



HIGH-LIGHT OF CORONATION BALL

At the climax of Elgin's Stampede Queen contest Saturday night, Celia Coclasure was crowned the winner. Queen Celia will reign over the two day Elgin Stampede this coming weekend. Sharing the lime-light with her is, left to right, Mildred Harwood, queen mother; Jordyce Tameris, Elgin; the queen; Ella Mae Denton, Union; and Wanda Schaires, La Grande. The candidates have each been trying to contact as many as possible in the past few weeks to obtain the crown. (Observer Photo)

Queen Celia Coclasure Rules Over 13th Elgin Stampede Festivities

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ELGIN (Special) — Dark-eyed Celia Coclasure was crowned Queen of the 13th Annual Elgin Stampede Saturday night during the intermission of the Coronation Ball here.

"I can't believe it" was all Elgin's newest royalty could say when the announcement was made to the candidates prior to the ceremonies in the Stampede Hall. Celia qualified for the honors by selling more tickets to the two-day rodeo July 25-26, than the other candidates.

Demo Boss Is Riding Out Storm

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Paul M. Butler, who has weathered many storms in five years as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, appears to be riding out another one.

He is still under fire, however, from Democrats in Congress because of his criticism in a television interview two weeks ago of the "conservative and moderate" course of the party's congressional leaders. And he again is under attack from southern Democrats who long have resented his aggressive statements on civil rights.

With an assist from the Democratic Advisory Council, which he created, Butler has been prodding Democrats in the House and Senate for several weeks to take a more belligerent stance toward the administration and to let vetoes fall where they may.

The more critical tone in his July 5 TV interview caused a flareback from Congress and other elements of the party, including some National Committee members who called for his resignation.

Scott W. Lucas, former Democratic leader of the Senate, issued a statement Sunday night saying that Butler's act on "is cause for alarm and imperils our chances for victory."

Butler reported, however, that the public response as indicated by mail to party headquarters was running heavily in his favor. He also said most of the National Committee members from whom he had heard were behind him.

City Fire Truck Ready For Tests

La Grande's new fire truck arrived in the city Saturday night and plans for the testing of the new equipment are underway.

Testing of the truck will begin tomorrow morning at 7 and will continue for six hours. The test will be conducted at the Grande Ronde river near the Valley Sausage Company by a representative of the Oregon Fire Insurance Rating Bureau.

The truck must pump a minimum of 1000 gallons of water a minute for six hours to be accepted by the city. City officials are confident that the truck will perform up to the requirements.

The truck will be officially accepted by the city, after the testing, in a brief ceremony at the City Building at 3:15.

Queen Celia and her court of Jordyce Tameris, Elgin; Wanda Schaires, La Grande; and Ella Mae Denton, Union, were presented to the enthusiastic crowd as they walked through a rose covered archway.

The queen then stepped down from the platform to get the dancing underway again as she and her father led the group to the music of the Blue Mt. Riders. Celia will rule over Elgin's two-day rodeo this weekend.

The event-packed weekend features a rodeo both Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Hayworth Carnival will be there and the Stampedeers are planning a dance both Friday and Saturday night.

Two parades are scheduled for the weekend. The Kid's parade will be Saturday morning and the main parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

An all girl drill team, the Walla Walla Wagonettes, will again be making an appearance in Elgin along with a specialty trampoline act called the Lane Sisters and Homer.

Donk Thompson and Les Case will act as clowns and bullfighters.

Co-chairmen for this year's stampede are Casey Keefer and Larry Follett.

Officers of the sponsoring Stampedeers are Maurice Beck, president; Elmo Boitano, vice president; Irene Kennedy, secretary; and Ray McCall, treasurer.

Local Drivers In Car Mishaps

Three La Grande drivers were involved in weekend automobile accidents according to the police.

Chauncey Albert Walker, 2005 Second St. was involved in an accident with William Adolph Hixon, 1506 Fifth St. Saturday afternoon. The accident occurred at the intersection of Penn and Fifth, the police reported, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Sunday morning at 9:44 two cars collided at the intersection of Third and Adams.

Clement M. Thatcher, 702 Second Ave., was going east on Adams and preparing to turn in Albertson's parking lot when the collision occurred. The other car was driven by Mrs. Loraine Peters of Carey, Idaho, the police said.

No one was injured in either accident.

FAULKNERS IN CRASH

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — The wife of novelist William Faulkner, her son and two others escaped serious injury Saturday night when their station wagon collided with a train at a crossing.



HURRAY, IT FITS OK — Arlene Weatherspoon, last year's Stampede queen places the crown upon the head of the new queen, Celia Coclasure of Elgin. Queen Celia will rule over Elgin's two day rodeo event.



OH! THEY ARE PRETTY—Queen Celia receives her royal bouquet from the flower girl at the Elgin Stampede Coronation Ball, Saturday night. She will be leading her court during the Elgin Stampede set for Saturday and Sunday.

Sec. Herter Makes Proposal To End Deadlock Over Berlin

Uprising Flares Into Civil War As Commies Aim At Iraqi Leaders

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A Communist uprising aimed at overthrowing the Iraqi government flared into civil war in the oil center of Kirkuk, reports reaching Beirut said today. The death toll was reported between 60 and 90 with hundreds injured.

In Cairo the semi-official Middle East News Agency said "civil war" was raging in Kirkuk and that the Communists had seized control of part of the city. The MENA report said the Communists killed ten persons, dropping two of the bodies through the streets.

Peasants Marching For Fidel

HAVANA (UPI) — Thousands of peasants carrying machetes poured into Havana today for the start of a week-long celebration of the Cuban revolution and a new pledge of allegiance to its hero, Fidel Castro.

The Cuban government, purged of a president Castro charged had blocked the forward march of the revolution, was expected to start working with new speed to carve up large farms for the peasants and prosecute objectors.

The new president, Dr. Osvaldo Dorticos Torrada, drafted the texts of many revolutionary laws and decrees and he was expected to sign any that had been left by ousted President Manuel Urrutia Lleo.

Urrutia and Castro both were out of town Sunday. After Castro forced Urrutia's resignation in a four-hour telecast by charging him with near treason, Urrutia rushed to his brother-in-law's home at Bauta, 20 miles east of Havana. The army put an armed guard about the house.

Castro himself went into seclusion and could not be located. Earlier this month, when political tension began to develop in Cuba, Castro called for a demonstration of 500,000 peasants, with their razor-sharp machetes, in Havana next Sunday.

That will be the sixth anniversary of his abortive attack on the Moncada army barracks in Santiago. It took him five and a half years after that defeat to oust Dictator Fulgencia Batista.

About 7,000 peasants from Oriente Province, Castro's old campaign headquarters, set up tents at Camp Liberty Sunday.

They were the vanguard of tens of thousands of peasants who will be pouring into the capital all this week in cars, buses, trucks and trains.

Residents Are Asked To Cut Use Of Water

Residents of La Grande were requested by Fred J. Young, city manager, to curtail their use of water for an indefinite period.

Although there is no water shortage, the people of La Grande are consuming water faster than the city reservoirs can be filled, Young said. The continuing period of hot weather has created an unusual demand for water, Young continued.

To enable the city to keep an adequate supply of water available for emergencies, it will be necessary to confine sprinkling of lawns to the hours between 6 and 9 p.m.

Persons with their own pumps and wells are requested to post signs so that police officers will not have to stop and check. No restrictions are placed on private water supplies.

The city is presently getting three million gallons of water daily into the reservoir. An additional one and a half to two million gallons are being pumped into the reservoir. "Water supplies in the mountains are adequate, the city manager stated. People are just using it faster than we can fill the demand."

A contributing factor Young stated is the fact that the amount of public ground being watered has increased over the years. The city is presently watering 10 acres of parks and 25 acres of school grounds.

The city maintains a water reserve of five million gallons but the unusual demand has caused this to drop. The curtailing of water usage will enable the city to increase the reserve.



ADM. WILLIAM D. LEAHY Dies At 84

War-time Chief Of Staff Adm. Leahy, 84, Dies

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Fleet Adm. William D. Leahy, wartime chief of staff to President Roosevelt, died here today. He was 84.

Death came at the Navy Medical Center in nearby Bethesda, Md., the Navy reported.

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Leahy's career epitomized the Navy tradition: "I have just begun to fight."

When he retired from the Navy in 1939 after 46 years of service, he was not through serving his country. Just ahead of him was perhaps the most challenging role of his life—one in which he was to help shape, without fanfare or heroics, the destiny of the nation in its darkest days.

Built Victorious Fleet
This was his post-retirement role as statesman-diplomat and personal chief of staff to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman.

It was Leahy who—both before and after his retirement from the Navy—helped fashion the foundation for victory in World War II. See ADMIRAL ON PAGE 5

EOC Features Dance Recital On Wednesday

A dance recital by Cornelia Cerr Wednesday at 2 p.m. will be the featured event at EOC during the week.

The program will be held in the administration building auditorium.

Although a native of Oregon, the dancer has had wide experience in Europe and the Eastern United States.

During two years spent in Spain, she studied and learned Spanish dances in the pure folk form.

The public is invited to the free program.

No Time Limit In New Plan

GENEVA (UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter proposed today that the Geneva deadlock over Berlin be broken by converting the present Big Four conference into a permanent commission on Germany with East and West German advisers.

Herter said such a body would have no time limit on its activities—unlike the all-German committee proposed by the Russians which would have to complete German re-unification within 18 months.

The U.S. secretary of state told the Big Four conference that setting up a permanent commission would be a "sensible and businesslike way" of breaking the east-west deadlock here.

Herter spoke for the West as a whole when he delivered the proposal to a plenary session of the East-West foreign ministers conference this afternoon.

Plan Put Privately
Shortly before, the U.S. secretary had put the plan privately before Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during a big four lunch meeting in the villa of British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

It was the first move by the West during the resumed Geneva talks to swing over to the offensive and seize the initiative from the Russians.

Herter sharply attacked the Russian proposal for an all-German commission, describing the Red plan as "totally unacceptable."

Herter charged that Russia was demanding that the west accept Moscow's all-German committee plan without any guarantees in exchange.

"It would merely be in return for a statement that the Soviet Union, for a very limited period of time, would not violate its existing solemn commitments with respect to Berlin," Herter declared.

Pilot Rock Man Reports Theft
A Pilot Rock man reported the theft of paint and cigarettes to the La Grande police Sunday morning.

Leonard Campbell, Box 233, told police that between 8 and 11:59 p.m. Saturday night someone stole a gallon of black paint and five packages of cigarettes from his car. The car was parked on Jefferson St. across from the Eagles Lodge.

The goods were valued at \$7.75.

Fire Rating Is Topic Of Discussion Tonight
A special meeting will be held in the City Building tonight at 7:30 between officials of La Grande and a representative of the Oregon Fire Insurance Rating Bureau.

Topic of discussion at the meeting will be the operation of the Bureau and La Grande's present rating.



THE TALE OF THE TAPE

La Grande police officers, Gaylen Searles, left, and Bob Schiet measure skid marks at the accident that occurred Saturday afternoon. Two La Grande drivers were involved in the accident at the intersection of Penn and Fifth. No one was injured in the collision. (Observer Photo)