

Variable high clouds through Friday; high 56-62; low tonight 25-30.



### PHONE OPERATORS AT WORKSHOP

La Grande was cited as having the fastest average answering speed of any West Coast Telephone office in Oregon or California at recent workshop attended by local and area toll operators. Left to right, Ursula Bond, Chilouquin; Edna Kiel, Enterprise; Lorene Kinzer, La Grande; and West Coast Vice President, L. Gray Beck, Everett.

## 'Little Apalachin' Hood Meeting Held

NEW YORK (UPI)—Little Augie Pisano and Mrs. Jancie Drake attended a dinner hour get-together of top underworld figures at a midtown Manhattan restaurant 45 minutes before they were slain, authorities disclosed today.

"It was close to being a little Apalachin," said a spokesman for Queens County District Attorney Frank D. O'Connor, comparing dinner at Marino's restaurant last Friday to the gang convention at Apalachin, N.Y., in 1957.

## UP Lists New Train Scheduling

Union Pacific's passenger trains City of Portland and Portland Rose will go on new schedules in Oregon Oct. 4.

The new departure time for the City of Portland from Portland will be 12:30 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. The Domeliner will leave La Grande at 6:35 p.m. Westbound the City of Portland will leave La Grande at 2:15 a.m.

The Portland Rose will leave Portland at 9:45 p.m. instead of 9:30 p.m. and will leave La Grande at 6:05 a.m.

## 'Maine To Texas' Strike Felt By Walkout Of Longshoremen

NEW YORK (UPI)—Dock workers went on strike from Maine to Texas today. The walkout shut imports including foreign steel imports which have totalled one-fifth of the nation's supply during the current steel walkout.

The strike by the 100,000-member International Longshoremen's Association could throttle waterborne commerce on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts which has an average monthly total of more than 700 million dollars.

Imported steel are affected by the strike. One steel shipment was halted by the strike at New Orleans. Since start of the steel strike July 15, imported steel has doubled in volume and totals one-fifth of the steel available to manufacturers.

## CZAR'S BONDS 'WORTHLESS'

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Here's a tip from someone who should know: don't buy those Czarist bonds.

## Set New Bond Election For Sewage Plant

City commissioners, after hearing letters from the state sanitary authority and the consulting engineer, tentatively scheduled Friday, Nov. 6, for the special bond election on lagoon stabilization ponds here.

The lack of a report on soil conditions prevented the commission from establishing a definite date. Dave Slaght, acting city manager, informed commissioners that a report on soil conditions would be available at the next meeting.

## Police Report One Traffic Violation

A Baker man was arrested in La Grande yesterday for violation of the basic rule.

## Cash Grain

CHICAGO (UPI)—Cash grain: Wheat: 1 mixed 204 1/2.

# Tornado Hits Virginia Area, Killing 11, Leveling Houses

## U.N. Team Schedules Laos Tour

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—A U.N. fact-finding team was scheduled to visit northern Laos today for an on-the-spot investigation into Laotian government charges of "aggression" from Communist North Viet Nam.

Reports said the fact-finders would leave Vientiane by plane for Sam Neua, the province Laos charged was the scene of invasion by Communist forces from North Viet Nam Aug. 30.



IT'S EASY—Marvin Moe, assistant general chairman for the Kiwanis' Community Pancake Dinner, gets an early start on his cooking. Aunt Jemima will make personal appearance at the event. Kiwanis club members are selling tickets for the event. Moe keeps his eye on the practice flip—just to be sure. (Observer Photo)

## Typhoon Death Toll in Japan Increases

NAGOYA, Japan (UPI)—The death toll in the worst typhoon in modern Japanese history rose today to 3,625 persons. Another 1,773 were listed as missing and 9,448 injured.

Even as residents of Nagoya struggled to count the dead left by typhoon Vera and throw up temporary shelter for thousands of homeless, the weather bureau warned another typhoon may be on its way.

## Union County Historical Society Meets

UNION (Special)—The Union County Historical Society held its regular meeting at the Woman's Club here recently.

The meeting was conducted by Bernal Hug of Elgin, president. The history of securing telephone service and electricity in Union was presented by Mrs. Margaret Layton, Rev. Dwight Williams of the local Methodist church was the speaker of the evening and Mrs. Ires Adler of La Grande was in charge of music.

## Red China Military 'Parades'

TOKYO (UPI)—Red China, which boasts the largest standing army in the world, paraded its military might in Peiping today but joined other leaders of the Communist world in denouncing war in favor of "peaceful existence."

The 40-minute parade through Peiping's Gate of Heavenly Peace Square was part of mammoth celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Peiping regime. It was followed by a "peace demonstration" of 700,000 working people.

## Tuberculin Tests Given To Junior High Pupils Here

Tuberculin tests were given to 580 La Grande Junior High School students this week under auspices of the Tuberculosis and Health Association cooperating with the Union County Health Agency.

## Brake Failure Cause Of School Bus Crash

BRATT, Fla. (UPI)—Brake failure was listed today as the cause of a school bus crash near here Wednesday that injured 33 children, 10 of whom required hospitalization.

# SPECIAL 'FIRE WEEK' SET HERE Local Groups Cooperating For Fire Prevention Week In City

Plans are shaping up in La Grande for a special program to begin Friday night in connection with national Fire Prevention Week.

The special "week" is designed to call public attention to the danger of fires in the home and is aimed at the prevention of fires in this city.

The inspection will consist of an examination of wiring, heating equipment, and storage fire danger, etc. The firemen will go through the house with the home owner and make recommendations and point out possible fire hazards. There will be no charge for the service and Fire Chief Ray Snider is urging all residents to call the chamber office for an appointment.

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Forty helicopters worked continuously to rescue thousands of cold and starving victims of the typhoon.

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