



BY DAWN'S EARLY

Fred Carpenter, left, 1104 C St.; Darrell Wagoner, 708 H Ave. (in truck); Jim Walker, Rt. 1, right; Curtis Culp, 1607 Seventh St.; and Keith Pratt, 307 Main St. (kneeling at right), were back in La Grande this morning with five bucks. They ranged from 150 to 175 pounds and had an antler spread of 18 to 20 inches. There were three two points, a three-point and a four-point shot within a half hour after the season started, at the foot of Mt. Emily. (Observer Photo)

Clear, Crisp Day For Nimrods At Start Of State's Deer Hunt

By GRADY PANNELL, Observer Staff Writer. Hordes of hunters from this Eastern Oregon area swarmed into the hills and mountain ranges surrounding the Grande-Ronde valley before dawn today to usher in another deer season. Before the sun's rays had lifted over the snow-capped peaks, sporadic firing could be heard in

La Grande and surrounding communities. And before 10 a.m. of a clear, crisp day, termed "perfect" for an opener by nimrods in these confines, several red-capped men and women drove back into town with deer. Fat From Food. Most of the buck bagged early in the morning were heavy from foliage food, a result of late summer and early fall rains that perked up grazing on the highlands. Five of the early arrivals into La Grande included Keith Pratt, 307 Main St.; Darrell Wagoner, 708 H Ave.; Curtis Culp, 1607 Seventh St.; Fred Carpenter, 1104 C St.; and Jim Walker, Rt. 1. All five hunters trucked out at about 4 a.m., heading for Mt. Emily. At the foot of this craig they made their kills the bucks ranging from 150 to 170 pounds apiece. All the deer had fairly nice antler spreads one of the animals boasting four points. Sidewalk citizens also observed other rigs heading through town with prize animals that were bagged in the Sled Springs and Cheshinnus areas.

County Road Position Goes To Idaho Man

Oscar Mannon, of Lewiston, Idaho, where he has been serving as superintendent on a construction project, is now employed by Union County as new road master. Mannon, hired by County Judge C. K. McCormick's office, comes here following many years in the construction business throughout the Pacific Northwest. He also has worked on a large construction project in Brazil, South America, according to Judge McCormick. The new road chief fills a vacancy that occurred last June when County Engineer S. B. Morgan died. Morgan had served about 35 years.

EOC Luncheon For All Alumni Set For Monday

A special Eastern Oregon Collegiate alumni luncheon is scheduled in Pendleton on Monday according to Neva Neil, EOC alumni secretary. Presiding at the noon luncheon will be Frances Bartron, alumni president, of La Grande. The luncheon, scheduled for Lincoln school, is held during the Eastern Oregon Educational conference.

Benson Tours Soviet Union

KIEV, Russia (UPI)—U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has told Russians here that he welcomes friendly agricultural competition between the United States and the Soviet Union. Benson, after a tour of the Ukraine, told a news conference that "The important thing is to raise the standard of living of the masses of our people." Benson and his group toured collective and state farms devoted to sugar beet production and dairying Thursday. He also visited an animal experimental station. "We will offer you any information we have and Soviet officials who accompanied him. "There are no secrets in agriculture."

STEEL STRIKE TALKS BRIGHTEN

Companies In Money Proposal To Union At White House Meet

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Negotiations for the United Steelworkers and 12 major steel companies opened their third day of White House-ordered talks today seeking to hammer a "new" industry proposal into a settlement of the 81-day strike of 500,000 workers. An industry source told United Press International that the companies had made a "contingent" money proposal after President Eisenhower told both sides Wednesday that the economy-choking walkout must be ended. Chief negotiators, R. Conrad Cooper of U.S. Steel Corp. and USW President David J. McDonald, appeared amiable as they entered the conference room in the Penn-Sheraton Hotel here this morning. Neither had any comment. The industry source which disclosed the change in the companies' stand, the first since the strike began July 15, said McDonald has rejected the proposal "in the form it was offered." The source said the companies proposed "specific" economic concessions in return for changes in

contract terminology which management said were needed for "efficient" operations. UPI's source said the total value of the package proposal was "probably the most closely guarded secret in the history of collective bargaining." As outlined by UPI's informant, the industry would agree to a two-year contract with "non wage" benefits provided the first year and an undisclosed wage increase the second. Management demanded in return changes in contract language that would permit individual firms greater efficiency. All money concessions, however, would fit into the industry's pre-strike proposal. The absence of official comment on the reported proposal by either USW President David J. McDonald or chief industry negotiator R. Conrad Cooper of U.S. Steel was in keeping with a joint security clamp placed on the talks since they moved here Thursday. At a news conference which followed Friday's sessions, Cooper said "we are making every possible effort to resolve our problems through collective bargaining."

He emphasized he was speaking for both sides. "We are fully aware of the great public interest in this situation, particularly the desire that it be solved at the earliest possible moment." Friday's reported proposal marked the initial time management had spelled out in dollars and cents what it meant when it said it would give economic benefits in return for "increased efficiency." The effects of the strike continued to darken the labor and economic picture throughout the nation. Even the highly-agricultural state of Iowa failed to escape the strike's effects. Gov. Herschel C. Loveless of Iowa said Friday that 10 per cent of the state's non-agricultural workers could be laid off by the strike during the next year if the strike continues "indefinitely." The automobile industry also was threatened. Ward's Automotive Reports said Friday that the steel walkout, combined with other labor troubles, threaten to cut October car output to half of October scheduled record level.

Freighter Afire Off Bermuda

NOBFOLK, Va. (UPI)—An American freighter caught on the fringes of Hurricane Hannah radioed today a fire was "blazing fiercely" in one of its holds, the Coast Guard said. Two Coast Guard cutters were sent to assist the SS Matmael which was fighting winds of about 40 miles an hour, about 75 miles north-northeast of Bermuda. Forty-three crewmen and 12 passengers were aboard the vessel which radioed that the fire broke out in its number 3 hold and spread to another hatch. It radioed later that the second fire was controlled with foam chemical but the blaze in the number 3 hold was still "blazing fiercely" at 9:30 a.m. e.s.t. The Coast Guard said its Cutter Duane from Bermuda was on the scene at noon e.d.t. and a second cutter, the Owasco, was due about 2 p.m. e.d.t. A Coast Guard plane from Bermuda also was flying over the freighter. The Coast Guard said the freighter had radioed Bermuda it hoped to arrive in Bermuda about 5 p.m. e.d.t. It requested an escort and the Coast Guard said the Duane and Owasco would accompany the vessel. The Moore-McCormack Lines freighter was enroute from New York to South America.

3,000 Persons Flee Homes From Floods

DELUGE HITS OKLAHOMA, RESULTING IN 4 DEATHS

MICK WILL WED LADY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Former mobster Mickey Cohen says he's going to marry a stripper named Beverly Hills. "She's a very mature girl—in mind and everything else," Cohen said Thursday after his engagement party broke up. "She's a lady who never uses a swear word. I'm looking down from the clouds—she's an angel." Cohen is 46. The stripper is 22 and will seek a Mexican divorce from her husband, a carpenter.

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—New rains hammering Oklahoma today, where more than 3,000 persons have been driven from their homes. Four auto deaths were blamed on the deluge, now in its third day. Waters were receding at some points, but Civil Defense officials warned against a return to low-land homes until the runoff from the new storms could be measured. Civil defense and city officials at Bixby, a small city south of Tulsa, considered evacuating that city to escape the rising Arkansas River. Flood waters were going down at Stillwater, where an estimated 1,500 persons fled from their homes earlier. Pawnee, about 40 miles to the northeast of Stillwater, was isolated by high water that flooded the city's water wells. Officials said about two days supply was in overhead storage for the 2,800 residents. The Red Cross flew a 19-member team into Oklahoma City today to set up a state disaster headquarters. The Weather Bureau reported 4.38 inches at McAlester; 2.90 at Tulsa; 3.50 at Waurika; 2.03 at Oklahoma City; and 2.58 at Marlow. The floods brought demands for immediate flood control measures from embittered residents, some of whom have suffered two floods in the last week. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Temple, Chicago, died when their foreign-made car ran into six inches of standing water on U.S. highway 66 near Vinita, and went out of control, smashing into a pickup truck. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jack Wells, Ripley, Okla., were killed when their pickup truck plunged into Knox Center Creek after a portion of the bridge crossing the stream had washed out. A highway trooper said the truck was not submerged, but the impact killed the couple. October downpours transformed placid streams into torrents Friday. Worst hit were Stillwater and Guthrie, just 30 miles away from each other in north central Oklahoma. At Stillwater, 400 families accepted the safety of shelters Friday night, and 300 Guthrie families were cared for by the Red Cross. Other towns flooded were Skiatook, Blackwell, Coyle and Avant, all in north central and northeast Oklahoma. There were no reports of loss of human life in the flooded towns.

Area Job Level Is At Peak

Area employment has remained at a high level despite some temporary layoffs in logging and construction, due to late September bad weather. Ernest O. Burrows, manager of the local state employment office, said work trends showed up well in lumber, retail trade and service industries. Three logging operators in Wallowa County temporarily suspended operations because of bad logging roads during the end of September, and agricultural employment decreased some during the month in the usual seasonal trend for the area. Decking Pine Logs. The bright side of the picture shows that larger sawmill operators began decking pine logs for winter operation, with the decks expected to increase rapidly during the next three months. Highway construction projects on U.S. 30, about four miles west of La Grande, continue on schedule, according to Burrows, with a contract for a reinforced concrete bridge, near town, in the amount of \$422,095 awarded. City building permits issued here during September totaled \$95,050 as compared to \$127,570 for the month before and \$146,542 for September a year ago. New residential construction accounted for \$82,078 of the total last month. Weather Conditions. Estimated total unemployment in both Union and Wallowa counties was 323 last month as compared to 232 in August and 30 a year ago. New claims filed in September totaled 92 as compared to 56 in August and 107 a year ago. Weather conditions will be a big factor the next 60 days in employment by loggers and construction supervisors, however, hiring in all industrial groups is expected to be largely on a replacement basis, Burrows added.



TIGER DEFENSE

NEW YORK (UPI)—The striking Longshoremen's Union and the shipping industry took uncompromising positions today against early resumption of negotiations in the three-day-old Atlantic and Gulf Coast pier tie-up that threatens the jobs of more than a million persons. Robert H. Moore, deputy director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, planned informal talks with both sides during the week end in an attempt to work out a joint conference, but the prospects were bleak. Union and industry sources predicted the strike will go on another week or even longer unless the government obtains a Taft-Hartley injunction. The New York Shipping Assn. rejected Friday Moore's bid for a joint session Monday, saying it would not resume negotiations until Oct. 15 unless the dockers return to work before that date. The date marks the end of a 15-day contract extension which the International Longshoremen's Assn. cancelled by calling the strike. Alexander P. Chopin, Shipping Assn. Chairman, said that the employers would require the ILA to give assurances that any contract negotiated here will be honored regardless of the outcome of negotiations in South Atlantic and Gulf ports. The strike was called by the ILA here to back southern members in their contract extension demands. William V. Bradley, ILA president, said that "under no condition" will the Longshoremen return to the piers without a contract. He said he would confer

Negotiations Falter In Shipping Walkout

Monday with 11 waterfront unions, including the Teamsters Union, in an effort to get 100 per cent observance of the Longshoremen's picket lines. If truckers, office employees, ship's officers, communications men, engineers and seamen refuse to cross the lines, the strike could cost the nation's economy much more than the 20 million dollars a day it is estimated to be costing now. Approximately 800,000 workers in the metropolitan New York area would be affected and several hundred thousand more would find themselves without work in ports from Portland, Maine, to Brownsville, Tex.

Izzak Walton League Gives Jingle Prizes

Three La Grande High School students were awarded top prizes in the Red Hat Jingle Contest sponsored by the Union County Izzak Walton League during a pep assembly Friday. Red hats were awarded to one member of each class for their prize winning jingle. The contest is promoted by the Izzak Walton League as a reminder to hunters to be careful during hunting season. Norman Masterson, president of the Union County Izzak Walton League was on hand to present the prizes to winners Ron Cooper, senior; Shirley Ann Smurthwaite, junior; and Denny Waite, sophomore. Ron Cooper's winning jingle goes: "Hunters watch that muzzle, Remember the late Dan McGrew, A careless shot from a rifle Was poor Dan's Waterloo." First Prize. Shirley Ann Smurthwaite captured first prize with the following: "Tippy Harry had a snort, Before the hunt of game, And now, alas, all that's left Is a bottle and his name." Sophomore Denny Waite's prize winner reads: "David was a hunter, He thought he was a wizzard, He didn't wear a red hat, They shot him in the gizzard."

Mrs. Hattie McWilliam Succumbs At Hospital

Mrs. Hattie McWilliam, one day away from her 88th birthday, died at a La Grande hospital Friday. She was born in Summerville and had lived there with the exception of 15 years of California residence. Survivors are Mrs. Mina Standley, Rt. 1, La Grande, and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, of Summerville. She was the daughter of the late T. T. and Sarah Glenn, pioneers of Summerville. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Union Business Group Meets Monday Night

UNION (Special)—Union Business Women will hold their first fall meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at the Knotty Pine Cafe at a "no host dinner" and business meeting. Business will be the election of officers.

Wilbur Osterloh Is Superintendent

Wilbur Osterloh assumed the position of superintendent of schools for Union County on October 1, and has moved all his records into the county courthouse here. He succeeds Mrs. Veda Couzens in the post. Mrs. Couzens announced her retirement last year but has been working with Osterloh since the start of the fall term of schools. Osterloh, a resident of Eastern Oregon for the past eight years, has been teaching science at Union High School. He and his wife will continue to reside temporarily in North Powder where their four children attend school. Mrs. Osterloh teaches at Powder Valley High School.



TOP GAINING HEREFORD BULL. J. Dale Standley is shown with his top gaining bull. Standley has been under the production and testing program in Union County. Standley is the first to try the method and reported excellent results. The bull above gained over 4.5 pounds per day over an 83 day period. (Observer Photo)