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WEATHER

Partly cloudy today through Thursday. A few showers at times. High both days 40-45. Low tonight 28-33.

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Congress Faces Space, Economy Challenges

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The new and bigger 86th Congress convened today with a Democratic leadership pledge of "responsible service" and a Republican minority operating under a changed command in both the House and Senate.

Winch Used To Free Man

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (UPI)—A well-digger trapped in a cave-in for nearly 13 hours clawed his way free from a steel and sand prison today with the help of a winch.

Leslie Stafford Jr., 45, once given up for dead, was trapped at the 20-foot level of a narrow four-foot diameter sump hole by a steel strip which pinned his ankle and prevented rescuers from pulling him out after tons of gravel had been removed from above him following the cave-in at 3:22 p.m. p.s.t. Tuesday.

Cramped conditions and fear of another cave-in made rescuers virtually stop digging. He dug with his bare hands for more than eight hours before he was freed and was pulled from the hole at 3:57 a.m. today.

The terribly tired man, who had been forced to forego pain-killing sedatives so he would be alert enough to dig his way free, was carried in a stretcher to a waiting ambulance and taken to Bakersfield Hospital.

Stafford's condition was reported as satisfactory by hospital doctors who praised the courage and stamina of the wiry 125-pound well-digger.

A large hook was lowered in the hole connected onto the metal strip holding up tons of gravel and pressing on his ankle. A winch to which the hook was attached by a steel cable managed to lift the metal a few inches.

Girl Reaches Contest Finals

Ruth Elmer, Cove High school student and Union county representative in the "I Speak for Democracy Contest," has reached the state finals of the contest, according to the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars newspaper.

The contest, co-sponsored by the VFW and the National Broadcasting Company, is an annual affair. Miss Elmer won the county and district contests. Her tape-recorded entry will be judged at the state finals.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Elmer of Cove.

Sperling Named Toastmaster Præxy

Augy Sperling was elected president of La Grande Toastmasters club yesterday to complete the term of Andy Gowen, who has moved to The Dalles.

Gerald Strickler was elected educational vice-president and Milo Van Blokland was named administrative vice-president.

"Ten Years Ahead" was Don Jordan's topic and Kelly Moore spoke on "The Changing Labor Picture." Sperling was in charge of table topics with Ralph Beck as chief evaluator.

Ladies night is set for 6:30 p.m., January 20 with Ralph Ward in charge of the committee.

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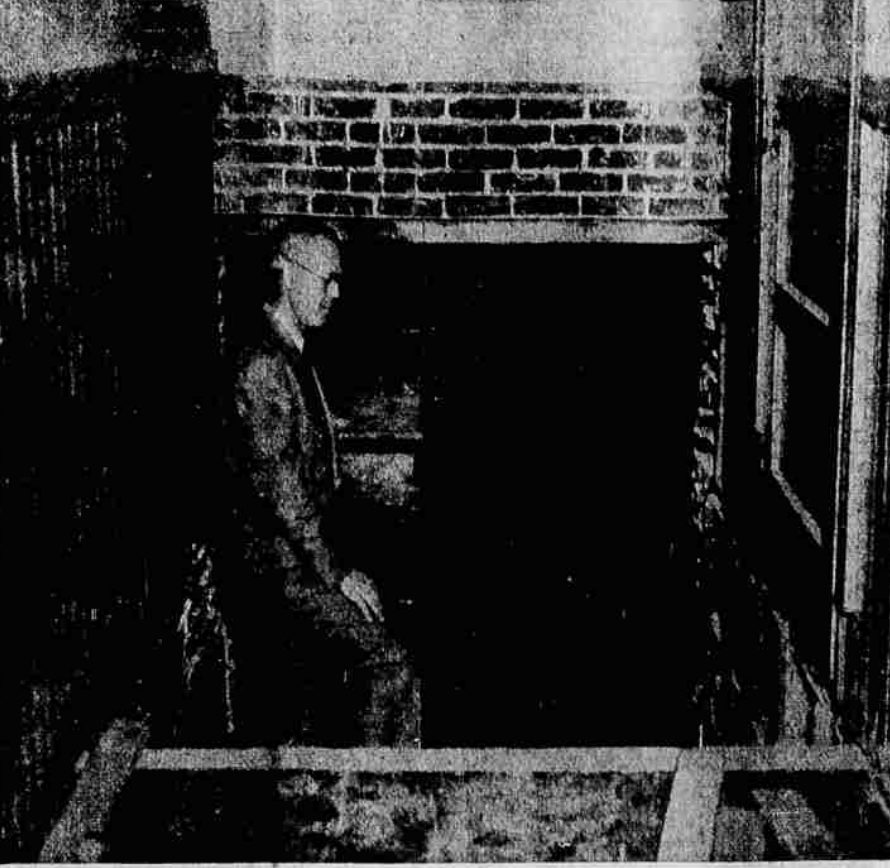
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Education Plan Submitted



SAFETY MEASURE—Loren Blanchard, Greenwood school principal, is shown inspecting work on the second floor of the school to make the building less of a fire trap, in accordance with demands of parents and the State Fire Marshal recently. Doors have been cut between rooms so students could make an exit without going out into the second story hall and stairway, and a new stairway is being installed leading up from the gymnasium. Blanchard is shown looking at an old doorway from the library to a closet, which has been closed off to make room for the stairway. (Observer Photo)

Youth Activities Program Starts

The local Youth Activities winter program will start in the La Grande Junior High school, at 7:30 p.m., today and will be held each Wednesday through January and February, according to the co-directors, Mrs. Bernice Meppen and Mrs. Barbara Goss.

This is the annual Hobby Night for students, to take up a hobby and recreation. They will meet in the large gym and from there be dismissed to the various classes. At 8:30 p.m. they will again return to the gym for an hour of recreational dancing, being dismissed at 9:30. All classes are under supervised leadership.

The final night, March 4, will be parents' night. They are being invited to attend and observe the activities at that time.

Hobbies available will include several new ones; beginning knitting, photography, drama, archery, and trampoline. Others still on the list are: beginning and advanced dancing, chess for girls, boys cooking, fly tying, leather craft, model planes, science, and rifle.

Mystery Blast Wrecks Station

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (UPI)—Fire officials were at a loss today to explain what caused a mysterious explosion that shattered a Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company repeater station, interrupting transcontinental communications for an hour.

The blast took place Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. p.s.t. It shot the roof of the repeater building 100 feet into the air. The roof landed on the roof of the Fred Whitehead home nearby.

The Whitehead family of four was eating lunch at the time. None of them was injured.

The entire building, constructed of insulated rock wall and brick was scattered hundreds of feet. Windows and light fixtures in nearby homes were shattered.

Police Chief Frank Story said his men would not interfere with the protest demonstration unless laws are broken, and a spokesman for the protesting groups, meeting in a vacant store in the Hungarian district, stressed that "our demonstration will be completely lawful. There will be no violence."

McKinnis' Go To Salem
Donald McKinnis, elected Nov. 4 as a state representative from this area, and Mrs. McKinnis, left this morning for Salem.

McKinnis said he and his wife wanted to get settled in their Salem apartment and become acquainted with some of the routine at the state capitol before the legislative session begins next Monday.

Reorganization Group Approves School Goal

Union county superintendents of schools last night proposed an "educational goal" for this county under the county school reorganization committee's decision to propose putting all school districts in the county under a single administration.

Lyle Riggs, La Grande superintendent, was selected by the six county superintendents to present the educators' plan to the reorganization committee. The four-

page report was drawn up at the request of the reorganization committee which had come up against a "stonewall" in connection with determining which students should attend various schools under a single district plan.

The educators noted that "education is a complex process," and they said they approached the problem by recognizing the need for sound education first, and taxation and other fiscal problems second.

The superintendents set up "goals for education" which they said would improve education in Union county. The primary objective of a school, they said, should be to foster intellectual growth.

To carry out this idea the superintendents suggested that all districts should have grades through high school; the district should be large enough to provide a "corps of competent... teachers who are dedicated to their tasks"; the district should be wealthy enough to provide adequate instruction materials, equipment and buildings; and the district should provide a competent administration staff.

The superintendents also reported that "Union county is falling many of its children and paying a high cost for an inadequate educational program. They said one and two room schools... are providing a meager educational experience for the children unless the children have an unusually gifted teacher."

There is a too rapid turnover of teachers in small schools, competent supervision is not now available for small schools, and students now lose interest in high school because of their lack of preparation in some fields, making it difficult for them to compete with other pupils.

The educators also reported that "the small high schools of Imbler, Cove, and North Powder, present problems of wasted money, wasted talent, and wasted ability, because of some of the above listed problems. They also noted Dr. James B. Conant's recommendation that high schools have at least 100 students in its graduating class each year. Conant, who recently completed a two-year study of American schools, is a recognized authority in the field of education.

In order to put the single county school district into effect the local educators recommended that Alcee pupils be taken to Imbler, except those on Elgin or Cove bus routes. Palmer junction students should be transported to Elgin; Fruitdale district should be split between Island City and La Grande (with parents to establish the division line); Ladd Canyon pupils to be transported to La Grande and Tolocaset pupils continue at Union High School.

Some schools would need additional classrooms to put the plan into effect, the superintendents said.

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School District Exchange Set

A plan to put the Pondosa school district in Baker county and North Powder elementary and secondary school districts and Muddy Creek District 17 in Union county was officially proposed in a letter to the Baker county school reorganization committee last night.

The plan puts into writing a verbal agreement between the two committees according to Thomas E. Lampkin, chairman of the Union county committee.

The three districts under consideration are now operated as joint Union-Baker school districts.

Union county reorganization committee members made it clear in their letter that the Pondosa school district would be turned over to Baker county for incorporation in their reorganization plan, provided only that Baker county agrees that students in the North Powder and Muddy Creek (School District 17) area be made a part of the Union county school district.

Union county committee members, meeting at the court house last night, took considerable time discussing the exchange of the districts which could materially affect the school reorganization plans of the two counties.

North Powder area residents reportedly not entirely satisfied with the school reorganization plan as drawn up by the state legislature. The parents in that area would prefer to have their area set up as a separate school district, because of small population and high land valuation considerations.

The holiday season and the opening of Albertson's grocery store resulted in a slight retail trade employment gain, Burrows reported. There was little change in employment levels for service industries and transportation, he reported.

In connection with the optimism in the logging and lumber industries, Burrows said a forecast of a 10 per cent increase in home building, which would increase the demand for lumber, is the reason for the "renewed confidence" in the lumber industry.

Building permits issued in La Grande totaled \$37,480 in December, compared to \$1,900 in November and \$2,150 in December, 1957.

Burrows said he expects no increase in demand for workers during the next 90 days except on a replacement basis. He said "those replacements can be made... from the 800 qualified workers now registered with your State Employment Service office."

Burrows also reported that new claims for unemployment insurance benefits in December increased six per cent over November, and 12 per cent over December, 1957.

Members of the National Affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce this morning approved a proposal to broaden their scope of activities to include both national and state legislative matters.

During the past year, the committee, along with more than 1,000 similar Chamber committees throughout the country, has studied only national issues.

Co-Chairman Ken Lillard said the broadening of the committee's activities will require the appointment of several other persons to the committee. He noted that anyone interested in national or state issues may participate in the committee meeting, the first and third Wednesday of each month.

During the past year, the committee has studied national issues and has made recommendations to the Chamber board for the establishment of Chamber of Commerce policy.

Eight Injured In Bus Upset

ST. GEORGE, Utah (UPI)—Eight persons were injured, three of them seriously, early today when a Greyhound bus bound for San Diego hit an icy section of Highway 91, 12 miles west of here and rolled off the road.

Trooper Julian Fox of the Utah Highway Patrol said the south-bound bus, carrying 15 passengers, landed in a borrow pit on the right side of the road. It traveled about 12 feet off the road and dropped some 20 feet into the pit.

Fox said one of the more seriously injured passengers was a woman pinned between a luggage rack and the ceiling of the bus. It was necessary to cut into the luggage rack and remove it in order to free the woman, Fox said.

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Lake Lowering Set In Hunt

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI)—Army Engineers made plans today to lower the water behind Bonneville Dam to begin a search with sonar equipment for a missing family that might have perished in the Columbia River.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Martin and their three daughters disappeared from their Portland home Dec. 7 after setting out to look for a Christmas tree.

Col. Walter Winegar, Portland district engineer, said the lake will be lowered from 73 feet to 68 feet at the rate of one-tenth of a foot per hour beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday. The dam is 35 miles east of Portland.

This in turn will lower the Columbia River, which flows into the lake, and enable authorities to use the sonar equipment.

The equipment was flown Tuesday to Portland by the Marine Department of Bendix Aviation Corporation of North Hollywood.

Bendix plant manager Walter P. Rhea said the sonar equipment would detect any submerged object, such as a station wagon.

Deputies planned to go out in a boat Friday or Saturday with the equipment. Meanwhile, a helicopter will scan the river from the air, and deputies from six Oregon and Washington counties will search by land.

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Major Issues Face New Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Here are major issues facing Congress.

Spending: President Eisenhower has promised a balanced budget of about 77 billion dollars and a fight to hold down spending; some of his recommendations—particularly in his defense budget—are sure to be too low to satisfy the Democrats.

Civil Rights: The Senate probably will tighten its anti-filibuster rule a little, but legislation in this field is unlikely this year.

Space: Democratic leaders will prod the administration to move faster in space exploration, contending that new urgency was

given by the Soviet "lunatic."

Foreign Policy: There will be the perennial congressional fight over cutting the foreign aid program; Senate committees will be busy investigating disarmament and other administration policies.

Labor: Both parties want new laws to combat corruption in unions, but there will be rugged battles over specifics.

Housing: Democrats want a far-reaching housing bill with slum clearance and other provisions to replace the measure stalled by the administration last year.

Inflation: A broad investigation is expected to hunt for measures to check rising prices and interest rates.

Depressed Areas: New legislation probably will be passed to replace the bill vetoed last year to provide help for chronically depressed communities.

Taxes: Congress probably will agree to another extension of present corporate income and excise tax rates; it may be less eager to swallow the administration request for a 1½-cent increase in the gasoline tax.

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TODAY

Distribution And Trucking

NEXT WEEK

OFFICE MACHINES, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT