

BELLY UP—The Blue Mountain Air Service Steerman, which cracked up while spraying wheat near Imbler yesterday morning, lies belly up near the railroad tracks next to Highway 82. Pilot Lyle Flick of Cove, ex-Navy pilot, reported he suddenly "ran out of air" as the plane was turning to make spray run. Heavy winds and squall storms yesterday apparently created air pockets. The plane was extensively damaged but will be repaired. Flick was not injured. (Observer Photo)

Tax Committee Sticks To Guns On Revisions

By JAMES D. OLSON
United Press International
SALEM (UPI) — The Senate Tax Committee stuck to its guns today in its revision of the House-approved income tax measure and refused to go along with a proposal which would have hiked income taxes.

Thus, a wide difference remained between the upper and lower houses on taxes. The 1959 session was in its 109th day today.

The Senate committee, by a 5 to 2 vote, Thursday night reported out "do pass" a bill calling for a vote in 1960 on a three per cent sales tax and another containing only one change in the Oregon tax structure. The change would reduce the dependency credit by \$100 — from \$600 to \$500.

The House version called for elimination of the credit for federal income taxes but this was eliminated by the Senate committee along with every other section of the House program.

Mt. Emily District Scouts Prepare For Saturday Show

Hundreds of Boy Scouts in this area, along with adult leaders are working against time getting stage settings ready for the pageant scheduled in the Ackerman gymnasium at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

The pageant, the first such event here by Boy Scouts in the past four years, will have as its underlying theme "boys growth from dependence of family to independence of young adulthood."

The medium for the pageant will be a simulated wagon train trip from Independence, Mo. to Independence, Ore. Pageant plans were made prior to the announcement of such an actual trip by a real life group now making such a trip, local Scouting officials reported.

An estimated 500 Boy Scouts in the Mt. Emily district will participate in the two-hour program for which Scouts and leaders are now constructing stage settings. One unit, Troop 109 of La Grande, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Thomas Wallinger, is building a replica of the village of Independence, Mo. Another unit, Troop 114 is building a "mountain" over which the pioneers must travel to reach Oregon.

The pageant will be divided into seven acts, with the opening event to highlight an Order of the Arrow dance team from Walla Walla, Pendleton, Richland, Pasco and Kennewick. The Order of the Arrow is a national camping honorary Boy Scout society. Another opening highlight will be music by the state champion Musicians Explorer Post 133 of Baker. This is a drum and bugle organization.

The Boy Scouts from virtually all towns of this area will be demonstrating various scouting skills in their travels from Independence, Mo. to Independence, Ore. The "pioneers" will be impeded in their travels by rivers and unfriendly Indians. In some cases they will be aided by friendly Indians and trappers living in wilderness areas.

The group of boys will reach "independence of life" by arriving at Independence, Ore. by approaching and entering a replica of that town being built in advance of the program.

Bishop Takes Billy To Task

BRISBANE, Australia (UPI)—Anglican Bishop T. B. McCall of Rockhampton said today the revivalist methods of Billy Graham are in some ways "objectionable, dishonest, distressing and disgusting."

The bishop, writing in the official magazine of his diocese, specifically challenged the Graham method of counting "conversions." He cited an instance when a priest from the Rockhampton diocese was present at a Graham meeting.

"A man stood up and made an emotional speech, at the end of which he asked all those 'who accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal savior' to stand up," he wrote. "Naturally, the priest felt he must stand."

"Those who stood were counted as conversions, although they all were already devout followers of their Lord and Master. This sort of thing is both objectionable and dishonest."

In Sydney, where the American evangelist is now preaching, a spokesman for his organization said the bishop "used language a little stronger than probably was necessary."

Jerry Beavan, director of the Graham organization, said people who stand at its meetings are called "inquirers who came forward for counseling" or persons making "decisions for Christ" rather than converts.

Another Anglican prelate, Bishop E. H. Burgmohr of Canberra and Goulburn, agreed that his colleague had been unduly harsh.

"I criticize some of Graham's methods, but I have no evidence to suggest that any of their aspects are 'objectionable, dishonest, distressing or disgusting,'" he said.

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Feud With Morse Sparks Decision

By WILLIAM THEIS
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Foreign Invaders Surrender

PANAMA CITY (UPI) — The Organization of American States said the foreign invaders of Panama have agreed to surrender unconditionally today.

The news the rebels had agreed to surrender was telephoned to Uruguayan ambassador Julio A. LaCarte, acting council chairman of the OAS, who is in Washington, by Ambassador Fernando Lobo of Brazil, head of an OAS commission flown here to investigate the situation.

"It looks like it's all over," LaCarte told UPI in Washington.

The five-nation investigation commission in Panama will supervise the surrender of the rebel-held village of Nombre de Dios. Under the terms of the surrender, the rebels were to turn over their weapons to military observers with the OAS group.

It was reported Cubans among the invading force would be returned to their homeland and tried there for endangering Cuba's neutrality.

The reported agreement to surrender came a week after the small band of rebels, which was organized in and sailed from Cuba landed on the Caribbean coast of Panama.

Cesar Vega commander of the invaders, said Thursday night his men would be willing to lay down their arms if they were promised immunity from trial. The Panamanian government today set the "unconditional surrender" terms, however.

Vega was brought to Panama City by helicopter, along with three lieutenants, to parley with Lobo, who is ambassador from Brazil, and Foreign Minister Miguel Moreno and Interior Minister Jose D. Bazan.

"We want a decorous solution which does not include our standing trial," Vega said. "We came here to liberate the people. We are told that everybody in Panama is against the government."

Elgin Plans Centennial Celebration

ELGIN (Special)—Plans for an Indian Valley Centennial celebration are being completed here by the Chamber of Commerce.

The celebration, including a 4-H Fair at the Stampede grounds the first day, will be held May 23 and 24.

At a Chamber meeting this week, Bernal Hug suggested the need for a museum where antiquities could be displayed. Such a display, he said, should include a history of the town which was a meeting place for Indian tribes for a number of years.

Chairman of committees appointed for a few of the events are: The Stampede—pony express race and pack-horse race; Rod and Gun club—a fast draw and archery contest; Ern Adams—rubber duck race; Ed Mesler and Mike Chandler—phone booth and Volkswagen contest; Dick Lyman—bicycle races and foot races; Betty Conley — Ladies market basket and pancake race; and Lloyd Houser to see about a collection of ancient cars in town.

Log Sawing, ax cutting, community picnics or booths by organizations were discussed.

Stampeders plan a dance for Saturday evening, May 23. Sunday plans were underway for a Community Interfaith meeting, the Rev. Volney Johnson is chairman of this committee.

Tom Burton offered the use of his building across from Myers Super Market to be used temporarily to display collections and antiques.

The school will have open house May 22.

Another Council meeting will be held May 6, at 7:30 p. m., in the grade school library. This will be to complete the plans for the centennial celebration.

May 1 Snow On Highways

The calendar says today is May 1 but the weatherman doesn't believe it.

At noon today it was snowing along Highway 30 in the Meacham and Ladd Canyon areas, with highways covered with slush. It was also snowing on the Weston-Elgin highway, with 50 inches of roadside snow reported by the State Police. An exception to the rule was rain on Highway 82.

Continuing rain in La Grande has caused the cancellation of a scheduled 3 p. m. baseball game between Eastern Oregon College and Oregon College of Education and the Tu-Valley and Class A track meets slated this afternoon on the EOC campus has also been canceled.

Family Needed To House Foreign Exchange Student For One Year

A family in this area is being sought today who would house a foreign exchange high school student for a year.

Members of a committee working on the American Field Service student exchange program is also trying to establish a Community Council to handle the program in the future. The council would be composed of representatives from various civic groups in the area.

High School Principal Ron Walk said a Portland businessman has pledged to pay the \$650 scholarship to send a foreign student to La Grande High School. Local committee members said an application for an exchange student for next fall must be mailed to the American Field Service office in New York today.

The application must include the names of one or more families who would take the responsibility of taking a student into their homes for the school year.

Local committee members said they hope to establish the Community Council to handle the program paper work each year and also provide the money to carry out the program. With the scholarship money already pledged for this coming year the council would be asked to contribute funds for clothing and expense money for the youth and other such items, committee members said.

The estimated cost of a two-student program which would include having a foreign student here and sending a local student to a foreign country, would be \$1,800 a year. The committee believes that an additional \$300 will be needed for the school term starting next fall.

Walk said this morning the application for a student this fall must be completed and sent out today. If a foreign exchange student is available for this area, the American Field Service officials would have the local family investigated as to moral character, the number of people in the family, and the family's financial ability to house the student. The organization suggests that the family be one with a student in high school, Walk said.

La Grande Rotary club members working on the program include Chairman Dr. Douglas Eustace, Dr. Ray Murphy, F. A. Greulich and William Dowdy.

Candy Sale To Aid Boy

UNION (Special)—A special candy sale, at all three schools here, will be held Tuesday to secure funds for an operation on Allen Edvalson, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Edvalson of Union.

The boy, who has been seriously ill in the St. Joseph hospital in La Grande, was taken to a Portland hospital Thursday.

A special fund also is being set up at the First National Bank here for the boy.

Edvalson was taken to Portland in the Union ambulance. Albert George and Dick Trump were the drivers and Mrs. May Lay, registered nurse, accompanied the boy.

Godfrey Told That He Has Lung Cancer

By FREDERICK M. WINSHIP
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NEW YORK (UPI) — Arthur Godfrey was told today that he had a part of his left lung removed because of cancer and he received the news in "good spirits."

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The entertainer underwent five hours of surgery Thursday after an exploratory operation revealed that a tumor in the upper lobe of his left lung was malignant.

The surgeons would make no prediction about the possibility of a recurrence of the cancer.

Issue Medical Report
The morning bulletin on Godfrey today read:

"Mr. Godfrey was taken from the recovery room to his room in the hospital this morning at about 7 a. m. His doctors stated that his condition is entirely satisfactory and he has been doing fine in post-operative recovery."

"He has been told the results of the operation and had no special comment about it. He was described as being in good spirits."

Godfrey will spend an indefinite convalescence in his \$40 a day bedroom-living room suite at the hospital. His physician said Thursday that he might possibly resume some of his TV-radio duties in two months.

Godfrey's bedroom is a corner room on the 10th floor of the swanky hospital which has had patients ranging from ex-president Hoover, the Duchess of Windsor and Bob Hope. From his windows Godfrey has a magnificent view of the Hudson River and the steep cliffs on New Jersey side of the river.

Expected To Write

He is expected to spend some of his convalescing time writing short articles on one of his favorite subjects—conversation. He already had begun to work on these before his operation.

Although Godfrey apparently showed no emotion on being told the news he said before the operation that he felt a "cold, clammy, clutching fear" of the possibility of cancer.

Judging Tour Due Tomorrow

Union county's first 4-H horse judging tour will be held tomorrow, starting at the J. Dale Standley Ranch, Rt. 1, La Grande, beginning at 8:30 a. m.

The tour will include five stops at Route 1, 2, Union, Cove and will end at the Cove swimming pool where members of the tour will go swimming.

Top members will need a sack lunch, swim suit, and sufficient funds for a swim.

The tour will give horse club members an opportunity to receive training in horse judging and will be shown how to groom and train horses. Parents are invited.

Letter Made Public

"At the same time he told her of his continuing confidence in her and expressed his hope that she would continue on her assignment."

"Her letter gives the reasons why she felt she could not reconsider."

Hagerty then made public Mrs. Luce's letter of resignation in which she said she was convinced "that it is no longer possible for me to accomplish the mission which you have entrusted to me."

Referring to the Senate approval over her nomination she described the Senate's 79 to 11 vote as an example of bipartisan support on foreign policy.

"But unhappily, in spite of the best efforts of 79 senators the climate of good will was poisoned by thousands of words of extraordinarily ugly charges against my person and of distrust of the mission I was to undertake," she wrote. "These charges were incessantly printed around the world."

She told the President she realized that both Brazilian and U. S. public opinion "have overwhelmingly discounted the furious, and I think foolish, attacks made against me."

"Seeds Of Suspicion"

"Yet it would be impudent of me—and no true service to you—to ignore the fact that the broadcasting of these mean charges has planted the seeds of hostile suspicion," she said.

"For all through the course of my mission, these seeds could be watered carefully—either by their author, for unknowable motive, or by any political element with the clear motive of discrediting America by the simple device of disparaging an American ambassador. And so—most easily, there could be denied any chance of attainment of fruitful records between our two countries."

Mrs. Luce said that even this problem might be surmounted if it were not for the fact that Morse is "by reason of seniority" the chairman of the Senate subcommittee.

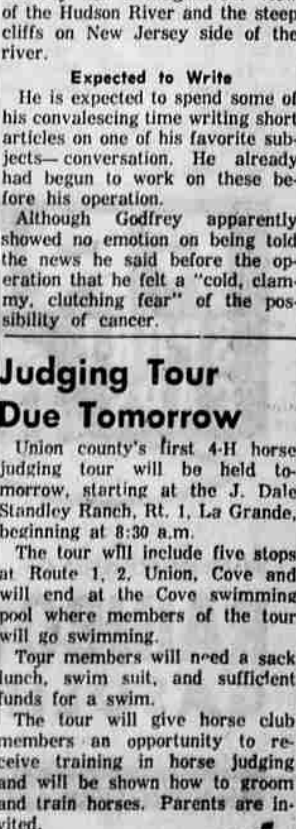
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Marine Found In Contempt

PORTLAND (UPI) — An ex-Marine was found in contempt of court Thursday for threatening witnesses after a Federal Court jury last month returned a guilty bank robbery verdict against his brother-in-law.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon set June 15 for sentencing John Goss Jr., and continued him on \$100 bail.

George Juba, assistant U. S. attorney, said witnesses heard Goss approach three women bank employees and make threatening gestures after a jury returned a verdict of guilty against Albert M. Clements for the holdup of the Hillsdale branch of the Multnomah bank last December. The women had testified against Clements.



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Bruised Body Of 3-Year-Old Girl Is Found

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — The bruise-covered body of a pretty, 3-year-old girl who had been missing since Tuesday was found late Thursday by youngsters playing cowboys and Indians. Police said today they believed she had been murdered.

Frail, blonde Sharon Crossman, dressed but shoeless, was found beneath the front porch of a dilapidated house nearly three miles from her home.

Several hours later blood-stained children's clothes were found in a cellar washstub of the Crossman home. Laboratory tests were planned to find out if there was any connection with Sharon's death.

Sharon's father, Robert A. Crossman, 28, said the three Crossman children often had nosebleeds. He said his wife, Eleanor, was apt to pick up any piece of clothing at hand to wipe away the blood.

Medical examiner Milton J. Schulz said Sharon had not been sexually molested, but evidence pointed to homicide. Further post mortem examination and toxicological tests were being made to determine the exact cause of death, he said.

The Crossmans were questioned by top police officials.

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