

Fall Opening Here
7:30 Tuesday; See
Observer Tuesday

La Grande Evening Observer

HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON
Union and Wallowa Counties

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 60
Precipitation .11
Forecast: Cloudy, occasional
rain; clear tonight, Tuesday.
Slightly warmer.

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FIVE CENTS

LUMBER STRIKE ON

Ogilvy Pleads 'Not Guilty' to Murder

Claude N. Ogilvy, recently indicted on a charge of first degree murder in the death by shotgun wounds of Jack Staro, pleaded "not guilty" this morning before Circuit Court Judge R. J. Green.

Ogilvy was accompanied by his attorney, Boon Cason of Portland, and was in the custody of Sheriff Jesse Breshears, and his deputy, H. A. Klinghammer. Ogilvy showed no emotion, it

was stated, as the plea was entered and the trial was scheduled for Nov. 5.

Has Attack

Cason announced an arrangement has been made whereby the trial may be postponed if Ogilvy suffers another heart attack and is incapacitated. Ogilvy recently had a fairly severe attack, but is now recovered.

The shooting occurred July 25 on the Staro ranch at Cove. Ogilvy was arrested immediately following the shooting, and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace George Currey July 26. He was indicted by the grand jury Sept. 7 and today was set for his plea.

Witnesses for the trial are: Mrs. Staro, her daughter, Jacklyn, 14; Mrs. Ray Noyes of Baker, Staro's sister; and two hired men, Ed Rierman and Alvin Lloyd.

Fence Dispute

The shooting was the outcome of a fence dispute between Staro and Ogilvy, both Cove ranchers, in which Staro, state police said, had put a gate to save several miles of driving with his hay. The fence enclosed a private road from the county highway to the Ogilvy farm, for which Ogilvy was responsible.

He had used the lane before the land which Staro had been farming had been leased to Staro by Ray and Eva Duncan. The Duncan farm, and the rest of the land Staro farmed, made Ogilvy's farm inaccessible from the county highway without the lane.

Crossed Lane

Ogilvy had previously refused, police were told, to allow Staro to put a gate in the fence. The argument arose after the gate had been put in and Staro's hired men had brought several loads of hay across the lane.

Shortly before 3 p.m. July 26, witnesses said, Ogilvy came to the Staro ranch. The two men were discussing the matter a short distance from the witnesses, who saw the occurrence, but heard none of the argument. Suddenly, according to information given state police, Ogilvy went back to the wagon and returned with a shotgun. No one was close enough to hear what further talk took place between the two men, but when Ogilvy was about 50 feet from Staro, who had started for the house, he raised the gun, according to state police, and fired.

Traffic Deaths in State up 50 Percent

SALEM, Sept. 24 (UP)—Automatic speed recorders, maintained by the state highway department, show that since the end of the war the greatest number of vehicles has been traveling between 41 and 51 miles an hour on Oregon highways. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said today.

Only 6 percent of the drivers on Oregon's major highways held their speeds below 35 miles an hour, the wartime limit, during the month of August.

Traffic deaths in August were 50 percent higher than in the same month of 1944, Farrell said.

Pomona Grange Endorses Civic Center Favors That Project as War Memorial

Pomona Grange members gathered at Wolf Creek grange hall, near North Powder, Saturday for an all day session, at which time County Agent R. W. Schaad, talked on present economic trends in agriculture giving statistics to substantiate his statements.

In the evening another business meeting was held and the grange went on record as making five important resolutions. They are: 1—endorsing the Murray full employment bill; 2—urging the government to make such legislation as is necessary to keep farm prices as high as the cost of labor and income in other lines of industry; 3—endorsing the Columbia river valley authority; 4—recommending that state



'THE KID' FACES DRUNK CHARGE—Lt. Jackie Coogan, 30, on terminal leave from the U. S. Army Air forces, is booked by police in West Los Angeles on "drunk in auto" charge. Coogan was found by officer who said the former child movie star was sleeping in a station wagon with motor running

Jap Funds Frozen, Control Of Wages; Prices Ordered

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today froze Japanese funds at home and abroad, stripped newspapers and news agencies of government control and banned research into atomic power.

The freeze order was another in a series of steps that eventually will enable the allied supreme command to control the entire Japanese economy and prevent the Imperial government from realizing anything from its stolen empire.

He also ordered strict control of wages, prices and rationed goods, halted all aircraft, naval and other war production, and

Former Eastern Normal Students Meet Have Potluck Dinner at Langdon Lake

Fifteen former students of the old Eastern Oregon State Normal school, which was operated a number of years ago at Milton, gathered at Langdon lake yesterday for a picnic. A potluck dinner was served at 1:30 p. m. and was followed by a business meeting.

Resolutions of condolence were adopted and copies made to be sent to families of passing members.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Isis Moss Alder, Union county, president; Mrs. Frank Walker, Umatilla county, vice president; Mrs. Clarissa Price, Umatilla county, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Claude Price, program chairman.

The reunion will be held next year in Weston on the Sunday in June which follows the pioneer reunion which will be held there. The exact date will be announced later.

Before returning home, Mrs. Mina Stanley served watermelon. All agreed it was a grand meeting, regardless of snow and rain.

Plans are being made to bring alumni of the present Eastern Oregon college of education into the organization. Discussions have

been had between President Robert Maaske and members of the association.

Frederick Booker Wins First Place In Garden Contest

Winners in the garden division of the Sears and Roebuck foods for victory canning and garden contest have been announced. Frederick Booker is first; Bobby Rother, second; and Lonnie Carroll, third.

Booker, La Grande, was a blue ribbon winner for his vegetable display at the county-wide 4-H club fair Sept. 19 and 20; and young Rother also won a blue ribbon for his garden display.

The three boys are all members of the La Grande garden club, under the leadership of Mrs. George Rother.

Winners in the canning contest were: Anita Towle, first; Marjorie Lynn Hill, second; and Phyllis Fowler, third.

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60,000 Mill, Lumber Men Leave Posts

PORTLAND, Sept. 24 (UP)—Sixty thousand AFL northwest lumber and sawmill workers laid down their tools today in the first industry-wide strike in pine and fir areas of the Pacific northwest.

The strike was called by union leaders after the breakdown of negotiations over whether settlement should be made on an industry-wide basis.

The northwestern council of lumber and sawmill workers demanded a minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour for all AFL workers in the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Area Settlement

Employers insisted settlement should be made in each area because present minimum wages vary from 80 to 90 cents an hour.

At 12:01 a.m. today pickets took their places in front of 348 mills and plants. Union leaders predicted the number will rise to 404 by the end of this week.

Union officials said they do not expect trouble.

Kenneth Davis, secretary of the northwest council, hinted the strike might spread to three other western lumber producing states, but he would not elaborate or identify the states. California was believed the most likely, since many of the northwest operators have holdings in the state to the south.

Willingness

Arthur A. Goldsmith, Portland agent for the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, said some operators have indicated a willingness to negotiate the wage demand on a separate contract, and some negotiations started on that basis. Such proceedings generally halted with the actual strike, however.

The federal conciliation service withdrew from the dispute after failing to get the factions together last week.

Meanwhile, the CIO International Woodworkers of America negotiating committee prepared to meet Wednesday to decide upon strategy in connection with the unions demand for a 25-cent-an-hour increase.

Members of the union already have empowered the committee to call a strike which would involve some 40,000 more lumber workers.

Thieves Take Money Children Saved at Presbyterian Church

Between \$15 and \$20 was stolen last week from two children's banks in the First Presbyterian church, it was announced today.

The banks, one for missionary funds, and one for the building fund, had been kept in a cupboard in the Primary department.

The money had been saved by children over a period of several weeks. Each week the children were asked to do without a treat or show and contribute what they had saved. This the children had done — only to lose what had been collected through their self denial.

Whoever took the money also tried to pry open a cabinet in the minister's study without success, succeeding only in chipping it.

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Full schedule was given freshmen and new students Monday, at the first day of the Eastern Oregon college of education Freshman days.

John M. Miller, director of teacher training, presided over the opening assembly, scheduled for 9 a. m. in the auditorium, followed by Dr. Henry J. Ehlers, assistant professor of music, conducting "Our College Songs."

Dr. Robert J. Maaske, president, spoke on "Your opportunities in the work of today," and Roy L.

600 Walk Out in Mills in Area; Seek Minimum Pay \$1.10 Hour

Six hundred men and women lumber mill and logging camp workers in Union and Wallowa counties joined 60,000 AFL members in the Pacific Northwest states and began striking at 12:01 a.m. today for a minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour.

A half dozen pickets had been placed at each of the mills and plants, union representatives said this afternoon but there is no trouble of any kind expected.

Mt. Emily mill here reports firemen, watchmen and other maintenance workers on the job today. Lumber which had already been cut was being piled so it would not spoil and loaded logging cars were being unloaded at the pond here.

More Logs

Several other trainloads of logs at Meacham were being brought in before those crews joined the others in the walkout.

At Elgin, where about 110 men are out, there is an additional issue for eventual negotiations: that of a union contract. The Ponderosa Pine company employees had been organized by an AFL union but so far no contract has been signed.

Strikes Over U. S. Spread, 338,000 Idle

By United Press

New strikes were called from coast to coast today, and the number of workers idled by labor disputes rose to a new high for 1945.

Latest developments:
1. Sixty thousand AFL lumber workers went on strike in the Pacific northwest, raising a threat to construction of new homes.

2. In New York City 15,000 elevator operators and building service employees went on strike.

3. At Seminole, Okla., members of the Oil Workers International union (CIO) began taking a strike vote.

4. New walkouts along with lesser strikes in other sections of the nation's six major gasoline refining centers.

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20 Union County Project Leaders To Meet Tuesday

Twenty Union county project leaders are expected to attend the county-wide training school tomorrow in room 19 at the Eastern Oregon college, it was announced today.

Miss Lucy Lane, extension specialist in clothing, will lead the meeting, conducting it as the women are to conduct their separate meetings.

The all-day meeting will start at 10 a. m., with women bringing sack lunches. Coffee will be furnished.

Miss Lane will bring her kit for the demonstration "Conserve with the scrap bag." At this meeting the making of lapel pins will be emphasized, with the women bringing their own scissors, needles, and embroidery floss. Miss Lane will furnish material for the coverings, and Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent, will furnish cotton for the stuffings.

\$900 Reported for Victory Fund Here

More than \$900 has thus far been reported collected in the La Grande campaign to raise \$12,200 for the victory fund in the county.

The amount thus far has been based on very few reports which have thus far been turned in. The initial canvass will be completed by Oct. 1 and at that time contributions will be accepted at either of the banks here.



LEWIS SCOTT
New secretary of labor for the Pacific Northwest, has strike to face in Pacific Northwest.

Idaho Chief of Proponents for The Dalles Dam

THE DALLES, Sept. 24 (UP)—Oregon and Washington fishing industry representatives today constituted chief opposition to construction of a dam here across the Columbia river.

Included in this group were a number of Indians representing tribes who have treaty rights to fishing at Celilo falls. At a hearing here Saturday they objected to destruction of their fishing grounds and indicated financial adjustment would not be satisfactory.

State Senator Merle R. Chessman of Astoria, president of the Columbia basin fisheries development association, presented a brief representing the proposed dam as another step towards shutting off the salmon runs.

The Oregon fish commission and the Washington bureau of fisheries also protested proposed construction of the dam.

Spokesmen for the vast inland territory that uses the Snake and Columbia rivers as an outlet for agricultural and manufactured products testified in behalf of the proposal.

Declaring Idaho suffers from "the most unfavorable freight rates in the nation," they said, "we would like to use the Snake-Columbia route as an economical freight outlet."

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Parson Still Thinks World Near Its End, Perhaps by Sept. 29
PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 24 (UP)—Members of the Rev. Charles G. Long's congregation today reavowed their faith in the vision of the 72-year-old prophet, who said the world would end last Friday.

"You will hear from us again after Sept. 29," a woman disciple of Rev. Mr. Long said.

"Rev. Mr. Long said the end might not be until nine days later," she explained.

At his Sunday service, the white-haired former missionary promised his congregation of 50 "the word of the Lord shall not fail."

Hour of Sleep Next Sunday

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP)—Legislation to allow all Americans to sleep an extra hour today awaited President Roosevelt's signature today. Provided by both houses of Congress, the bill provides that national clocks be set back one hour at 2 a. m. on the first Sunday in each time zone. The first day of the year will be for sleep lost Feb. 9, when the nation's clocks were advanced one hour by