

RECORDS BROKEN

CORVALLIS, Sept. 18 (UP)—All records for the number of new women registered at Oregon State college were broken today when 764 paid fees. Total first day registration was 1,182, an increase of 409.

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Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 64
Minimum 40
Forecast: Mostly clear tonight and Wednesday.

FIVE CENTS

Truman Combines 3 Labor Agencies

Mavericks Club Ready for Annual Horse Show, Races

It isn't the great heira nor mass emigration, this bustle of activity, shoeing of horses, polishing of saddles and boots, brightening of bits and spurs—it's the final preparation for the Mavericks horse show Thursday afternoon.

Practically every Maverick owned horse in the county is sporting a new set of shoes, and will wear the most highly polished saddle imaginable for the big event, which is expected to draw the largest crowd of any previous year for the fourth annual horse show and rodeo.

Saddle Soap
If saddle soap permeates the air in your district, it is simply because your neighbors are Mavericks, and the preoccupied looks on the members' faces won't fade until after every event on the program has been completed.

More than 100 Mavericks met at the fairgrounds Sunday to make final preparations for the big day. The loud speakers have been put up, the arena fenced to avoid any possible danger to spectators, the track has been put in good condition, and each event was called to make sure the program will go smoothly on the final day.

Will Close
Business houses will close during the hours of the horse show Thursday and schools will close that afternoon to permit students to attend.

Exhibits of 4-H club work and livestock will be shown in conjunction with the Mavericks horse show, but will begin tomorrow and continue through Thursday. Awards will be made to winning contestants in both the 4-H group and to winners of the rodeo events.

A number of Umatilla county people are expected to attend the show Thursday, with their fall rodeo ended, and with the advertising given the Maverick show at the Round-Up when invitations were extended to all present to attend the Union county rodeo.

Included on Thursday afternoon program are drills by the men's and women's divisions of the Mavericks, by the Oregon Trail Riders of Baker and the Mt. Emily Quadrille team. Numerous races are scheduled as well as bucking horses, bucking steers, calf roping and tying and trick roping.

Captain Shoemaker Dies in Prison, Relatives Learn

Word was received here today of the death of Capt. Andy Shoemaker, Jan. 31, 1944, at Honshu prison camp near Tokyo.

Captain Shoemaker, who had gone overseas in 1940, was taken prisoner when Bataan fell. He is a graduate of Baker high school and Oregon State college at Corvallis.

Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shoemaker, 704 M. avenue; his wife, now living in Wilsonville; two brothers, Robert, now at San Pedro; and James, now serving overseas; and other relatives.

Transport Lands at Airport to Remove Injured Soldier

A C-46 (army transport) landed today at La Grande eastern airport to carry Cpl. Ernest DeVoti, 25-year-old Missouri soldier, back to Walla Walla, Wash.

Corporal DeVoti has been convalescing in St. Joseph's hospital following an automobile accident early Monday near Meacham. DeVoti and another soldier, unidentified, were blinded by lights as they came over a hill, and in the resulting accident, DeVoti suffered severe back and head injuries. State police had no report of the mishap.

The transport, staffed with one doctor, took off at 12:30 p. m. after DeVoti was brought by ambulance from the hospital.



MRS. HILDA WILLIAMS, a member of the Mavericks club since the beginning of the organization five years ago, pictured with her horse, Black Tony. Mrs. Williams is an active member of the club and co-chairman of the drill team, as well as a member of the team.



MISS BEVERLY SMITH, 17-year-old member of the Mavericks club, and most active young member of the group, who this year is director of the drills which the women's drill team will present at the horse show Thursday, is pictured astride her horse, Sox.

South 40 Club Has Executive Meeting

First meeting of the 1945-46 year of the South Forty club executive committee will be held at 7:45 p. m. today in the Stein Coffee club. B. F. Wilde, of the Abstract and Title company, will be the speaker, discussing abstracts, titles, and deeds as they affect the man on the farm.

Nine More La Grande Students Register

Nine additional graduates of La Grande high school have recently been accepted as freshmen students at the college this fall according to Lyle H. Johnson, registrar. There are Alta McCarty, Betty Wallace, Earl Carpenter, Dorothy Mayfield, Sibel Smith, Melvin Keltz, Aylee Gordon, Mary Ann Smith, and Myrtle Severn.

Aircraft Student At Eugene Killed In Plane Crash

EUGENE, Sept. 18 (UP)—An aircraft student of the Eugene vocational school, Miss J. B. Rooney, 29, was killed late Tuesday, when her plane crashed 15 miles east of Eugene. Carl Lempe, of Eugene, other passenger in the plane, received a broken leg and body lacerations.

State police reported the plane, a Stearman bi-plane, took off from the Eugene airport at 6:30 p. m. on a local flight, but crashed on a hill above the old Walla Walla power plant at 7 p. m.

Miss Rooney was pronounced dead upon arrival at a Eugene hospital. The plane Miss Rooney and Lempe were flying was demolished and strewn over the surrounding countryside. Lempe, 34-year-old instructor at the Eugene vocational school, was reported in "improving condition."

Secretary To Head USES, WLB, WMC

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP)—A sweeping reorganization of the labor functions of the government was announced today by President Truman.

He transferred all of the powers and operations of the war labor board, the war manpower commission and the United States employment service to the labor department.

At the same time Truman disclosed he had transferred the functions of the office of economic stabilization to the office of war mobilization and reconstruction under John W. Snyder. Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach sat at the side of the president's desk and heard him say the secretary now gets all of the powers of WLB, WMC and USES, and eventually all of the labor functions of the government will be centralized within the labor department.

Schwellenbach, armed with his new powers, has promised he will step immediately into the explosive Detroit strike situation.

The president was asked about the future of economic stabilizer William H. Davis. He smiled and said the shift meant he would in the future have nothing to do. Asked whether he planned any immediate change in the government's wage policies, the president said no.

Oregon Colleges Expect to Grow 38 Percent in 5 Years

By ELDON BARRETT
SALEM, Sept. 18 (UP)—The state tax study committee yesterday received another mathematical manifestation to mull over when Dr. Charles D. Byrne, secretary of the state board of higher education, made estimates of what it's going to cost to operate Oregon's eight institutions of higher learning the next five years.

Education authorities expect a 38 percent increase in enrollment by 1950, Dr. Byrne said. Approximately \$8,351,000 is going to operate the institutions. To cope

Tokyo Hungry as Inhabitants Face Uncertain Winter

TOKYO, Sept. 18 (UP)—Thousands of Tokyo's remaining 2,000,000 inhabitants swarmed across the city's coastal mud flats today, searching for enough shell fish to provide another meal. The cry is for food. Survival is their only thought.

As far as the eye can see, men, women and children tirelessly splash through the shallow water. Each pays approximately five cents to the man holding the government shell-fishing concession. They are entitled to all they can catch in a day—usually a water bucket full per person.

This is a scene repeated day after day. Thousands of others line the city's canals and rivers, creating a forest of bamboo fishing poles from dawn to dusk as Tokyo's populace desperately tries to increase its food supply.

Hunger is evident everywhere. War gardens in small, neat typically Japanese fashion lot every available area of land. The average man prays his garden will supply enough food to stall off starvation one more winter.

La Grande Women Attend Meeting

A group of La Grande women last night attended the regular meeting of the American Legion auxiliary in Union. Making the trip were Mrs. W. E. Wilkins, Mrs. Eugene Millering, Mrs. George Tass, Mrs. Victor Eckley and Mrs. E. G. Moore.

Eleanor Davis, department chairman of legislative, constitution and by-laws committee, gave a complete report on the state convention held recently in Portland. Later the post and auxiliary joined for refreshments.

May Be 10 Years Until Atom Energy Useful

Editor's Note:—Following is the second dispatch of a series of atomic energy.)

By ROBERT L. FREY

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (UP)—Past performances of inventors who have harnessed basic sources of energy—steam, electricity and oil—indicate the dawn of the atomic age in everyday life is due about January, 1958.

Already it has been announced construction soon will begin of a railroad engine to be driven by atomic energy. Ralph Lucas, chief engineer of the United States Industrial Research and

Development company, said the energy will be utilized through a turbine.

Great Change

Atomic, or more accurately nuclear energy, now is in the stage steam energy was before the invention of the steam engine, electricity before the dynamo, oil before the internal combustion engine. We need an atomic engine.

A look at the record shows the time elapsed between the tapping of a new source of energy and invention of the means of harnessing it has decreased by half with each new power-discovery.

The development of the steam engine up to 1781 when James Watt found a way to make it turn a rotary shaft and thus run machinery covered about 100 years.

Twelve Years

In the case of electricity, 50 years elapsed between Michael Faraday's discovery in 1831 that electricity could be generated from magnetism and the invention of the modern dynamo.

Only 25 years passed between the discovery of oil in western Pennsylvania and the invention of the first high-speed internal combustion engine.

Specialists in the field casting

their own cautious predictions are in more or less general agreement another decade or so will see nuclear energy peacefully performing some of man's bidding.

There are ifs and buts. Perhaps the biggest is this. The development of steam power, electric power and the gasoline engine all were carried on by individuals and corporations. Now for the first time in history, the government has absolute control of what some call the most important discovery since man learned to make fire. What effect this may have on the time-table of its development none can foresee.

Wife Waits at Dock to Meet Lt. Keith Madill, La Grande

Neither had ever expected to see the other again, but now Mrs. Keith Madill is waiting at San Francisco and her husband on board ship is coming home after nearly four years of imprisonment in Japanese camps.

Madill, a lieutenant of engineers, was a former resident of La Grande. His father, Ben Madill, was a wholesaler here, who died just a few months ago at Baker. His mother has been dead several years.

A mining engineer, Madill had been working in the Philippines and when the war broke out joined the army. He escaped at the fall of Bataan and was captured in March on the island of Cebu. With other prisoners he left Manila Dec. 13, 1942 and his ship was torpedoed just after it left harbor.

Again he was picked up this time by a Japanese ship which was bombed and sunk near Formosa. Once more Lieutenant Madill was rescued and was taken to Japan, to be liberated when the U. S. army moved in after the surrender.

His wife, meantime, had been in the Santo Tomas prison camp in Manila and was released a few months ago. She confided to friends here, including Dr. C. L. Gilstrap, she did not expect to see her husband again. She was a former Salt Lake girl. Dr. Gilstrap received details of Keith's whereabouts from her and from the army as well as from other officer friends.

Patterson Selected To Replace Stimson; Burton to Court

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP)—President Truman today nominated Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson to become secretary of war, and named Sen. Harold H. Burton, R., N. M., to U. S. supreme court.

The president also nominated W. Stuart Symington, chairman of the present three-man surplus property disposal board, surplus property administrator under legislation approved last week.

The Burton selection at this time came as somewhat of a surprise, although Burton had been mentioned, however, along with several other Republicans for the supreme court post vacated by the retirement of Justice Owen J. Roberts.

Truman also announced Assistant Secretaries John J. McCloy and Robert Lovett had submitted resignations.

Army May Fix Blame for Grass Fires

Investigate Smoke Bombs Dropped at Cove

Reports from the Oregon state police today indicate army officials may soon fix responsibility for the starting of the Cove fires.

It is established, state police said, the fires were started by two smoke bombs falling from one of five B-24s flying in formation over Cove Thursday. One bomb started a fire at lower Cove, and the other started a fire on the Howard Kuhn property.

Four army officers were in La Grande and Cove yesterday, conferring with state police and forest service men, and interviewing persons who stated they saw the bombs fall.

Gilbert Miller, Cove, stated he saw the bombs fall, within three minutes of each other, from the same plane. Smoke flared up immediately, he said.

The smoke bombs were described as being about six inches long and about four inches in diameter.

Although the area covered by

the fires is as yet undetermined, one of the fire fighters estimated that it covered approximately 1,800 acres, mostly pasture and timber land.

Only estimate of damage caused by fires was received from Kuhns, who stated 20 rods of fence on his property had been burned.

Salem Veteran to Face Charge of Murder of Wife

SALEM, Sept. 18 (UP)—A charge of first degree murder will be filed against Robert Theodore Pullman, 21-year-old discharged service man, District Attorney Miller B. Hayden said last night, following the death of Pullman's 19-year-old wife.

The young woman, Dorothy, died in a Salem hospital of gunshot wounds received Sept. 9. The husband, according to police, stated earlier his wife was wounded when he attempted to take a shotgun away from her during an argument in their home at a Salem auto court.

Pullman had been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Hope for Early End Of Rationing Dims; Meat Goes to Relief

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP)—Hope for an early end of meat rationing dimmed today as the government prepared to export up to 600,000,000 pounds during October, November and December.

President Truman reported 150,000,000 pounds of meat definitely have been earmarked for the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration and European governments.

Agriculture department sources revealed another 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 pounds will go to Great Britain once financial arrangements replacing lend-lease have been completed.

In addition, UNRRA is scheduled to get still more meat when and if congress approves the \$550,000,000 appropriation now pending. The agency requested 400,000,000 pounds of meat for the fourth quarter, but officials said its actual quota will not reach that figure.

Restrictions to End Oct. 15 on Home Building

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP)—War Mobilization Director John W. Snyder disclosed today government restrictions on home construction, public works, and commercial construction will end Oct. 15.

Snyder disclosed a six-point program to speed expansion of the construction industry:

1. A government campaign to increase supplies of scarce building materials through such steps, if necessary, as price and wage increases and priorities.

2. WPB action to prevent hoarding materials to avoid shortages.

3. OPA will tighten price controls over building materials.

4. The federal agencies will discourage excessive and unsound lending.

5. Representatives of industry groups will be called into conference here to map out a voluntary program to increase quickly production of materials and facilities.

25 Victory Fund Workers Start Canvass Today

La Grande's advance guard of victory fund workers swung into action today as the 25 men selected by chairman Raymond Gray to call on business houses for contributions toward the quota of \$12,200 began their campaign. Reports of progress may be available Wednesday.

The workers met last night at the Stein club to receive their supplies and to hear instructions from Homer Leffel, who spoke briefly in place of Jack Fitzgerald, county chairman, who was unable to be present. Gray presided.

All contributions will be returned to Treve B. Lumsden, treasurer of the fund.

Five agencies will be represented in the drive: The USO, the Salvation Army, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Do-Nut Hut. The last is included for the first time.

Leffel pointed out the contributions will support the organizations for all of next year, including the work carried on for 200 girl scouts, 300 boy scouts, and the work of the Salvation Army in reaching many not otherwise reached by churches.

"I have confidence La Grande will do the job as it has always done," Leffel said.

For individual contributions, both banks will be prepared to receive contributions after Oct. 1, it was announced last night.

Girl, 4, Found; Skull Crushed

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 18 (UP)—The body of four-year-old Wianna Blunt, its head crushed, was found last night in a shallow grave in an abandoned garage near her home in Hastings East, a Vancouver suburb, police announced today. The child had been missing for nearly a week and thousands of Vancouver citizens searched all parts of the city daily.

The body was discovered at 7:30 p. m. last night and a search for a murder suspect was pressed immediately, even as search parties continued their hunt for the child. The find was not made public until today. The body, covered by a few inches of dirt, was found by detectives. An autopsy will be held today and an inquest will follow.