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WEATHER

Partly cloudy today and tonight, mostly sunny Friday; high both days 61-66; low tonight 38-43.

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JUNIOR HIGH LEADERS ELECTED

Junior High School students here have named Dan Morris, center, above, to lead them as president next year. Other officers voted by students include from left, Carol Easley, secretary; Bob Dalton, vice president; Morris, Douglas Hiatt, assembly committee chairman, and Carolyn Perry, treasurer. (Observer Photo)

Roseburg Girl Dies In Crash

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI)—A Roseburg, Ore., girl was killed as pickup truck driven by a Mountain View contractor rammed head-on into an auto carrying five San Francisco student nurses Wednesday night. All six persons were killed.

A witness said the contractor, Warren Pope Hamilton, 43, Los Altos, had been weaving from side to side on Bayshore Highway for several miles before his truck, which apparently had no lights, drifted over the center line and collided with the auto 10 miles north of here.

The nurses, who had been returning to San Francisco from attending a birthday party in San Jose, were:

Oregon Girl Dies
Dolores Godreau, 20, Hayward, Calif., the driver.
Lois Wyrwa, 21, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
Shirley O'Netti, 21, Placerville, Calif.
Helen Patricia Wilkinson, 20, Soledad, Calif.
Nancy Sullivan, 20, Roseburg, Ore.

Clarence Krouse, San Jose, said he was driving directly behind the southbound truck operated by Hamilton, when the pickup, which had been "weaving from side to side, drifted across the center line." He said he had been following Hamilton for several miles, fearing to pass "because you couldn't tell what he would do."

"I could see the lights of the oncoming car," Krouse said. "Suddenly there was the crash."

"The pickup jumped in the air. I could see the lights of the car go straight up as if a bomb had gone off underneath."

Priest Administers Rites
Krouse said Hamilton was driving about 35 miles an hour. Other witnesses said the girls were traveling about 45 miles an hour in the outside of the two north-bound lanes.

A priest driving by the accident stopped and administered last rites. Krouse and Highway Patrolman Dural Dital and others freed the trapped bodies.

The girls had been visiting family friends of Miss Godreau in San Jose to celebrate a birthday of another of the victims, Miss Wyrwa.

All five girls were described as "fine" students at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. Miss Godreau was president of her nursing class. All were to graduate June 21.

Krouse and other witnesses told the Highway Patrol that Hamilton was apparently driving without lights.

"I couldn't see any tail light," Krouse said. "And I remember commenting on it to my wife just before the accident."

Poppy Sale Due Saturday
La Grande Post No. 2990, Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary, will hold their annual Buddy Poppy sale downtown in La Grande tomorrow and Saturday.

Post Commander Jim Ritchey said that two-thirds of the poppy proceeds are used to give direct aid to disabled and needy veterans. The money secured from the sale also aids the dependents and survivors of veterans who do not have the means to maintain a suitable standard of living.

City Manager Fred Young, in his annual proclamation, said, "I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we enjoy as American citizens."

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UO STUDENTS WRITE ARTICLES
A series of interpretive articles and guest editorials will be appearing in the Observer with today's issue.

The articles were developed by University of Oregon seniors in journalism from the much longer research papers they have written as one of the requirements for graduation.

The original senior theses, which run up to 20,000 or 25,000 words in length, representing the end result of interviewing, research and writing on the part of the students.



PATRICIA FISK Scholarship
JOY HAUN Leadership

JOY HAUN AND PAT FISK BOUND FOR GIRLS STATE

Two La Grande High School girls, Joy Haun and Patricia Fisk, have been chosen to represent the American Legion Auxiliary of La Grande Post No. 43 at Girls' State June 19 to June 22. The meeting will be held at Willamette University in Salem.

The two girls selected from the Junior class at LHS met the high qualifications necessary to attend Girls' State, namely, leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship, co-operation and physical fitness.

Purpose of the program is to give the girls an opportunity to participate in the operation of government.

Joy is the daughter of Mrs. James Haun, and Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fisk.

City Officials Check Vale 'Lagoon' System

By BUCK BUCHANAN
Observer Staff Writer
A brief City Commission meeting preceded a preliminary discussion of the 1959-60 city budget last night at City Hall.

Commissioner W. I. Herrmann and City Manager Fred Young reported on a trip to Vale to inspect the lagoon system of sewage disposal that city uses. Herrmann reported that "I am very impressed with the lagoon system—it emits no odor—and is very efficient."

The commission is presently viewing the lagoon system and the regular type of sewage disposal plant system as possible disposal plants for the future in La Grande. Joe Harrison, rural resident, also made the trip Tuesday and was reportedly favorably impressed with the lagoon at Vale.

The city manager reported that a downtown campaign to improve sidewalks is under way and that one of three businessmen contacted had agreed to put in new walks.

In other business, Homer F. George of Baker submitted low bid on a new motorcycle for the police force. George's bid was \$1,530.25 and includes the trade-in of the old motorcycle.

Resolution 1704 which will create a water main extension improvement on District No. 6 (Alder street) was passed by commissioners.

The commission also voted in favor of deeding a section of land adjoining the present National Guard property, to the Guard. The area encompasses three to four acres of land.

The commission directed the city manager and city attorney to draw up a resolution stating that the rental of city equipment for private use, would be prohibited.

After the short meeting, commissioners met with the remainder of the city budget committee which includes taxpayers, Chairman Roesch Fitzgerald, Nylia Lewis, Powell Graham, J. G. Everson and A. B. (Spud) Olson in a preliminary discussion of the city budget. The committee and commissioners will meet again Monday for further discussion of the budget.

Annual Farm Tour Planned June 13
The annual farm tour arranged by the Chamber of Commerce will be held June 13 featuring a trip to the North Powder area and to the agricultural experimental station at Union.

Plans for the tour were made last night by agriculture committee members of the Chamber group. W. C. Laird is chairman of the special committee.

The agriculture committee also made plans for helping in the livestock show in Union by making certain qualified buyers will be on hand to bid on the livestock which will be put up for auction by the 4-H club members.

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AGC Adds Threat To Oregon's Woes In Labor Crisis

PORTLAND (UPI)—A threat by Associated General Contractors to shut down construction work in Oregon added to the state's labor woes today.

AGC said in a statement that unless the strike by Pile Drivers Union members is halted "in the immediate future" it has authorization from its membership to stop "all bridge construction and related construction throughout Oregon." It also asked the Highway Commission to stop awarding contracts until labor differences are settled.

The Pile Drivers have been striking in the Portland area for some time, idling an estimated 15 million dollars worth of construction work. A general shutdown could idle thousands of workers.

In another labor development, the 45,000-member International Woodworkers of America union voted to strike this summer against lumber employers in the Northwest and California if a "satisfactory settlement" is not reached in contract negotiations. The vote was 11,209 for a strike and 3349 against one. Contracts expire June 1.

In Portland, picketing continued at the Continental Can Company plant in the St. Johns area with about 200 workers idled in a dispute over a new contract.

Other labor disputes, including the mid-Willamette valley sand and gravel tie-up, and a western Washington Operating Engineers strike, continued unsettled.

The Associated General Contractors reached agreement earlier with other segments of the Carpenters Union on a 53-cent package pay plan spread over three years. But Pile Drivers held out for a hiring hall agreement and voted the strike.

AGC said picketing by Pile Drivers in the past few days has spread to scattered parts of eastern, central and southern Oregon. If members order a construction shutdown the area affected would include 95 per cent of Oregon and part of 5 1-2 counties in southwest Washington.

"Our Association has kept faith with the other crafts and with the public in attempting to continue employment" Harding said. "But the picketing endangers a general shutdown of all construction. The bridge tie-ups, after a time, make it uneconomical for related construction to operate, forcing highway jobs to shut down pending completion of the structures. As a result, in the immediate future we are faced with a complete stoppage of highway and structural programs throughout the state which will force thousands of employees and material suppliers out of work."

WASN'T FIRST TIME IN DARK
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—When the lights went out during debate in the Florida House of Representatives, Rep. Cliff Herrell asked for and received the floor.

"This isn't the first time the House has been in the dark this session," Herrell said.

DULLES LOSING GROUND
WASHINGTON (UPI)—John Foster Dulles, remained in grave condition today at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

The State Department has made no announcement since it said Tuesday that Dulles, battling cancer and pneumonia was losing ground.

Committee Dumps Proposal For Higher Wheat Supports

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Agriculture Committee turned down a proposal to offer farmers even higher price supports to help cut down the size of the nation's wheat surplus. Its decision cleared the way for floor action on a bill authorizing payments at 50 per cent of parity to farmers who cut their acreage and 65 per cent to those who do not.

The House Appropriations Committee today whittled \$32,490,900 from the amount President Eisenhower requested for two key agencies, the State and Justice departments.

Altogether, the committee allowed \$649,896,700 for the two departments and related agencies.

Plane Crash Toll Mounts

ASHIYA, Japan (UPI)—The death toll rose to eight today in the crash of a huge jet-prop transport into an Air Force barracks but the heroic actions of two men from New York prevented it from being much higher.

Witnesses said Capt. Arthur Berken, 27, a doctor from Jackson Heights, and Airman 2C James V. Farrell, Levittown, saved many of their fellow airmen.

Farrell, loadmaster for the transport, was the first man in the plane to find a way out. He led the others through.

"If it wasn't for Farrell we'd all be dead," said one thankful crewman.

Berken treated wounded near the crash for more than an hour before submitting to hospitalization himself for burns and lacerations of the scalp, leg and thigh. His wounds were not considered serious.

Berken and Farrell were two of eight aboard the plane. One was killed and the other seven injured.

Hatfield Got A Polka-Dot Bow Tie Instead Of Medal
LANSING, Mich. (UPI)—Michigan's Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams gave Oregon's Republican Gov. Mark O. Hatfield a polka-dot bow tie Wednesday.

But he should have pinned a medal on Hatfield.

Hatfield dropped by for a social call, but before the day was over he was in the midst of Michigan's financial hassle — on Williams' side.

The 36-year-old Republican shook the Michigan GOP when he said he had no use for sales taxes. Michigan Republicans see a boost in the sales tax as the solution to the state's fiscal woes.

What tax does Hatfield like? Why, a graduated income tax, which, it so happens, is just what Williams wants from the GOP-controlled legislature.

"Anything the sales tax can do will be done with a properly established income tax," the trim six-foot-ten said at a news conference.

FEDERAL AGENTS CRACK DOWN ON 27 BIG NAME RACKETEERS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Federal agents and state police began a coast-to-coast roundup today of 27 big name racketeers who attended the 1957 gangland convention in Apalachin, N.Y.

Attorney General William P. Rogers disclosed that all of them were indicted by a federal Grand Jury in New York on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice by refusing to disclose what went on at the November, 1957, underworld meeting.

Thirty six others, including Joseph Barbara Sr., who was host at the conclave in his hilltop Apalachin home, were named as co-conspirators but not defendants.

Some of the men were routed out of bed at 6 a.m. as the nationwide crackdown began.

At mid-morning, the Justice Department said that 15 of the defendants had been arrested and the others were being sought.

The State Department was given \$217,610,000, a cut of \$10,725,000. The Justice Department was voted \$264,100,000, a reduction of \$10,975,000. The U.S. Information Agency was allowed \$113,057,300 or \$7,492,700 less than the President recommended.

In approving the bill for floor consideration next week, the House group voted funds to establish a "brain trust" in the State Department to mastermind economic and political countermeasures against the Communists.

It also okayed \$200,000 for the Justice Department's special drive against the nation's crime organizations and said it expects "substantial and concrete results in the prosecution of the top hoodlums and racketeers."

However, the committee refused to provide \$9,875,000 to build a new Alcatraz-type federal prison for hardened criminals.

On a lesser note, it also turned down a request for \$35,000 to help the Supreme Court rid itself of birds who use the white marble court building as a perching place.

Other congressional news:
Gates: The Senate Armed Services Committee unanimously approved the nomination of Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates to take over as deputy undersecretary of defense. Gates was named to succeed the late Donald A. Quarles who died earlier this month.

Benson: Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois appealed to Senate Democrats to postpone their investigation of Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's farm policies until after Congress adjourns. He also said Benson "need have no concern" because his courage, determination and rightness "is shield and armor enough for any investigation."

Hatfield's remarks startled the state GOP headquarters, which heralded his visit as a chance for Michigan Republicans to absorb the "philosophy and approach" of a Republican who scored an upset victory in November.

However, Hatfield emphasized he was speaking "strictly in the context of Oregon."

He held a joint session of the Michigan Legislature. "I am not here to tell you how to run your state."

Hatfield came to town with 100 grey top hats to help Lansing celebrate its centennial. Oregon is marking its 100th year of statehood in 1959.

The Oregon Republican chose to wear a Lansing Centennial bow tie rather than a green polka-dot bow presented by Williams. The green polka-dot bow is Williams' trademark.

Rogers said today's mass arrest was part of a long-range Justice Department drive against organized crime.

Rogers said the indictments were returned last week but kept sealed until today because one of the 36 co-conspirators—Dominic J. Alaimo—was being tried at Scranton, Pa., on charges of violating the Taft-Hartley Act. He was found guilty on 34 counts Tuesday.

Defendants named included: Joseph Bonadno, Tucson, Ariz.; Joseph F. Civello, Dallas, Tex.; Frank A. Desimone, Downey, Calif.; Simone Scozzari, Rosemead, Calif.

Among those named as a co-conspirator was Vito Genovese, often termed the "don" or leader of the Mafia. He recently was convicted of violating the federal narcotics act.

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