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WEATHER

Sunny and warm today and Thursday; high both days near 80, low tonight 47-53. Yesterday's temperatures, maximum 94, minimum 55.

Price 5 Cents

Enrollment Increase Seen With School Start Sept. 4

Enrollment figures are expected to be up 75 or more when La Grande schools re-open for fall classes Thursday morning, Sept. 4, Superintendent of Schools Lyle Riggs said today. The increase is principally accounted for by construction workers and their families in the area.

Pupils in all La Grande schools will start their classes at 9 a.m. on Sept. 4, the superintendent said. They will be released at 11 a.m. to return at 1 p.m. Classes will be held at the regular hours on Friday, Sept. 5.

The La Grande school opening is two days later than virtually the remainder of the county. Most other schools will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Except for the vacancy left by the resignation of Eldon Dagget in junior high school, all teaching posts have been filled for the new semester, Riggs said.

Senior and junior pupils new to the district may register before start of classes with principals at the schools, who are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. New grade pupils are asked to register on opening day.

First grade students are reminded to bring their birth certificates and health certificates to school when registering. Only children who will be 6 years on or before Nov. 15 will be accepted, the superintendent said.

School buses will make their usual runs on Sept. 4.

Fire Destroys Grain Shed

JEFFERSON, Ore. (UPI) — An early morning fire today consumed the Marion - Linn grain warehouse and elevators and the Dimick Manufacturing Company here with a total loss estimated at \$240,000, including tons of stored grain.

The flames were discovered about 5 a.m., 30 minutes after a night shift of workers had left the warehouse. Cause was not known. The grain warehouse, owned by Philip Gilmore of Jefferson, was filled with wheat and one of the two elevators destroyed by the fire was built only three weeks ago.

Barn, Hay And Blower Destroyed In Union Blaze

UNION (Special) — Fire of undetermined origin last weekend destroyed a barn, hay blower and 30 tons of hay on the former Frank Hempe farm, now operated by W. H. Woodruff, northeast of here.

The blaze was confined to the barn by the rural fire department which kept it from spreading to adjoining buildings.

In a second call answered by the department a grass fire started by a combine was extinguished on the Rodney Miller ranch before it spread to the grain.

USS Ranger Rounds Horn To Join Pacific Fleet

ALAMEDA, Calif. (UPI) — The USS Ranger, the world's largest warship, entered San Francisco Bay today and docked at Alameda Naval Air Station, her new home.

The Ranger, a Forrestal-class super-carrier, has been two months sailing around the Horn from the East Coast. She visited several Latin American ports on the way.

Scientists Ready Plan For Nuclear Detection

GENEVA (UPI) — Top Eastern and Western scientists today worked on the final draft of a scientific report that may lead to a world-wide ban on nuclear tests.



TODAY
FIX-UP FOR WINTER

NEXT WEEK

Used Cars

Strike Vote Affects Air Office Here

A recent strike vote taken by station personnel of West Coast Airlines will affect operation of the line's La Grande station, it was learned here today.

The vote was taken following breakdown of efforts of the airline's station personnel affiliated with the Air Lines Agents Association, to arbitrate pay rate and working condition differences with West Coast, according to Victor J. Herbert, ALAA president.

According to Herbert, a strike date will be selected within the next few days to affect a peaceful withdrawal on or after Saturday, Aug. 23, which marks termination of the 30-day cooling off period set by the National Mediation Board.

Agent for the La Grande West Coast Air Lines Station is Harold Rogers.

UP Purchases New Rail Cars

Purchase of 30 new railroad passenger cars, some of which will serve La Grande in the Union Pacific's Pacific Northwest-Chicago service, was learned here today.

The \$4,900,000 purchase, announced by Union Pacific President Arthur E. Stoddard, is the largest order placed this year by any railroad for passenger cars. It includes 15 coaches, 10 lunch counter-lounge cars and five postal-storage mail cars.

The new units to be placed in northwest service will be assigned to the Domellier City of Portland fleet.

2 Car Mishaps Here; Horse Sole Victim

State police reported a horse was killed last evening in the vicinity of the Flamingo Club on highway 203 by a car driven by Edgar George Stevens, Union, Oregon. The car with front end damaged was towed to a local garage.

Another accident, with slight damage resulting, occurred on Highway avenue near the Drive-In Theatre when cars driven by Nels L. Jacobsen, Rt. 2, La Grande and Francis A. Greulich, Pine Crest Drive, La Grande, side-swiped on a turn, according to a state police report.

Umatilla Bridge Tolls Increased

UMATILLA (UPI) — New tolls for use of the Columbia river bridge here were announced Tuesday by the Umatilla county court which said that present tolls were inadequate to pay off the bond obligations incurred for construction of the span.

The new rate would be \$1.25 for roundtrips for cars and pickups, for an actual saving of 35 cents over the old fee which was 80 cents each way.

STILL OUT OF CONTROL

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Mont. (UPI) — A primitive area on the northeastern perimeter of Glacier Park's worst forest fire in 22 years still burned out of control today.

USS Triton Largest Sub Ever Built

With the launching yesterday at Groton, Conn., of the \$100,000,000 USS Triton, the Navy can boast it has the largest undersea craft ever built. Triton is 447 feet long, has a 37-foot beam and a 5,900-ton displacement on the surface. It is more than 66 feet longer than any other U. S. submarine. Triton is also notable as the first ship in history to be propelled by two nuclear power plants. It is also the first submarine to be designed for three deck levels within the hull. Another first is a 40-line switchboard which monitors a dial telephone system throughout the ship. The sub carries a crew of 13 officers and 135 men. Designed as a radar picket ship, Triton is fitted with high-power radar and sonar gear and will travel with high-speed task forces. Her job will be to run ahead of the main fleet to serve as an early warning station. The huge sub was built by General Dynamics Corporation's Electric Boat Division.



CHAIRMAN — John R. (Toots) Garity, Union county chairman for Red Hat Days, today issued a call to groups to attend an organization meeting for this year's event.

Garity Calls Red Hat Days Conference

A call to all interested groups and individuals to attend a meeting at 7:30 o'clock Monday night to develop plans for Red Hat Day program in Union county was issued today by John R. (Toots) Garity, county chairman for the event. Red Hat Day has been set for Sept. 26.

The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service building on the Island City highway.

Red Hat Days had its inception in the winter of 1955 when a group of sportsmen asked themselves, "What can we do to reduce the problems that have strained relations between sportsmen and landowners?"

Since its beginning, Red Hat Days program has been co-sponsored by about 26 statewide organizations representing a variety of land use and recreational interests. Objectives of the Red Hat Pledge are: to be law abiding; to respect the rights and property of others; to be careful with fire and firearms.

Ukiah-Hilgard Road To Get Oil Surface

Bids for oiling the forest boundary-Hilgard section of the Ukiah-Hilgard highway, about 16 1/2 miles, will be received by the State Highway Commission next Tuesday at Salem.

Plans call for the placing of a stone leveling course and a 20-foot wide oil mat wearing surface to provide a smooth, all-weather surface. The work is scheduled to be completed by fall of 1959.

Ike Stands Firm On U.S. Court Ruling

Land Reserve Rate Hike Slated Here

Stepped-up Union county and Oregon participation in the Soil Bank's conservation reserve program was predicted here today following approval of a new Oregon rate at a meeting of 50 state and county agricultural leaders with Department of Agricultural officials in Washington.

Under the new program payments to Oregon farmers will be increased more than 30 per cent in 1959. The state's average annual payment rate for land put in reserve will be \$16.00 compared to the present \$12.00 rate.

The national rate, now \$10.00, will be boosted to \$13.50 as the USDA shoots for 12 million acres in the program next year. The state program is designated to increase acreage in reserve to 154,000 acres. The state now has 72,000 acres under contract in the voluntary land reserve program.

At a meeting yesterday in Pendleton of farmers and state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committeemen, average annual payments per acre for counties represented at the session showed:

Umatilla, \$18; Union, \$17; Baker, \$13; Gilliam, \$16; Grant, \$13; Malheur, \$12; Morrow, \$16; Wallowa, \$15, and Wheeler, \$15.

The Pendleton meeting was one of four to be held in northeastern Oregon in the next two weeks. Signup for the reserve program will start at the ASC offices on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Polish Interpreter Sought Here To Aid Immigrant Lad

Help is needed at Elgin for any valley citizen who is Polish or can speak Polish, Mrs. Lucille Lumsden, executive secretary of the American Red Cross here, said this morning.

Kazimierz Hanus, who is in his early 20's, is a long way from Poland. He arrived in the area from Chicago thinking his grandfather and uncle were in this area. So far, neither the Red Cross or Hanus have been able to find them.

Mrs. Lumsden has wired Chicago where Hanus, a Polish immigrant, has a brother, to seek funds for the youth. The Red Cross is waiting for an answer. But for the moment there is complete "misunderstanding" as far as securing information from Hanus goes, for no one in Elgin speaks Polish—and Hanus speaks no English.

Polish-speaking persons are urged to contact Mrs. Lumsden at the Red Cross office here.

Truck Talks Get Underway

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Trucking industry representatives and Teamster Union spokesmen open talks today in a nine-day strike-lockout which has all but paralyzed common carrier freight haulage in the West.

Federal mediator George Hillenbrand, San Francisco, along with a mediation team of Ralph Patterson, San Francisco and Stephen D. Halligan, Denver, were prepared to supervise the meeting.

McGEE WINS IN WYOMING

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UPI) — Dr. Gale McGee, 42, University of Wyoming history professor, won the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate Tuesday in Wyoming's primary election.

"No Equivocation" Of Federal Position

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today there can be "no equivocation as to the responsibility of the federal government" to see that court rulings on school integration are carried out. He also said that each state has the responsibility to see that the court mandates are not opposed by violence.

"If (a state) cannot by action or deliberate failure to act permit violence to frustrate the preservation of individual rights as determined by a court decree," the President said in a statement which he read at the opening of a news conference.

"It is my hope that each state will fulfill its obligation with a full realization of the gravity of any other course."

Defiance by a state of this duty would present "the most serious problem," he said. "But there can be no equivocation as to the responsibility of the federal government in such an event," he said.

The President said his position was exactly that of a year ago. He then quoted from a statement then in which he said: "The very basis of our individual rights and freedoms rests upon the certainty that the president and the executive branch of government will support and insure the carrying out of the decisions of the federal courts."

The President did not specifically mention the use of troops. But his statement appeared to make it clear that he would use them again as a last resort.

He said that all Americans must understand that if individuals, communities or states are "going successfully and continuously to defy the courts, then there is anarchy."

He said that all Americans have "the solemn duty" to comply with final orders of the courts.

The President opened his weekly meeting with reporters by saying that he had prepared a statement in anticipation of questions about the decision of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis Monday. The court set aside a ruling by U.S. District Judge Harry J. Lemley, Hope, Ark., suspending integration in Little Rock Central High School for two and one-half years.

Today's news conference was fraught with deep, perhaps historic, significance. The appeals court ruling posed the strong possibility that Negro students would again prepare to enter Little Rock's Central High School if the Little Rock School Board's announced appeal efforts failed.

Last fall the entrance of Negro students in Central touched off mob violence that resulted in a presidential dispatch of U.S. paratroopers to keep order and permit the Negroes to attend school at Central High.

He said that the U. S. will withdraw the rest of its forces from Lebanon, but repeated that it would be as soon as the legal government of Lebanon requested it or the United Nations makes preparations to assure security in the area.

—Repeated the administration warning that if Soviet-encouraged, indirect aggression continues, the world is headed for what he called real trouble. But he said that does not mean the world would necessarily become engulfed in a big war.

—Declined to say exactly when the U. S. will withdraw the rest of its forces from Lebanon, but repeated that it would be as soon as the legal government of Lebanon requested it or the United Nations makes preparations to assure security in the area.

—Reported that the U. S. has no evidence that Red Chinese boss Mao Tse-tung is playing a major part in shaping Soviet policy.

—Repeated his proposal that the U. N. should have a police force, but said it may have to await a growth of common sense and tolerance among nations. He said he did not think that the proposal itself could be kept before the U.N. now on an urgent basis.

—A reporter questioned the adequacy of this country's defenses. The President replied that the U. S. military position is not only adequate but is the most powerful in the nation's history and completely capable of acting as a deterrent to war.

—De Gaulle Starts Tour Of Colonies
PARIS (UPI) — Premier Charles de Gaulle begins a 12,000-mile tour of France's colonial possessions in Africa today to win support from 19 million African voters for his constitutional reforms.

De Gaulle flies first to Madagascar off the east coast of Africa, swings through equatorial Africa and ends his tour eight days later in Algiers before all France votes Sept. 28 in a referendum establishing the Fifth Republic.

The new constitution will maintain France as a parliamentary democracy but increase the powers of the president and curb the powers of the National Assembly.

—EUGENE CONTRACTOR LOW
OLYMPIA, Wash. (UPI) — S. W. Groesbeck, Eugene, Ore., submitted the apparent low bid of \$296,865 Tuesday for work on a project to four-lane Snoqualmie Pass highway around a slide area.

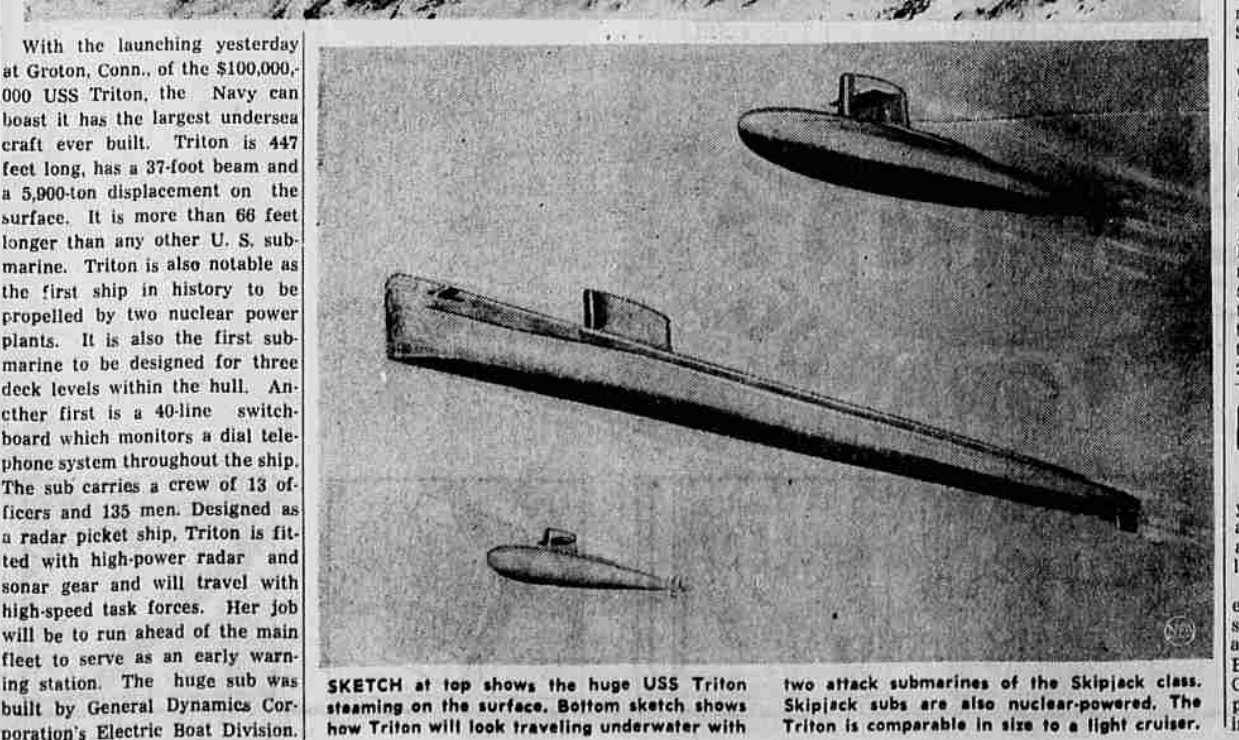
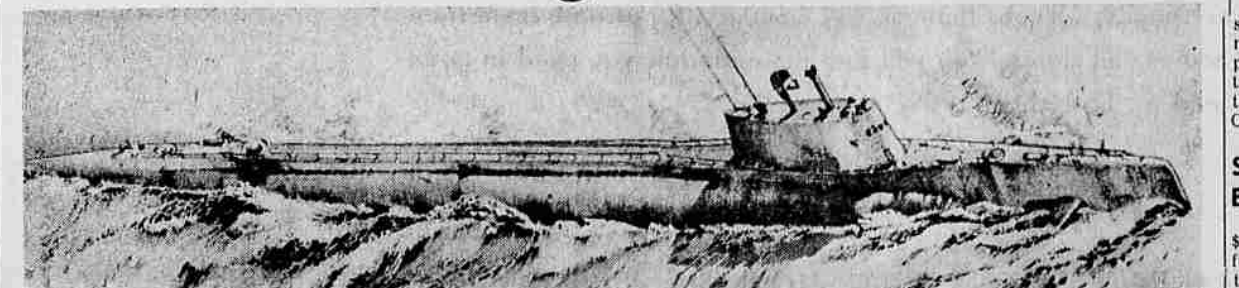
Hiker Rescued By Rope

YOSEMITE, Calif. (UPI) — A young hiker was rescued today after being stranded over night on a ledge high above Yosemite Valley near Glacier Point.

National Park rangers descended the sheer wall below the point, scene of the park's famed Firefall at night, to get near the hiker, Bill Beeghley, 17, Long Beach, Calif. It was a daring feat accomplished by a quintet of rangers using ropes.

The rescue party dropped a rope about 150 feet to Beeghley, who tied it around himself and was hauled up from the tiny ledge. He had hiked to the point Tuesday with a group of other youths but became stranded when he attempted a short cut alone on the return trip.

Beeghley was trapped about 1,500 feet above the valley floor. Rangers said he was in good condition despite his ordeal.



SKETCH at top shows the huge USS Triton steaming on the surface. Bottom sketch shows how Triton will look traveling underwater with two attack submarines of the Skipjack class. Skipjack subs are also nuclear-powered. Triton is comparable in size to a light cruiser.