



### CAUGHT IN MID-AIR

Bonnie Scott of La Grande demonstrates the form that won trophies in diving for her at the Spokane Chronicle Swim meet and the Pasco meet. Bonnie is a member of the La Grande Swim Team.

### 'The Oregon Trail' Opens At Local Theatre Tomorrow

"The Oregon Trail," a Twentieth Century-Fox release opening Wednesday at the Granada theatre, is a big story with a big cast.

Fred MacMurray, Nina Shipman, Gloria Talbott, Henry Hull, and John Carradine start along with Elizabeth Patterson, John Dierkes, James Dail, John Sanford, Tex Terry and Arvo Ajala.

"The picture is about people, their hopes, fears and ambitions," producer Richard Einfeld said. "It happens to be laid in an era of covered wagons, Indians and outlaws but except for costumes and modes of transportation, it is as modern a story as you could write today."

"The Oregon Trail" tells of the United States' efforts to protect its citizens who have undertaken the long trek to Oregon and of the government's negotiations with England over the area in determining which nation will control it.

MacMurray plays a newspaperman sent to report to his paper of developments in the territory.

William Bishop is an Army officer, traveling incognito, on his way to help protect the settlers. Nina Shipman and John Carradine are members of the wagon train and Gloria Talbott is a half-breed Indian girl who falls in love with MacMurray. Henry Hull is the wagon train boss.

Five large sets were used in the production including two sound stages, the wagon train set, the Ft. Laramie set and the reproduction of the town of Westport, jumping off place in Missouri for trains headed west.

In reproducing these actual places, the Twentieth Century-Fox research department spent days determining just what Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, looked like at the time.

An example of the detail work which went into making "The Oregon Trail" is found in the use of one pistol in a scene for the picture. Einfeld managed to borrow from the Colt arms company a Whitney-Walker, six-shot Colt revolver, one of two which are in existence today. It is valued at \$5,000.



STARRING—Fred MacMurray and Gloria Talbott play leading roles in the Twentieth Century-Fox production of "The Oregon Trail."

### Platters Nabbed On Morals Charge

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI)—The four platters, a nationally known singing group, were to appear in Municipal Court here today on morals charges after police arrested them at a hotel with four 19-year-old girls early Monday.

Charged with aiding and abetting prostitution were David Lynch, 30, El Centro, Calif.; Herbert A. Reed, 31, Los Angeles; Sam Williams, 31, Hollywood, and Ervin Robi, 26, El Centro.

Also appearing in court were the girls, booked on charges of prostitution.

Police said they broke into the singers' room at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel and found them with the girls, three of whom were nude and one clad only in a slip.

The entertainers had completed an engagement Sunday at the Copa Club in nearby Newport, Ky., where police said they met the girls.

### 'Velocitation' Very Important For The Driver

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—The new cars built more and more for safety, are becoming more and more dangerous for the driver who doesn't know what "velocitation" means.

The new term stands for the gradual loss of ability to tell how fast you're going. The bigger and heavier the car, and the straighter the road, the more likely this phenomenon will make you another traffic statistic.

Myron Willison, Ohio Trucking Assn., safety expert, warns that a driver suffering from "velocitation" may be clipping along as much as 20 miles an hour faster than he thinks he is.

The way to avoid it, says Willison, is by glancing frequently at the speedometer.

"Many motorists on trips gradually increase their speed as the day wears on without being aware of it," he says.

### Railroads End Trains That Fail To Pay

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation's railroads are dropping unprofitable passenger trains as fast as they can.

An Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) survey showed today that the railroads have discontinued 41 passenger trains since an administrative short cut was approved by Congress one year ago.

In addition, the lines have started proceedings to eliminate 60 more interstate passenger runs and 40 interstate trains.

The ICC also gave railroads permission to abandon 4,664 miles of track from 1954 to the start of this year.

The trend appeared to bear out a warning by ICC examiner Howard Hosmer that inter-city passenger train service would be dead by 1970 if railroads continued their current practices.

The flood of discontinued trains followed approval of the 1958 Transportation Act which eliminated the previous regulatory red tape surrounding route abandonments.

Under the act, a railroad must give 30-days notice of plans to abandon passenger trains. The ICC then has 20 days to block the proposal by suspending the discontinuance for four months pending an investigation.

Previously, proposals to abandon passenger train service were handled by less sympathetic state regulatory commissions. Now, if a state commission fails to act or denies a discontinuance, the railroad is free to petition the ICC.

### Grandma Likes TV Appearance

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Grandma Emma Gatewood, the 71-year-old hiking great-grandmother from Gallipolis, Ohio, tried television on for size Monday and liked it.

She appeared as a special guest on the Art Linkletter House Party show here and "walked" off with a trio of prizes.

She won \$100, a handful of assorted corn remedies, and a road map to Mexico City.

Mrs. Gatewood chatted with Linkletter and displayed her crepe-soled shoes and battered umbrella.

She impressed the studio audience with the statistics of her trip—95 days on the road, averaging 22 miles a day—all on foot.

The walking grandmother will return to Portland, Ore., where she will appear in a special "Ohio Day" celebration Wednesday at the Oregon Centennial exposition.

### Suffocation Claims 5-Week-Old Baby Girl

PORTLAND (UPI)—A 5-week-old baby girl died early Monday, apparently of suffocation.

The victim was Kim Lee Boljat. Her mother, Helen Boljat, said the infant may have been suffocated by a plastic material used as trimming around her crib.

A policeman, James L. Rogers, gave the infant mouth-to-mouth respiration from the time he arrived until she was brought to Good Samaritan hospital, but was unable to revive her.

An autopsy was planned.

## Market Quotations

**PORTLAND LIVESTOCK**  
PORTLAND (UPI)—USDA—Livestock:

Cattle 300; good-choice steers Monday 26-50-28.75; two head at 29; good heifers Monday 26-27.25; stiltly cows 16-17; canners-cutters 3-14.50, few 15; few utility bulls 23-23.25; light cutters 18-22.50.

Calves 160; good-choice vealers steady at 26-29.50; few 30; 53-head of 326 lb. good-mostly choice mixed stock steer and heifer calves 9, with 13 head at 28.

Hogs 450; 1 and 2 butchers 190-25 lb. 16.50; 23-head lot 225 lb. 6.75; 1, 2 and 3 grade 15.50-16.

Sheep 750; steady; choice nearly spring lambs mostly 20; good-choice 19-19.50; few utility—good 7-95 lb. 17-18.50; ewes 2-4.50.

**PORTLAND DAIRY**  
PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market:

Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA extra large, 50-52c doz.; AA large, 47-49c; A large, 44-47c; AA medium, 37-40c; AA small, 23-25c, cartons 1-3c additional.

Butter—To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 66c lb.; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 64c.

Cheese (medium cured)—To retailers: A grade cheddar single daisies, 41-51c; processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 40-43c.

### N. Y. STOCKS

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks recovered a small part of Monday's severe loss today.

There were a few standouts in the list with gains of 3 or more points but on the whole fractional gains predominated.

DuPont was strong in the chemicals, up around 5 points at its high. Caterpillar Tractor ran up more than 4 points at its best. American Home Products, trailing ex-dividend, rose more than 6 points.

Gains of 2 to 3 points or more appeared in Brunswick Balke, Oca-Cola, Eastman Kodak, Firestone, Great Northern Paper, Offman Electronics, Litton, Minnesota Mining, Motor Products, Motorola, Shell Oil, Texas Instruments, U.S. Gypsum, and Zenith.

The electronics, which paced Monday's decline, were in the vanguard of today's recovery movement. IBM jumped more than 10 at its best level. Auto stocks were firm on balance, as were oils, rails, chemicals, steels, cameras, and nonferrous metals. The aircrafts were mixed.

If you consider that the purchasing power of the dollar was \$1.00 in the 1947-49 period, then it was worth \$268.10 in 1909 and less than 83 cents today.

### Stock Market Decline Over

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stock brokers generally agreed today that the worst of the stock market's most severe decline in almost four years is over. The shakeout Monday wiped about seven billion dollars from stock values.

Brokers agreed that the selling which sent the industrial average down 14.78 points Monday was principally the result of profit-taking following the market's recent surge to new all-time highs.

The feeling is that the selling will set a new base from which the bull market can resume its advance. Martin Gilbert, analyst for Vanalstine, Noel & Co., summed up the thinking of the majority with the observation: "The worst is over."

"The market has experienced a good technical correction and now is at a support level from which it can rally," he said.

### REDS INTERCEPT SAMPAHS

HONG KONG (UPI)—A Communist Chinese gunboat Monday fired on four sampans loaded with Chinese fleeing to the Portuguese island of Macao and captured three of them, it was reported today. One boat with eight Chinese aboard made it safely to Macao harbor, just off the Chinese mainland. The other three were towed back to Lappa, the Communist commune on the river opposite Macao.

### Crippled Navy Plane Lands Safely At Hilo

HILO, Hawaii (UPI)—The crew of a crippled Navy patrol bomber told today how they threw overboard almost everything, including their parachutes, during their 1,600-mile touch and go flight over the Pacific Monday.

The Navy Neptune P2V with 11 men aboard landed safely at Hilo after one of the two propeller engines failed approximately 1,000 miles out.

The plane was enroute from Alameda, Calif., to Barber's Point near Honolulu.

"We just figured we would be too low to bail out anyway," said Lt. (jg) B. R. Briggs, 27, Marietta, Ohio, "so we just tossed out the parachutes, food, galley, gas tanks, radar equipment and everything else that was loose on board."

"After the starboard engine coughed three times, exploded flames and began vibrating, we dropped like a rock from 8,000 feet to about one hundred feet over the waves. We used our auxiliary jets intermittently to gain altitude, but we would always drop back down again."

"We continued this roller-coastering over the whitecaps for about two hours before we stabilized at 65 feet and came in for the landing," Briggs said.

"The plane had less than half an hour's fuel supply left when it made the emergency landing here. Crew members gave full credit to the intercept planes for bringing them in safely."

Other crew members included co-pilot Lyle Anderson, 24, Duluth, Minn.; M. R. Johnson, Galesburg, Ill.; L. T. Lowe, Edenton, N.C.; Russ L. Horn, Oak Harbor, Wash.; James D. Ruff, Schuylerville, N.Y.; Thomas G. Hart, Grand Forks, N.D.; and Richard H. Chambers, Gallipolis, Ohio.

One out of every seven medical bills covered by health insurance in the U.S. is \$500 or more while more than half fall between \$100 and \$499.

### Applying Certifies All Signatures For Tax Voting

SALEM (UPI)—Secretary of State Howell Applying Monday certified the signatures on a petition referring the major state income tax bill to the people in 1960.

The referendum petition was circulated by the Citizens' Committee for Economy and Equitable Taxation, an Albany-headquartered group.

Applying said he had accepted 30,190 signatures—more than enough to have the measure put on the ballot.

Of the signatures collected, only 322 were declared invalid, Applying said.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has said that even though the measure is referred, the state should be able to get through the biennium by practicing "rigid economies."

The bill to be voted upon would hike taxes, especially in the middle income bracket, chiefly by not allowing taxpayers to deduct federal income taxes from state returns.

### Timber Blaze Destroys Five Ukiah Homes

UKIAH, Calif. (UPI)—Firefighters early today contained a timber and brush fire that destroyed five homes and threatened this city of 12,000 but a second blaze nearby continued to rage out of control.

The second fire already has destroyed more than 2,200 acres.

State forestry crews and fire fighting equipment from nine nearby cities were rushed here last night to battle the first blaze, which drove terrified animals from nearby hills into the streets, and forced the evacuation of scores of homes.

Two men were spared death earlier Monday when a helicopter rescued them from an area surrounded by flames. They had been working on a television cable to a mountain-top transmitter.

Five homes caught in the south-easterly path of the flames were burned to the ground.

Home owners opened their back yards to stray pets and horses. Frightened animals ran wildly down city streets. One homeowner said he saw a deer and a bobcat loping side by side in front of his house. A young boy led a frightened mare down a patch just minutes before flames overran the path.

Two other fires were reported out of control. One has burned more than 600 acres near Willits, 10 miles north of here. Ukiah is located in the redwood timber country.

### Brush Fire Is Contained

ELSINORE, Calif. (UPI)—A brush fire that started Saturday when a pickup truck crashed and caught fire was contained and expected to be under control today.

The cost was two lives, more than 50 injured firemen, six in critical condition, and 1,600 acres of valuable watershed once covered with thick bushes and dotted with scrub oak and pine trees.

One home was destroyed by the fast-moving blaze. But some 250 others were saved by determined firefighters who battled the wind-whipped blaze in some cases right up to the yards of homes.

Ben Slater, 31, and Andy Brooks, 24, both of nearby Santa Ana, died of injuries Monday suffered in a flare-up Saturday as firefighters made their stand against flames threatening homes in Lakeland Village.

### Portland Boys Killed By 'Unloaded' Rifle

PORTLAND (UPI)—A Portland boy was fatally wounded Monday with an "unloaded" rifle.

The victim, John William Bradford, 9, was shot in the forehead with a .22-caliber rifle while he and a playmate, 12-year-old Michael Mickels were looking at the rifle.

The Mickels boy told police they thought the gun was unloaded.

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