

SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN WET MONTH IN LA GRANDE AREA

Nearly one third of the annual rainfall for the La Grande area fell thus far during the month of September, according to the local fire department.

Firemen who measure precipitation from rainfall here throughout the year said today that slightly over 2.57 inches of rain had been reported since Sept. 16. Rain was not as heavy for the first two weeks of the month.

Average annual rainfall for this area is about 10 inches, it was stated.

Summer Was Dry

Firemen said that the summer had been a very dry one here, and chances of much more rain during the fall loom as favorable, they added.

Heaviest precipitation for the month was the .89 measurement Saturday, with .20 recorded Sunday. On Sept. 19 and 20, however, more than an inch was recorded.

While rain was fairly heavy and consistent in the valley over the weekend, snow dotted the higher hills and mountain ranges surrounding the Grande Ronde lower areas.

Forest Men Pleased

Forest officials were extremely pleased at the precipitation as were hunters who are getting ready this Saturday for the annual deer run.

Several inches of snow fell on higher ranges over the past couple of days and with the drop in temperatures it was expected that the light pack would remain as a result of continued cloudy weather predictions and more rainfall expected in Northeastern Oregon.



'POLKA DOTTIE' IS DOING FINE

Pamela Goshorn, Summerville, is proud as punch of her purebred Spotted Poland China gilt given to her by Bruce Hoofnagle of Alice. Hoofnagle donated two pigs at the Union County Fair to youngsters participating in the fair in 4-H and FFA work. How is 'Polka Dottie' coming along? "Just fine," said the owner and the donor. (Observer Photo)

COUNTY'S FINEST HERFORD STOCK

Third Annual Hereford Tour Of The Area Begins Tomorrow; Eight Stops Scheduled

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The third annual Hereford tour in Union County will be held tomorrow with eight stops planned to acquaint county residents with the Hereford breeding programs underway in this area.

The tour, sponsored by the Hereford Breeders of Union County and the Union County Extension Service, will feature some of the county's finest Hereford stock and will start at 9:30 a.m.

The first stop will be at the Dick Hibberd place. Hibberd is still in the process of rebuilding his herd since his big dispersion, but will be in full swing next year.

He is using Lamplighter, Non-arch, and Mischief bulls and a new sire purchased in Kansas last year, HHH Beau Mixer.

Hibberd is a former director of the Polled Hereford Association.

The second stop will be at the Starr Polled Hereford Ranch. Larry Starr will have calves on display sired by his President Mischief bull, purchased in Texas.

Senior Calves

There will be some senior calves for next year on the ground which are just a few days old. There will also be some calves by a bull Starr purchased from Albert Rhea in Washington a year ago.

One of the oldest herds in the county will be on display at the third stop. Clyde and Glenn McKenzie will show their outstanding herd of females and their herd sires, M. M. Royal Prince 51st, Jr. M. Donald 24th, and T. H. R. Donald Dhu I. The McKenzies are fitting a son of 51st and would like tourists to guess his weight. Also, the mother and full brother will be on display.

The fourth stop will be at the Dale Standley place where the oldest production herd in the county will be shown. Standley has started self feeding his cattle this year and the resulting growth rate and size of cattle will illustrate the effectiveness of the method.

Standley raises both polled and horned cattle and one bull which will be on display has gained more than four pounds per day on the last weight test.

The Chuck Wagon stop will be the Henry Heyden place where Heyden will show sons and daughters of Arthur Dhu 14th from his Chandler cows. Heyden sold a son of Arthur Dhu 14th to the Goldstein Hereford Ranch in Montana last winter for \$2500.

Heyden is president of the Tri County Hereford Association which holds an annual sale in La Grande in February.

Duane Fleet's Herefords will be on display at the sixth stop of the tour.

Fleet is using Larry D Mischief, a Lamplighter bull of Les Robinson's and a bull he and Reid Hibberd own together which they purchased in Kansas, Real Mixer 4th.

Hibberd is remodeling his new headquarters in an effort to handle his bull's better.

Good Calf Crop

The seventh stop will be the Jack Gregory place. Gregory is building his herd up slowly and this year has a good calf crop out of the bull he purchased from Chandler Herefords at the Blue Tag Sale where the bull was champion.

Of particular interest is the uniformity of these calves who came from dams of several bloodlines. Gregory has a son of Heyden's 14th, for a junior herd sire.

The last stop on the tour will be at the Claude and Don Wright place. They are breeding both horned and polled cattle. The polled bull they are using is a bull of their own raising by a bull that Claude and Reid Hibberd owned.

Heading up their horned section is a young bull, Regal Triumph, which they purchased at the Oregon Cattleman's Bull sale.

Some weaner commercial calves out of two-year-old cows also will be on display.

Two Minor Auto Accidents Here Over Weekend

Two minor traffic accidents were reported by La Grande police over the weekend. Both accidents took place on Adams Avenue.

Gwendolyn Calvert, 1708 Oak St., was stopped for a red light on Adams when a car driven by Jimmie Donald Elder, 98 Oak Street, collided with the Calvert car, police stated.

Both cars were traveling east on Adams when the accident occurred at 6:48 p.m.

The second accident occurred in front of 1704 1/2 Adams Avenue at 1:06 Sunday morning. Lawrence Lee Christman, North Powder, was traveling east on Adams in the right lane signaling for a right turn when a car driven by Lee Roy Sawyer, 2003 N. First Street, collided with Christman's vehicle, police reported.

Suffers Injuries

Edwin L. Coles, a passenger in Sawyer's car, suffered lacerations around the mouth when his face hit the windshield.

Roger Dale Jensen, 19, Portland, was arrested for violation of the basic rule on Jefferson avenue at 9:45 Saturday night. Jensen was charged with traveling 30 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone.

Bail was set at \$10 and a hearing scheduled for 3 p.m. today.

John David Allen, 19, Wallowa, was arrested for violation of the basic rule and illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage at 10:50 Saturday night. Allen was taken into custody on Adams. He posted \$35 bail and a hearing was set for 3 p.m. today.

Missing Brothers Found In Woods

GOBLE (UPI) — Two brothers who were missing for several hours were found safe at 1 a.m. today in woods seven miles west of here.

The lads, Jimmy Budge, 14, and his brother, Henry, 10, went fishing at Tide Creek about 1 p.m. Sunday. When they failed to return a search party was formed.

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Junior High PTA Officers Slate Meeting

Executive committee members of the La Grande Junior High School PTA will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the office of Harvey Carter, school principal.

Members have been contacted by PTA officers and a full turnout is urged.

Kiwanians Plan Pancake Sponsor

At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis club here, plans were outlined for sponsorship of an Aunt Jemima dinner to be held at the Armory the evening of Nov. 6.

Proceeds derived from this pancake feed will be used by the Kiwanians to further their work and benefits for needy children in this area.

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The source of the virus is wild birds, according to health officials, and is transmitted to human beings by mosquitoes.

Leaders Negotiate Stalemate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today that the East-West impasse over Berlin was broken during his weekend talk with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Eisenhower said that aside from the language of the official communique issued Sunday at Gettysburg, he and Khrushchev had agreed that new negotiations on the fate of West Berlin should not be prolonged indefinitely. But at the same time, he said, they agreed there could be no fixed time limit on these reopened discussions.

Eisenhower said Khrushchev would corroborate the fact that no deadline hangs over Berlin. He said that from their Camp David meetings there was definite progress because the two big powers were no longer at an impasse on the issue.

Eisenhower told a crowded press conference that as far as he was concerned no party to the Berlin situation was now under any sort of threat or duress. He said that Khrushchev made an emphatic point that he had never intended a threat against the West German metropolises.

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FORESTRY IS THEIR SPECIALTY

Members of the Union County 4-H forestry judging team tied for first place honors at the Oregon State Fair this year. Jean Wick, Jimmy Taal, and James Wick show the display they made for showing at the fair. John Wick is the leader for the team. (Observer Photo)

Ike Flares Up At Steel Strike Deadlock, May Invoke T-H Act

Hurricane 'Gracie' In Threat

MIAMI (UPI)—Hurricane Gracie moved ominously toward the northeast Florida coast early today packing winds up to 90 miles an hour.

The Miami Weather Bureau reported that the week-old hurricane was located in the Atlantic about 300 miles east of Cape Canaveral, Fla. and moving west-northwest at about seven miles an hour.

The bureau said this course and speed for the next 12 hours would bring Gracie's 40-mile-an-hour outward winds to within 75 to 100 miles of the northeast Florida, Georgia, and Carolinas coasts by this afternoon.

Ed Dully, director of Red Cross disaster services for the southeast, said he had ordered nine field workers from the Atlanta office to augment personnel standing by at Brunswick and Savannah, Ga. and Jacksonville, Orlando and Cocoa, Fla.

2600 Persons Dead, Missing From Typhoon

TOKYO (UPI)—The most disastrous typhoon in many years lashed Japan for 12 hours over the weekend with winds up to 135 m.p.h., leaving more than 2,600 persons dead or missing in its wake.

Damage to U.S. Air Force installations in this island nation was estimated at more than a million dollars, but the only known American casualty was an airman slightly injured by flying glass.

An official police report from communities on the storm track early today showed 1,159 persons known dead, 1,458 missing and 4,695 injured. Many of the missing were feared dead.

A total of 350,000 homes were wrecked or washed away during the nightmare hours Saturday night and early Sunday when the nation was battered by howling winds, mountainous waves and surging floodwaters. An estimated 970,000 persons were homeless.

The American Red Cross made hundreds of blankets available to disaster headquarters here for emergency relief to storm refugees.

Thirty-eight of Japan's 46 provinces suffered some degree of damage from the typhoon, but the heaviest harm was inflicted on three provinces—Aichi, Mie and Gifu—bordering Ise Bay.

The total damage is expected to exceed 120 million dollars. Construction Minister Isamu Murakami said the government will ask parliament to approve a supplementary budget to meet the costs of the disaster.

Soropts Meeting Adjourns

The sixth annual meeting of the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc., District 2, Northwestern Region, was climaxed by a banquet, a gala evening Saturday night, and a most outstanding breakfast Sunday morning.

The informal dinner, directed by Eva Miller, proved to be an eventful one. The entertainment, June McManus, Chairman, was highlighted by the appearance of the Blue Mountain Boys who distributed their Mt. Dew money and entertained all by the gifts and bouquet which was presented to Governor Borheild Helgesen and Director Eloise Hamilton. A New York Top Hatter dance number was given by Shirley Smurthwaite and Frances Wolfe, La Grande. High School students, with a lecture and demonstration about the Polar Mink Farm by Mrs. Pauline Johnson. Guests modeled the mink coats and stoles which were on display.

Wallowa County Host

Wallowa County, Dorothy Werzen, Enterprise, presiding, hosted the Sunday morning breakfast, which was outstanding with its table decorations and favors for all members present. The devotions at the breakfast were given by Dr. V. A. Bolen, Eastern Oregon College, and vocal numbers presented by Neil Wilson, Eastern Oregon College.

The general assembly with 125 official delegates and officers was adjourned at noon. It was declared that Bend would be the 1960 district meeting city as in 1961 would be Oregon City.

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Tanker Is Salvaged By Heroic Seamen

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI) — Eight men who risked their lives to salvage a stricken oil tanker the experts said couldn't be saved, prepared today to negotiate the sale of their prize for a sum of up to two million dollars.

The bulk of the once proud 21,000-ton "African Queen," abandoned by its owners after it hit a shoal and split in two off Ocean City, Md. last December, was towed into Norfolk Harbor early Sunday after a painfully slow 110-mile journey that lasted almost 54 hours.

The adventuresome amateurs, who boarded the vessel after others had tried and failed to raise it, unfurled an American flag as their vessel entered Norfolk Harbor.

Hundreds of persons lined the shore and honked car horns as the crippled vessel, soaked with oil and filth, loomed into sight. Thus ended a stranger than fiction episode, which had claimed one man's life.

After the tanker went down with its cargo of oil, Paul Brady and Lloyd Deir of Suffolk, Va., and Belden Little of Holland, Va., boarded it with shotguns, warded off other would-be salvagers, and claimed the vessel's 400-foot stern section as theirs under international law.

Another waterman had tried to salvage the vessel's bow section, but lost his life in the process.

The trio hired five men to help them, promised them a \$1,000 bonus if the vessel came in, then spent months trying to raise the "Queen." They finally got it afloat last Monday and had it under tow Thursday.

But as the tugboat Mary L. McAllister, a Coast Guard cutter escort, and the wounded "Queen" began the strange voyage to Norfolk, Hurricane Grace turned the journey into a race against time.

Bulletin

HYANNIS, Mass. (UPI) — Walter F. Mumford, \$250,000-year president of the strike-bound U.S. Steel Corp., died today after suffering a stab wound and a stroke last week. He was 59.