

All Winners of
4-H Club Fair
In Observer Today

La Grande Evening Observer

HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON
Union and Wallowa Counties

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature: 73
Maximum: 73
Minimum: 28
Precipitation: .25
Forecast: Rain tonight; showers, cooler Friday.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1945

FIVE CENTS

Parade Presents Colorful Old West Barrie Gassett Outstanding 4-H Clubber Gets Award at Union Fair; Many Winners

Barrie Gassett of Cove, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gassett, won the award for the "outstanding exhibitor" at the 4-H county fair based on showmanship, club records, special contests and judging. It is the first time the award has been presented here. He already had 88 ribbons won in fairs and shows.

Prizes and awards presented yesterday afternoon and today at the county-wide 4-H club fair are:

Clothing 5 — first, Shirley Hibberd, Iris Vogel; second, Verna Towle.

Clothing 4 — first, Shirley Cochran; second, Robert Roberts; third, Lolita Smith.

Clothing 3 — first, Rosella Prince, Ardith Thompson; second, Karol Stowe; third, Barbara Carper, Anita Towler.

Clothing 2 — first, Rachel Thompson, Joyce Worthington; second, Karol Stowe; third, Barbara Carper, Anita Towler.

Clothing 1 — first, Phyllis Buschke; second, Martha Fletcher; third, Lois Rollins, Zella Puckett; June Thompson, Dora Lee Puckett, Audrey Cooper, Lois Yarrington.

Canning 3 — first, Neda Towle; second, Audrey Cooper, Gay Conklin.

Canning 2 — first, Phyllis Fowler; second, Mary Harlow; third, Lois Yarrington, Anna Louise Hug, Nina Studebaker.

Canning 1 — first, Margie Lynn Hill, Carol Hug; second, Shirley Ann Hill, Edna Belle Barlow, Evelyn Jack; third, Elaine McDaniel, Barbara Hill, Barbara Talbert, Rachel Thompson, Lois Jean Chandler.

Home 1 — first, Florence Carr, Gail Hug; second, Jackie Hopkins; third, Janet Coots, DeLeva Carper.

Cooking 2 — first, Geraldine Gordon, Margaret Rundall; second, Carol Hug, Anna Louise Hug, Audrey Cooper; third, Arleta Hug, Barbara Talbert, Louise Laird.

Cooking 1 — first, Joyce Weatherpoon; second, Betty Jane Halsey, Karla Stone; third, Rachel Thompson, Rosalie Scott.

Demonstrations — sewing 3 — first, Ardith Thompson, Rachel Thompson, overhand patch.

Demonstrations — Our Home — first, Leona Carr and Gayle Hug, for ironing shirts.

Demonstration of cooking 1 — first, Joyce Weatherpoon and Karol Stowe, making muffins.

Garden, class 1 — first, Bobby Rother, Eddie Johnson, Frederick Booher.

Demonstration of cooking 2 — first, Anna Louise, Caryl Hug with stuffed tomato salad.

Garden, class 3 — first, Frederick Booher, Bonnie McCance.

Garden, class 2 — second, Lonnie Carrol, third, Gilbert Damon.

Candy craft — first, Billy Carson, second, Ronald Carson.

Outstanding club exhibitor — first, Barrie Gassett, second, Johnny Vann, third, Donald Hefty.

Dairy herd records — first, Barrie Gassett, second, Don Hefty, third, Johnny Vann.

Style review — clothing 2 — first, Joyce Weatherpoon, Rachel Thompson; second, Karla Stone, Anita Towle; third, Barbara Cooper.

Style review — sewing 5 — first, Shirley Hibberd; second, Norma Hunt and Verna Towle.

Style review — sewing 4 — first, Shirley Cochran; second, Roberta and Loleta Smith; third, Donna Reese and Mildred Calhoun.

Style review — sewing 3 — first, Rosella Price; second, Ardith Thompson and Jacquelyn Stare.

Livestock in order of awards: Jersey, Dickie Conklin, Dale DeLong, and Dickie Conklin champion; heifer calf, Joy Haggey, Johnny Vann, Barrie Gassett, Doyle Brown; fat hogs, first and champion, Clifford Towle, Alice Robinson, Johnny Vann, Norman Wells, Roderick French; feeder hogs, William Weatherpoon, Gilbert Weatherpoon, Barrie Gassett.

Gluecurey — champion, Don Hefty; Holstein — Champion, Jackie Lane; over-all dairy champion, Donald Hefty.

Pigs, pen of four — Alice Robinson, Norman Wells, Donald Hefty.

Hampshire ewes — Gassett.

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SGT. LEE SPENCER: His air medal was presented his father at weekly review. Sergeant Spencer is missing in action.

Roy Spencer Given Son's Air Medal At Walla Walla

Roy Spencer, accompanied by Mrs. Spencer and their son, Lt. Robert Spencer, attended the weekly military review recently at Walla Walla army air field, where Spencer was presented the air medal decoration for his son, Sgt. Lee R. Spencer, missing in action. The presentation was made by Col. C. A. Whately, commanding officer.

The citation in part: "For meritorious achievement while participating in historical missions from bases in the Marianas islands against the homeland of Japan between March 9 and 19, 1945. During this period the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe were struck with such force and determination great areas were destroyed."

Destroy Cities
"Aircraft on each mission at See ROY ... Page 7

\$500 Reported in First Report on Victory Fund

Nearly \$500 in collections was reported by the only campaigner who thus far has given an advance peek of his success in the victory fund drive in La Grande. It was announced this afternoon. J. W. Fitzgerald, county chairman, has also declared the campaign will get off to a good start, with only one resignation in the area chairmanships. Mrs. Bruce Clark of Alice was unable to take the chairmanship and Mrs. R. E. Kimmel has accepted the job.

Quotas, when announced, will be 20 percent higher than those of last year, but no chairman has expressed any doubt as to his ability to fulfill the obligations.

Hopes to Stop Demolition of Project Here

Demolition of the housing project in La Grande will be averted if efforts of Dr. Roben J. Maaske, president of Eastern Oregon college, are successful. Dr. Maaske has requested that federal housing authorities turn over to the college for management, the nearly completed houses for use of veterans, who are enrolling in the college.

He has contacted George W. Coplen, regional representative of the national housing agency in Seattle for a minimum of 10 units, which are almost completed.

Keep Some

Inasmuch as the project for the city of La Grande seems "lost" the request has been made through the college. Said Dr. Maaske, "It is our hope that through the case presented by the college to the federal housing authority for veterans housing that part of the La Grande housing project can be completed. It is hoped some of the units might then be available for families in La Grande, other than veterans, who need houses in the current emergency."

Maaske stated in his letter to authorities in the case his investigation of the 40 units showed two rows of eight units each practically finished, and their location, just across the street from the lower edge of the college campus and only one and one-half blocks from the farthest college building, is well suited for veterans' use.

Acute Situation

He explained there is no men's dormitory on the campus, and the pre-war enrollment of men was 170. For return of married veterans with families, the housing situation is already acute, he stated. There are enrolled already six married veterans, and seven single veterans and by the first of the year it is estimated that there will be from 12 to 15 married men enrolled and by the fall of 1946 probably 20 or 24.

His specific request now is that a minimum of two rows of eight units (practically completed) be completed by government for transfer to the college for management and operation for married veterans with the possible use of some for housing single veterans, and for another eight units for next year.

Senator Wayne Morse recently wired the chamber of commerce here he had conferred with officials of the national housing authority and with a regional director. He said the only authority for continuing the project would lie in its possible use for veterans.

"Personally," wired Morse, "I believe termination of projects far on their way to completion is a great waste of public funds and will do what I can to see that the projects are completed. Coplen will endeavor to hold up demolition proceedings."



ALICE WILSON, La Grande, receives air medal and oak leaf cluster for her son, Lt. Ray Wilson, who was killed in action over Europe. They were presented at Portland army air base by Maj. Edwin Bishop.

Posthumous Awards Made to Lt. Ray Wilson for Bravery

The air medal and one oak leaf cluster, posthumously awarded Lt. Ray Wilson, was presented to his mother, Alice Wilson of La Grande, by Maj. Edwin Bishop, Portland army air base, Portland, at the base lounge recently.

Lieutenant Wilson enlisted in the army in February of 1942 and was called in March of that year. He took his flight training at Santa Ana, and was commissioned and given his wings at Deming, N. M. He studied navigation at Carlisle and served on his B-17 as a bombardier filling in as navigator when necessary. (He was a navigator the first time he was wounded.) Training was continued at a Florida field, La. In February, 1944 Lieutenant Wilson went overseas, was at a bomber base in England, and was wounded on his 12th or 13th mission. At the time he was serving as navigator, and the ship was over Augsburg, Germany, April 13, 1944.

Forced Down
No further flying was required after he recovered from injuries received on that flight, but Lieutenant Wilson asked for further air duty. His ship was forced down Sept. 10, over Nuremberg.

He attended Greenwood grade school, La Grande high school, graduating with the class of 1934, and was employed for a number of years at the Sacajawea hotel. At the time of his enlistment he was a member of the police force in Burns. He had previously earned his private pilots license.

Portland to Start Four Major Works

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (UP) — Four major postwar projects will be started immediately by the Portland bureau of water works at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000, Commissioner Dorothy McCullough Lee announced today.

The projects are due for completion next spring and will be paid for with money now on hand.

The financial program of the A.S.B. and college bookstore" by Wilmer Baer, business manager.

To Meet
Women students will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium, and men students in room 19.

At 4 p.m. secretarial science, merchandising, and medical-dental students will meet in room 16. Nurses training students will meet in room 25, and other students in room 11.

The welcome bonfire will be at 7:30 p.m. on the campus, concluding the program.

Placements
Placement tests start the second day, at 8:30 a.m. in room 24, Ackerman hall, followed by an assembly at 10:30 in the auditorium.

Mathematics tests will be given at 1 p.m. in room 24, with pre-registration of all freshmen scheduled for 3 p.m. in the auditorium. Tea for new students will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Dorian hall, after which the students will be guests of J. Donald Meyers at the Liberty theater.

Thursday, Sept. 26, will be started by final registration and payment of fees at 9 a.m. in the library.

At 10 a.m. tests in writing and spelling for teacher training and two-year semi-professional course students is scheduled, with registration being continued at 2 p.m.

At 8 a.m. Thursday classes begin, bringing freshmen days to a close.

Third Fleet on Way Home From Jap Occupation

TOKYO, Sept. 20 (UP)—Six American battleships led a substantial portion of the mighty third fleet out of Tokyo bay today on the first leg of a victory voyage home to the United States.

The armada's departure, coupled with an announcement three-quarters of Japan's home army of 2,253,000 men has been demobilized, clearly indicated the American occupation of Japan is well beyond the danger point.

Japan herself took another step to insure speedy compliance with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation orders. Her privy council, conferring in the presence of Emperor Hirohito, approved an extraordinary imperial decree automatically legalizing all government orders issued at direction of MacArthur.

The decree became effective immediately. It empowered the government to enforce the orders with penal regulations if necessary.

Japs Under U. S. Get Free Press (With Controls)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (UP)—The United States has completed a long-range occupation policy for Japan calling for elimination of heavy industries, rigid control over the powerful bank of Japan and steps to better the lot of the Japanese masses, it was learned today.

The new directive was dispatched to Gen. Douglas MacArthur several days ago after approval by the joint chiefs of staff.

The directive was said to call for:

1. Elimination of heavy war industries as in Germany.
2. Specific controls of the bank of Japan.
3. A abrogation of legislation which limited freedom.
4. Removal of high political officials and industrialists.
5. Complete control of the Japanese press and radio.
6. Encouragement of the formation of trade unions.
7. Take over technical and research laboratories.

Grain, Sweet Corn Harvests Nearly Complete in State

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (UP)—Small grain and sweet corn harvest has been almost completed in Oregon, the U. S. weather bureau weekly summary of weather and crops conditions showed, today.

A few fields of late spring grain are yet to be finished. Plowing for fall seeding in northwestern counties is started but seeding hasn't.

Hop picking is well started, if not completed, in most areas except the northwestern portion, where it has been delayed by rain. The onion harvest is making good progress. Marketing of central Oregon potatoes is favorable, although last week's higher temperatures somewhat hindered it.

Prune picking is progressing and is complete in one area, Umatilla county. The bulk of the peach crop is picked in most sections and picking of pears and early apples is continuing.

Pastures are still dry but the condition of livestock continues good.

PACKERS MERGE

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (UP)—Merger of two food packing firms, two of the largest and oldest food packing companies on the west coast, was announced today by Norton Sigon, chairman of the board of Hunt Foods and by M. E. Wengenheim, president of California Conserving company.

Riders By Hundreds Take Part

Colorful scenes of the west were lived again this afternoon as several hundred persons, riding horses and in old time wagons and carriages, paraded through the downtown district as the first event of the Union county horse show, sponsored by the Mavericks club.

Sidewalks were jammed on both sides of Adams avenue as thousands of spectators turned out, despite the threatening weather, for the event.

Four riders on palomino horses, led by a flag bearer, opened the parade and they were followed by riders on race horses.

The high school band, with Dorothy Mayfield, drum major leading, came next.

Spanish American War veterans made up the next contingent. Then came the queen and princesses of the show.

The queen, Eloise Tucker, 13, was dressed in a white satin shirt, white western riding breeches, white cowboy hat and white tie.

Each of the princesses had brown satin ties on chartruese blouses, with beige riding trousers and hat, all in western style. The princesses are Dorothy Hart and Joan Skeen, of La Grande; Elizabeth Bell, Cove; Jean Scroggins, Union; Adeline Huffman, North Powder, and Fern Guthrie, Elgin.

All were riding their own mounts.

With members of the Mavericks club interspersed, the parade continued with carriages, buggies and wagons. Harley Smith, Mavericks president, followed by Beverly Smith, who led the drills later in the afternoon, came next.

A pack horse was followed by two Indians in feathers, blankets and beds.

Even many children took part in the event, with pack horse teams, men in blackface, soldiers on horseback and then came a two seated carryall with Mrs. Bess Scriber therein. She was dressed in clothing of the gay '90s and carried a fancy fringed parasol.

A four horse team and wagon was followed by riders from out of town, two boys on a burro and then a large group of Shetland ponies.

Union riders club came next and then the eight horse team belonging to the Smutz brothers, with a wagon loaded with grain sacks. The horses were gay with bright ribbons and fancy harness.

Six horse teams, wagons and riders rounded out the procession.

First on the program was "Star Spangled Banner" by the La Grande high school band. The program followed: showing of eight-horse team; presentation of queen and princesses; Maverick riding club, men's drill; girls' riding contest, under 16 years of age; raining contest, boys' riding contest, under 16 years of age; showing of six and four-horse teams; walk-trot-run race, quadraile, Mt. Emily camp riding club; 4-H club race; showing of two-horse teams; musical rope race, for men only.

Cow riding contest, five-gaited saddle horse contest, saddle horse race with jockey to weigh 200 pounds or more; bending race, calf roping contest, first showing; saddle horse race, for ladies only; boys' bareback race.

Calf roping, ladies pleasure horses, bucking contest, pony express race, three horses to team, between teams from La Grande, Union, Elgin and Baker; musical rope race, ladies only; stake race, three-gaited pairs, ladies' drill, tug and milk contest, free-for-all saddle horse race, jumping contest, Union county horse show derby, flat saddles, one-half mile.

In charge of the show is M. J. Goss, chairman. Judges of events were Dr. A. E. Ragle, Baker for saddle horses and races, Sam Hill of La Grande for bucking and roping, and William Ledbetter, La Grande, draft horses. Fred Guthrie of Elgin was the announcer.