

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 86
Minimum 45
Forecast: Clear and slightly warmer Sunday.

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FIVE CENTS

Work Stopped on Housing Project

\$26,338
Back Tax
Disbursed

Disbursement of \$26,338.58 turnover from back taxes was announced today by Al Harlow, county treasurer, as follows:
1932 taxes: general fund, \$478.09; general road fund, \$52.23; market road fund, \$51.71; bond fund, \$221.45; road bond redemption fund, \$46.48; fire patrol fund, \$32; school fund, \$128.74; high school fund, \$28.16; special cities fund, \$937.85; special school fund, \$896.31; library fund, \$1.75.

1933-34 taxes: general fund, \$900.45; general road fund, \$84.80; market road fund, \$78.51; bond fund, \$221.42; road bond redemption fund, \$104.43; fire patrol fund, \$15.14; school fund, \$221.42; school fund, \$35.54; special cities fund, \$1,678.21; special school fund, \$1,474.84; library fund, \$2.35.

1944-45 taxes: general fund, \$2,301.19; general road fund, \$322.01; market road fund, \$508.28; indigent soldiers' fund, \$11.29; fire patrol fund, \$194.30; school fund, \$835.83; public utilities division fund, \$305.25; high school fund, \$392.31; special cities fund, \$4,600.20; special school fund, \$5,769.99; library fund, \$8.31.

Total: general fund, \$4,425.48; general road fund, \$525.76; market road fund, \$699.80; bond fund, \$546.93; road bond redemption fund, \$187.16; indigent soldiers' fund, \$12.58; fire patrol fund, \$235.33; school fund, \$1,361.48; public utilities fund, \$305.25; high school fund, \$522.17; special cities fund, \$8,281.40; special school fund, \$9,221.24; library fund, \$14.01.

Disbursement of \$8,281.40 in special cities fund has been announced as follows:
La Grande, \$7,589.76; Union, \$372.79; Elgin, \$146.46; North Powder, \$36.10; Imbler, \$55.80; Island City, \$37.75; Cove, \$42.74.

Maaske Advises
Veterans to Look
Before Signing

Dr. Roben Maaske, president of Eastern Oregon college of education, again today advised veterans who are eligible for education under the provision of the "G. I. bill of rights" to examine carefully all possibilities before signing up for any particular course of study.
"Many returned veterans some correspondence courses might be excellent. Veterans are warned, however, by the veteran's bureau, to observe carefully any group or salesman for a course who implies he is sent out or approved by the bureau," Dr. Maaske said.

Doolittle Fliers
Arrive in Capital

CHUNGKING, Aug. 25 (UP)—Three of the eight American airmen known to have fallen into Japanese hands after raiding Tokyo with Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle in April, 1942, arrived in Chungking today from an enemy prison camp at Peiping.
The flier who remained behind at Peiping is Lt. George Barr, Pittsburg, Kas.



TWO UNION COUNTY MEN at least, Arthur LeRoy (Bud) Draper, and Alfred Leslie Pearson of Island City, who is on the USS Iowa, will see this mighty fleet, the Third U. S. fleet, as it maneuvers off the coast of Japan following news of Japan's surrender negotiations. Extent of this formation is so great the photographer could not get all of it. Bud is a member of the crew of the USS Indiana, a battle wagon. He enlisted in the navy in 1944. (See picture of Bud and his brother, page 3.)

La Grande Boy on Battleship Safe

Two days of anxiety were ended today for Mrs. Myrtle Price, 1808 First street, when she received a letter from her son, Peter G. Russell S. 2 c, who was aboard the USS Pennsylvania, recently reported damaged by enemy torpedo attacks off Okinawa with a loss of 20 men killed or wounded.
The damage to the battleship was announced Thursday, although the attack took place Aug. 12. The letter received today by Mrs. Price was dated Aug. 14.

Parity Offered on
Wheat Under Loan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (UP)—The agriculture department today announced a purchase program offering farmers full parity prices for 1945 wheat placed under government loan.
Farmers who put wheat under commodity credit corporation loans will have the option of selling the wheat next spring to the department at 15 cents a bushel above the applicable loan value minus carrying charges.
Average \$1.38
The average loan rate for this year's crop is \$1.38 a bushel or 90 percent of parity. The stabilization extension act of 1944 requires the government to guarantee farmers full parity return on their wheat.
All farm-stored wheat under loan, which has not been redeemed by next April 1 and which is delivered to authorized agents

Nelson Rockefeller
Resigns State Post

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (UP)—President Truman today accepted resignation of assistant secretary of state Nelson A. Rockefeller. He appointed Spruille Braden, U. S. ambassador to Argentina, to succeed Rockefeller as assistant secretary in charge of Latin-American affairs.
Rockefeller's resignation was announced by Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary. He said Braden, a native of Elkhorn, Mont., will be formally nominated to the post when the senate reconvenes next month. Ross said he did not know of Rockefeller's plans for the future.

Bulgaria Puts Off
National Election

LONDON, Aug. 25 (UP)—Bulgaria yielded to allied pressure today and postponed indefinitely her national elections. Postponement is a diplomatic victory for the United States and Britain, who had protested to Sofia Bulgaria's present single-party system makes free elections impossible.
Since Russia also is a member of the control commission, this indicated the Soviets had supported the western allies.

Chinese Forces
Advance to Take
Former Capital

CHUNGKING, Aug. 25 (UP)—Chungking forces have entered Canton, Shanghai and the former national capital of Nanking, the Chinese central news agency reported today.
The news agency indicated Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops were taking control of Canton and Nanking without opposition from either the Japanese or rival communists.
Officials appointed by the Chungking government were reported in control of Canton and functioning openly.
Situation on other surrender fronts:
Manila—Typhoons force 48-hour postponement in American landing schedule on Japan and signing of surrender terms; Admiral Spruance discloses occupation forces will go ashore with full combat equipment.
San Francisco—Emperor issues imperial rescript asking Japanese army and navy forces to "demobilize with speed and in order."
Chungking—Chiang yields to Britain on occupation of Hong Kong; gives up China's claim to outer Mongolia; offers Tibet high degree of autonomy; generalissimo sends third urgent invitation to communist leader Mao Tse-tung to confer personally with him; communists announce 50,000 workers occupy Shanghai factory zone.

Portland Aircraft
Plant Closes Down

PORTLAND, Aug. 25 (UP)—Columbia aircraft industries was virtually at a standstill today due to the laying-off of most of its employees after a government cancellation of plane part contracts. The plant had been manufacturing Catalina patrol bomber tail sections for the navy.
Only 100 of an estimated 700 employees were left working in the plant, where a year and a half ago 2,000 were employed. About 75 percent of the employees were women.

Liquor Agent Says
Story Was 'Hoax'

SEATTLE, Aug. 25 (UP)—Forest W. Ford, 28-year-old undercover agent for the state liquor board, told police last night that his story of having been tortured and beaten by bootleggers was a hoax.
He was treated for superficial knife wounds and burns at King county hospital, but his latest statement said he was unable to remember how they were suffered.

State Seeks Ways to Attract
More Tourist Trade to Oregon

By ELDON C. BARRETT
SALEM, Aug. 25 (UP)—End of the war and release of gasoline has thrown the business of advertising Oregon to tourists into high gear.
Several weeks ago Gov. Earl Snell said: "The tourist trade can be made Oregon's top industry." Taking the governor's statement as a keynote, several promotional organizations have started.
Among these organizations is the governor's 80-man state tourist promotion committee.
At a meeting recently with Governor Snell, a steering committee of the promotional organization laid preliminary plans for an advertising campaign which they believe is necessary.
First step, the committee agreed, is to advertise the idea to Oregonians themselves to revive "traditional Oregon courtesy."

Two Fires Near Here
Brought Into Control

Light showers and humidity which reached as high as 70 percent early today had enabled fire fighters to bring the forest fires on Robb's hill, four miles from here under control and speeded the work of "mopping up," the state forestry service said this afternoon. Thirty or 40 men were still working there.
The Sagebrush and grass fire between Union and Telocaset was also under control, the foresters said, after it had covered 7,000 acres or more in the Hog valley area. When the wind died down and the humidity increased greatly the blaze was stopped.
Not, however, until after several thousand dollars worth of damage had been caused to the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company's 66,000 volt line from Baker to Union. Two more towers were burned last night.
Company officials said repairs to the line will be made Sunday, when the load on the system is not enough to demand use of the Baker-La Grande line.

Shull Arms in
Atomic Energy
Work 5 Years

PORTLAND, Aug. 25 (UP)—Forest fires established a new major front in Oregon today, burning 7,000 acres of Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir in some of the state's most scenic areas in the Deschutes national forest.
Local rains were falling in some areas, however, which fire officials hoped will bring to an end the threat.
Minto pass fire near Mt. Jefferson quieted down as humidity rose today. Rains during the night barely dampened fire areas but it gave crews of 600 men a chance to push new fire trails.
Violous Blaze
Guy Johnson, forest control officer in Portland, said the blaze, which is running through the high Cascades is the biggest and most viciously-flaming area in the state.
Retired in the background for the moment was the Wilson river fire which was reported quiet.
High winds were driving the Deschutes fire, defying the desperate efforts of 600 men to stem it.
Forestry officials pinned their hopes on the flames being checked.

Baum Brothers Get
Together in France

UNION, Aug. 25 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baum, who a few weeks ago were busy sending cables to their sons to Rheims, France, to make possible a meeting between the two boys are in receipt of a letter from their son, Cpl. Richard Baum, which reads in part:
"Guess what? Just saw Dave a little while ago. Was sitting in my tent resting when some one put his hand on my shoulder. Looked up and almost fell over in surprise. There Dave stood, as big as a mountain. He reminds me of Nephi, he is so big. Was wonderful to see him. He got your telegram, Mom, thanks a lot. He is assistant provost marshal in Rheims. I was in Rheims on pass all day yesterday, and of course, had no idea Dave was around. Will go in tomorrow and stay over the week end, should have a big time. May be here for a couple of weeks yet."
Bobby, a younger brother, who is still in Oklahoma with 50 hours flying to his credit as pilot, writes he doesn't know what the navy is going to do with him, and his greatest concern is when he will see his brothers, since it has been three years since they were together.

Members of Cline
Family Home First
Time in Five Years

UNION, Aug. 25 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ora Cline, for the first time in five years, have their family with them in their home. Their son, Darrell, just recently discharged from the service is at home for a rest, their daughter, Mrs. Rex Baxter with her husband and four children arrived from Salt Lake Saturday, son Harold, his wife and four children came in from Los Angeles Monday, Miss LaFaye arrived from Portland Tuesday.

Japs Commit Mass
Hara-kiri Before
Emperor's Palace

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25 (UP)—Radio Tokyo said today Japanese are committing mass hara-kiri in front of Emperor Hirohito's palace.
The enemy broadcast reported "large numbers" were killing themselves, presumably in the traditional manner of disembowelment by daggers, as the hour for the American occupation of their homeland neared.
FCC monitors said the report, carried in a Japanese-language broadcast beamed to North America, gave no details of the mass suicides.

Chamber Asks
Reversal of
Halt Orders

Work on the federal housing project here was stopped today by orders received last night from the federal housing authority at Seattle.
The 40-unit housing project had been started about six weeks ago and is at least two-thirds completed, according to workmen.
Chamber of commerce officials today swung into action upon receipt of word of the closure.
Send Wires
Wires were sent to area authority supervisor at Seattle, after word had been received from James Maxwell of Portland, state supervisor, that anything which happened would be over his head.
Chamber officials here, led by Raymond Gray, urged the housing authority to reconsider the action.
Jesse Epstein, Seattle, area supervisor, told Gray late this afternoon he had not realized how far the work was advanced here nor what conditions are here and will call the offices in Washington, D. C. Monday.

Has Hopes

He held out hopes the order will be reconsidered so far as La Grande is concerned, but could promise nothing.
"The need for housing here now is greater than it has ever been and will continue to increase, as our people return from the army and navy and from closed down war plants," said Gray.

Many Homeless

"There are hundreds of families here who have only most sketchy accommodations and the completion of this project is vital.
"Camp grounds, cabin camps, apartments, lodging houses and hotels are all full and still there are people who have no place to go," Gray said.
Walter E. Langer, engineer at the housing job, said this afternoon at least 75 percent of the work on the job had been finished and the houses will be ready for occupancy within a few weeks.
Gray was joined by M. G. Bruener, district superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad here, in asking for completion of the housing, since many railroad men are among those who have been unable to find housing.

2 Fighter Pilots
Beat MacArthur to
Landing in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25 (UP)—Two American fighter pilots beat Gen. Douglas MacArthur's armies to the Japanese mainland today by landing on an enemy airstrip and converging with Japanese officers for approximately two hours, broadcasts from Okinawa said.
The two pilots, identified as Lt. Col. Clay Tice, jr., Phoenix, Ariz., and Douglas B. Hall, Anamosa, Ia., landed together on an airstrip on south central Kyushu when Hall's P-38 developed engine trouble. The fliers returned to Okinawa after waiting on the air strip for a Flying Fortress which delivered them gasoline.
During their wait of some two-and-three quarters hours "the two pilots chatted pleasantly" with Japanese officers and enlisted men.

LIFT FRUIT RESTRICTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (UP)—The agriculture department today lifted wartime restrictions on the use of fruit and berries for making wine and other alcoholic products.

Baseball Results

Table with columns for League (American, National), Team, and Score. Includes results for Washington, New York, St. Louis, Chicago, and others.