



COLLEGIANS HOLD FAIRS

Eastern Oregon College coed Ardyce Garrett, right, is sitting on top of world according to Don Cole, left, who points to North Pole on globe. Above exhibit is one of 400 currently being displayed at EOC physical Science Fair. Biology classes also have fair displays. The public is invited to view the exhibits today, and tomorrow until noon. (Observer Photo)

Man Dies In Crash Of Blimp

Recalls Death Of Hindenburg

LAKEHURST, N.J. (UPI)—A huge Navy blimp crashed into its hangar while attempting an instrument landing in heavy fog early today at the Naval Air Station here. One officer died while rescuers, using acetylene torches and heavy cutting equipment, worked for more than six hours to reach him in the blimp's shattered gondola. He was identified as Lt. (jg) David Malcolm Loyd, Vega, Tex. The other 17 crew members were injured. Six were hospitalized, one in critical condition. The others were treated for minor injuries, mostly cuts and bruises.

Capt. Van Evers, commander of the air station, said it was "miraculous" that there was not a heavier casualty toll. A Navy spokesman said the blimp, valued at between four and five million dollars, had just been advised by radio to regain altitude and try a new approach when the gondola slammed into the side of the hangar, about 20 feet from the roof.

Rescuers using aerial ladders braved the danger of a possible explosion and fire to rescue crew members from the gondola, which dangled precariously over the edge of the hangar roof, 125 feet above ground.

Fire trucks stood alongside as fuel leaking from the damaged blimp poured into the hangar roof. Ironically, the fog lifted minutes after the crash.

After the crash, the 343-foot balloon's helium-filled bag collapsed and folded over the wreckage, hampering the efforts of rescuers. The bag contained more than one million cubic feet of helium.

One engine of the blimp penetrated the hangar roof. The crash scene was only a short distance from where the German Zeppelin Hindenburg burst into flames May 6, 1937, and was destroyed with a loss of 36 lives.

The Hindenburg, inflated with highly flammable hydrogen, also was coming in for a landing when it crashed.

J. Dahlstrom Funeral Friday

Former County Assessor John A. Dahlstrom, 66, died in a local hospital Wednesday following a short illness. Mr. Dahlstrom who was also a retired farmer and dairyman, served one four-year term in the assessor's office. His term ended Jan. 1, 1959.

Funeral services will be held at the Daniels Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Henry Gernhardt officiating. Burial will be in the Island City cemetery. Masonic lodge services will be held.

Mr. Dahlstrom was born in Ualden, Kingdom of Sweden, Aug. 19, 1892 and lived in the Grande Ronde Valley for 25 years. He was a member of the La Grande Masonic Lodge AF&AM No. 41; Order of Eastern Star, Al Kadar Shrine, Scottish Rite; Veterans of Foreign Wars, World War I Vets and the First Methodist church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dollie Dahlstrom of La Grande; one son, John Jr. of La Grande; two daughters, Mrs. Della Jean Burgess of La Grande and Mrs. Donna Mae Lee of Portland; one brother, Axel of Island City; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Johnson of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Lillian Hadden of La Grande and two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Fire Destroys Old Horse Barn

Fire of undetermined origin this morning destroyed an old barn at the north end of Birch street, at the La Grande city limits. The unused barn on the Harold Swabke property was completely consumed by flames. Swabke is a resident of Portland. The blaze broke out about 10:30 a.m. and firemen were unable to halt the fire. There were a few bales of hay in the barn.

Sec. Herter Hands Russians Dramatic Western Peace Plan

City Commission Session Sparked By Lake, Sewage

Gromyko Says No In Talk

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City Commissioners considered two major items of interest to area citizens last night—the sewage disposal problem, and the use of recently purchased Morgan Lake as a city recreational area. Members of the commission discussed the sewage disposal problem at length. Two types of plants are under study, the lagoon system that is becoming popular with small cities in the Northwest, and the more expensive sewage disposal plant.

A plan to publicize both types of systems was developed and the people will be informed through news media, radio and newsletters, what the costs of producing the two different plants would be—and what maintenance costs in the future will be.

Commissioner William I. Herrman and City Manager Fred Young were appointed to head a committee of representatives of interested civic groups, and grange representatives who will journey to Vale to study the lagoon type of plant at that city, Tuesday. Grange members are interested since the lagoon system, if voted, would probably be installed at the airport, which would affect rural citizens.

Citizens will vote, probably in August, for or against the construction of a new sewage disposal plant.

The issue of Morgan Lake once again took the spotlight at the meetings as interested citizens and representatives of the Izaak Walton League took the floor to explain their ideas for developing the lake as a community recreation area.

Jerry Binger of 1812 Cedar St. said he hoped the commission would reconsider and develop a more progressive plan of action in planning for the use of the lake area as a recreational area. He said plans should be made now, before angling gets under way.

Both Binger and Bob Fallow, of 407 M Street, spoke in terms of thousands of fishermen and picnickers flocking to the lake when fishing is opened to the public. Fallow said "the plan should have been developed now because when fishing opens to the public, thousands of people will flow into the lake area and will clutter up the place with trash."

Fallow added, "That trees are already being cut at the lake, marring the beauty of the area."

Witnesses Give Accident Views

Numerous witnesses are giving their views on a Feb. 9, 1958 two-vehicle accident near Spout Springs involving William Bohnenkamp Jr. as driver of his father's car, and W. A. Allen of Milton-Freewater, passenger in a pickup truck, who was injured in the accident.

The \$6,000 personal injury Circuit Court trial entered its second day this morning. Allen, injured when the Bohnenkamp car hit the James Coe pickup truck on a snow packed road, is asking \$6,000 general damages and \$92 medical compensation.

Allen and his son Steven and young Bohnenkamp testified yesterday and other witnesses are giving their views today. Allen received leg injuries when the parked pickup pinned him against a snow bank as he and Coe were putting on chains on their way to Milton-Freewater on the Elgin-Weston highway. Bohnenkamp and three skiing companions were on their way back to La Grande when the mishap occurred.

Allen says Bohnenkamp was negligent in crashing into the pickup on the curved highway and Bohnenkamp says the pickup truck blocked the highway.

The six women and six men heard in the case are Laura J. Bond, Melvin S. Schmore, Pearl L. Shaw, George S. Challis, Doris Gekeler, Ezma G. Wilde, Dale Carlson, Juaneta Campbell, Albert Brazille, Vern Cochrell, Viola A. Warmock and George L. Carnes.

He suggested a ground plan for placing fire places, tables, a boat dock, signs, etc."

Fallow also said that developing such a plan would require no money from the city. Commissioner Merle Becket reminded the group that plans were developing. He said that City Manager Young had been authorized to use the city bulldozer to improve the access road, that the Izaak Walton League sanitary facilities for the area had been approved and that cattle guards would be placed at either end of the access road.

"In our recommendation of last week we included an amendment that stated 'if it appears fish will live and that the area is going to be used sufficiently that further improvements are necessary,' then we will proceed with these improvements this year."

Commissioner Becket also said that the city was in the position of being a private owner—and was not required to provide comforts for recreation seekers. The lake was purchased as a reserve water resource for the city.

"We cannot see frantically plunging into this or we do not feel that the city should be pressured into providing luxuries at the lake for special interest groups," he added.

Becket also said that if the commission is proven wrong in its cautious approach in developing the lake, that they should take the consequences. Young said that only the Union County Izaak Walton League had been the only group to offer any facilities to improve the lake. They will provide the sanitary facilities for the lake "at any time requested," Norman Masterson, president of the group who was at the meeting, reported.

Young also reported that the city has no money to spend at the lake—every cent in the till must be used for basic services in the city proper.

A letter from the La Grande chamber of commerce, signed by President Powell Graham, was read at the meeting.

The chamber urged the commission to take immediate action to protect Morgan Lake area from vandalism and other damage which could result from inadequate protective measures. "We further urge the city to take whatever emergency measures are at its disposal to prevent the cutting of trees or damage to the natural surroundings and to prevent the dumping of..."

PEARSON BLASTS PENAL INSTITUTION EXPANSION

SALEM (UPI)—Senate President Walter Pearson today blasted further expansion of the new intermediate penal institution here and urged that part of the facility be converted to a women's prison.

Gov. Mark Hatfield promised that a new look would have to be taken at the institution because the 50th Oregon Legislature refused to appropriate enough money for a full program there.

The intermediate penal institution, designed for young offenders is scheduled to open later this month. Pearson suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate other uses for the rest of the facility.

The institution will now hold about 300 first offenders. The entire program calls for about 600. Pearson called the institution a "magnificent monstrosity of a jail."

His major point was that Oregon did not need "another prison." The Legislature refused to appropriate money for a vocational full staff.

"This puts us in a contradictory position," Hatfield said. Secretary of State Howell Applegate said that now would be "an awkward time to stop" on the institution.

Pearson suggested at today's Board of Control meeting that a wing for 64 women could be used at the institution to get the women out of the state prison here where they now are housed.

He said women were usually in jail for lesser crimes and could be handled separated from the men at the institution.

Another objection raised by Pearson to expanding the correctional institution was that no provision is now in the law for transferring tougher boys from McLaren school near Woodburn to the new plant.

Pearson said these boys should be transferred, but an attorney general's opinion stated that this would be unconstitutional and the Legislature did not change the law.

The governor ended the meeting by saying that the Board of Control would "do its best" to re-evaluate future use of the institution.

Union Teacher Wins Fellowship

UNION (Special)—Glenn Bates instructor of mathematics and science, has been awarded a Fellowship by the General Electric Co. to attend Stanford University this summer.

The University awards 50 Mathematics Fellowships for High School Teachers for participation in a special six week program of instructions.

The Fellowship program is conducted by the Department of Mathematics at Stanford University. The fellowships are sponsored by the general Educational and Charitable fund.

The object of this program is to contribute strengthening of the High School mathematics teaching, by giving selected mathematics teachers an opportunity to increase their understanding of elementary and higher mathematics.

For one thing, the wing of the plane was found some distance from the fuselage wreckage, indicating probable structural failure. Also, the wreckage was strewn over a two-mile path in a straight line, pointing to "progressive disintegration."

There was evidence of "an explosive force." But the CAB emphasized this did not necessarily mean an explosion in the ordinary sense of the word. A wing that failed structurally would tear open the side of the pressurized cabin, resulting in sudden and violent decompression that resembles a conventional explosion.

Always alert for the possibility of sabotage in mid-air disintegration of planes, the CAB investigators searched for any chemical sign that a bomb might have caused the tragedy. They found no such evidence.

GENEVA (UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter today handed Russia a dramatic western offer to trade global troop cuts for quick restoration of freedom for all of Germany—starting with Berlin.

But Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who obviously knew something about the West's plan before it was presented, indicated in a speech at Wednesday's session of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference that Moscow rejected in advance any western move to link political steps on Berlin and Germany with European security.

Herter, leading off for the West at today's session formally presented a comprehensive "western peace plan" providing for reunification of Germany in four stages. It would take effect over a period of 2½ years and the U.S. would join the Soviet Union in a dramatic cut of armed forces along the way.

Both East and West Berlin, Herter said, should be given free elections first—"as a first step" towards reunification of the two Germans.

But western troops would remain in West Berlin until the last stage of the Herter plan, which is a final peace treaty with a freely elected all-German government.

If the Soviet Union did not stall too long, Germany thus could become free and united by the end of 1961.

The West had little hope that Gromyko would readily accept any package that would deprive the Communists of a major satellite, such as they have now in East Germany.

In his speech Wednesday, Gromyko said that "such an approach... would amount to a complete blocking of our work."

But the West—including Britain, France and West Germany, as well as all the NATO nations—was united behind Herter in an all-or-nothing package providing: —Reunification of Germany through free elections in four stages, starting with a free vote in all Berlin and formation of a joint East German-West German commission of 35 delegates to write an all-German election law.

—Establishment of a system of European security by gradual thinning out of troops and establishment of ground inspection. —Big power troop cuts around the world, with the U.S. and Russia reducing their forces to 1,700,000 men each at the final stage.

Presenting the plan to the Big Four conference, Herter described it as "the principal clauses of a settlement of the problems arising from the last war."

Herter declared that it is on these bases that the remaining provisions for a final peace settlement could be negotiated. "An examination of the plan," Herter told Gromyko, "shows that our governments have gone very far to meet Soviet preoccupations."

STUBBORN RULES COMMITTEE RELENTS ON HOUSING BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The powerful and often stubborn House Rules Committee relented today after four weeks and sent the controversial \$2,100,000,000 omnibus housing bill to the House for action.

The vote of 8-4 opened the way for a showdown fight between congressional Democrats and administration forces next week. A 6-6 tie vote by the committee April 16 had kept the measure bottled up.

Committee Chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) and Rep. William M. Colmer (D-Miss.) switched votes today and joined six other Democrats to clear the legislation for debate. All four committee Republican voted against it.

The committee specified, however, that administration forces in the House can offer a substitute to the bill which would water down its cost and eliminate public housing portions of the program.

Republican House Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana predicted the substitute, endorsed by President Eisenhower, would be adopted.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, who scheduled debate to begin Tuesday, declined to predict the outcome.

The Senate already has passed a housing bill calling for \$2,650,000. The President, fighting for a balanced budget, feels that both the House and Senate Democratic bills would call for too much spending.

Other congressional news: Fair Trade: The House Commerce Committee, over Justice Department and Federal Trade Commissions' opposition, approved a bill which would let manufacturers set minimum retail prices for their products. It would in effect reinstate on a national basis a uniform "fair trade"

law" to replace state statutes which have been repudiated by the courts. The legislation, endorsed 20-9, would permit manufacturers of brand or trademarked goods to tell distributors what retail prices should be charged on their products. The proposed law still faces a long road in Congress.

Defense: Informed sources said the House defense appropriations subcommittee has given tentative approval to the \$9 billion dollar defense spending level recommended by Eisenhower. The subcommittee was said to have pro-

posed more money than Eisenhower asked for some programs but keep the overall figure at about what he advocated. Parks: Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton asked a Senate appropriations subcommittee to restore more than six million dollars cut from the Park Service budget. He said the funds are needed to maintain facilities for an ever-growing number of vacationers at national parks and to buy land so that several Civil War battlefields can be preserved from commercialization.

Meeting With Steelworkers' President Planned By Ike

NEW YORK (UPI)—President Eisenhower today scheduled a late afternoon meeting here with David McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers Union, now engaged in wage negotiations with the steel industry that can have a broad effect on the national economy.

A White House spokesman said the union leader's visit with Eisenhower at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel was "essentially a social call."

But Press Secretary James C. Hagerty did not rule out the prospect that the two men would discuss the steel negotiations.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Steel industry negotiators are expected to reject today a union employment-spreading plan that would include a 38-hour work week. Steel contract talks resumed after a one-day recess called to give the industry team time to prepare its rebuttal.

The eight negotiators—four from industry and four from the United Steelworkers union—have until midnight June 30 to write a

new contract for 500,000 steelworkers that would avoid a billion-dollar steel strike. The union team spent the first two days of the joint bargaining talks presenting its ideas on how to improve job security in the industry and reduce unemployment.

The union's program called for fewer hours, a wage increase and higher pensions and unemployment benefits.

The industry negotiators have proposed a one-year contract extension, practically on a "take it or leave it basis."

The union called this "economic nonsense."

The firmness of the industry's stand against increases in employment costs this year was made plain Wednesday by Charles M. White, chairman of Republic Steel Corp., the industry's third biggest producer.

White told Republic's annual meeting that further increases in wages or fringe benefits "are wholly unjustifiable."

"The challenge facing us now is to remain firm in our determination to negotiate a contract that is non-inflationary," he said.

White canopy on a mild and sunny day before thousands crowded into leveled tenement grounds above Columbus Circle, Eisenhower said the Lincoln Center was a stimulating approach to the problem of urban blight as well as a symbol of increased interest in American culture.

"Here at Lincoln Center Americans will have new and expanded opportunities for acquiring a real community of interest throughout common contact with the performing arts," Eisenhower said.

"American technology, labor, industry and business are responsible for the 20th century freedom of the individual—making free a greater portion of his time in which to improve the mind, body and spirit. To them we are likewise indebted for the capacity to establish this center. The lives of all of us will be enriched..." From Lincoln Center, Eisenhower

MAJOR ADDRESS THIS EVENING

Ike Hails New Art Center 'Great Cultural Adventure'

NEW YORK (UPI)—President Eisenhower today hailed creation of a center for the performing arts in what was recently a New York slum as a "great cultural adventure" which will transmit a human message for peace and understanding throughout the world.

The President turned the first shovel of dirt on the site of a new hall for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, one of six major buildings in the 75-million-dollar Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Another of the buildings will be the new home of the Metropolitan Opera.

Eisenhower flew here from Washington for a 15-hour visit to dedicate the center, to visit a world trade fair, and to make a major evening address on American scientific efforts.

Speaking beneath a blue and