



## TOP JUNIOR SHOWMEN

Candace Stewart of Union and Allan Hill of Cove won top places in junior showmen competition at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union. Candace was judged "champion" showman while Allan won "reserve champion" honor.

## Moscow Talks Could Seal Fate Of Divided Germany

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita Khrushchev and a delegation of East German Communist leaders meet here today in a session that could decide the fate of the Geneva foreign ministers' conference and seal the division of Germany.

Pravda which called East Germany a "bulwark of peace-loving forces." The Germans were bringing economic, chemical, military and other experts with them but all indications were the Geneva conference and the Communist demand the West leave West Berlin were the main topic of discussion. Pravda called the meeting "an important event in the history of our people and our countries."

## THREE CLIMBERS RESCUED FROM MOUNTAIN'S SLOPES

KELSO, Wash. (UPI)—Three mountain climbers were rescued from the slopes of Mt. St. Helens early today after they fell while roped together and slid some 2,000 feet while on a Sunday hike.

All were taken to hospitals in Tacoma, their home town. George Chashman, 38, suffered two broken and dislocated ankles; Jim Stelling, 14, suffered a broken ankle and badly injured hands, and Mrs. Katherine Cockrell received a sprained ankle.

They were among a group of 29 members of the Tacoma Mountaineers who were climbing the 9,671-foot peak. The party had divided into small groups.

The injured trio was roped together when one of them slipped in ice-crusted snow. All three were carried an estimated 2,000 feet.

Lisa Burliner of Tacoma, one of the first to reach the injured climbers, said they were still on their way up when the accident occurred.

"George Chashman was leading the group. They were tied together on a 120-foot rope. Chashman's crimpings didn't hold when he hit soft ice and they all fell a considerable distance out of control until they hit hard ice."

She and other members of her group stayed with the injured trio. Mrs. Winona Olson, whose husband, Ted, is leader of the Mountaineers, brought out word of the

accident to a store on the Spirit Lake highway.

Ironically, members of the St. Helens rescue unit were attending a mountain rescue school on Mt. Hood in Oregon. When word of the St. Helens accident was received, 50 members of the training session left Mt. Hood in a 16-car convoy.

The Hood River Crag Rats arranged with the Civil Air Patrol for an airplane to drop medical supplies to the injured. Blankets and hot coffee also were dropped.

Rescuers said the supplies had to be dropped a considerable distance away because of the terrain at the 4,500-foot level where the injured persons waited. Dr. Carl Jensen, Tacoma, was with the mountain party and administered help to the injured.

## Union Pacific Awards Scholarships To Pair

David Schaud of La Grande and Mary Wilson of Enterprise, both 4-H club members, have received \$100 scholarships to Oregon State college, Corvallis, from the Union Pacific railroad.

Winners of the scholarships have shown excellence in 4-H club project work and now are 4-H junior leaders. Boys winning scholarships under the program will major in agriculture or forestry, and girls will enroll in home economics.

A key statement came from U. S. in a speech released Sunday. He called again for a peace treaty with both East and West Germany. The West at Geneva is resisting such a move in belief it would perpetuate the division of the country.

Diplomatic reports in Geneva said the East Germans also were unhappy at the prospect of a Moscow-dictated peace treaty that would give Poland permanent rights to the disputed territories east of the Oder-Neisse Rivers. The former German territory was given to Poland by Russia after the war.

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## Ike Asks Interest Increase

### Special Message Makes Requests

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Eisenhower asked Congress today to increase the interest rates on savings bonds, abolish the interest restriction on Treasury securities and to boost the national debt ceiling.

In a special message to Congress, Eisenhower said the three steps are needed to "safeguard the public credit."

He asked:

—That the interest on savings bonds be hiked from 3.26 per cent to 3.75 per cent.

—That the 4 1/2 per cent interest rate limit on new issues of marketable Treasury bonds be eliminated.

—That the legal national debt ceiling be increased to 288 billion dollars on a permanent basis and to 295 billion dollars temporarily.

Under present law, the permanent debt limit is 283 billion dollars; the temporary ceiling due to expire June 30 is 288 billions.

The President said "these increases are essential to the orderly and prudent conduct of the financial operations of the government" even though government revenues are expected to cover expenditures in the 1960 fiscal year beginning July 1.

In asking Congress to abolish the interest ceiling on Treasury issues, he said this "artificial ceiling" makes it "virtually impossible to sell bonds in the competitive market."

The increase in the interest rate on series E and H savings bonds will bolster "habits of thrift throughout the nation," his message said.

He said the higher rate should be applied to bonds sold on or after June 1.

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QUEEN OF EVENSONG—Miss Josie Ward, EOC senior from Forest Grove, will reign over tonight's Evensong pageant on the grand stairway leading to the campus. Named Queen of Knowledge, she was picked for the honor by a vote of the college student body.

## 74 EOC Seniors Take Part In Traditional Ceremony

Commencement week activities at Eastern Oregon College continue with the traditional Evensong ceremony, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on the grand stairway behind the college's administration building.

This year's 74 graduating seniors will take part in the festival, lighting candles from the flaming torch representing Knowledge. The EOC student body will then join the seniors to sing traditional songs.

Reigning over the annual event will be Miss Josie Ward, chosen Queen of Knowledge by the student body.

Princesses of the Evensong are Betty Roudeshush and Patsy Carpenter, both of La Grande; Kay Beeson, Enterprise; Linda Woodhouse, Baker; Jeanie Emmonson, Bend, and Janis Robertson, Forest Grove. All are senior honor students at EOC.

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The lawyer said they comprised "as vicious and violent an attack on a plaintiff as can well be imagined, written as you probably will think by as vicious and violent a writer as has ever seen the profession of journalism in the city of London."

## Fate Of Germany Hangs In Balance At Moscow Talks

### EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS CONFER WITH RED BOSS

GENEVA (UPI)—The Soviet Union hinted today it would drop its demand that West Berlin be turned into a defenseless "free city," but Western diplomats called the offer a "trap" that would wreck the Western position there.

They said Soviet diplomats are planting feelers in the scheme of "totally unacceptable" conditions.

The fifth week of East-West negotiations began here in complete deadlock, and it appeared any break would have to come from Moscow where Premier Nikita Khrushchev was meeting today with the top officials of Communist East Germany.

Western diplomats said the Moscow meeting could decide the success or failure of the foreign ministers conference here and whether there will be a summer summit conference.

It also could decide the fate of Germany as well if Khrushchev goes ahead with his plans to write a separate peace treaty with East Germany—A treaty the West believes would seal the division of Germany.

Soviet diplomats planted their feelers on a new deal for Berlin during the week end and this morning. The bait appeared attractive but the Western diplomats were not biting. They called it a new wrapping on an old package.

Coupled with this were diplomatic reports Russia intended to hand over control of West Berlin's lifelines to the East Germans regardless of any Geneva negotiations.

Khrushchev Move Hinted There was speculation Khrushchev might make some move of this sort during his talks with East German Premier Otto Grotewohl and Communist Party Boss Walter Ulbricht.

Western officials were not panicked by hints the East Germans might soon take over checkpoints controlling Western travel along the 110-miles of East Germany leading to West Berlin. They already had decided to deal with the East Germans as "agents" of the Soviet.

A few months ago such a move would have been regarded as a new effort to blockade Berlin.

The most cheerful note in the East-West situation was the British, American and Russian talks on ending nuclear test explosions. The brightest part of that picture was the mere fact the talks were resuming today after a month-long suspension.

According to plan, Crossfield had about two minutes to test responses of the X15 to its complex controls.

In one of those minutes the pilot had to bring the space ship to a predetermined spot over Edwards Air Force Base's sprawling dry-lake bed at about 20,000 feet.

Then, after making one complete circle, the X15 was guided into its landing sweep.

This was the critical moment for the X15 and Crossfield, who had practiced countless similar dead-stick landings in conventional jet aircraft.

Difficult To Plan North American experts had cautioned that the first landing of the ship would be "like driving a racing car toward a brick wall at 100 miles an hour, slamming on the brakes and stopping two feet from the wall—only harder—because if the pilot 'lands' too high the X15 will drop the rest of the way into the ground."

Burglary Attempt Fails At Fruit Co. Warehouse Burglars broke out the upper half of a rear window at the La Grande Fruit Co. warehouse Friday night but failed to gain entrance to the building, according to city police.

Police report an attempt was made to pry open the window. Minor damage resulted to the window and frame.

Youst was knocked to the ground, and according to police, suffered a dislocated hip.

He described the car to police as a 1949 to 1951 Chevrolet or Plymouth with Oregon license plates. It was possibly a green-colored vehicle. Youst didn't get the license number, or any other information about the car or its occupants.

Police Cite Woman After Accident Mrs. June Ambrose, 1615 Albany St., was cited by state police after a minor accident yesterday afternoon on Highway 203 at the intersection to the Flamingo Club. She was charged with failure to yield right-of-way.

According to state police, the accident occurred when the Ford station wagon operated by Mrs. Ambrose pulled in front of an automobile operated by Amelzow Joseph McElroy of Union, heading east on Highway 203.

Minor damage to the McElroy vehicle, and front-door damage to the Ambrose car, resulted. There were no injuries.

Partly cloudy through Tuesday; few showers tonight; low tonight 43-48; high Tuesday, 68-73.

## 4-H GRAND CHAMPION

Keith Humphrey of Union has a right to be proud: his animal took 4-H Grand Champion honors in the fat lamb division of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show held in Union last weekend. Keith is a member of the "Union Pitchforks" 4-H chapter.



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