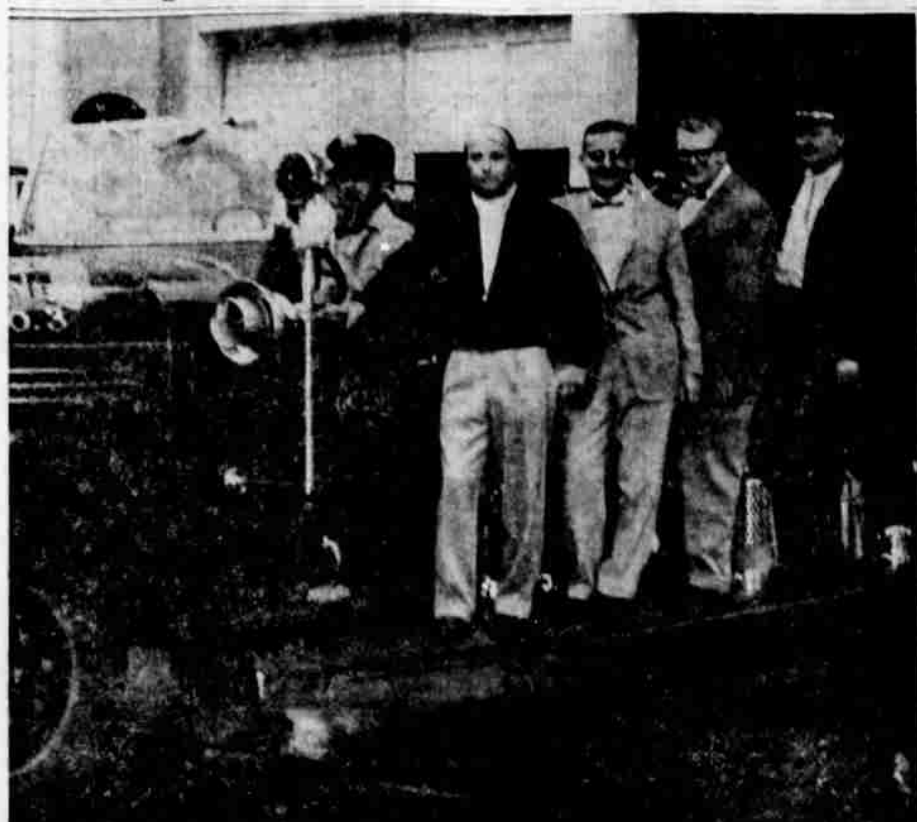


WEATHER

Clearing tonight with decreasing wind; mostly sunny Saturday; highs 65-70; low 33-38.

Soroptimists Convene Here Saturday



La Grande will welcome the district divisional meeting of the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc., Saturday and Sunday. Feature of the con'ab here will be the visitation and address by the organization's governor, Borghild Helgesen, who gives the key speech at the opening session Saturday, and a summary at the convention's conclusion Sunday morning. More than 100 Soroptimists from the northwest division, district No. 2, will be here for the meeting under the direction of regional officers. Also to attend is Mrs. Eloise Hamilton, Portland, district director.

Large Committee
Serving as general chairman locally is Kathryn Snider. Her committee is as follows:
Registration—Dr. Martha Addy, chairman; Stella Block, Amber McCoy, Irma Wyde.
Hostesses—Dr. Margaret Morris, chairman; Faye Bailey, Frankie Baum, Mabel Doty, Alleen McDonald, Lydia Prouty, Beatrice Young.
Housing—Luella Lumsden, chairman; Nela Grimmett.
Banquet—Eva Miller, chairman; Helen Becker, Cressa Hart, Ann Johnson, Fern Roth, Elizabeth Spivey.
Entertainment—June McManus, chairman; Betty Faulkner, Ida McHaley, Charlotte Ward, Irma Zimmerman.
Coffee Hour—Luella Lumsden; printing—Mildred Tiss; publicity—Betsy Faulkner.
A gala evening is planned for the visiting delegates Saturday night by the local Soroptimists. The Wallowa County Soroptimist, under the chairmanship of Dorothy Wergen and Rose Ricker, president, will host the Sunday morning breakfast.

GIVING THE DEPARTMENT A HAND

Members of the Chamber of Commerce "Fire Prevention Week" committee join La Grande city firemen in an effort to drum up local interest in fire prevention. From left, Earl Edwards, Al Westenskow, driver William Rudd, Sam Shorb, Clarence Hill, Bill Bebout, and fire chief Ray Snider. Fire Prevention Week is scheduled for Oct. 4 through 10. (Observer Photo)

'DREAM WORLD' FOR MOTORISTS

LAKESWOOD, N. J. (UPI) — A driver's dream world has dawned in this resort town. Policemen stand by glumly watching as a motorist pulls into a no-parking loading zone. Another driver parks beside a meter and doesn't pull out a dime. It all started Wednesday when Ocean County Judge John J. Ewart informed local officials he had invalidated parts of the local motor vehicle ordinance in a test case.

Unidentified 'Flying Object' Viewed Over Central Oregon Town



Policeman Turns In 'Sighting'

REDMOND (UPI) — Authorities today were checking into reports of an unidentified flying object sighted over this Central Oregon city early Thursday by a policeman and an employee of the Federation Aviation Agency. Police Dickerson of Redmond city police said he first saw the strange object during night patrol at the east city limits. He said it came to within 200 feet of the ground and moved from side to side. He called Redmond airport and notified LaVerne Wertz, a flight service specialist with the FAA, who then also sighted the object with binoculars. It was described as broad and flat, like a mushroom. Both men said the object glowed in hues of pale green, bright yellow and crimson and at times shot long blue bursts of flame. It hovered over the area for at least one hour, they said. Radar Spots Something
Wertz said Seattle, Wash., FAA authorities told him the object was picked up on a radar screen and observed for about two hours between altitudes of 6,000 to 52,000. Although Air Force officials in Portland declined to comment, Wertz said he was told jet interceptors were dispatched from Portland Air Base but the object vanished in clouds at about 14,000 feet. The FAA in Seattle told Wertz the report was sent to Hamilton Air Force Base, California, for investigation by appropriate military authorities. Wertz also said the Seattle FAA office ordered him to search the Redmond area by plane. He and a private pilot, Ben Jacques, canvassed a large area southeast of here using a device to check for radioactivity, but nothing turned up.

STATE, COUNTY EDUCATORS

School District Reorganization Committee of Union County met with D. W. Patch, Salem, state director, this morning at the county school superintendent's office to discuss county reorganization plan. Left to right, Thomas Lampkin, North Powder, Union County committee chairman; Henry Weatherspoon, Elgin, committee member; Mrs. Veda E. Couzens, retiring county superintendent; Patch, and Wilbur Osterloh, recently-named superintendent. (Observer Photo)

New EOC Students Welcomed

An assembly will be held at Eastern Oregon College Saturday morning at which time new students and other college personnel will be officially welcomed by the La Grande Chamber of Commerce and city officials. Serving as chairman of the program is Ned Jones, with Ed Bennett as chairman of the merchants phase of the program. Following the 9 a.m. assembly, students will be transported by motor caravan to the business district of La Grande by the Retail Merchants Association and chamber officials. **Open House**
Part of the day's observance will be "open house" by the downtown businesses and registration by students at the participating establishments. A drawing for two prizes — boy's and girl's — is scheduled for 4 p.m. at each store. Prizes will be either cash, merchandise certificates or merchandise gifts of \$5, respectively. Also to be present at several of the stores will be official hostesses to greet students who will wear special identification tags, according to Loren Hughes, RMA president.

Colombo's Premier Gunned By Buddhists

COLOMBO, Ceylon (UPI) — Prime Minister Solomon W.R.D. Bandaranaike, 60, was gravely wounded in an assassination attempt today when one of two visitors wearing the saffron robes of a Buddhist priest shot him point blank with a .45 caliber automatic. Governor General Sir Oliver Goonetilleke proclaimed a state of emergency—virtual martial law—throughout Ceylon and called up the army, navy and air force reserves to aid police and the regular armed forces in preserving order. Bandaranaike, a contemporary of Sir Anthony Eden when he studied at Oxford, suffered a ruptured liver and spleen. He was rushed to the general hospital where three surgeons began an operation they hoped would save his life. The man who shot the Premier as he scrambled to his feet after prostrating himself before the two "Monks" was shot by police. The other was captured. A bystander who threw himself between the Premier and the two assailants was gravely wounded when the triggerman fired four more shots. The shooting took place early this morning on the verandah of the Prime Minister's bungalow in Colombo. The slight, bespectacled Premier had stepped out on the verandah to welcome his early morning visitors when the gunman shot him in the abdomen. Bandaranaike, a contemporary of Sir Anthony Eden when he studied at Oxford, suffered a ruptured liver and spleen. He was rushed to the general hospital where three surgeons began an operation they hoped would save his life.

Drunken Driving, 3 Other Arrests Made By Police

A Summerville man was arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor early this morning by La Grande police. Richard Lavonne Hewitt, 28, was arrested at 2:02 a.m. at the intersection of Adams Avenue and Fourth Street. Bail was set at \$250 and a hearing scheduled for 3 p.m. today. Laverne Leonard Brant, 18, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was suspended. Brant, who resides in a La Grande apartment, was picked up at Adams Avenue and Willow Street at 10:02 a.m. His bail was set at \$250 and a hearing scheduled for this afternoon at 3. George Weber was arrested on a charge of vagrancy at 11:52 p.m. yesterday. Weber was taken into custody on Jefferson. James John Brown, 21, 2206 N. Avenue, was arrested on Adams Avenue for making an illegal "U" turn at 11:05 last night. Hearings for both Weber and Brown are scheduled for 3 p.m. today.

Elgin VFW Ladies Group Planning District Meeting

ELGIN (Special) — The VFW Auxiliary District 6 meeting will be held at Enterprise Sunday, with a noon luncheon preceding the session. President, Mrs. Helen Trump of Elgin will preside over the meeting. There will be six department's present. The VFW Auxiliary members are preparing a list of Elgin residents blood types, so the types needed in an emergency will be available. The list will be left with Lenn Allen at the Post Office. Everyone is urged to leave their name and blood types. A three-year Navy veteran, he will serve as St. Joseph's Hospital chaplain and celebrate Sunday Mass at Elgin each week in addition to other parish duties. Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley is the Very Rev. M. M. Crotty.



FATHER DREISBACH

New Priest Serves At Our Lady Of The Valley Church

Appointed to serve at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church here is Father Charles Dreisbach, his appointment being made by the Most Rev. Bishop Leipzig of the Baker Diocese. Father Dreisbach replaces the Rev. Leo Wackerle at Our Lady following the latter's selection to take post graduate work in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. The new priest comes to La Grande from Baker, his hometown, where he attended grade and high school at St. Francis Academy. He was ordained to the priesthood in May of this year following graduation from the University of Portland in 1950 and seminary studies at Mt. Angel near Salem. A three-year Navy veteran, he will serve as St. Joseph's Hospital chaplain and celebrate Sunday Mass at Elgin each week in addition to other parish duties. Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley is the Very Rev. M. M. Crotty.

U.S. Falters In 'Moon' Exploration

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The unprecedented fastest explosion which consumed America's newest moon rocket Thursday apparently dropped the United States at least another month behind in its lunar exploration race with Russia. No substitute was in sight immediately for the towering Atlas-Able rocket destroyed when flames erupted during an ignition test and touched off blasts in the first and second stages. Scientists disappointed by this latest in a series of setbacks set to work planning another moon rocket. But it seemed almost certain such a new try would not be made until the first of November, at the earliest, when the moon makes a comparatively close approach to earth. The Atlas-Able was being groomed for a shot at putting a 375-pound multi-purpose satellite into a lunar orbit when the moon made a "near" approach of about 219,000 miles between Oct. 3-6. Components for another Atlas-Able are available, but the trick is in getting them together in staging. Work had been under way for several weeks on the first Atlas-Able, and it appeared doubtful that another could be built in less than two weeks. Scientists may choose between the Atlas-Able and the usually-reliable "cousin" Thor-Able for their next moon-bound rocket.

Khrushchev Says U.S. Tour Eased Tensions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today he thinks his tour of the United States contributed to a lessening of international tensions "to a certain extent." But the Soviet leader added that he will know more about that after his cold war talks with President Eisenhower beginning tonight at Camp David, Md. Khrushchev also told an impromptu news conference outside the Soviet Embassy that he hopes the President will make an extensive trip through the Soviet Union — a trip longer than he took in the United States — "since our country is bigger." Both Khrushchev and President Eisenhower held separate strategy conferences with their top advisers during the morning to prepare for their talks. The White House announced that Eisenhower and Khrushchev would fly to Camp David by helicopter, taking off from the White House lawn at 2:15 p.m. p.d.t. Asked to state what he regarded as the one outstanding issue standing in the way of world peace, Khrushchev smiled and said: "It will be better to discuss that question with the President than with you." Looking considerably refreshed after his night's rest at Blair House, Khrushchev went to the Soviet Embassy in the company of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Russian Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov. The Soviet leader had spent the morning getting briefed for the Camp David talks, which may prove a turning point in the 13-year-old cold war. **Corned by Newsmen**
On the steps of the Soviet Embassy, Khrushchev answered questions for about five minutes with Menshikov doing the translating. "What do you think that President Eisenhower should see in the Soviet Union?" "That is the choice of your Mr. President," he replied. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President and Khrushchev would get down to brass tacks discussions during dinner, shortly after their arrival at the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland, about 60 miles north of here. The President conferred for an hour and a half today with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, U. N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Ambassador to Moscow Llewellyn E. Thompson, and Deputy Undersecretary of State Livingston T. Meachant.

French Air Crash Kills 53 Persons

BORDEAUX, France (UPI) — An American-made French airliner exploded, crashed and burned near here Thursday night, killing at least 53 of the 65 persons aboard and injuring the 12 survivors. So far as was known, there were no Americans among the casualties. The four-engined DC-7, on a flight from Paris to Bamako in West Africa, stopped in this Atlantic port to pick up 20 passengers. Airport officials said the big plane, operated by France's TAI airline, appeared to have trouble with its engines during the take-off. They also were mum as to whether Isbell would try to take action against the government for his jailing. Manley Bowler, chief deputy district attorney, had Isbell released on his own recognizance as soon as he learned the men had admitted the holdup. Kassel said, "He acted as quickly as he could. On Oct. 16 there will be a formal dismissal sought in court. That's the date Isbell was supposed to go to trial since he was ordered held after his preliminary hearing. "We can't say anything about any future action till after Oct. 16." Isbell said his attorneys halved \$1,000 fee so he would have something left. "I'd felt the fee was very reasonable in the first place," he said. "I'm going home to San Bernardino now, and there won't be any celebration. I'm just glad to be out."

Wallowa County Wranglers Slate Events Saturday

ENTERPRISE (Special) — Wallowa County Wranglers are sponsoring a horse show and rodeo Saturday at the fairgrounds. Scheduled events are calf roping, cow cutting, barrel racing, pole bending, track racing and reining. The horse show will be held Saturday morning and the rodeo events in the afternoon. A food and refreshment stand will take care of those who are hungry or thirsty. Don Kooch is chairman of the show. Over 50 horses will be entered. This is the first show of this kind to be held in Enterprise and there will be no judging, no entry fee, and no admission.

List Medford Medic As 'Doctor Of Year'

MEDFORD (UPI) — Dr. William W. P. Holt, Medford was named Oregon's "Doctor of the Year" for 1959 Thursday night by the Oregon State Medical Society here. The 54-year-old pioneer Southern Oregon physician was feted during the inaugural banquet and ball honoring the society's newest president, Dr. Louis J. Feves of Pendleton. Dr. Holt was automatically placed in the running for national "Doctor of the Year" honors by virtue of his selection. The American Medical Association makes the national selection. Dr. Holt graduated from the University of Oregon medical school in 1905 and began his first practice at the community of Eagle Point in 1906. He was the first official Jackson county physician from 1908 to 1913. He has been active on the staffs of Sacred Heart hospital and Rogue Valley Memorial hospital here. Dr. Leo E. Hollister of Palo Alto, Calif., said complications from tranquilizing drugs are no longer of as much concern as they were several years ago. An extensive study of complications from use of tranquilizing drugs has been carried on by Dr. Hollister during the past five years. "Don't use them unless they are really needed," he warned. However, he foresaw no danger of Americans "vegetating on tranquilizing drugs" while the Russians move forward to do great things.

Lebanese In Clash With Armed Units Over Executions

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Hundreds of Lebanese demonstrating against the execution of 17 anti-Communist leaders in nearby Iraq last Sunday clashed with armed security forces in a pitched battle here today. The battle started two blocks from the Iraqi Embassy. Police used tear gas bombs to keep the mobs away from the embassy entrance. There was no immediate report of casualties. The paraders had marched outside a high school and assembled to a mosque for prayers. They carried banners with slogans praising the mobs which have been reported demonstrating in Iraq this week and vowing that the "Arab people will wipe out the Reds." Similar demonstrations were reported in Tripoli and Sidon, and was released several days later when victims failed to identify him. But they were firm in their identification of Isbell—all five witnesses to the holdup. Sherman Wallin, manager of the store and one of the witnesses, said witnesses had been instructed not to discuss the case. "I've been instructed by my employer and others not to comment on it," Wallin said. "It's kinda touchy." A clerk, Osmond Wolfe, also one of the five, had moved from his residence and was not available for comment. Isbell was released Wednesday after two men who were arrested in Montana admitted the arrested store hold-up. Isbell, originally from Stockton, Calif., said he lost his respect for detectives handling the case four days after he was arrested, when one of them told him, "I'll see you behind bars." "If one of those detectives felt he was doing his job honestly, then I don't understand him," Isbell said. "If he thinks that what he did is all that's required of him, then I'm disappointed in him. They all thought I was guilty." Isbell said since his 1956 honorable discharge from the Marine Corps he had been attending college and working in grocery stores. He said he recently passed an insurance selling job aptitude test with top grades but that he didn't know if he could qualify he now due to the arrest. "I've been told that these people feel I may have a record," he said. "There's some question about mug shots of me being all over the state and the next time there's a robbery, victims will start looking at my pictures again, and you can see what might happen." Isbell's lawyers, George Dell, Los Angeles, and Philip Kassel, San Bernardino, said they didn't know if all trace of the episode could be removed from records. They also were mum as to whether Isbell would try to take action against the government for his jailing. Manley Bowler, chief deputy district attorney, had Isbell released on his own recognizance as soon as he learned the men had admitted the holdup. Kassel said, "He acted as quickly as he could. On Oct. 16 there will be a formal dismissal sought in court. That's the date Isbell was supposed to go to trial since he was ordered held after his preliminary hearing. "We can't say anything about any future action till after Oct. 16." Isbell said his attorneys halved \$1,000 fee so he would have something left. "I'd felt the fee was very reasonable in the first place," he said. "I'm going home to San Bernardino now, and there won't be any celebration. I'm just glad to be out."

'SOLID CITIZENS' WERE WRONG

Ex-Marine Freed From 'False Arrest'

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — "How can five solid citizens point to you and say, 'that's the man, officer'?" What happened to cause my arrest? And why was I kept in jail for nearly a month for a crime I didn't commit when I had nine witnesses who said I was miles away from the clothing store when it was held up?" The questions were asked by Clifford D. Isbell, 22, a tall, dark and handsome ex-Marine who says he isn't bitter even though the incarceration cost him a fine job opportunity, a month of his life, attorneys' fees, confidence in the law and, possibly, future security because of circulation of his picture among many police departments. Isbell was arrested Aug. 28 at his apartment 60 miles from here in San Bernardino as a suspect in a \$1,242 robbery Aug. 22 of a chain clothing store in nearby Chico Rivera. His roommate also was arrested—on the same tip from an unidentified person—but was released several days later when victims failed to identify him. But they were firm in their identification of Isbell—all five witnesses to the holdup. Sherman Wallin, manager of the store and one of the witnesses, said witnesses had been instructed not to discuss the case. "I've been instructed by my employer and others not to comment on it," Wallin said. "It's kinda touchy." A clerk, Osmond Wolfe, also one of the five, had moved from his residence and was not available for comment. Isbell was released Wednesday after two men who were arrested in Montana admitted the arrested store hold-up. Isbell, originally from Stockton, Calif., said he lost his respect for detectives handling the case four days after he was arrested, when one of them told him, "I'll see you behind bars." "If one of those detectives felt he was doing his job honestly, then I don't understand him," Isbell said. "If he thinks that what he did is all that's required of him, then I'm disappointed in him. They all thought I was guilty." Isbell said since his 1956 honorable discharge from the Marine Corps he had been attending college and working in grocery stores. He said he recently passed an insurance selling job aptitude test with top grades but that he didn't know if he could qualify he now due to the arrest. "I've been told that these people feel I may have a record," he said. "There's some question about mug shots of me being all over the state and the next time there's a robbery, victims will start looking at my pictures again, and you can see what might happen." Isbell's lawyers, George Dell, Los Angeles, and Philip Kassel, San Bernardino, said they didn't know if all trace of the episode could be removed from records. They also were mum as to whether Isbell would try to take action against the government for his jailing. Manley Bowler, chief deputy district attorney, had Isbell released on his own recognizance as soon as he learned the men had admitted the holdup. Kassel said, "He acted as quickly as he could. On Oct. 16 there will be a formal dismissal sought in court. That's the date Isbell was supposed to go to trial since he was ordered held after his preliminary hearing. "We can't say anything about any future action till after Oct. 16." Isbell said his attorneys halved \$1,000 fee so he would have something left. "I'd felt the fee was very reasonable in the first place," he said. "I'm going home to San Bernardino now, and there won't be any celebration. I'm just glad to be out."

Cash Grain Mart

CHICAGO (UPI) — Cash grain: Wheat: 2 red wheat 192½. Corn: 1 yellow CCC 114½; 2 yellow CCC 114½; 2 yellow 115; 2 yellow lake 113-114; 3 yellow 114; 3 yellow lake 112; 4 yellow CCC 113½. Oats: 1 heavy white 70; 1 extra heavy white 70½; 2 heavy white 70; 2 extra heavy white 70-70½; 2 extra heavy white 70-71½; sample grade extra heavy white 65. Rye: 2 plump 136N.

Gem Club Sets Meet

UNION (Special) — The Blue Mountain Gem Club will meet Saturday at the club house for a potluck dinner and business meeting at 7 p.m.