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## Pondosa Auction Tomorrow

### Biggest Sale In This Area

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The romance of yesterday and progress to today will be brought together in sharp focus when the town of Pondosa and the Valselt Lumber Company mill go on the auction block at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The Pondosa auction and a Valselt company equipment auction Thursday at Valselt, Ore., will involve more than \$2 million value in equipment, houses and real estate according to the Milton J. Wershow Company of Los Angeles, Calif. The California firm will handle the auctions.

Officials of the lumber company and auctioneering firm estimate the Pondosa real estate and mill equipment at \$1,763,500 and the Valselt, Ore., mill equipment is valued at \$472,675.

Geared to be one of the biggest auctions ever held in eastern Oregon, with the added uniqueness of the sale of an entire town, the lumber company and auctioneering firm have been working since March 5 for the Pondosa sale. It was on this date that the last logs were processed.

An inadequate supply of timber in the Pondosa area was the reason given for closure of the mill which was built in 1925 by the Stoddard Lumber Company.

The entire town of Pondosa, which at one time boasted a population of 250, will go under the auctioneer's gavel tomorrow. The town site, covering 280 acres, along with 53 homes and 11 factory buildings, can be bought as a package or piece by piece.

"Owners and auctioneers will keep uppermost the best interests for the future of the town and surrounding community," according to information included in the sales brochure.

Trucks, office machines and mill equipment will be sold at Pondosa, along with a railroad locomotive, and "speeder trailer car." Thousands of small sawmill and planer mill pieces of equipment will be held up for the public to see as the auctioneer chants, "Now what am I offering for this..."

## New Outbreak Of Violence In Race Strife

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI) — Five Negro youths appear in police court today on charges of assaulting a white Marine during an outbreak of week-end violence.

The five were arrested Sunday and charged with beating Robert Walsh, 20, as he walked through the "Tiltstown" section of Norfolk on his way to Camp Elmore where he is stationed.

The section, a Negro residential area, borders the Marine camp and an integrated federal housing project. It has been the scene of similar incidents during the past year, police said.

Marine officials have warned enlisted personnel to stay out of the area. Norfolk police have increased patrols through the streets of Tiltstown in an effort to curb violence.

The five Negroes allegedly jumped Walsh Friday night but he managed to break away and return to the camp.

Half an hour earlier, Navy C.P.O. Reginald Marchand, 36, was dragged from his car and beaten by a gang of Negroes of similar size. Mrs. Marchand's screams brought a police officer and sent the assailants fleeing.

## Thefts Reported To City Police

Whiskey, several trees and a radio clock were stolen in separate incidents over the weekend, city police reported.

George B. Fletcher, 39, is held on a petty larceny, following the theft of a fifth of whiskey from a local tavern. Fletcher is held in the county jail and will be taken into Justice Court to answer the charge.

Pat Fitzgerald, flower shop owner, reported that seven or eight evergreen trees were stolen from behind his shop and Carla Robertson told police that her house was entered and a clock-radio stolen over the weekend.



## QUEEN CANDIDATES FOR SHOW

Four candidates for the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show queen title named at the annual Kickoff Banquet Saturday night. Candidates are from left, Jodyce Tameris, 16, Elgin Stampede candidate;

Rosemary Zaugg, 16, Union Commercial club; Ella Mae Denton, 17, Union Range Riders, and Janice Lorenzen, 18, La Grande Maverick Riding Club. The show is set for June 4-5-6. (Observer Photo)

## POSSIBLY NEXT SUMMER

### Economic Workshop May Be Held Here

Business and labor officials will have to decide if an "Economic Education Workshop" is to be held here possibly next summer. This was the decision made at a planning session on the Eastern Oregon College campus Saturday when members of the Oregon Council on Economic Education met with local community leaders and college officials.

## Morse Explains Why He Changed Mind About Clare

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (UPI) — Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) says he did not oppose the nomination of Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce as ambassador to Brazil because of a "personal vendetta."

Morse said Sunday that it was he who moved last month in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Mrs. Luce's nomination be approved. The senator said he changed his mind late as the result of an investigation of Mrs. Luce.

Morse undertook the investigation because of complaints about her following recent riots in Bolivia, the senator declared at a membership meeting of the Young Men's Hebrew Association at Congregation Beth-El.

The riots were caused by publication of a story on Bolivia in Time Magazine. Time is published by Henry Luce, Mrs. Luce's husband.

Purpose of such a workshop would be to update business and labor officials with problems inherent in the American system and to acquaint elementary and secondary teachers with the various phases of our economic life. Richard B. Halley, associate professor of economics, Portland State College, was the principal speaker during the noon luncheon. He outlined what he considered our present major economic problems and suggested that the Oregon Council officials could be called on to work out and participate in a workshop which would work toward an "objective understanding of American economic problems."

Agriculture, poverty, the position of labor unions in our society, and the United States are our major areas of problems, he said.

The Portland economist said that "We economists are in agreement that labor unions do not actually raise real wages." The labor unions, he said, may raise money wages, but that inflation and other factors tend to wipe out any real wage boost.

Dr. Frank Bennett, EOC president, made the point that clear thinking is needed because of the basic economic conflict between the United States and Russia.

Officials of the economic council, which has put on similar workshops in the western part of the state, said council economists would be available for such a workshop and that the council would help finance the program.

## Girls Chosen For Union Show Royalty

Fifty-four persons heard Vern White, treasurer of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Association, announce the names of four queen candidates at the annual Kickoff Dinner held at the Union Hotel Saturday night.

White announced Jodyce Tameris of Elgin as the Elgin Stampede candidate, Rosemary Zaugg as the Union Commercial Club Candidate, Ella Mae Denton as the Union Range Rider queen candidate, and Janice Lorenzen as the La Grande Maverick candidate.

The annual show at Union will be held June 4-5-6 this year, he told the group.

Miss Tameris, a brunette, is a sophomore at Elgin High School. She lives on a farm near that town. Hobbies include riding and swimming. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Tameris.

Miss Zaugg is a junior at Union High School and lives on a farm near Union. Hobbies include dancing, piano and horseback riding. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. August Zaugg.

Miss Denton lives in Union and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Denton. She spends her spare time swimming, dancing and she was a princess at the school carnival held this year. She is a junior at Union High School.

Miss Lorenzen, a Senior at La Grande High School, is a member of the Clover Leaf Circle 4-H Riding club and the La Grande Mavericks. She sings in the girls' ensemble at LHS, likes to ride horses and is a serious student of languages.

One of the four girls will be named queen at a dance at Union a week before the Livestock Show starts.

# Sue Martin's Body Found In Columbia

## DISCOVERY PARTLY SOLVES MYSTERY

PORTLAND (UPI) — Discovery of a body identified as that of 11-year-old Sue Martin Sunday at least partly solves one of the biggest Oregon mysteries in years.

Sue, her sisters Barbara, 14, and Virginia, 13, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, went for a drive last December 7 — also a Sunday — to gather Christmas greens. They purchased gasoline at Cascade Locks and then vanished from sight.

Sue's body, identified by her dentist, was located in the Camas slough near the Washington shore of the Columbia river.

A pathologist, Dr. Charles Larson of Tacoma, was to try to determine cause of death by examination of the badly-decomposed body.

### BULLETIN

PORTLAND (UPI) — A body found in debris at Bonneville dam today was identified tentatively as that of Barbara Martin, 14, oldest daughter of the missing Ken Martin family. The body of her sister, Sue, 11, was found near Camas, Wash.

The body near the dam was that of a girl and was clad in blue jeans and gray sweatshirt similar to the clothing worn by Barbara when she disappeared.

One theory is that the Martin car plunged into the Columbia from the Washington shore some distance upstream from Camas. The Columbia river in recent days has been rising towards its annual spring crest and the flow has been swift. Rivermen said that at the time of the Martin family disappearance the water was low, especially where the body was found.

Just where a new search for the car and the remaining members of the family should start was puzzling authorities today.

Coroner Paul Mylan of Clark county, Wash., said it might take the pathologist up to 10 days to reach conclusions.

The search for the family was one of the most intensive ever carried out in Oregon. Once the Columbia river was lowered by Army engineers, mountain areas, including Mt. Hood, were hunted by scores of men. There were even reports the family was seen in eastern states.

In fact, there were hundreds of leads. Sheriff Francis Lambert of Multnomah county said that six weeks after the disappearance of the Martin file alone included 201 "tip" letters, 207 other reports and several hundred telephone calls. Six thousand circulars were distributed nationally with pictures of the family, and a description of their 1954 cream and red-trimmed Ford station wagon.

Throughout the five-month period the best clue was the gasoline sales receipt from Cascade Locks which was mailed to the Martin home sometime after the family vanished.

## Man Tells Of Finding Girl's Body

CAMAS, Wash. (UPI) — "Something flashed and caught my eye so I eased my boat over it and found this girl's body floating in the current." This was Charles Isaman's story of finding the body of 11-year-old Sue Martin, youngest member of the log missing Ken Martin family of Portland.

The 39-year-old tugboat operator was aboard the 65-foot Crown-Zellerbach tug, R. W. Confer, when he sighted the floating body. "It really didn't look like a body when I first saw it but something made me want to go take a close look," he said. "As I got close I could see legs and then an arm. I eased around the body and then went back to pick up by crew."

Isaman said he towed the body to a log raft and secured it until authorities could reach the scene. "The clothing was disarranged. The jacket was over the face and we didn't move it," Isaman related.

He told authorities he doubted that the body had hung up any place along the river. He said he couldn't hope to guess from which side of the river the body came.

## Negro Students Plan Protest Rally In Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — About 750 Negro college students plan to stage a classroom strike today in protest against the rape of a 19-year-old classmate. Four young white men are charged with the rape.

The Negro students at Florida A&M University turned out for the hundreds Sunday night at a mass meeting to try to focus nationwide attention on the case.

Another meeting was scheduled today and student President Clifford Taylor announced "no loyal student will attend classes today."

Taylor called on the students to spend the day fasting and praying. "We want the world to know that we are disturbed about this," he said.

The student rally was called after formal charges of rape were filed Sunday against the four young white men, aged 15 to 24.

If convicted on the charges, the four could be sentenced to death, Florida's maximum penalty for rape.

## Two Youths Injured In Accident

Two youths are under treatment for concussion today following a one-car accident on the Union highway about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Elmer A. Arneson, 28, Davenport, Wash., driver of the car which failed to negotiate a curve, was cited for violation of the basic rule by State Police.

Doyle D. Lamb, 21, of Union, along with Arneson, is in the St. Joseph hospital. Arneson and Lamb suffered concussions, multiple head lacerations and Lamb incurred right arm lacerations, according to the attending physician.

The car driven by the Davenport resident left the highway, jumped a ditch and flipped over a fence and traveled 245 feet before coming to a stop, state police reported. The five-year-old car was practically demolished.

The attending physician this noon said the two men are not considered in serious condition.

Arneson was traveling west on Highway 203, about 11 miles from Union at the time of the accident.

### Other Accidents

Two other auto mishaps were investigated by police during the weekend.

A two-car accident occurred at 4:41 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of Hemlock street and Washington avenue. Winifred M. Curtis of La Grande was traveling west on Washington and Kenneth J. Blanchard of La Grande was driving south on Hemlock at the time of the accident. Damage to the cars was estimated at \$300.

Another two-car accident occurred about 1 p.m. Saturday. Betty L. Shaffer of La Grande was driving south on Oak and Roberta J. Adlard of La Grande was traveling west on Z avenue at the time of the minor accident. Police reported.

## Music Festival Opens Tonight

It will be "Band Night" in the La Grande school music festival starting tonight and concluding Friday night.

Four bands from the senior and junior high schools will be featured in the 8 p.m. concert at the high school tonight. The concert will have a pioneer spirit in keeping with the week's theme of "Centennial Music Roundup."

Assisting in tonight's program will be the high school speech class and vocal ensembles.

The program will open with the entrance of the May Music Week Queen Marilyn Waite who collected queen honors by selling the greatest number of tickets among the queen candidates.

Each of the four bands on tonight's program will perform three numbers alone and will combine in the finale for a special setting of the hymn, "God of Our Fathers." The audience will be asked to participate in the last verse.

Vocal ensembles performing will include the boys quartet, the girls trio and a mixed ensemble. Don Scott will conduct the bands and Mrs. Betty Faulkner will direct the vocal groups.

Additional May Music Festival events will be presented Wednesday and Friday nights.

## Billy Basking In Sydney Sun

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) — American evangelist Billy Graham basked in the sun on Sydney beach today and said he envied the American farmer who is migrating to Australia because he is fed up with agricultural controls.

Graham said he was highly impressed with Australians and Australia, and added that he liked Australia so much he hates to leave it.

In that respect, he said, he envies Stanley Yankus, a Dowagiac, Mich., wheat farmer who is giving up U. S. residence to live in Australia because he objects to limits placed on the amount of wheat he can grow.

## Scotland Yard Ready To Help

LONDON (UPI) — A man who spotted a sign on his parson's window shrieking "Help" in large, blood-red letters did the obvious thing. He sprinted for the nearest telephone and dialed Scotland Yard's emergency number.

Police raced to the home of the Rev. Harold Haines, a Baptist clergyman, in suburban Peckham to render the help the sign requested. The Rev. Haines explained the sign was a poster appealing for help for the world's 16 million refugees.

## Nehru Defends His Actions

NEW DELHI (UPI) — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru today defended his actions in the Tibetan situation will not affect India's policy of working for admission of Red China to the United Nations.

As Parliament debated Tibet, Communist China made one of its sharpest attacks yet on Nehru and Indian policy and accused the New Delhi government of interfering in Chinese internal affairs.

Nehru said for the government to have taken any stand other than sympathy with Tibet and the Dalai Lama would have angered millions of Indians and he regretted the facts have not been clearly understood by the Chinese.

Nehru said the issue of Tibet was deep and serious and "therefore we must be careful what we say," but he said the Indian government was better informed than the people outside whose information was "based on agents" at the Indian border village of Kalimpong.

Today's Tibetan debate was called despite vehement opposition by Indian Communists who said a discussion of Tibet would be interference in Chinese Communist internal affairs.

## Lead In Fatal Stabbing Case

OREGON CITY (UPI) — A "new lead" was reported by the sheriff's office today into the fatal stabbing Saturday afternoon of an elderly woman in a small variety store.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Abelle said he could not disclose nature of the information but that it looked "fairly promising."

The victim was Mrs. Minnie Swetland, 75, who was found stabbed to death with a knife at the store located on southeast 82nd avenue in northern Clackamas county. Police said the woman apparently had been beaten with a hammer and then stabbed with a butcher knife.

The state crime laboratory was asked to examine an anti-freeze can which officers said was found near the store.

Officers said they were told a boy about 15 had been seen in a field near the store punching holes in the can with a knife.

Sheriff Joe Shobe said no money had been taken and he could think of no motive for the slaying.

## OREGONIAN DIES IN ALASKA

# Weekend Accidents Claim Lives Of Seven In Oregon

By United Press International

At least seven persons were killed in weekend accidents in Oregon. Five died in traffic, a child burned to death and a man drowned while fishing. In addition a former Oregon man was killed in an Alaska mishap.

Bruce D. Stirts, 31, Winston, was killed Sunday night about 25 miles east of Roseburg. State police said his pickup truck apparently went out of control when it hit soft gravel.

Colin Dick Ray, 57, Klamath Falls, was killed instantly Saturday when his pickup truck and one driven by Roman Zargas, 38, Lakeview, collided on Highway 66 nine miles east of Klamath Falls. At Medford Saturday fire swept

the Franklin Jackson home and Martin Elwood Jackson, 3, died in the flames. The mother carried a three-month-old baby, John Henry, from the blazing structure and three other children also escaped.

Mrs. Jackson suffered burns when she tried to get back into the house to try to rescue Martin. His body was found at the bottom of a stairway.

Vincent Smith, 38, Mt. Angel, drowned Sunday in the Siletz river when a boat in which he and two other men were fishing overturned. The accident happened six miles up the Siletz from its mouth. The others, Walter Smith, 44, Molalla, brother of the victim, and Ray Mitchell, 37, also Molalla, managed to make it to shore.

Hazel V. Hiedeman, 76, Newberg, died Sunday in a Salem hospital from injuries suffered in a head-on collision near Woodburn Saturday night. Five others were hurt.

Paul Dean Crosby, 16, Vancouver, Wash., was killed Sunday when his car skidded on the Baldock freeway at Aurora Junction south of here and overturned. Three passengers received minor injuries.

David G. McWaters, 21, Portland, was killed Friday night in a two-car collision east of Hood River.

Ronald Helf, 19, Juneau, Alaska, formerly of Portland, was killed near Juneau Saturday night. He had moved to Juneau about a year ago.