

# Press for Report on Irrigation

Board of directors of the chamber of commerce today is preparing to send letters to Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse, the bureau of reclamation, and U. S. army engineers to ask them to expedite issuance of the final report on the Grande Ronde valley irrigation project.

The letters will be written as result of adoption of a resolution yesterday by the chamber board, which discussed the matter at some length.

The resolution was adopted in an effort to bring the proposed Grande Ronde river project before bureau officials in Washington, in hopes it will be incorporated in the bureau's program for post-war construction.

Bureau of reclamation representatives were in town last week conferring with George Cochran, one of the leaders in the irrigation movement. It is their opinion that existing water supplies are far below current requirements, and they said it is evident the city cannot expand industrially until an adequate supply of water is provided. Additionally, they said there is insufficient water to take care of agricultural expansion.

# Cherry Trees in Union Need Spray Schaad Declares

Growers of Union county's \$300,000 cherry industry should begin spraying their trees to prevent the occurrence of the cherry fruit maggot, R. W. Schaad, county agent, announced today.

Horticulture inspection will be made within the next two weeks. Since Union county is a quarantined area for the cherry fruit fly, the growers' association will not accept unsprayed fruit for processing. Violation of the quarantine is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$20 to \$500.

# Many Rubber Men Return to Work

AKRON, O., July 6 (UP)—Approximately 83 percent of the first shift workers reported to work today under navy supervision at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, which has been closed by a strike until President Truman's seizure order yesterday.

Capt. H. J. Clark, navy officer in charge, said he is "extremely pleased" by the response of United Rubber Workers (CIO) to his directive to resume production. He said it was the highest percentage of returnees on a first shift of any plant seized by the government.

# Four Soloists on Institute Concert

Charles Wilson Lawrence, guest instructor of the vocal music institute at Eastern Oregon college, assisted by Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller, voice instructor at the college, will present four soloists and a chorus of 50 voices in the college auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today. The public is invited to attend.

Soloists are Barbara Detrick, Lynne Russell, Retta Wooden Ehlers and Shirley Miles. Miss Marcia Miller is accompanying at the piano. Lawrence is professor of voice at the University of Washington, Seattle.

# BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—The White House announced today that President Truman will nominate Fred M. Vinson, war mobilization and reconversion chief, to be secretary of treasury after the chief executive returns from the Big Three conference.

WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—The House today approved a reconversion tax bill which would increase the excess profits tax exemption on 1946 earnings and authorize speed-ups in payments of more than \$5,000,000,000 in tax refunds.

# Truman Orders 'Watch Money'

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FIVE CENTS



KEITH PROVINCE, co-partner with Merlin Johnson in Eastern Oregon Airways, acts as a marker for Lonnie Shurtleff who is using a light plane to dust peas, shown in the picture. Province, Johnson and Shurtleff have dusted more than 1,200 acres of peas in the Grande Ronde and Pendleton valleys in the last few weeks.

# Pea Weevils, Aphids to Find Airplane Has Come to Stay; Device to Spread Rotenone

A process rather new in eastern Oregon, that is, using the airplane to dust thousands of acres of peas to rid them of weevils and aphids, has been successfully used this summer in the Grande Ronde and Pendleton valleys by Keith Province and Merlin Johnson of Eastern Oregon Airways and Lonnie Shurtleff, airport manager at Baker.

Using rotenone against the weevils and lethane to control aphids, the partners have dusted more than 1,200 acres of peas to date in the Grande Ronde valley and the Pendleton valley. There will be three or four weeks more of the work.

No More Temperature must be at least 70 for the weevil to be active and the wind must be less than seven miles an hour for the plane dusting to be satisfactory. When the weevil comes out, he gets the dust on his feet, licks his feet and pretty soon isn't active any more, ever again.

The plane flies along at 50 to 60 miles an hour about six inches to two feet above the peas. It covers a strip about a rod wide on each trip across a field and thus can cover an acre each trip in a half mile field.

Dust Swirls The hopper full of dust is right behind the pilot, and the dust, released through a tube which widens toward the vent, swirls swiftly as it reaches the ground, thus covering the bottom leaves of the plants as much as the top leaves. The plane also can get right into the fence rows, where the weevil "hole up" to migrate into the fields, a job ground dusters are not so able to do.

Shurtleff has done all the flying on the job so far. Most of the dusting has been for individual owners and for the Associated Seed company.

# Balky Time Lock Holds Up Bond Sale

PORTLAND, July 6 (UP)—A balky time lock on the safe in the "marble palace" headquarters of Portland boilermakers' local No. 72, held up a whopping war bond transaction Thursday.

The safe contained, in addition to the \$100,000 check which finally purchased seventh war loan bonds, keys to the union's safe deposit vault in a Portland bank. Capt. W. E. Moughar, officer in charge of Portland area shipbuilding at Willamette Iron and Steel, accepted the check from Hugh Fagan, financial secretary.

SPECIAL MEDAL WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—President Truman today signed legislation directing the army and navy to award a special medal to 32 members of the United States armed forces in this war.

# Scholarship Offered In Dentist Course

President Roben J. Maaske today announced receipt of a scholarship in the amount of \$75 from Dr. Thomas E. Griffith, director of The Dalles hospital in The Dalles.

This scholarship is to be awarded a freshman student interested in enrolling in the course for the training of medical-dental assistants, a new two-year terminal course which is being offered for the first time in Eastern Oregon college this coming fall.

High school graduates interested in training in this field and wishing to apply for this scholarship may do so by writing Lyle H. Johnson, registrar.

# Phony Medical Discharge Plot Involves Many

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., July 6 (UP)—First air force investigators at Mitchell field disclosed today they have discovered a soldier-civilian racket reaping huge sums from sale of false medical discharges and transfers from outfits alerted for combat duty overseas.

Names and details will be revealed later. First air force headquarters said, but the preliminary report said two non-medical officers attached to the hospital staff of the Mitchell field base were involved, along with others.

With investigation still in progress, the first air force said the freedom-for-money, safety-for-cash racket was a cooperative scheme linking civilian middlemen and military personnel.

"Evidence indicates," headquarters said, "payments of money were made to certain unscrupulous civilians in the metropolitan area and the soldiers (names) were passed on by them to military members of the conspiracy at Mitchell field who then effected completion of the fraudulent processing."

Bogus medical discharges were priced at "several thousand dollars," investigators said, and transfers from "hot outfits" (those ready to ship overseas for combat) to units in a safer position cost less. A majority of those who benefited from the racket were from units in distant parts of the United States and not connected with Mitchell field.

Weather Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m. Temperature: Maximum 91 Minimum 48 Forecast: Scattered clouds to night and Saturday.

# Housing Project Ready to Occupy Within 60 Days

Units Available To Workers Here Essential Jobs

La Grande's 40-unit government housing project is now under construction, and will be ready for occupancy within 60 days, Ray Gray, president of the chamber of commerce, announced today.

The units, which are being transferred in sections from Prosser, Wash., will contain one, two, and three-bedroom houses, and will rent up to \$37.50 a month. They will be located in the Conard addition, at 14th street and H avenue. Water, electricity and garbage disposal will be provided for by the government, and the houses will be partially furnished. The units will have community ironing and washing facilities.

The units are available only for railroad employes, or people in other essential industries. Applicants, 10 of which have already been received, may be made at the chamber office in the New Foley building.

Work started on the project several weeks ago and the excavations have been completed for some little time.

# Subsidy Raised On Canned Tomatoes

WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—The government has raised the processor's subsidy on commercially canned tomatoes in an effort to stimulate production. Neither grower nor consumer prices will be affected by the increase. Ceiling prices on sales to the army and other government procurement agencies will be adjusted.

# Stolen Meat Missed Worse Than \$1,300

SEATTLE, July 6 (UP)—It was bad enough when thugs smashed open the safe of a Seattle restaurant last night and took \$1,300, proprietors Ralph Grossman and Ernest Hughes told police. "But it was the last straw when they carted away two shoulders of pork and our supply of hams," Hughes said.

ATTEND YALE STUDY PORTLAND, July 6 (UP)—Mrs. W. W. Gabriel and Dr. Thompson L. Shannon, members of the Oregon educational advisory committee, will attend Yale university's third annual session on alcohol studies.

# 95th Division 'Boiling Mad' At Long, Hard Trip in Day Coaches

# Morse Moves For Relief for Lamb Problem

Incipient relief on the stringent Oregon lamb situation was foreseen early this afternoon by Senator Wayne Morse as the result of a conference with President Truman this morning.

Morse's action came as the result of his determination to insist on a program which will absolutely protect lamb producers from suffering losses this year as they have suffered from OPA mistakes in the last two years.

Full text of Morse's telegram, addressed to the publisher of the Evening Observer, follows: "Have just returned from discussion with president this morning about Oregon lamb situation. Feel confident a solution of the problem will be forthcoming soon. However, will you please keep me informed as to latest developments because I shall continue to insist upon a program which will absolutely protect lamb producers from suffering losses this year as they have suffered from OPA mistakes during last two years."

"Senator Guy Cordon and I have made arrangements for meeting with secretary of agriculture later this afternoon. Wayne Morse, USS.

Senator Morse accused the office of price administration of "gross incompetency" in handling the situation, and called for a 60 to 90 day rationing holiday for lamb in the northwest.

He said slaughterhouse quotas should be lifted so Oregon lamb can be slaughtered for local consumption. It cannot be shipped and hence must be consumed in the producing area. He added OPA price and rationing policies have made it impossible to do this.

He also said the government "must stand ready" to buy the "necessary quantities" of lamb at ceiling prices to protect producers.

# Cannery Machinery Moved From Here After Two Years

Because permanent adequate housing was not available here, the government-owned equipment of the La Grande school community cannery will be shipped Monday to Salem and other Oregon cities, Ray Gray, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced today.

The cannery has been operated during the past two years by the La Grande schools under the auspices of the state vocational department. Last April, when a portion of the federal reimbursement was withdrawn, local schools offered to manage and sponsor the cannery, if a suitable building could be found, or a new building built.

The chamber of commerce appointed a committee consisting of Ed Ford, city manager, chairman, M. J. Goss, and Frank Schiro to investigate. The committee's report said it was unable to find a building with a cement floor which could be used.

The decision was reached to ask the county commissioners to cooperate with the city in building a suitable building, the cost of which would have been \$3,000. Since only 300 persons outside of La Grande used the cannery during the past year, the county officials decided county funds could not be used.

City officials could not carry the cost of the project alone, since there was no provision in the budget.

# Two Mile Stretch Opened to Fishing

ASTORIA, July 6 (UP)—Coast guard officials announced today reopening to fishing of a two-mile stretch of the lower Columbia river. Packers who requested the opening say it may double the fish catch in August. The area had been closed for nearly three years.

# Claude Berry Says Brothers-in-law Are Here to Stay

Claude Berry, well-known local real-estate man, today has the utmost praise for all brothers-in-law, and stoutly maintains they are handy gadgets to have, anywhere.

This assertion arises from a "deal" Berry was trying to put across yesterday. He was driving through town, at what he admits might have been any speed from two miles to anything an hour, when a traffic officer, in an officer's inimitable way, stopped the speeding real estate man with the usual inquiry of "Where's the fire?" Getting down to business, the officer asked the name for the impending ticket, and upon the reply that the name was Claude Berry he said, "Oh, yes, your brother-in-law at Boise told me to be sure to look you up. He is one of my best friends," Berry replied, "Well, you certainly found me."

No ticket was written, just a stern warning to "watch it."

# 600 Superforts Attack Five Jap Industrial Areas

GUAM, Saturday, July 7 (UP)—A very large force of Superfortresses, numbering probably 550 to 600 planes, attacked five Japanese industrial cities today, spreading incendiary and explosive bombs across 275 miles of Honshu Island.

The assault, carrying the air war against Japan into a 32nd consecutive day, raised to 31 the number of enemy homeland cities hit in the 20th airforce's knockout campaign. It followed an attack by upwards of 250 American fighters against the Tokyo area and suicide plane bases on Kyushu yesterday.

Targets in the night five-way strike included Shimotsu, oil center 30 miles southwest of Osaka; Kofu, industrial center 60 miles west of Tokyo; Shimizu, ocean port 75 miles southwest of Tokyo; Chiba, industrial extension of Tokyo 16 miles southwest of the capital, and Akashi, aircraft engine production center 275 miles southwest of Tokyo.

It was the first time the Superforts had struck at five major cities in a single raid.

# Postal Employees Get \$400 Increase

WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—President Truman today signed legislation granting an average basic salary increase of \$400 a year to 300,000 postal employees.

It is the first basic pay raise the postal employees have had since 1925. The increases generally are in line with the "little steel" formula limiting war-time wage increases.

The act will raise basic payroll for postal workers about \$150,000,000 a year. Postal employees received a temporary wartime increase of \$300 a year each, which will be cancelled. New rates are retroactive to July 1.

# Cities Not Getting Surplus Property

PORTLAND, July 6 (UP)—Cities attempting to obtain surplus government property are meeting difficulty, particularly on trucks and road building equipment, Mayor Earl Riley of Portland reported today on his return from the executive meeting of the American Municipal Association in Chicago.

Riley said there was keen disappointment expressed at failure of Portland voters to approve a civic center project at the recent election.

# CITY HALL FLOODED

SEATTLE, July 6 (UP)—City hall officials were extremely busy yesterday—swinging mops to keep the flood out of their offices. A plumber, installing a wash basin, broke a pipe, losing the fish catch in August. The area had been closed for nearly three years.

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