



A PICTURE FROM OUT OF THE PAST

Gerald Sanford lifts a bale of hay onto a horse drawn wagon on a farm near La Grande. Bill Tsiatsos drives the team and stacks the bales on the wagon. While most farms have mechanized equipment for almost every chore an occasional drive on the backroads around the

valley will produce scenes familiar to many an old timer and widen the eyes of youngsters. Although the picture is from the past, the balloon tires on the wagon bring the scene up to date. (Observer Photo)

Ruins Of Roseburg Disaster Probed For Victim's Bodies

Swimmers Competing Here Today

A record crowd was expected for the third annual Eastern Oregon Swimming and Diving Championships being held this afternoon at the Veterans Memorial Pool. Competing for team and individual honors at the annual event, highlight of the district's swimming program for the season, were the swim clubs of Hermiston, last year's winner; Pendleton, 1957 titleholders, and La Grande. Added to the pool's bleachers last night by a crew composed of Howard Fisk, Ellis Scott, Jim Phillips and Dale Feik were two sections, obtained from the Jaycee race track. The new sections will seat about 100 fans.

A new casualty to the growing list of illness cases on the La Grande team was reported last night. She is Sharon Beckel, under treatment for a number of days for strep throat. She has been scratched from four events and will be lost to the team for the meet.

Other illness cases, reported yesterday, may see limited action today. They are Margaret Gregory, Art Samson, Jim Hilary and Mike Challis.

One of the highlights of the 50-event meet will be the appearance of the team's water ballet group in a new routine. The group of 10 girls is led by Marilee Meppen and Dot Ann Anson.

The championships will be climaxed tonight by a Youth Activities Council Teenage dance at the Armory, starting at 8:30 o'clock. The dance is open to all young people of the area, including members of the visiting teams. A small admission charge will be made. Dancing will be until 11:30 p.m.

GOT PROBLEMS? TAKE A WALK

Charles Snyder had a problem but a little walk solved it for him.

Snyder, 304 Washington St., walked out of his house last night between 11 and 11:30 and discovered his car was gone.

Needing a little exercise, Snyder started walking to the police station to report the incident. On the corner of Walnut and Adams Snyder found his car. The brake was set and apparently the car had been pushed or rolled from in front of his house.

With his car safe and sound Snyder drove home, called the police and reported an attempted auto theft.

ASHES ARE SENT TO STATE LABORATORY FOR TESTS

ROSEBURG (UPI)—The ruins of one of Oregon's worst disasters were searched today for the remains of more victims feared cremated when six tons of dynamite and ammonium nitrate were touched off by fire.

The known death toll was 10 and three more persons were missing and presumed dead. Deputy Coroner Russ Carry said "we are positive I'm afraid the final toll may be between 25 or 30."

The Red Cross, in a preliminary damage estimate, listed four apartment houses destroyed. Carry said "we know there were people in those places."

Ashes Seen The deputy coroner said some ashes, believed to be remains of human bones, were sent to the state crime laboratory. Other ashes were spotted in the rubble. Carry said ashes from bones are a different color and that the odor indicated there were more bodies.

Fifteen persons remained hospitalized here and one at Eugene. Four of them were in critical condition. One victim, a four-year-old girl, died in a hospital. Only five of the nine bodies recovered from the ruins had been identified.

The blast leveled eight square blocks and engineers checked other buildings to see if they were in danger of crumbling.

The Red Cross, in a preliminary survey, listed about 350 businesses damaged. Many near the blast center were destroyed. Six hotels were closed. The survey said 12 homes were destroyed, 35 suffered major damage and about 250 had minor damage.

Carry said some of the ruins were still so hot that no search of them could be made today.

Deep Crater A 15-foot deep crater about 50 feet in diameter marked the place where driver George Rutherford parked his six-ton load of dynamite and a mixture of ammonium nitrate and diesel oil. A fire in a warehouse nearby set off the truck.

Downtown area four blocks long and two blocks wide was "pretty well leveled and gutted by fire." Police Chief Vernon Murdock said. City Manager John Warburton estimated the total loss at 10 million dollars.

Acting Gov. Walter Pearson flew here from the capital at Salem. He said the disaster's cost was "by far the greatest this state has ever experienced."

Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard

Pearson Commends Residents

SALEM (UPI) — Acting Gov. Walter J. Pearson said Friday night the Roseburg explosion was one of the "worst disasters which has ever occurred in the state of Oregon."

Pearson, who flew to Roseburg Friday with Warner Nunn, Gov. Mark Hatfield's executive assistant said that "the loss in property is by far the greatest the state has ever experienced."

He said the total property loss probably would run in excess of 10 million dollars.

"At this time we know of nine fatalities. I am hopeful the number will not grow very much, if any." But he added that many ruins had not been checked because of the intense heat.

Pearson said the people of Roseburg are to be commended in the highest possible terms for the courage and relative calm they have displayed.

Hatfield Flying To Stricken City

PORTLAND (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield was due at Portland International airport this afternoon from the annual governors' conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He planned to fly to Roseburg later in the afternoon.

Hatfield first received word of the disastrous explosion when his plane touched down Friday in Memphis, Tenn. He issued this statement:

"To the families of those who have suffered this tragic loss, may I extend deepest sympathy. I have been in touch with developments and the responsible forces which have moved into the situation. I have every confidence in those who are in charge."

Oregon's Solons Seek Federal Help For City

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Oregon's two senators requested aid from President Eisenhower Friday in the Roseburg disaster.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) also sent requests for aid to the Federal Housing Administration in Portland and the Portland branch of the Small Business Administration asking them to look into the possibility of aid.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) wired President Eisenhower urging federal assistance.

PREMIUM BOOK SENT

Premium books for the Union county fair have been sent out to people who have entered the fair in previous years.

All those people who would like a copy of the book may get one free of charge by contacting the Chamber of Commerce or Baum Insurance.

Eisenhower To Meet With Top NATO Brass At Paris In Fall

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower plans to meet with top officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris in early September, the White House announced today.

News Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President will discuss with NATO leaders "important aspects of the current world situation of concern to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

The meeting, which apparently will take place about Sept. 4, will be with Joseph M. A. H. Luns, Netherlands foreign minister and president of the North Atlantic Council, and Paul Henri Spaak, secretary general of NATO.

The meeting with Luns and Spaak means, in effect, that the request from some NATO country

heads for a summit meeting of all treaty organization nations has been rejected.

Such a meeting had already been vetoed in Paris by French President Charles de Gaulle.

Today's announcement was expected to be followed by others on the President's plans to meet with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Italian Prime Minister Antonio Segni.

The President's talk with Luns and Spaak will be his only contact with the smaller of the 15 NATO nations before his top level conversations with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev who is visiting the United States Sept. 15.

White House, State Department, and Soviet officials, meanwhile, went to work to hammer out details of the forthcoming series of visits.

Hagerty said announcements could be expected almost any time concerning various phases of the President's trip to Europe later this month and the later exchange of visits with Khrushchev.

A New York congressman urged the President to visit West Berlin on his trip to Europe later this month.

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton (D-N.Y.) said in a telegram to the President that a visit by him to the former German capital would emphasize "our determination to stand firm in Berlin."

He said such a visit would show the world there had been no slackening in the U.S. position despite the invitation for Soviet Premier Khrushchev to come to this country next month.

The White House announced yesterday that Eisenhower will fly to Europe Aug. 28 for talks with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in London and French President Charles de Gaulle in Paris.

he tried he couldn't raise Doran. Other police officers found the lawman lying beside his patrol car 20 miles south of San Francisco, shot six times with a .32 revolver.

Robillard was picked up shortly after he registered with an alias name in the Upland Hotel here.

San Mateo authorities said Robillard was armed and considered dangerous.

Robillard offered no resistance when he was captured. Detectives entered the man's hotel room while he was in bed. When he looked up, he was surrounded by officers.

Meanwhile, a man answering the description of Robillard held up a motorist in Belmont, Calif., late last night.

Doran had radioed his dispatcher asking for a check on license plates of a car he was following. The dispatcher discovered the plates had been stolen but when

HIS PAINTING WAS TOO MUCH

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Mrs. Edgar L. Rice, 38, told a divorce judge she refused a reconciliation with her 41-year-old housepainter husband, because of the way he used his paints.

Mrs. Rice said he painted signs on his car reading "Mom wants a divorce, I don't," and "My wife is the meanest woman on earth," and "won't let me see my son," and parked the car in front of their Whittier, Calif., home.

Said Mrs. Rice: "I've had it."

Sunday Final Performance Of Local Play

Jack Rye who plays the part of Joe Meek in Al Kaiser's "Doctor In Buckskin Clad" admitted to some "apprehension" in last night's performance with direct descendants of the pioneer in the audience. A near capacity crowd saw the performance.

Helen Mar Meek and her father Fred Meek were introduced by director Dick Hiatt at the beginning of the play. As "Miss Pioneer Oregon," Joe Meek's great granddaughter spoke of the role that her ancestors had played in the early settlement of the Oregon territory.

The final performance of the play will be tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the college coliseum.

The musical score was impressive and its composer, Wallace Johnson formerly of Union and now of Salem, was also there for the performance.

The cast of the play will be traveling to Independence, Ore., to make a one-night presentation of the play in conjunction with the arrival of the Oregon Centennial wagon train.

Hiatt and Rhodes Lewis, who is directing the music, will leave a few days ahead of the cast and arrange mechanical elements and rehearse an orchestra and chorus made up of people from that area.

Stanton Griffith Is In Hospital

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former U. S. Ambassador Stanton Griffith rested at New York Hospital today after returning from Italy to undergo treatment for two broken ribs and internal injuries suffered in a fall in a Venice hotel.

Griffith, who is 72, was reported to be in good condition. He arrived at Idlewild Airport Friday night and was driven in his car to the hospital. He immediately was taken to a private room in a wheelchair.

Griffith was accompanied by his physician who flew to Italy to escort the former diplomat back to the United States. Griffith was injured several days ago when he slipped on a marble step in his hotel suite and fell.

SUSPECT IN COP KILLING GRABBED BY AUTHORITIES

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—Salt Lake City police early today arrested a man wanted in connection with last Wednesday's slaying of a Hillsborough, Calif., police officer.

The suspect, identified as Alex Robillard, 19, was picked up in a hotel room here shortly after he got off a bus he had ridden here from Reno, Nev.

Police here had been tipped that the suspect was en route to Utah's capital city by the San Mateo County sheriff's office.

He is wanted in connection with killing officer Eugene Doran early Wednesday.

Doran had radioed his dispatcher asking for a check on license plates of a car he was following. The dispatcher discovered the plates had been stolen but when

Baker Stock Car Races For Sunday Cancelled

The stock car races scheduled for the Baker track tomorrow have been cancelled according to Em Smock, racing official at the La Grande track.

The insurance on the Baker track hasn't arrived from Lloyd's of London and officials were forced to cancel the meet. Races will be held in Baker July 22.

ATOMIC CONTRACT SIGNED

PARIS (UPI) — Euratom, the six-nation European atomic pool, Friday signed a three-year contract to help France finance a nine million dollar program of research into nuclear fusion.

Steady Stream Of Messages Pour In To Congratulate Elizabeth II

LONDON (UPI) — Her people told Queen Elizabeth in an almost ceaseless stream of messages today that the news she would be a mother again was delightful. Commander Richard Colville, Buckingham Palace press officer, and the man who announced yesterday that the British monarch was expecting a baby early next year, said the congratulatory messages were pouring in.

The expressions of joy were summed up by Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies, who said "we are all delighted."

Colville said the messages were mainly from people in the Commonwealth, with a large number from Canada.

He said the congratulations were coming from public officials, leading citizens and private individuals.

Some of the cables and telegrams have been sent directly on



QUEEN ELIZABETH II Expecting Baby

REAPS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Scientists Pleased With Performance Of Satellite

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Scientists reported today they were highly pleased with the first day's performance of Explorer VI, the Paddlewheel satellite fired into orbit Friday.

The jubilant scientists said that the new addition to America's space achievements already had reaped information of vast importance to future rocket probes of the moon and planets.

The successful launching heightened the likelihood of a rocket "moon mission" in October and a probe millions of miles into space tentatively scheduled for November.

It also raised the possibility of a rocket shot toward Mars when the red planet is in a suitable position Oct. 1, 1960, and toward Venus in 1961.

Explorer VI, nicknamed the Paddlewheel because of four paddle-shaped solar cell vanes, was launched into the longest flatter orbit ever achieved by an earth satellite.

The orbit extends 25,000 statute miles from earth at its farthest point and within 150 miles at its closest approach. It takes 12 1/4 hours to complete each full circuit.

The 142-pound satellite, roughly the size and shape of a medicine ball, blasted off Friday morning atop a Thor-Able III rocket packing 150,000 pounds of thrust.

On its first trip around the earth, the orbit carried the paddle-wheeler over South Africa at the highest point and over Singapore at the lowest.

It is the most complicated scientific instrument ever dispatched on a space mission—at least by the United States.