

# LA GRANDE OBSERVER

WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight; mostly sunny Friday; highs 62-68; low tonight 30-35.

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## Lad Accidentally Shot On Hunt

Thomas Leeds Bailey, 17, Island City was reported in "fairly good" condition at Grande Ronde Hospital where he was taken yesterday evening following a duck

## Medic Says His Patient Pursued Him

PRINEVILLE (UPI) — The defendant in a \$203,864 medical malpractice suit testified Wednesday he tried to break off an affair with the woman who is suing him but that she wanted to maintain the relationship.

Dr. Norman D. Coleman, 37, gave the testimony in a civil trial of a suit brought by Mrs. Clara Mitchell, 25. She charged, among other things, that he engaged in sexual relations with her while she was mentally ill.

Dr. Coleman told the jury of six women and six men that he tried to break off their affair in the fall of 1957. He said she wanted to maintain the relationship although he realized it had to stop.

The doctor said he was forced to call her as often as two or three times a week, to visit her at home and to engage in kissing and petting sessions to keep her "pacified."

**Threat Said Made**  
He said he finally told her he no longer cared for her.

"I told her my feelings for her were the same as someone who had loved someone but had married another person."

He said Mrs. Mitchell threatened she was "going to get even with me if it was the last thing she ever did in her life."

Dr. Coleman admitted he told his wife about the affair after Mrs. Mitchell went to the state mental hospital for the third time.

He denied he had ever given Mrs. Mitchell drugs for any purpose except medication. He also said he had never used sodium pentothal so-called truth serum on her and that he had not engaged in "deep psychotherapy."

He also denied he had sexual intercourse with Mrs. Mitchell while she was mentally upset.

## Commission Okehs Goss Motor Bids On Police Units

City Commissioners last night accepted a bid of \$2,978 from the M. J. Goss Motor Co., to furnish two 1960 Chevrolet sedans for the police department.

The police department will trade in their present station wagon and sedan on the new vehicles. Hand Ford Sales submitted a bid of \$3,340, and Gettings-Lynch bid \$3,694 for the contract.

Commissioners also delayed final action on the bids for a 1960 truck, cab and chassis only. Specifications on the new truck will be checked during the week and a final decision reached at the next commission meeting.

Goss Motor submitted a low bid of \$3,092. Gettings-Lynch bid \$3,187; Hand Ford submitted an offer of \$3,414.48; and Oregon Tractor Co. bid \$3,250.

## STEEL STRIKE 'FACT-FINDERS' ASK FOR IMMEDIATE SOLUTION

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower's fact-finding board urged both sides in the steel dispute today to resume negotiations immediately or submit their differences to voluntary arbitration if they fail to settle the 93-day old steel strike.

Voluntary arbitration means that both sides in a labor dispute agree to accept the decisions of an impartial umpire.

Prof. George W. Taylor, chairman of the three-man fact-finding board, made the suggestions on behalf of the panel at the close of formal hearings into the dispute.

R. Conrad Cooper, chief negotiator for the 12 biggest steel companies, rejected the arbitration idea, but said he was ready to go back into contract talks with the union.

David J. McDonald, president of the steelworkers, told newsmen: "I am in the mood for collective bargaining to try to reach an agreement."

**Wants Talks Resumed**  
McDonald brushed aside questions whether he would go along with voluntary arbitration. He said he would "never" submit to compulsory arbitration.

Taylor said wages and work rules seem to be the "roadblock

hunting accident at Morgen Lake. Boyle was hunting with Leslie McClune, 18, and Richard Marks, 16, both of La Grande, when the accident happened at about 4:45 p.m.

Oregon State Police said that the boys were standing around when the shotgun used by McClune discharged, striking Bailey in the upper right leg.

**Boy Is Carried**  
Fisherman at the lake notified State Police who carried the boy about three quarters of a mile on a stretcher to a waiting first aid car.

The youth was in surgery for several hours last night and received blood transfusions and plasma.

It was not necessary to amputate the leg, hospital attendants reported.

## POPULATION INCREASE HERE

La Grande's population has increased by 400 persons over last year, according to information figures released by the State Board of Census. The population estimate as of July 1 was 9,500.

This is an increase of 10 per cent over the 8,635 persons counted in the 1950 census.

## Tax Roll Turned Over To Sheriff's Office

The Union County assessor's office has turned the tax roll over to the sheriff's department, R. M. (Dick) Hartsock, assessor, announced today.



**CANDIDATE** — State Sen. Robert W. Straub, Springfield, today announced candidacy for chairmanship of Oregon Democratic Central Committee. Straub, 39, is second person to announce for post. First to announce was Dan Poling, Salem, former Marion County Democratic chairman. State Central Committee elects chairman Oct. 31 when it meets in Portland.



## CHECK 'GO DAY' CAMPAIGN

Union County Civic Music Association officials check music club story in The Observer as they outline further plans during drive for members which ends Saturday. Left to right, Neil Wilson, president; Miss Rae Sinclair, New York representative Civic Concert Service; Mrs. Charles Snyder, secretary; Donald Nelson, vice president. Absent was Merle Bockett, treasurer. (Observer Photo)

## Encouraging Report On Tot Twins

PORTLAND (UPI) — The first really encouraging report by the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital regarding the 3-month-old Stubblefield siamese twins was released Wednesday night.

A hospital spokesman said doctors were optimistic that a trend set Tuesday would continue. Jeanett, who had had considerable trouble breathing, was reported doing well, breathing easier, and had better color.

The spokesman said she was resting easier and taking and digesting her formula every three hours. Denett, the smaller but the stronger of the twin girls, was taking about 4 1/2 ounces of formula every three hours.

**City Fathers Adopt Sewer Bond Ordinance**  
City Commissioners adopted an ordinance providing for a \$360,000 sewer bond election, Nov. 6, at their meeting last night. The resolution, No. 1740, was passed unanimously after the reading of the proposed legislation.

This is the final step needed to make the election a pending item after months of work, investigation and preparation. The commission will undertake, in the weeks remaining prior to the election, to hold public meetings, show film strips and circulate literature on the proposed sewerage lagoons.

McDonald said the steel companies "want the union to roll over and play dead while they systematically wipe out 100,000 jobs." The steel workers who remained, McDonald said, would be forced to work harder and faster to make up for the 20 per cent who were pushed out the gate.

"Some steel companies figure it's cheaper to automate men than to modernize plants. They won't get away with it," McDonald said.

"They install new processes for rapid steel making 'instant steel' they want to pulverize the workers into 'instant people' to be used as they darn well please and to have the union powerless to do anything about it."

Taylor, reviewing the board's fact-finding efforts so far, indirectly criticized management for setting a 2 per cent ceiling on increases in labor costs this year.

"As to whether this 2 per cent is a magic figure that will stop inflation, we're not quite so sure," Taylor said.

He said that prolonging the strike contributes to inflation and might lead to an unbalanced federal budget.

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## New Homes In Path Of Spreading Inferno

### Cite Deadline For Soil Bank Participation

Farmers who expect to participate in the 1960 conservation reserve of the Soil Bank have another deadline coming up this week. Friday is the last date to apply for contracts to begin next year, Ben L. Robinson, county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee chairman, said.

Under the reserve for 1960 the farmer's first step was to ask the county ASC committee to establish a basic annual payment rate for his farm. The deadline for that request was Oct. 9.

Next step is for the farmer to apply for a contract at any amount below the per-acre rate established for his land. This must be taken by Oct. 16.

After the applications are returned to the county office, contracts that can be accepted under the regulations will be offered to farmers for signature.

### Trial Opens On Personal Injury Suit

An \$8,500 personal injury suit was scheduled to begin before a jury in Circuit Judge W. F. Brown's court today.

Filing the suit is Rae N. Beery. She claims that an automobile accident here on March 22, 1957, when her car was struck from behind by a youthful driver, resulted in whiplash injuries, hospitalization, disability, loss of work, medical bills and permanent suffering.

She is asking \$1,000 special damages, \$7,500 general damages and court costs.

**Defense Charges**  
Defendant in the suit is Oscar Rudd, father of the young driver.

The accident occurred on Fourth Street when the plaintiff claims she stopped to permit children to cross.

Rudd charges the plaintiff with stopping suddenly and without warning on a public thoroughfare. He asks that the court costs be assessed against the plaintiff.

Attorneys for the plaintiff are Burleigh and Carey, with the defendant represented by Helm and Neely.

### Families Forced To Flee

LA CANADA, Calif. (UPI) — A giant uncontrolled brush fire roared over a hastily cleared fire-break today menacing a group of 50 homes in the Los Angeles foothills.

Three families in the El Prieto Canyon flare-up area were forced to flee their homes shortly before dawn. An estimated 50 more families were awakened by sheriff's deputies and warned to be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

The break-through came in an area of lush undergrowth untouched by fire in 25 years.

The blaze, entering its third day, has blackened 3,000 acres and was burning out of control on an estimated 30-mile perimeter in the Angeles National Forest and suburban Los Angeles areas.

Three hundred other homes were threatened in Briggs Terrace, west of the new flare-up. But firemen said that even though flames were lapping within a mile of some of the residences there was no immediate danger there.

About 1,500 firemen battled the blaze while air tankers loaded with a water-borate solution "bombed" hot spots.

The blaze also erupted to the north of Oak Wilde, burning toward Angeles Crest Highway. Firefighters hoped to halt flames at the highway before they spread over into Dark Canyon and almost inaccessible areas.

Helicopters were used to send firefighters to clear a fire break in the flare-up area, but flames jumped the section despite firemen's efforts.

One home has been partially destroyed and four firemen injured so far fighting the two-day blaze.

Erratic desert winds could spell the difference between tragedy and safety for homeowners in the threatened area.

Predicted winds of up to 20 miles an hour failed to materialize Wednesday night and early today, allowing firefighters to hold their own against the blaze's 22 mile perimeter.

**Wind Still Chief Factor**  
But forestry spokesman Don Porter warned, "everything depends on the wind."

Record temperatures of up to 100 degrees plus extremely low humidity also hindered efforts to contain the blaze.

### New Riveria School Plan Gets Approval

Revised plans for the Riveria school addition have been accepted by La Grande school board members, and the school district's architectural firm has been instructed to proceed with its work.

The board also, at its regular meeting, approved extended fire insurance coverage for the 1960-61 school budget, since the insurance plan cost was in excess of the amount budgeted for the present year.

Also approved was the request of Don Scott that the district call for bids on certain musical instruments.

In other action:  
The board agreed to release Harvey Carter, Junior High School principal, for the week of March 27-April 2, in order that he may represent the Union County Chapter of the White House Conference on Children and Youth, to be held in Washington, D.C.

**Support Financing**  
Agreed to support the financing of the American Society for Curriculum Development meeting

**HARD TO CONVINC**  
LONDON (UPI) — Radio Moscow today quoted Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev as admitting that it is not easy to convince peasants to surrender their land and other personal possessions for collective farming. "A great effort must be made to convince the peasant to abandon his old custom and reform his outlook," Khrushchev said.

**WHO STOLE THE VALVE?**  
Now, who would let the air out of a county-owned car used by the tax assessor's office?

Well, someone did, and he took not only the valve cap but the valve itself.

Union County tax appraisal man Roy Long, dashing out of the assessor's office for a quick business errand, discovered the valve theft. Official business almost, but not quite, stood still for a time.

**CELLULOID LOVER IS DEAD**

## Errol Flynn, Swashbuckling Film Star Dies; Set Autopsy

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UPI) — A coroner viewed the body of actor Errol Flynn today to decide whether the hero of swashbuckling roles on and off the screen died of a heart attack or other causes.

Flynn, 50, died Wednesday night in a doctor's apartment about two hours after complaining of pains in his back.

"I think I might lie down," the movie star told Dr. Grant Gould and a group of friends, including Flynn's "protégé," Beverley Aadland, 17. "But I shall return." They were his last words.

He entered a bedroom and died minutes later despite the efforts of Gould, a fire department inhalator squad that worked over him for nearly an hour, and Vancouver businessman George Caidough, who tried unsuccessfully to revive him with mouth-to-mouth respiration before the inhalator crew arrived.

**Heart Attack Possible**  
"I don't think Flynn had a premonition of death when he recounted some of his life's experiences during the two hours prior to his death," Caidough said. "He was just a born story teller."

"I knew dad was ill but I didn't think he might die," one of Flynn's daughters, Dierdre, told United Press International in Hollywood.

Circumstances of his death indicated he succumbed to a heart attack. The Vancouver police coroner, Dr. Glen McDonald, ordered the actor's body left overnight in the Vancouver General Hospital where it was taken shortly after

he died. McDonald was to decide later today whether an inquest or autopsy would be necessary.

Flynn collapsed onto the floor soon after he entered the doctor's bedroom to rest. He had gone to the doctor's after starting for the airport to board a plane for Hollywood. He had spent a week here negotiating the sale of his \$100,000 schooner, Zaca. He was planning to sell it to Caidough and had been staying at Caidough's home.

Miss Aadland, Flynn's constant companion although he still was married to actress Patricia Wymore, stayed with him to the end. She rode beside the driver when his body was taken by ambulance from the apartment to the hospital. She was reported "deeply shocked" today.

Flynn, accompanied by Caidough and Miss Aadland, called at Dr. Gould's apartment early in the evening asking the doctor to check his condition before leaving here for Los Angeles. Flynn complained of having back pains.

Police said they understood Dr. Gould had proceeded to examine Flynn when the actor suddenly collapsed.

Caidough said he attempted for half an hour to breathe life back into the unconscious actor.

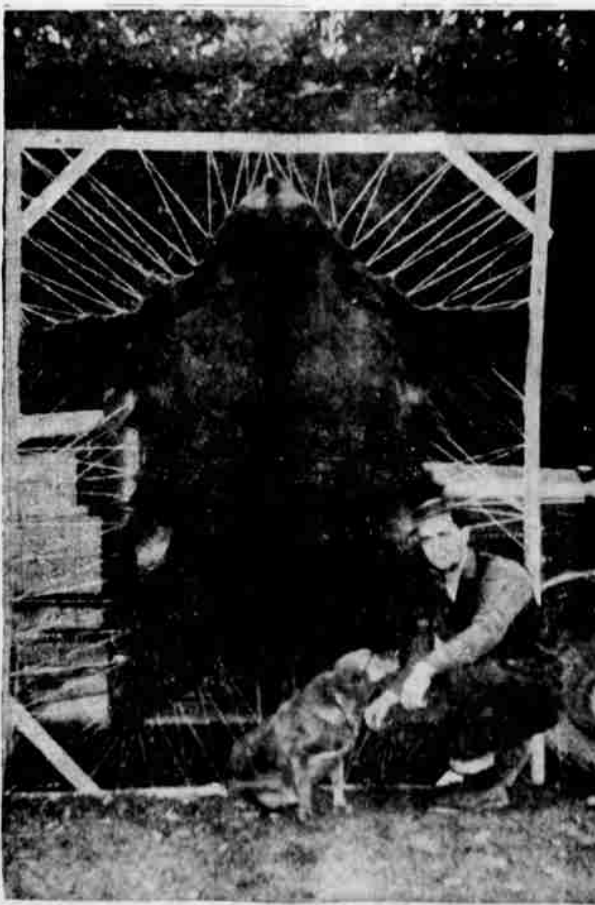
"I did my best," Caidough said, "I tried to save him, but I guess my best wasn't good enough."

He said Miss Aadland suffered a tremendous shock. She was under sedative care today in his west Vancouver home.

Caidough said Flynn was checked over by Dr. Gould, then talked for the next two hours with the doctor about his experiences in the movie world. Then the actor left the room to lie down for a while. Dr. Gould followed Flynn into the bedroom, then called Caidough and told him the actor was dying.

Caidough began breathing into Flynn's mouth in a vain attempt to revive him.

Caidough said Flynn would be buried in Jamaica.



**NEAR RECORD**—Jim Mink has the black bear he shot Monday stretched out to dry at his home, 1302 M Ave. Mink shot the bear near Elgin. From the nose to the tail, the bear measured seven feet, four inches. Jim, who checked the record book, says the bear is only one and five-eighths of an inch from the world record. The bear weighed approximately 400 pounds and was seven feet two inches from paw to paw. (Observer)