

28,000 Volumes Available to Patrons of La Grande Library

La Grande public library now has approximately 28,000 volumes on the shelves for distribution to the borrowing public, the 7,000 registered at the local library.

During the year 1944 the circulation for La Grande was 132,669 books borrowed with 132,638 listed as loaned to the entire county.

A survey of the work of the local public library for the last year shows that for the second year the library has shared its resources with the people of Union county. While the money from the county, \$1,000, has not been adequate for complete county-wide service, at least the adults of the county have not been turned away when they ask for books and the rural boys and girls received the same book privileges as those living in communities where there is adequate book service. Shipments of books have been sent out at regular intervals to nearly every rural school in Union county.

Three school branches are still maintained in the Riveria, Willow and Greenwood schools. Central branch was discontinued because this school is within a few blocks of the library. The teachers of Central school had regular visiting hours for their classes,

some coming just to browse and others for regular library instruction. The circulation from the three branches amounted to 13,000 during the school year.

A new addition to the public library was made this year in the Home Laboratory room, a room in which all the books relating to the home, the family, marriage, books on child psychology, child care and training, could be grouped together.

The five collections of books in this room include the beginnings of a model library for boys and girls, which will provide suggestions for ideal books to give a child.

The high school Parent-Teacher study group held its meetings in the home laboratory room, and is open to small groups during the holiday season.

One or two classes were held each day in the children's room, a complete library for children, during the school year, and teachers took classes there to hear talks on books, and also to hear the phonograph records for children.

Miss Mabel Doty, librarian, has been with the La Grande public library for the past 20 years. Three women are employed full time, with another part time.

Mrs. Franklin New Star Vice President

Mrs. Gene Franklin was installed vice-president of the Loyalty Star lodge last evening when the members met at the Neighborhood club house. Mrs. Franklin will fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Mel Poff, who recently moved to Baker.

Mrs. Howard Ball, past president, was installing officer. Mrs. C. C. Lillie, president, conducted the lodge session.

Mrs. J. V. Betts was awarded both the attendance prize and the "pot-o-gold."

An evening lunch was served by Mrs. Lillie and Mrs. Franklin. The next social meeting will be July 19, with Mrs. James Smith at her home in May Park.

Three Boys Receive Scout Merit Badges

Lawton Bennett, Bruce Patton, and Charles Nordmark, members of boy scout troop 111, were awarded merit badges by the board of review last night at the Presbyterian church. Young Bennett earned his badge for wood-carving, Patton for path finding, and Nordmark for personal health. The board was composed of Leslie F. Smith, Alvin H. Madsen and H. I. Hetrick.

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
8 p. m. Woodcraft, 8 p. m. in the IOOF hall.

WEDNESDAY
8 p. m. VFW auxiliary, initiation, K. of P. hall.
12 p. m. BRT auxiliary and families, all day picnic, Mrs. Adele Voetburg.

THURSDAY
8 p. m. BRT auxiliary initiation
8 p. m. Ladies society to Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, IOOF hall.

'Here Come Waves' Typical Crosby Film

The consensus of preview audiences who've seen Paramount's "Here Come the Waves," arriving Wednesday at the Liberty theater, is that Mark Sandrich has scored again!

Starring players of "Here Come the Waves" are Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton and Sonny Tufts—and one particular production number, "Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive," featuring the hit song by Johnny Mercer, seems destined to fascinate audiences with its solid rhythm. The screenplay by Alan Scott, Ken Englund and Zion Myers tells about the Miller twins, Susie and Rosemary, played by Betty Hutton in a dual role. The twins are dancers but decide to join the Waves for the duration. While in training, they meet the singing idol of the nation, played by Crosby, who falls in love with Rosemary, Susie, however, really has a crush on Bing and that's where the fun begins.

With the aid of Windy, portrayed by Sonny Tufts, Susie convinces to win the groaner's attentions. Tufts, also in love with Rosemary, does everything possible to block Bing's romance. Things are complicated even more by the fact that both Bing and Sonny are navy guys. When the final showdown comes, plenty of surprises are in store.

Topping off the broadside of comedy and fun is a gala musical show under Bing's direction. Staged as an attraction to recruit Waves, the show is a howling success. Bing and Sonny do a blackface act, Betty goes into several of her now famous routines and there's a plentiful supply of songs and comedy. Among some of the tunes destined for the big time are "Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive," "Let's Take the Long Way Home," "I Promise You," the title song, "Here Come the Waves," and an old favorite, "Black Magic."

Hospital Notes

St. Joseph's hospital:
Admitted: Russell Walls, Wallowa, Justin McCarthy, Kamela, medical.

Dismissed: Sam Martin, Ronald Turner, Bonnie Kilborn, Claude Williams, Janice Wallace, Mrs. Robert Evans and son, La Grande, Michael Talbot, Elgin, Delo Gauthier, Cove, Mrs. Harley Tucker and son, Joseph.

Grande Re-ide hospital:
Admitted: Charles Wilson, Burl Courtwright, La Grande, Merlyn Langford, Union, medical; Mrs. Mel Randall, Cove, Ralph Cross, Ordinance, Mary K. Gray, Huntington, surgery; Dean Westenskow, Imbler, accident.

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Society Briefs

Mrs. Mary Lamb of Union spent today in La Grande, shopping and visiting friends.

Fireman First Class and Mrs. Bill D. Terry and their two children are here from North Bend, spending his leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Lila B. Terry, his sister, Mrs. Jim Conaway, and her mother, Mrs. Seth Sirrine.

Mrs. James S. Clark, local dance instructor, has returned from Portland where she took a special teacher's course in modern ball-room dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Harrison and two children have returned to their home from Camas, Wash.

Carolyn Walker, Perry, is spending a few days at Sumpter with her father, James Walker, who is employed there.

Mrs. Bob Ragsdale and her small daughter arrived here last night from San Francisco for a

Sharon Ferguson Has Birthday Party

Honoring her daughter, Sharon Ferguson, on her ninth birthday anniversary, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson entertained a group of children at a party in Riverside park yesterday afternoon.

After a picnic lunch, including a decorated birthday cake, the children played games and frolicked in the wading pool. Mrs. Ferguson was assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Lynn Lester and Mrs. William Mohr.

month's visit at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ragsdale. Lieutenant Ragsdale, USN, is serving somewhere in the South Pacific.

Charles H. De Haas of Corvallis, formerly of La Grande, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Amy Bloom, in Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. John Price and daughter, Lou Ann, of Baker and formerly of La Grande are here visiting.

Evelyn Johnson Wed To Charles Murray

Miss Evelyn Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Charles Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray, formerly of La Grande, were married at St. Benedict's Catholic church in Seattle, June 21.

Murray attended La Grande high school and Eastern Oregon college, and is now employed at Boeing aircraft.

A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents. Out of town guests included Pvt. and Mrs. Page Fassett of East Grande Forks, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. I. De Gulmond of Bremerton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and Kathleen and Elaine Houle of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray will make their home in Seattle.

AUXILIARY PICNIC SET
Members of the ladies auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and their families have been invited to a lodge picnic to be held at the H. R. Voetburg home at Cove and Watson streets, at noon Wednesday. Each member is to take a fried chicken, a covered dish and table service to the picnic.

Cool, Crisp, Women's Summer Dresses \$7.95 to \$19.75
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La Grande Students Listed on Honor Roll

EUGENE, July 3 (Special) — Two students from La Grande are among those listed on the spring term honor roll at the university. They are Lilla Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Richardson of 1801 Oak St., and Marion Huff, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Lyman Huff, 1407 X avenue. Miss Richardson is majoring in English at the university. Huff is physical education. Both were graduated from the La Grande high school.

MRS. KINNE ILL

Mrs. Robert Kinne has been ill at her home, 1712 Alder, for the past two weeks.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are pleased to announce the purchase of the Home Lumber & Coal Co.

at La Grande and Union, Ore. by the



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Beauty Turns Jail Into Beauty Parlor; Awaiting Husband

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 3 (UP)—Mrs. Imogene Stevens, 24, Texas beauty charged with manslaughter, turned the Fairfield county jail into a one-woman beauty parlor today as she nervously awaited the homecoming of her paratrooper husband.

"Georgie" is Maj. George R. Stevens III, the man she married in Alliance, Neb., seven days before he left for the Normandy invasion.

"Georgie will get me out of this mess and this horrible jail," she said.

Stevens is expected on special leave from Europe. Jailers said he will be brought to his wife no matter what time of the day or night he arrives.

Friends said they are not certain how much Stevens knows of the shooting of Seaman 2-C Albert Kovacs, 19, June 23 at the home of Charles Milton in New Canaan.

They said Stevens had been informed that his pretty wife was being held in \$50,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter. But they didn't know if he had been told of Coroner T. E. Streiber's report that the killing resulted from a beer drinking party and sex incriminations involving Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Milton and Milton.

RATION CALENDAR

Processed Foods:
Book 4 — Blue stamps N2 through S2 valid through June 30. Blue stamps T2 through X2 valid through July 31. Blue stamps Y2, Z, A1, B1, C1 valid through August 31. Blue stamps D1 through H1 valid through September 30.

Meat, Butter, Fats, Cheese:
Book 4 — Red stamps E2 through J2 valid through June 30. Red stamps K2 through P2 valid through July 31. Red stamps Q2 through U2 valid through August 31. Red stamps V2 through Z2 valid through September.

Sugar:
Book 4—Sugar stamp 36 valid through August 31.

Shoes: Loose stamps invalid.
Book 3—Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid. New stamp valid Aug. 1.

Gasoline: Coupons not valid unless endorsed.
"A"-16 coupons (6 gals. each) expire June 21. "A"-16 coupons valid now.

Stoves:
Apply local board for oil, gas stove certificates.
Wood, Coal, Sawdust:
Delivery by priorities based on needs.

Feed Oil:
Period 1-2-3-4-5 coupons valid through August 31.

Waste Paper and Cans:
Bundled waste paper and prepared tin cans may be left at the salvage depot, 1106 Jefferson street.



WINNIE — Meet Winston Churchill, above, of Denver, Colo. He's in the coast guard with 21 months' combat duty behind him and wears five battle stars for action in Pacific invasions.

35 Acre Forest Fire Controlled

COBURG, July 3 (UP)—Firefighters have under control today a 35-acre forest fire east of here.

A 20-man crew from Mosby creek camp of the Eastern Lane Fire Patrol association, plus crews from sawmill and logging operations battled through Sunday night and Monday for control of the blaze. It was believed ignited from a pile of burning sawdust left by a logging operation on land three miles east of Coburg.

The land was owned by the Mountain Tie company of Eugene. The Eastern Lane fire warden, James A. Walker, said the sawdust had been burning since early spring.

Pressure Gauges, Valves May Be Sent For Testing Now

Pressure cooker gauges and valves may now be sent in for testing, Miss Doris McWhorter, county home demonstration agent, announced today. Federal and state nutritional authorities recommend that they be tested every year, since gauges may easily register the pressure wrongly.

The gauges and valves should be removed with a wrench, and brought to the home demonstration office. The office will send them to the foods inspection department at Oregon State college at Corvallis, where they will be tested at a charge of 50 cents for gauges, and 25 cents for valves.

Frugal Widow Left Estate For Orphans

VANCOUVER, July 3 (UP) — Mrs. Winnie E. Hamilton, who lived frugally for years a dishwasher in Vancouver cafes, was disclosed today to have left an estate at her death of \$10,000, of which the bulk of the amount was divided equally between the Shriners' hospital for crippled children, Portland, and the Washington children's home, Seattle.

Approximately six years ago Mrs. Hamilton asked an attorney for advice in selecting legatees for her estate. She said she was a widow and had never had any children but she wanted to do something for orphans and needy children.

BUILD BATTERY PLANT WEST SALEM, July 3 (UP)—Construction of a \$250,000 plant, to be built here by the National Battery company, appeared certain today, after the city council last night secured the property on which the plant will rise.

Priority Special

by Harry Bedwell



This true short-story was adapted from "Priority Special," by Harry Bedwell, S.P. operator and noted writer of railroad stories for national magazines. It was dramatized recently on "The Main Line," our weekly radio show.



SGT. ERNIE WALL—hospital train patient and ex-S.P. railroader—eyed the three silent patients in the bunks opposite, and the Medical Corps Major. The three wounded men had been carried aboard in Los Angeles—in heavy body casts. Every slight jar and jolt caused them waves of pain. Buddies from the same Arizona range land, they'd been seriously wounded by the same Jap mortar shell. They hadn't rallied in the hospital, and now they were being returned to a hospital near their home—a final, desperate attempt to save their lives.

But, as the train left the station, there'd been a sudden application of the air brakes—for an auto trying to beat the train to the crossing. The jolt had brought them unbearable agony. More such jolts might come—and even the small vibrations of starting and stopping were



wearing. As Ernie watched, the Major made a decision. He told his orderly, "Tell the conductor we'll have to remove three stretcher patients at the next station."

Ernie could feel the hope draining from the three boys. He could sense how vital it was they get home—and he moved in. "That jolt, sir," he said, "don't have to happen again, now that we're away from city traffic, and if the DS can keep his hands off us from here on. We're coming into Alhambra now, and we're going to stop. Let's see how the eagle-eye does it when he's not forced."

They had lost momentum, but the Major couldn't tell by how much. The train drifted quietly; then, all motion was gone. Quickly, Ernie pushed his advantage.

"I told you that was a good hoghead! Sir, the station's there on the left. Go in, and you'll see a guy harnessed to a headphone. He's the brass pounder: the op. Give him the picture! Just ask him to tell the DS to give us a good run, and to slip it to the hogger to take it extra easy on how he puts the air under this train!"

Somehow, Ernie hypnotized the Major with his sincerity — and strange language. Major obeyed Sergeant—and Ernie settled back. He knew S.P. people—like Harva White, the engineer ahead; Si Youngblood, the station's veteran operator; Ed Farwell, Los Angeles dispatcher, the "DS." Sure, they'd give 'em a good run . . .

In a few moments the Major returned, an undecided look on his face. Quickly, before he could speak, Ernie began, "Did the brass pounder get word to the DS—the dispatcher, sir?"



"Yes, he told the dispatcher," the Major answered vaguely.

"And did the dispatcher get word to the eagle-eye—the engineer?"

"Yes," the Major nodded absently, "he called the engineer to the phone. Said something to him about a Priority Special."

"He did? Well, sir, you've got not a thing to worry about from here out. Why, a Priority Special's the kind of train the President of the United States gets!"

Ernie leaned over the edge of the bunk and grinned. The three hurt men relaxed, grinned back—and the Major was aware then that there are elements of the spirit that medical science couldn't reach.

Ernie listened to far, familiar sounds, gave a complacent nod, and made a remark which jolted the Major. "Had you noticed we're on the way again?"

The Major glanced quickly out of the window. The town lights were streaming by, thinning rapidly as the Priority Special swung into the open country at a growing speed. Yet Ernie alone had felt it when Harva White put his train into gliding motion . . .

On went the train . . . on through the night. In the cab, Harva and his fireman . . . in the DS office, Ed . . . along the way, other dispatchers and operators, the yardmasters, and all the others . . . all making split-second decisions to give the Priority Special a "good run" . . . letting it go through—unclucked—while other trains paused momentarily at meeting points . . .

The miles clicked by . . . telephone and telegraph wires hummed . . . schedules were re-worked, timed to the second. On went the train . . . Alhambra, Colton . . . up San Geronio Pass . . . Indio. Not a single stop, despite the many other war trains crowding the division . . .

Then Ernie became aware of a stir in the opposite bunks. The current of life suddenly quickened. The eyes of the three burned with an expectant glow.

"The dozer!" one of them whispered. "Mister, don't that smell good!"

Through the odors of drugs and medicines and germ-proof cleanliness, they had caught the first faint fragrance of their homeland. And at last, they were at peace.

Again, the Major was conscious of elements far beyond our horizons. And then, as he turned away, he saw Ernie. "How did you know we could have a 'run' like this? With all the people involved . . . all those other trains on the track . . ."

"Why," said Ernie, "that's just how it had to be done. It's men and women with the know-how, hitting it off together. They'd just naturally handle a job like this without a stumble." He said it with candid conviction.

The Major considered this a moment, "I think you're right, Sergeant," he said, and went gratefully to bed.

The complete story, "Priority Special," by Harry Bedwell, is now in booklet form (32 pages, illustrated), and you may have a copy free by writing—

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