

School Bells Set To Ring In Area; Instructors Hired

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School bells ring for La Grande youngsters August 31, as classrooms with fresh paint on the walls and coats of wax on the floors, open for another year.

There will be 28 new teachers in the local school system and a guidance director will be on duty in both the junior high and high school.

Don O'Neill, who has had overseas guidance experience on an army and navy base has been hired for the director position. He has a masters degree from the University of Idaho.

Transfers Are Due

All students living east of Fourth street who would normally be in the sixth grade at Central this fall, will be transferred to Ackerman. This will make 18 classes of youngsters at Central with one being transferred to Ackerman. Schools at Cove will open September 8, at 8:45 a.m. and buses will leave at 3:30 p.m. All first graders are asked to have birth certificates at registration.

Four new grade school teachers have been employed for the coming year. They are Ruben Moore, grade school principal; Robert Stewart, who will teach the sixth grade; Clara Lowry, third grade; Thelma Hogg, fourth grade.

Same Faculty

The high school faculty will be the same as last year. Elgin schools will also open September 8.

High school registration will take place August 29, at the high school. Freshmen and sophomores will report between 8 and 12 in the morning, and juniors and seniors between 1 and 5 p.m.

Six new teachers have been hired this year. They are Supt. A. R. Sayre, Russell Rhodig, seventh and eighth grade; Dale Hargett, eighth grade and football coach; Marian Morgan, home economics; Joe Miller, mathematics and assistant football coach; and Gerald Hollingsworth, science.

Fire-Scarred Wasp Returns To Dock With 20 Injured

QUONSET POINT, R.I. (UPI)—The fire-scarred, 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Wasp docked here today with two dead and 20 injured in a fire and explosion at sea.

The Wasp, flagship of Task Force Bravo which is developing new ways to hunt and destroy enemy submarines, was torn by a below-deck hangar blaze Tuesday when a helicopter engine "ran away" and exploded as the ship steamed 250 miles off the coast.

The navy identified the dead as Lt. Jim Frank Hagan, Marianna, Fla., and Airman Apprentice Donald Howard Trask, Keene, N. H. The navy said Hagan was near the helicopter when it exploded.

FALL OPENING PARADE

Cy Taylor, Fall Opening Parade chairman, is urging all parade entrants to register in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Entries may include business firms, organizations or individuals. The parade will start at 7 p.m. August 26.



SINGING IN THE RAIN—Judy, left, and Libby Hall were singing in the rain this morning on their way downtown. Occasionally they stopped to paddle in a puddle as rain ended La Grande's hot, dry summer. The girls, who live at 1002 N. Ave. have just stepped off the curb into water. (Observer Photo)

Raul Castro's Warning May Cripple New Peace Group Before It Starts

SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI)—A "hands off" warning by Raul Castro to the Organization of American States threatened today to cripple the new Inter-American Peace Commission before it even starts work.

The OAS foreign ministers conference was over only a few hours and the 21 ministers were in high spirits at their "Declaration of Santiago" when the Cuban military chief flew into this Chilean capital Tuesday night.

He indicated Cuba would refuse to admit the peace commission to investigate charges that Cuba had aided invaders of other Caribbean nations.

Farm Bureau Sets Meeting Thursday

A combined Union County and La Grande Center Farm Bureau meeting will be held in the FB hall in Island City Thursday.

The meeting will include routine business as well as a program with slides on citizenship. The title for the narrative is "What is Liberty Worth to You?" and will be given by Mrs. Grant Henderson, OFBF Citizen chairman.

Members will also have a chance to look over the newly decorated county office. Refreshments will be served following the 8:00 p.m. meeting.

Aftershocks Ignored As Hunt Continues For Quake Victims

Conferees Make Gains On Labor Reform Bill; Real Test Comes Later

WASHINGTON (UPI)—House-Senate conferees were reported making "pretty good progress" today in their second meeting on the labor reform bill.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) gave the report to newsmen as he left the conference committee early to attend the opening of the Senate session.

The conferees were taking up noncontroversial issues first in their effort to hammer out a compromise between the House and Senate bills. Dirksen said the meeting would continue all day.

They made an auspicious start late Tuesday by agreeing quickly on a "bill of rights" provision for rank-and-file union members. They also were in accord on reporting requirements for labor unions.

There was little difference in these provisions, however, in the reform bills originally passed by the Senate and House. The true test will come when the conferees tackle the big issues.

But for the time being the lawmakers expressed encouragement over the results.

Chairman Graham A. Barden (D-N.C.) of the House Labor Committee, the head of the House conferees, said he hoped the committee could reach agreement on a compromise by the end of the week. He said he saw no reason for any deadlock as some key Democrats predicted during the recent Senate debate.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), author of the Senate's Kennedy-Ervin Bill, declared: "We're making progress." Kennedy presided at the first closed-door session.

The committee faces its most difficult task in trying to resolve differences on organizational, or "blackmail," picketing and secondary boycotts. The House Landrum-Griffin Bill would impose more stringent curbs on unions in these fields than would the Senate measure.

The committee planned to meet daily for the rest of the week. It is working under a threat by some Senate Republicans to discharge the committee, if it does not reach agreement within the next week, and vote directly on the "tougher" House bill.

Cause Sought Of Gas Blast; 2 Firemen Die

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UPI)—Authorities today sought the cause of an explosion at a service station that speeded flaming gasoline on a line of firemen, killing two of them and injuring more than 100 persons, including 60 firefighters.

The dead were two Kansas City, Mo., firemen, Virgil L. Sams, 28, who died about four hours after he was admitted to General Hospital at Kansas City, Mo., and Neil Owens, 28, who died later at General.

Listed as in very critical condition today were four firemen and a truckdriver. The firemen, all from the Kansas City, Mo., department, were Delbert Stone, Peter Sirna, George Edward Bartel and Homer Cook, Jr.

At Providence Hospital in Kansas City, Kan., was Francis J. Toomis of Kansas City, Mo., a driver for the Navajo Truck Line.

More than 60 firefighters were injured in the massive blaze and more than a dozen persons were overcome by smoke inhalation and heat before the explosion.

Firemen from both Kansas cities joined forces to battle the blaze which was just across the state line in Kansas. Damage estimates today ran into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Rescuers Search For Feared Fourth Victim Of Flood

NEEDLES, Calif. (UPI)—Rescuers searched today for the feared fourth victim of a flash-flood which tossed autos off the highway like toys and stranded some 500 motorists for 12 hours.

Three bodies already have been found and the fourth is feared buried under several feet of sand carried by the churning 15-foot crests of water which roared down desert washes following a cloudburst.

The four men were part of a railroad crew of six workers whose truck was swept away by the flood as they drove to repair torn up track. The two other men escaped by clinging to a bridge.

Eight other persons also reported their cars were swept off U.S. Highway 66 and 95 by the flood, but all escaped injury. The two highways were impassable for up to 12 hours after the flash-flood struck late Monday and early Tuesday.

Conflict Between Ike And Congress Shifts To House

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The deepening conflict between the Democratic-controlled Congress and President Eisenhower over housing legislation shifted today to the House.

The Senate late Tuesday passed a \$1,050,000,000 housing bill despite Republican warnings that President Eisenhower may veto it just as he did an earlier, more costly measure. The vote was 71-24.

Democratic leaders in the House expressed general satisfaction with the Senate measure and indicated it probably would be approved substantially as it arrived. The measure is not expected to reach the House floor, however, until next week at the earliest.

The bill, among other things, would reduce down payments on FHA-insured mortgages exceeding \$13,500 and continue the FHA home improvement loan program.

CAUGHT WITH PANTS DOWN

CHICAGO (UPI)—Some 100 mothers faced a major crisis Monday because of a thief. The thief made off with a truck containing 6,000 diapers, most of them clean ones. Emergency shipments reached the 100 waiting homes about 2 1/2 hours late, according to Edward Weinberg, owner of the Service.

Satellite Rocket Is Launched

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (UPI)—A "round trip" Discoverer satellite rocketed aloft today seeking the key to safe return of men from orbiting moons.

The seven-story, two-stage rocket roared from its launch pad overlooking the ocean here at 12:25 p.m. p.d.t.

It was aimed for a north-south orbit around the earth.

It was the second attempt in as many weeks to achieve the world's first recovery of a 300-pound satellite instrument package—literally worth its weight in gold in the space race.

The Air Force hoped it had enough bugs worked out of the new satellite to prove the basic system designed to bring the first U.S. manned moon back to earth. If it does, a monkey may be shot into orbit here soon.

The egg-shaped recovery capsule was carried in the nose of the 1,700-pound Discoverer VI satellite. In addition to instruments, it contained explosive bolts and springs to blow it loose from the mother satellite, a retro-rocket to slow it for return to earth and a parachute to lower it safely.

Rackets Group Opens Hearing On Auto Union

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Rackets Committee began open hearings today on activities of the United Auto Workers Union, and released testimony given in earlier secret sessions.

The committee transcript made public today revealed that John D. Dale, part owner of a New York business firm, told of paying more than \$30,000 in commissions to UAW official Peter Zvara. The union dismissed Zvara as an international representative at Toledo, Ohio, after a New York Grand Jury began investigating.

Also released was testimony of Richard Gosser of Toledo, UAW senior vice president. He admitted that part of the proceeds from union hall slot machines went into a special fund for political activities.

Gosser denied, however, charges that he had ever been guilty of corruption or wrongdoing.

The investigation has prompted an angry wrangle between Republican committee members and UAW President Walter Reuther, who has called it a "star chamber" proceeding.

Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.), who traded hot words with Gosser during last week's closed hearings, accused Reuther of trying to "impugn the motives and integrity of every Republican member of this committee."

Report Lists 10 Victims

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (UPI)—A small army of rescue workers today ignored continuing aftershocks from one of the most powerful earthquakes recorded in the United States in their search for more survivors or victims.

The body of a small boy was recovered from the slide-choked Madison river canyon today, raising the known death toll of vacationing campers to 10. Another two persons may have been killed by slides triggered by a series of earthquakes beginning shortly before midnight Monday night.

About 60 persons were injured. Fourteen were still in hospitals, the others were treated and released.

Madison County Sheriff W.H. Bowman said there was no way of knowing now how many campers lay buried under an estimated 50 million tons of rock and earth that thundered down a mountain, blocking Madison River seven miles downstream from Hebgen Dam near the west entrance to Yellowstone Park.

Trapped Campers Saved
"There might be 100 people under that slide or there might be only a few," Bowman said.

The Forest Service said approximately 300 persons were trapped Tuesday between the slide and quake-weakened Hebgen Dam seven miles upstream. All were evacuated.

The Forest Service said a make shift road was punched through from the West Yellowstone side of Hebgen Lake. Highway Department crews were forced to build four sections of road around sections of Highway 1 that collapsed into the lake.

Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon of Montana, who completed a 10-hour tour of the quake area early today, said there was still a threat of serious flooding in Madison Canyon. He said Hebgen Lake was higher than he had ever seen it, but engineers assured him the dam would hold—unless there were more shocks.

The lieutenant governor said minor tremors were being felt every half hour or so. He described the disaster as "probably the worst in the history of the state—particularly in view of the great loss of life."

Casualty List

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (UPI)—The list of dead as a result of earthquakes in Montana: At a Virginia City, Mont., mortuary:

1. Purley Bennett, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

2. Carol Bennett, 17, daughter.

3. Susan Bennett, 5, daughter.

4. Tom Bennett, 11, son.

5. E. H. Stryke, San Mateo, Calif.

6. Mrs. Stryker.

7. Mark Stowe, 31, Sandy, Utah.

8. At a Bozeman, Mont., mortuary:

9. Mrs. Margaret Holmes, 72, Billings, Mont.

10. An unidentified woman, possibly Mrs. Stowe.

Recovered this morning: 10. Body of an unidentified small boy.

In addition two unidentified persons who were sleeping near the Bennett campsite when the slide hit, are presumed dead. Authorities were uncertain whether they were Mr. and Mrs. Stowe.

CHILDREN WERE SCREAMING AND CRYING

Woman Camper Describes Experiences On Terrifying Night Of Earthquakes

(MRS. Clarence D. Scott, Fresno, Calif., was one of those camped between the Madison River slide and the Hebgen Dam Tuesday night when earthquakes ripped through the area. From a hospital bed in Bozeman, Mont., where she and her husband were taken for treatment of injuries, Mrs. Scott described to United Press International what happened to her in the terrifying night.)

Madison River near Yellowstone National Park.

Everything was confusion. Mrs. Scott said from her bed in a Bozeman, Mont., hospital. It was dark and cloudy with thunderstorms in the area and nobody could see anything after the quake hit, she said.

"We were camped at Rock Creek, seven miles down from the dam. We were in our house trailer. And we were in bed."

"There was a terrific shaking of the trailer and the television thing (antenna) fell off and hit me."

"A Thousand Winds"
"There was a huge noise. It sounded like a thousand winds going through a thousand trees. But not a tree was moving."

"Then something struck the trailer and pushed it against a tree. A side and the end of the trailer fell out. And my husband was gone."

"Then I fell out. "It was horrible. Children were screaming and crying for their

mothers. And husbands were begging their wives to answer.

"Someone was screaming for help from someone who could swim. I looked where there had been trailers and tents. There weren't any."

Mrs. Scott explained that she and her husband, Clarence, 59, had come to Yellowstone for the camping and fishing. The place they picked to park their trailer is one of the best and most famous fishing spots in the Northwest.

Although Mrs. Scott could not tell at the time she was thrown from her trailer, a large part of an 8,000-foot mountain thundered down into the river. The resulting splash shot sheets of water for hundreds of yards, probably explaining the call for a swimmer that Mrs. Scott reported.

Clothes Torn Off
The tremendous whoosh of air caused by the rushing rocks, plus the high-powered jets of water squirted from the river tore the clothes off people nearby.

In the midst of this chaos, despite the pitch black of the night, Mrs. Scott made contact with her husband, who was injured more seriously than she was.

"I found him wandering around. He had been in the mud under a tree and had managed to get free."

"We started walking. We went past one woman whose leg was sticking up in the air. I asked her if I could help. She said her leg was broken."

"I didn't see anybody dead that I knew was dead, but of course there was a lot I couldn't see."

"We got in someone's car and went to high ground. We waited there until daylight. But by then Mr. Scott was too tired to talk to me."

The Scotts were taken to Bozeman, 60 miles away, where both were hospitalized. Mrs. Scott was not seriously injured, suffering from shock and bruises. Her husband had undetermined injuries.

"But we are in the same hospital," said Mrs. Scott thankfully.

BOSEMAN, Mont. (UPI)—"It was horrible. Children were screaming and crying for their mothers. And husbands were begging their wives to answer."

That's the way Mrs. Clarence D. Scott, 57, Fresno, Calif., described the scene that greeted her when she was thrown out of her house trailer in the area where a landslide, triggered by a violent earthquake, slammed millions of tons of rocks into the

FATHER FINDS HIS POCKET BOOK STRAINED AT ROCKEFELLER PACE

ROCKEFELLER, father of the bridegroom, but it is a big bite into capital for a man whose entire earnings now are in the seasonal exports of lobster.

But Mrs. Bjoerg Faerseth-Nodeland, who runs the restaurant, the "Klubben," where the reception will be held, has been told to provide the best menus and wines she can and hang the expenses.

By coincidence, considering Governor Rockefeller's presumed political ambitions, the "Klubben" is known locally as "the white house."

Tourists were offering up to \$150 today for guaranteed admission to the Lutheran church where 21-year-old Anne Marie and 23-year-old Steve will make their vows. But the Rockefeller and Rasmussen families have agreed on a plan to thwart uninvited

guests.

There are no admission cards. All guests have been invited personally. Controllers at the door will know everyone of the 100 invited guests and relatives by sight. No one else will get in.

This has caused a bit of grumbling in this easy-going country where churches are rarely closed unless they are filled to capacity. The church holds 700 persons and while respecting the couple's wishes for a quiet ceremony, townsfolk feel it is a pity so many seats should go unused.

The family argument that these are just two young people in love is not taken seriously. Norwegians consider the wedding of the blonde buxom beauty and the multi-millionaire's son as the most exciting marriage since King Olav's nuptials 30 years ago.