



GEE, AIN'T THIS FUN?

There's no fun like snow fun, according to school youngsters Peggy Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Owen, left, and George Longacre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Longacre. The pair was interrupted by the snow while on their way to La Grande Junior High School this morning. (Observer Photo)

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Grande Ronde Valley Area White From Season's First Snowfall

By BILL BEBOUT Observer Staff Writer

The first snowfall of the season came to the Grande Ronde Valley during the night and was greeted this morning by cheering youngsters and grumbling motorists. The snow depth was estimated at a little more than two inches in the city with reports of four inches coming in this morning from the Cove area. There is no official weather station in the valley to record snowfall.

Packed snow on Highway 30 west from Starkey junction and two inches of new snow at Meacham caused State Police to advise motorists to carry chains. There are patches of packed snow from North Powder junction to Baker.

Snow Plows

Snow plows are operating on Highway 204 (Elgin-Weston) and motorists are advised to carry chains. Police said there is a large amount of packed snow on Highway 82 north and that chains

are also recommended. A "skiff" of snow was reported this morning at Elgin and Walcham and one inch of powdered snow fell during the night at Enterprise.

La Grande youngsters played in the snow this morning on their way to school, throwing snow balls and building snowmen. The happy children were in contrast to local workers and businessmen who were grumpy scraping car windows and shoveling. Children in one family awakened their parents to demand an explanation for the white blanket on the city. They had never seen snow before.

Upsets Mark Voting For City Mayors

United Press International

Upsets in Salt Lake City and Columbus, Ohio, sparked Tuesday's election of mayors in major cities. J. Bracken Lee, former Republican Utah governor running as an independent, became mayor of Salt Lake in a setback for both regular parties. Republican Ralston Westlake scored a surprise victory over Democratic mayor M.E. Sorenson in Columbus, Ohio.

Armed U.S. Troops Guarding Canal Zone

BALBOA, Canal Zone (UPI) — U. S. Army troops equipped with machineguns and mortars guarded the borders of the Canal Zone today against any new invasion attempt by mobs of anti-American nationalist from the Panama Republic. Rioting nationalists in Panama City Tuesday ripped to shreds the U.S. Embassy flag, smashed windows in U. S. Agencies, burned automobiles and stoned U. S. Canal Zone guards. The U. S. consulate in Colon at the Atlantic end of the 50-mile wide isthmus also was attacked.

Potter requested the Army take over enforcement of law and order after hard-pressed police had spent more than five hours fending off rock-throwing, cursing Panamanian youths. The demonstrators were infuriated when police refused them permission to carry the Panamanian flag into the U. S. - controlled zone. At least three policemen were injured and two demonstrators arrested. U. S. soldiers with bared bayonets moved up to ring the frontiers with Panama. Searchlights were concentrated along the border to frustrate any possible attempt at infiltration during the night.

Indians Mob Red Chinese Embassy In New Delhi

NEW DELHI (UPI) — More than 3,000 Indian students mobbed the Communist Chinese Embassy today to protest Chinese raids across India's borders. "Death to Chou En-lai!" the students shouted. The reference was to the Communist Chinese premier. Some of the students roughed up a Chinese-American newspaperman they thought was a Communist.

Hubcap Thefts From Student's Auto Is Reported

The theft of flipper-type hubcaps from a car belonging to an Eastern Oregon College student was reported to police yesterday. Ken Miller told police that the hubcaps were taken from his car while it was parked at a service station at 1802 Adams Ave. The hubcaps were taken sometime between 10 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Tuesday, police said. The stolen items were valued at \$20.95. Police also arrested two women drivers on stop sign violations yesterday.

City Dads Tell Why Lagoon Sewage Facility 'Necessary'

Figures, Facts By Engineer

By GRADY PANNELL Observer Staff Writer

Armed with some convincing figures and facts and with a consulting engineer and State Sanitary Authority spokesman present, La Grande city commissioners, in their home balliwick, last night held probably the last meeting on the sewage problem before the votes Friday.

Several disgruntled anti-lagoon sewage plant persons present blamed the driving wind and chilly temperatures for the lack of a full house. About 250 persons were present, with a large representation from the Island City area.

It was evident, despite posing of a legal technicality from Ed Draper, Island City, on airport zoning board jurisdiction, and a plea from Mrs. Tom McGuire, Rt. 2, not to vote for the oxidation sewage disposal facility that the city fathers had made up their mind to get the \$360,000 bond issue before the public Friday.

City Attorney Gordon Clarke advised Draper that he would confer with the city attorney's office on the point of jurisdiction over airport authority.

Draper's mild bombshell came at the end of an otherwise quiet and orderly meeting in the spacious junior high school auditorium.

A leading spokesman from Island City fighting the proposed oxidation pond site in that area northeast of La Grande, Draper told the commission that extensive investigation yesterday disclosed that the sewage ponds would be located within an area that the airport zoning board claims jurisdiction over. He pointed out that the city at first considered constructing such a sewage plant on its large piece of property adjacent to the airport site itself.

Fuss Stirred Up

"You know what happened here," he said. "You stirred up the joint city-county airport board and they in turn created such a fuss that both the State and Federal Aviation Authority turned you down." Draper said that the Rex Griggs ranch (a 230 acre site which the city has taken an option to purchase for \$80,500 on which to construct a lagoon type sewage treatment plant) was within the airport zoning board area.

"How can they reject your first proposal and not reject the Griggs site?" Draper asked. Clarke opened the meeting by giving a historical report on the city's sewage treatment plant from its construction date in 1926, the period when the plant first began malfunctioning in the late 40's and the time since then when state health officials advised the city to "do something about the matter."

No Odors

He also touched on oxidation ponds, a "sewage treatment facility new to the Northwest," and declared that fears from odors were unfounded. He told those present that the entire city commission and the city engineer had inspected the new oxidation ponds at Vale and found the facility to be odor-free. Only from about a 10-foot distance inside the immediate lagoon area itself was there any type of odor, he said. Clarke raised chuckles the night before at Island City when he said that a member of their lagoon inspection team "munched a candy bar at the Vale oxidation pond site."

Clarke pointed out last night that the city twice has appealed to state authority for financial assistance, "an apportionment of Oregon's share of federal funds to be used for new sewage plants and such," he said. The commission president said that it was the opinion of his group that should the people react favorably to the bond issue La Grande might receive financial aid.

Earl C. Reynolds, engineer in charge of the Idaho office of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merrifield who are the consulting engineers the city hired several years ago on the sewage project, assured his audience that oxidation ponds would work favorably here.

Police Continuing Probe Of Burglary

City police are continuing their investigation into the burglary at the La Grande Market, 1604 1/2 Adams Ave., Sunday night. Adam Coy, manager of the market, reported the theft of five knives valued at \$36 in addition to the \$9.50 in change that was taken. Two steak knives, a cleaver, a butcher steel and a pork chop knife were taken, police said.

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QUESTIONS CITY MANAGER

Lewis Stalter, right, poses several questions at Dave Slaght, city engineer and acting city manager, during phase of last night's question and answer series with city commission on Friday's \$360,000 sewage bond election. Stalter asked for complete breakdown on the \$360,000. (Observer Photo)



EARL C. REYNOLDS Consulting Engineer

City Attorney Doubts Airport Area Authority

The question of whether or not the airport zoning commission established a precedent by refusing to allow lagoon-type sewage ponds at the airport and if it applies to the entire area under their jurisdiction has not been officially presented to Carl G. Helm Jr., city attorney.

Ed Draper, Island City, told the meeting at the junior high school last night that the Griggs property falls within the area of the commission's authority. By refusing the city permission to build on the airport grounds it established a precedent in the entire district under their control.

Helm said today that without investigation into the matter he believed the question to be without merit.

Recess Steel Strike Talks Indefinitely

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal mediators recessed steel strike negotiations indefinitely today after a futile 30-minute bargaining session with union and management officials.

U. S. Mediation Director Joseph F. Finnegan said there was no point in continuing talks until both sides agreed on costs of contract proposals designed to end the 113-day old walkout.

Finnegan said negotiators for the United Steelworkers Union and the major steel producers would be subject to call to further mediation sessions, possibly Friday.

He acknowledged that the pending Supreme Court ruling on the legality of an injunction ordering the men back to work for 90 days occupied the attention of both sides.

"Our mediation sessions are independent of the court but naturally everybody has their eyes focused on the nation's highest tribunal," Finnegan told newsmen.

There was no indication when the court would rule but its decision was expected this week or early next week.

Steelworkers President David J. McDonald was asked if any progress was made at this morning's session. "Absolutely none," he replied. Before entering the first joint talks since negotiations broke down last Saturday McDonald said the experts were "getting nowhere."



H. M. PATTERSON State Health Official

Hermiston Man Killed In Wreck

Wesley Monroe Traner, 38, Hermiston, suffered fatal injuries yesterday when his pickup truck went off the road and rolled over several times on Highway 30 about nine miles west of here.

State Police said Traner was thrown from the vehicle and died at 4:32 p.m. in the Grande Ronde Hospital from head injuries.

Traner was traveling east when the pickup left the highway and struck a large rock in the borrow pit, rolled over twice before coming to rest on its wheels. It went about 213 feet before stopping, officers said.

Police received the call at 2:20 p.m. The victim was brought to La Grande by the Dempsey Ambulance Service.

Honor Past Masters

La Grande Lodge AF and AM, 41, will honor Past Masters at a hot cake fed this evening at 6 p.m. in the Masonic hall. Meeting to follow the feed.

Kennedy Here Monday For Addresses; Morse Says He 'Misquoted'



SEN. JOHN KENNEDY Will Speak Here

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) will deliver a non-political speech on the Eastern Oregon College campus Monday at 10 a.m., it was confirmed here today.

Kennedy, frontrunner for the Democratic party's nomination for the presidency, will speak in the college theatre. The talk is open to the public.

He will attend a luncheon with members of the press and the Union County Democratic Central Committee before continuing on to Portland on his speech-making swing through the Northwest.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) described as a "complete falsehood" today a newspaper cartoon which quoted him as saying he would campaign against John F. Kennedy if the Massachusetts senator becomes the Democratic candidate for President.

In a letter to the Washington Evening Star, made public at the senator's office, Morse said he has made it clear that he would campaign only against Kennedy's winning the nomination.

The cartoon was carried in Tuesday's editions of the Star.

"In my speeches of recent weeks," Morse said, "I have made very clear that if Kennedy is nominated at the Los Angeles convention, I shall not campaign against him. I have always held to the view that no senator has the ethical right to campaign against the nominee of his party."

Morse said he has no intention of leaving the Democratic party but believes that if a senator can't campaign for its nominee he has the right and duty to remain silent "during the campaign."

He said he believes Kennedy "would not make a good president" because of his Senate record. But he said he likes him personally.

THERE WAS THREE

ROSS-ON-WYE, England (UPI) — David Nelson, 71, died in church Tuesday while attending the double funeral of two friends.

THOUGHT HE HAD HONEST SHOW

Quiz Sponsor Denies Charges Rigging Practices 'Controlled'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The sponsor of two big money TV quiz shows today denied charges by two producers that he knew they were rigged and sometimes brought pressure to "control" the outcome of the contests. The denial was made before House investigators by Martin Revson, former vice president of the Revlon Cosmetics Co., who was assigned chief responsibility by the firm for supervising the two now defunct shows, "64,000 Question" and "364,000 Challenge."

"We believed we had bought an honest show and we were convinced we had one," Revson said. "I never once suggested that a particular contestant win or lose. It never entered my mind that the producer would control the losing or winning," he testified.

Like Comments

President Eisenhower told his news conference that Congressional disclosures of rigging have dismayed and astonished the American people and recalled the shock when baseball's infamous Black Sox scandal broke 40 years ago. The President said no one in the industry or the viewing public will be satisfied until, as he put it, the whole mess is cleaned up.

He said the Justice Department will be ready before Congress returns in January with recommendations on what if anything can be done under present laws to prevent further abuses or whether new legislation is needed.

Martin Revson, in making his denial of pressuring producers of the once-popular shows, was the first witness of the day before the House subcommittee.

The investigating house subcommittee heard a different story Tuesday from Steven Carlin, show producer of the two shows, and producer Merv Koplin who assisted him.

POSTPONE NEW LAUNCHING VANDENBERG AFB, Calif.

(UPI) — Firing of the Discoverer VII satellite was cancelled Tuesday because of unfavorable weather conditions. The Air Force said the launching would be rescheduled for a later date. The countdown Tuesday had reached one hour and 50 minutes when the shot was called off.