



**UNVEILING**—George R. Lyman is shown here unveiling the LDS Church marker, Friday afternoon, sponsored by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. He also gave a resume of church history, of which he has played a large part. The marker commemorates the first LDS Church in La Grande. (Observer Photo.)

## IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR PUPS

Every dog has its day. Saturday, two La Grande pups had theirs but there was no ice cream or candy awaiting the strays. A small, black and white puppy was picked up in front of 1112 1/2 Adams by police in the afternoon. He was wearing a red harness but the license was missing. Later, a small, black, bob-tailed pup was picked up at the corner of X and Ash. He, unfortunately, didn't have any identification either. Both dogs were impounded. Some Day!

## Tension Is Easing In Steel Talks

NEW YORK (UPI)—Chances of a peaceful settlement of the steel wage controversy brightened today, with tension between the negotiators eased as a result of President Eisenhower's intervention. Taking advantage of a two week truce—which moved the strike deadline from Tuesday midnight until 12:01 a.m. July 15—the four-man negotiating teams of labor and management have agreed to step up their efforts to reach a settlement. Beginning Wednesday, when the negotiating teams resume their talks, the joint eight-man conferences will hold morning and afternoon sessions until further notice. Although neither side shows any immediate signs of making major concessions, indications are that "realistic" collective bargaining will take place in the near future.

**No Furnace Banking** All talks of steel mills banking blast furnaces and making other plans for a work stoppage died off after both sides bowed to President Eisenhower's appeal on Saturday to bargain "without interruption of production" for another fortnight, if necessary. The two negotiating teams, headed by R. Conrad Cooper for management and Union President David J. McDonald for labor, got together in friendly fashion on Sunday, went through the formality of extending current agreements until 12:01 a.m. July 15, and recessed until Wednesday.

McDonald, meanwhile, will meet behind closed doors today with the union's 33-member executive board, and will confer later in the day with his 171-man Wage Policy Committee. In spite of the revival of hope that both sides are about to buckle down to give-and-take negotiating, management continued to argue its case. Cooper issued a statement calling upon union leaders to "give ear to the public interest" and help combat inflation.

**Whether inflation in America is to receive another push from the current steel negotiations is the issue between us and the leaders of the steel union,"** he said. "By the union's own proclamation steel wages are now at the head of the wage-inflation parade. The Steelworkers could now, if they so choose, rest on their oars and give ear to the public interest."

McDonald rebuffed Cooper's remarks "a rehearsal of the same old mish-mash."

**Firemen Rescue Woman From Fire** PORTLAND (UPI)—Firemen rescued a woman from a blazing house here early Sunday morning. The woman, Mrs. Clara McPherson, 57, became trapped in her bedroom adjacent to the front room of her home which was aflame. The fire, which firemen said was caused from smoker's carelessness, was reported by a neighbor Walter P. Brown. Mrs. McPherson had tried to rise from the bed and had fallen on the floor. Her position below the heat line was credited with saving her life, according to firemen. Firemen Walter Nasmyth and Lt. John Mattson, entered the house. Nasmyth crawled to the woman and Mattson broke a window for an exit. The two lifted her through the window and carried her to safety.

**WEATHER** La Grande: Partly cloudy Tuesday with afternoon showers in the mountains; high Tuesday 70-75; low tonight 40-45.

# House-Senate Conferees OK Farm Aid Measure For Year

## COMMITTEE TONES DOWN SUPPORT LOAN PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—House-Senate conferees today approved a compromise bill providing \$4,686,600,000 for farm aid during the new fiscal year starting July 1.

The conference committee also toned down a proposal that would have put a \$50,000 ceiling on price support loans that any farmer could receive in 1960. The compromise would allow farmers to receive more than this if they agreed to repay all over that amount or to cut their production as much as 20 per cent.

The compromise version also makes the ceiling apply to each crop separately, rather than to single farmers. Both the House and Senate had approved a former ceiling. The revised version also would apply only to crops in which surpluses exist. Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate agricultural appropriations subcommittee, said this would exempt sugar and wool from all of the limits on price support loans.

The compromise now goes back to the House and Senate for final action.

**Other congressional news:** Interest rates: The House Ways and Means Committee gave tentative approval to a new plan for lifting of interest rate ceilings on government bonds. As approved, the Democratic-sponsored measure would give the President power to raise interest rates when he felt it to be "in the national interest." This would place responsibility for such hikes on the administration. Eisenhower had asked for flat repeal of the current ceiling of 4 1/2 per cent on long-term bonds.

**Equal time:** Chairman John C. Doerfer of the Federal Communications Commission told a House subcommittee the FCC's "equal time" rule should be repealed by legislation. The rule requires television or radio station to give equal time to a political candidate even though his opponents appear in a routine news broadcast. Doerfer said political programming should be left to the judgment of TV and radio stations. Board Chairman Robert W. Sarnoff of National Broadcasting Co. told the subcommittee the rule was "unsound in principle and harmful in effect."

**Tax extension:** It appeared Congress would ignore objections of some northern Democrats and renege special excise and corporation taxes for another year. Senate-House conferees voted today to close tax-cutting provisions tacked on by the Senate. Unless the measure is passed before the fiscal year ends Tuesday, the special rates would revert to lower levels in effect before the Korean War.

**Rackets:** The Senate Rackets Committee continued its efforts to show that teamster President James R. Hoffa has failed to clean up his gangster union. A witness today testified that one of Hoffa's friends has secretly gained control of a project to provide Florida homesites for retired teamsters. The man was identified as Benjamin Dranow, a former businessman in Minneapolis.



**DISCUSSING FINANCIAL PROGRAM**—Peter M. Gunnar, Republican State chairman of Salem, and Forrest Masters (left), local chairman for Union County Republican Central committee, discuss the financial program for the 1960 campaign.

## GOP's Gunnar Praises Hatfield In Talk Here

BY VIRGINIA ANDERSON Observer Staff Writer

In a luncheon speech here Saturday, Republican State Chairman Peter M. Gunnar, Salem, pointed out that "the emergency transportation committee which was appointed in March by Gov. Mark Hatfield to help solve the boxcar shortage problem is just one of many programs being carried out by the administration to benefit the entire state."

Gunnar spoke at a Union County GOP Central Committee gathering said "the governor is fully aware that we will soon enter the period when our economy will be handicapped because of the annual car shortage."

"Therefore he took early action by naming R. J. Hogue, of Medford, chairman of a group to study the problem and make recommendations."

"That committee immediately approved an educational plan to encourage shippers to improve the 'housekeeping' of box cars they use," Gunnar said.

"Everything possible is being done to expedite the turn-around of cars which will carry lumber, grain and other Oregon products to market," Gunnar said.

The GOP chairman also pointed to direct action taken by the governor when he "spent many hours conferring with officials of labor and management in an effort to find an equitable solution to the recent pile-driver's strike."

"A party that is active in an off year will win the election in the election year," Gunnar said.

In outlining a five-point program that the Oregon GOP plans to train workers, financial aid, good candidates, and a sound statement of policy.

According to Gunnar the party is beginning to organize Senior Republican clubs along with directing the young Republican group towards the high school level.

Part of the job of the members of this youth group will be to seek out "first voters" and convince them to register and vote Republican.

He stated that the party definitely needs "grass roots" support.

# River Playground Is Scene Of Flaming Death, Injury

MELDRIM, Ga. (UPI)—Skin-divers probed the murky depths of the Ogeechee River today for more victims of an explosion that sent flaming butane gas cascading down on a river playground Sunday afternoon.

At least 17 were dead, some of them children who had been swimming, boating and fishing with their parents and friends at the popular recreation spot near Savannah. Scores were injured, some of them horribly burned.

Many persons were unaccounted for but it was impossible to compile any accurate number. About a hundred were at the spot when the accident happened.

A carefree summer's day turned into a hell-on-earth when 14 cars of a mile-long freight train plunged from a wooden trestle into the crowd of swimmers and picnickers. Two cars filled with butane, an inflammable gas, exploded — apparently touched off by the gaily-winking campfires of the victims-to-be.

A overheated "journal box," which contains wheel bearings, was blamed by some officials for the train's derailment, but others said the cause would not be known for some time.

But Harvey's Fishing Camp, located two miles west of the small town 18 miles from Savannah, has become a name of horror. It is a place where small children screamed and died as a searing sheet of flame turned the quiet waters of the Ogeechee into a flaming river of death and blasted almost 300 acres of land.

For almost two hours after the explosion smoke-blackened ambulance attendants and rescue crews were unable to get closer than 1,000 feet to the scene. Ambulances and Army and Marine Corps helicopters were used to transport the badly-burned victims to hospitals in Savannah, where one tragic scene followed another.

A mother, burned herself over her face and shoulders, ran screaming through the corridors of Memorial Hospital in a frantic search. "I want my little boy," she cried, "I want my little boy."

A doctor caught her gently and told her that her son was dead. The thin voice of a child came through the doors of the hospital emergency room — "I want water, water, water."

**Girl Bitten By Dog While Riding Bike** A large, brown dog Saturday about 4:50 p.m. while riding through the alley in the rear of the Liberty theatre and Tropidara.

The girl was bitten on the calf of her right leg. She was taken to Grande Ronde hospital for treatment. There have been several complaints in regard to this dog.

## 'MENTALLY I'M AT MY BEST'

# Gov. Long Ends Week End At His 'Little Pea Patch'

WINNFIELD, La. (UPI)—Gov. Earl K. Long wound up a lazy weekend in his "little pea patch" today, climbed into his air-conditioned Cadillac with his psychiatrist, and headed back across the state to the motel at Covington he is using as a temporary capitol.

Long announced Sunday he plans to divorce his wife of 27 years for getting him into a mental hospital. He also said he is going to fire at least one more official for helping his wife, Blanche.

Long was wearing a farmer's hat and sitting in the front seat with David Bell, his chauffeur, while the psychiatrist and state Sen. B. B. (Sixty) Rayburn, a cronie, sat on the back seat.

Bell was administrator of veteran affairs until Long got elected and fired him last month. Long took over the biggest part

of the Covington motel last Friday for a temporary state capitol after using his executive powers to get out of a nearby mental hospital, the third he has been in since May 30.

Long, 63, voluntarily submitted to the care of a team of psychiatrists after he regained his freedom and promised them to stay in the motel at least until Friday.

It was not certain what time he will leave today on the 200-mile trip. He arrived late Saturday night at his tin-roofed, frame farm home in Winnfield. He calls it his "little pea patch."

Long announced his intentions to get a divorce to reporters on his back porch Sunday while his psychiatrist, Dr. Paul Pratt, tried to calm him down.

"She raised more hell than the man who fired the shot heard

## Two Men Cited In Truck Mishap

Two La Grande residents were involved in a one vehicle accident on highway 30 about two miles west of town yesterday.

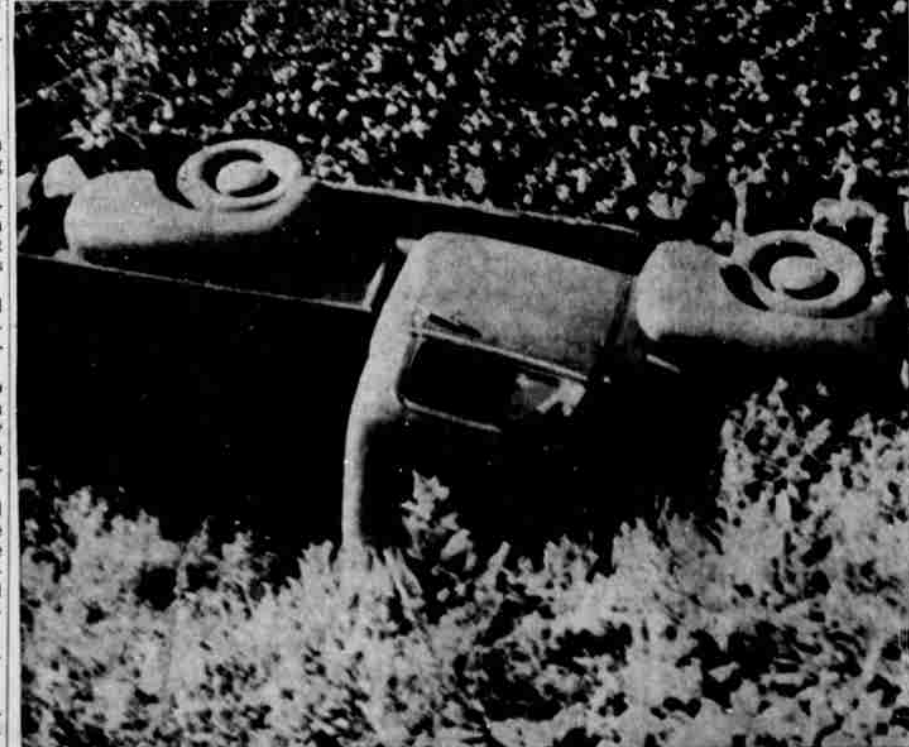
Jim F. McGuire, 1906 Fourth, and Shelby Weaver, 2214 Jefferson, were returning from a fishing trip when the pickup, driven by McGuire, hit the loose gravel on the shoulder of the road, police said. The vehicle turned over once before coming to a stop in the bottom of the borrow pit dividing the old road from the highway under construction.

McGuire was cited for violation of the basic rule and Weaver was issued a citation for being drunk on a public highway according to state police authorities.

A hearing was set for 10 this morning in Justice Court; Judge Miller presiding.

**Overheated Oil Stove Brings City Firemen** The fire department was called to 1902 Penn yesterday to check a hot oil stove in the residence of Mrs. Quebbman.

No equipment was used in answer to the 2:30 call. Firemen checked the stove to make sure it was safe before returning to the station.



**OVER SHE GOES**—A 1952 pickup driven by Jim McGuire, La Grande, went off of highway 30 about two miles west of town yesterday and into the ditch beside the road. Shelby Weaver, La Grande, was a passenger in the vehicle. (Observer Photo)