEPA.

The food storage building is practically completed, and the work on the main structure also is about finished. The new water line, is completed and furnishing all the water required for operations there. The pipe is 12 inches in diameter and takes water from Catherine creek some distance above the hatchery.

Latest reports from Union indicate

Reynolds Wins In First Round Of Net Tourney

One La Grande racquet wielder was eliminated in the singles and another progressed to the second round in the first morning's play of the Eastern Washington play courts tennis tournament Friday at Walla Walla.

Shrimp Reynolds won in the first round by upsetting Crane Walker of Walla Walla 6-2, 6-2.

Burke Inlow lost to the ranking star of the tournament, Wayne Smith, of Portland, who is being doped to win the singles championship. The score was 6-9, 6-2.

HOT WEATHER GIVES WAY TO COOLER DAYS

A decided break in the heat was occurred here yesterday with the mercury stopping in its upward course at 84 above. This was 18 degrees cooler than the 98 above mark registered on Thursday.

The minimum this morning also was 11 degrees cooler than the 62 above Friday morning. The outlook for the coming week is for generally fair weather with temperatures somewhat above normal in the interior.

BABY BORN TO UNION COUPLE

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson, of Union, yesterday at Hot Lake. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

TAKES HER KITTENS TO INFANTS' DEPT.

For a very outstanding sense of the fitness of things, it is believed that "Millie" the feline pet at Wright's drug store, has earned a place of honor. During the last week when two small woolly kittens came to bless Mrs. Millie, she secretly and somewhat to the distress of her owners, took up her abode in the infant's ward department of the Montgomery Ward store. After their arrival the kittens were very carefully placed in a safe and obscure corner of

Will Recognizes Manchukuo



There's lots of news, but it don't seem to be originating around here. Yours,

Mail Rogers
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FOREST FIRE RAGES TODAY ON IMNAHA

Burning Over 200 Acres - C. C. Boys From Baker and Willowa Are Called

A forest fire started on the Imnaha river, six miles north of Fish erown, had spread over 200 acres of land this morning.

The wind, blowing from the west, spread the fire down the Imnaha river, which is the dividing line between the Whitman national forest and the Willowa national forest.

Fifty civilian conservation corps workers were sent to the fire from the Susanville camp this morning to supplement the 50 Willowa, C. C. C. workers already at the fire.

More equipment, including a 100-man fire-lighting unit, 3000 feet of hose and two more pumps were re-

ANNUAL FOUR-H CLUB PICNIC AT UNION AUG. 22

The annual Union county 4-H club picnic, which always draws a large crowd of members of the organization in this county, will be held next Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the experiment station at Union. The hour for beginning the day's events has been set for 9 o'clock, according to E. L. Woods, assistant county agent in charge of 4-H agricultural clubs.

A livestock judging contest will be held with club members competing for places on the winning club teams. The winning club has its choice of going to either the State Fair at Salem or to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland, the second place team to go to the show the winning team does not attend.

FARM FIRE NEAR LOSTINE FRIDAY

LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—Fire at the Edgar Hook farm Friday burned the barn, all outbuildings and an old house, located just behind the new house. Dairy implements, including a milking machine, were destroyed. Hook had been milking 50 cows.

All that was saved was the new home, in spite of the cutting of fire departments from both Willowa and Enterprise. The origin was unknown.

HUNTING TO BEGIN HERE NEXT MONDAY

Nimrods to Declare War On Grouse in Union, Willowa, Baker Counties.

Confident that good grouse shooting will greet them, scores of La Grande hunters are impatiently awaiting the opening of the season next Monday morning. And many more nimrods scattered through Union, Willowa and Baker counties are waiting just as impatiently.

The opening of the season next Monday is important, not only because of the opportunity to bag a few grouse, but because it also signals the arrival of the fall hunting season.

From Monday on there will be something to shoot at almost continuously until winter. The grouse season here is to close on Sept. 20, but that is the day the deer season begins. Chinese pheasants may be hunted after Oct. 15, also autumn pheasants, and the duck season opens near the close of the same month. The elk season begins on Nov. 5.

The bag limit for grouse is four birds in any one day or eight in any seven consecutive days.

HUNTERS ASKED TO BE CAREFUL JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)—With the opening of the grouse season in Walla Walla, Union and Baker counties next Monday, Aug. 20, a great many hunters will be taking to the field. The plea of the forest protective agencies of the three counties to all sportsmen is to use the utmost care with fire

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Playgrounds To Resume Activity Monday Morning

Earlier this week a program was published providing for games and supervised play at the La Grande stadium and Greenwood field for the two weeks' period beginning Monday.

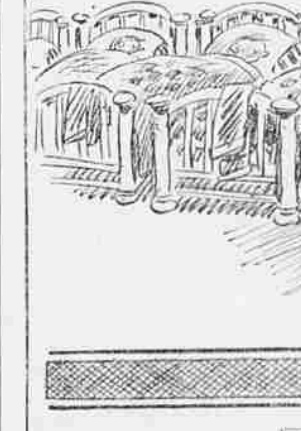
Today Ira Woodie, in charge of the program, announced the remainder of the schedule.

Football and softball games will be provided from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the stadium.

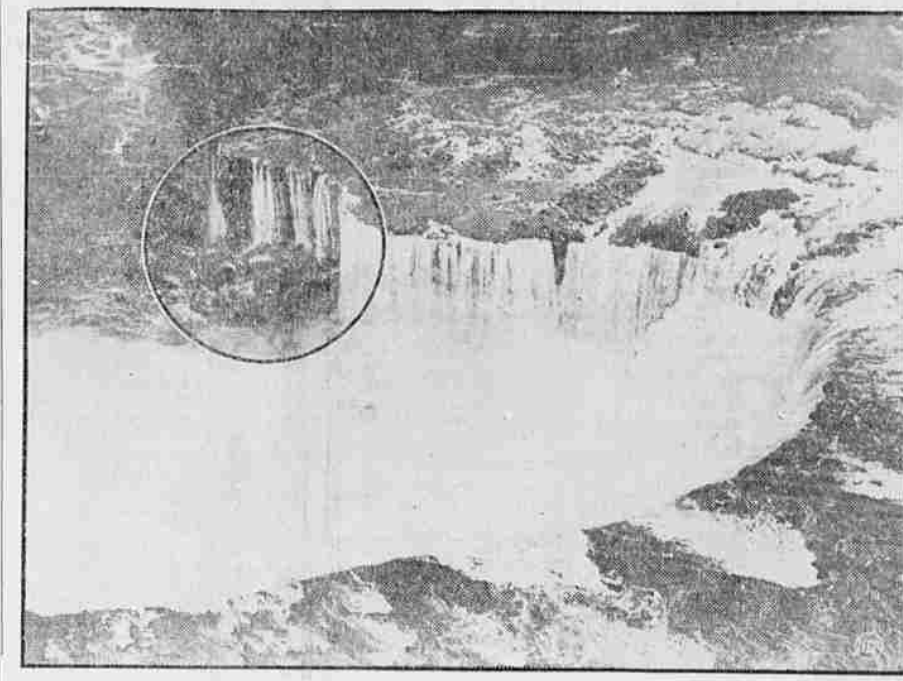
Free swimming will be provided for the boys at Crystal Plunge from 3 to 5 p. m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and for the girls from 1 to 3 p. m. the same days.

These playground and swimming activities are open to all children.

OKLAHOMA, LOUISIANA AND NORTH DAKOTA



HERE'S HOW NIAGARA FALLS LOOKS NOW



The famed Canadian Horseshoe falls at Niagara presented a new face to sightseers after hundreds of tons of rock pitched with a deafening roar from the lip of the crest to the gorge 150 feet below. At the point shown in the circle, the water is plunging over the brink in the new curvature formed by the rock collapse, this new recession being about 100 feet deep and 150 to 200 yards long. The section that fell extended beyond the first notch of the horseshoe from the Canadian side and was close to Goat Island.

HUEY LONG MACHINE IN LOUISIANA GIVEN BROAD POWERS IN RIOTOUS MEET

By Jack Adams
BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 18.—The Huey P. Long machine today held the broadest powers of military and political control ever conferred on a single faction in Louisiana.

The Louisiana legislature handed over the powers to Senator Long in the early hours today amidst a welter of parliamentary confusion, marked by exclusion of newspaper representatives from the house, slungings in the lobby, fist fights on the floor and arrests in various parts of the state house.

Uproar and disorder such as has seldom been witnessed in Louisiana's always tumultuous legislature filled the closing hours of the assembly which Senator Long called to enact legislation broadening his powers over elections, the courts, the national guard and the local city and parish governments throughout the state.

Squads of state highway policemen and the state bureau of criminal investigation officers in plain clothes swarmed through the state house throughout the night as house and senate rushed.

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JEWES FORCED TO SUPPORT HERR HITLER

Statement Issued by National German Society; Some May Vote Blank, However

By A. D. Stefferud
BERLIN, Aug. 18.—Jews came forward today to support Adolf Hitler in tomorrow's plebiscite, called to approve his assumption of the powers of the president.

The statement of the national German society of Jews said:

"We find ourselves in agreement with the political testament of the honored Paul von Hindenburg. To the Fatherland belong also the life and soul of the German Jews who do not know any other Fatherland."

How one section of Berlin's Jewish population feels about the plebiscite, however, was indicated in a statement of several middle-class Jews to the Associated Press. They said they would cast ballots "because Nazi pressure compels us"—but these votes will be blank.

BELGIAN BALLOON NEAR YUGOSLAVIA

GRAZ, Austria, Aug. 18.—The Belgian stratosphere balloon was sighted here at 7 p. m. (1 p. m. eastern standard time) drifting southward toward the Yugoslav frontier.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 18.—The Belgian national radio broadcasting station late today denied reports which had been circulated to the effect that Max Cosyns and Nereu Vandervliet had achieved a stratosphere altitude record over Czechoslovakia.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 18.—It was announced today that a wireless report from the stratosphere balloon stated that Max Cosyns and Nereu Vandervliet had ascended 22,600 meters (74,178 feet), a height which, if verified, has broken all existing altitude records.

Wheat Today

The price of local new crop wheat about stood at about 65 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 81 cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Fears of sudden frost in Canada led to late upticks of wheat prices today, and also raised the corn market.

There was also late buying of wheat in connection with estimates that southwestern millers had disposed of 300,000 barrels of flour in the last two days, largely to eastern bakery interests.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

LIFT DUTIES ON HAY, GRAIN TO REORGANIZE NRA PAYNE JURY IN DEADLOCK MOVE AGAINST FILM ACTOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Senator Frazier (R., S. D.) said today President Roosevelt had authorized lifting of duties on hay, grain and other livestock feeds imported into the United States from Canada.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Roosevelt today asked Hugh S. Johnson to work out an NRA reorganization and put it into effect.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—A 55-hour deadlock of a jury which heard the insanity plea of Louis Rude Payne, 21, convicted of killing his mother and brother with an axe last May, had ended today in a declaration of a mistrial, September 11 was set for a re-hearing.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 18.—District Attorney Neil McAllister, of Sacramento county, said today that as part of his drive against communist activities he will petition the courts for injunctions against James Cagney, Hollywood film actor, and Ella Winter of Carmel to prohibit them giving financial aid to radicals.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The National Park service was given an allotment of \$80,000 today by the public works administration for widening and completing the rim road in Crater Lake national park, Oregon.

NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON EXPORT QUOTAS

By Albert W. Wilson
LONDON, Aug. 18.—The world wheat conference failed to agree today on export quotas but, as expected, officially accepted 600,000,000 bushels as the estimated world demand during the crop year beginning this month.

The conference also agreed that this figure might be increased in view of the worldwide shortage of animal feed and the possibility of using a considerable amount of wheat stocks for animal feed purposes.

The figure of approximately 600,000,000 bushels was proposed by Andrew Cairns of Canada. The figure

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NEW VACCINE TO FIGHT PARALYSIS

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Dr. John A. Kolmer, professor of medicine at Temple university and director of the Research Institute of Citizens' Medicine of Philadelphia, has announced what he said was a successful vaccine against infantile paralysis.

Dr. Kolmer said the vaccine's effectiveness has been demonstrated in experiments with monkeys, followed by injections into the bodies of himself and a laboratory technician, Miss Anna M. Rule of Nova Scotia.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 18.—The state department of health reported it had been advised of 152 cases of infantile paralysis in the state, mostly on the east side, during July and up to August 13.

Three deaths were reported in July, two in Spokane and one in Yakima.

U.S. LABOR PICTURE FEATURES STRIKES

By the Associated Press
Strikes, with one gigantic movement involving 825,000 workers—possibly presidential action—waiting employment—labor's prediction of more jobs; of such is the nation's labor picture today.

The United Textile Workers of America, claiming a membership of 300,000, voted at its New York convention last night to call all workers in affiliated trades as well as in the cotton textile industry. The strike is to start by Sept. 1.

Cotton textile workers total 500,000; swollen and worsted, silk, rayon and synthetic rayon workers number 325,000.

"Only President Roosevelt" can prevent the strike, said Thomas F. McMahon, president of the textile workers. The knitters were promised the backing of the American Federation of Labor.

CAPTIVE IS RELIEVED OF 40 DOLLARS

North Carolinian Driven Around Country Since Abduction.

DEMAND MADE ON AIMEE YESTERDAY

Letter Demanding \$25,000 Turned Over to Police Shortly Before Release of Evangelist.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 18.—H. Askew, 28-year-old North Carolina evangelist, walked into the Nashville police station today and said he had been in the hands of kidnapers since last Tuesday.

Dressed in overalls, the Four-Square gospel minister said his three abductors had taken his clothes away from him in Washington and then driven him around the country until about daylight this morning when they put him out on the edge of Nashville. He told of being driven to Richmond, Washington, Knoxville and I don't know where else.

Askew said he was en route from Goldsboro to Smithfield with \$40 to buy some brick for his church, when he was stopped by a man at a crossroads between Catch-Me-My-Eye and Pine Level. The man, the evangelist told officers, told him he had a sick child in Raleigh and asked Askew to go to a hospital there. Askew said he agreed.

Arriving in Raleigh, the evangelist continued, they stopped near a city park. A car drove up with three men and one, holding a pistol against his ribs, told him to "step in." "I got in," he added.

The evangelist related that the three men gave his passenger "some money" and then started off with him, talking to him a while and then forcing him to take some tablets—"something that made me sleep."

A letter demanding \$25,000 of Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist, for release of Askew, was turned over to Los Angeles police yesterday, but the minister said he did not know why he was abducted and said he had not been asked to sign any notes.

Asked by detectives what the three men talked to him about during their travels, he replied: "They were trying to get me to sign a statement."

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Fiendish Murder Of Young Woman Stirs San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 18.—Choked to death in what police say was a fiendish murder, the body of pretty 16-year-old Celia Cota was found in the back yard of her home today. She had been the victim of a criminal attack, police say.

The girl's father is Edward Cota, local customs broker.

Apparently the murder is another in the series in which girls and women have been the victims of unidentified fiends here in recent years. Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old school girl, was slain and mutilated in the spring of 1931. Soon afterward the nude body of Louise Tenber, 17, was found hanging to a Black mountain oak. Hazel Bradshaw, pretty telephone operator, was stabbed to death. Mrs. W. D. ("Diamond Dolly") Bibb was strangled.