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WEATHER

Few snow showers tonight; partial clearing Thursday; low tonight 16-22; high Thursday 40-46.

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CHIEF REEVE AND PUPILS

La Grande Police Chief Oliver E. Reeves explains dangers of talking with strangers to Ackerman school children. The school's Parent-Teachers group will sponsor instruction for the youngsters in the near future on proper precautions in dealing with strangers. From left are Katy Neely, Pat Goss and Steven DeLashmutt. (Observer)

HE'S NO BABE RUTH

SHORHEATH, England (UPI)—Billy Wright, who might be called the Babe Ruth of British soccer, was to open a building exhibition Sunday by kicking a soccer ball through a paper door from four yards away.

Wright, a 20-year veteran of kicking soccer balls, wound up and whumped the ball with all his might.

He missed the door completely.

Portland Papers Publish

PORTLAND (UPI)—Portland's two daily newspapers, the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, planned two editions of their joint enterprise today in answer to a Stereotypers Union strike against both papers.

The first edition of the Oregonian-Oregon Journal was published at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, some 12 hours after stereotypers walked off their jobs at both papers and forced the Journal to suspend afternoon editions. The Oregonian, a morning paper, had delivered its main home edition before the strike was called at 5 a.m.

Publishers of the two dailies, normally rivals, worked together to bring out the paper with supervisory and non-union personnel. The union called the strike after 13 negotiating sessions on issues regarding working conditions fell through.

Mixed Comics
Meanwhile, the joint paper was scheduled for publication twice a day, in the morning and afternoon, until the strike issues are settled.

The first edition of the paper, which featured an editorial page for each paper, a mixed selection of comics, and other features normally published separately, focused on the strike with a front-page statement saying that readers and advertisers "will be served."

Free of Chemical
The Wisconsin Board of Health announced Tuesday night that cranberries grown in that state were found free of aminotriazole.

Six New Jersey packing firms, which produce about 40 per cent of the nation's canned berries, said the Rutgers University agriculture experiment station had ruled that their cranberries were not contaminated. They said the berries came from New Jersey, Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

Labor Secretary 'Eats His Hat' On Losing Bet

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell announced today that unemployment rose to 3,270,000 in October and he promptly ate his "hat" in public.

Mitchell, standing in front of the labor department, nibbled on a sliver of mocha cake made in the shape of a fedora. He promised last April to eat his hat if the number of people out of work exceeded the three million mark in October.

He blamed the higher than predicted unemployment figure on the steel strike rather than weakness in the economy.

"If there had been no steel strike," Mitchell said, "unemployment would be well below three million and employment would have risen high above the 67 million mark."

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Cuban Police Arrest Trio At Radio Station

HAVANA, Cuba (UPI)—Cuban police arrested two men and a woman in a raid on a clandestine radio station in Havana which broadcast anti-Castro propaganda, it was reported today.

The woman was identified as Berta Estevez, described as a close friend of former national police Col. Juan Salas Canizares who was executed by a revolutionary firing squad.

MOTIVES UNCHANGED
LONDON (UPI)—Some people watch televised operations for the "some motives that draw people to a bullfight, or, in earlier days, (drew them) to a public hangings," the magazine medical press said today.

Mysterious Explosion Rocks Entire Grande Ronde Valley

Nature Of Boom Is Not Known

A mysterious explosion rocked the entire Grande Ronde Valley area about 10:30 o'clock last night, jamming local and State Police switchboards with telephone calls.

State Police reported hearing the reverberating boom but had no ready explanation of the source or cause.

La Grande police this morning could give no answer to The Observer's questions as to the possible nature of the apparent explosion.

Jet Plane?

There was some speculation, however, that the explosive noise could have been made by a jet plane flying faster than sound breaking the sonic barrier.

"Possible atmospheric conditions could have contained the boom within the high mountains surrounding the valley here," police said.

There was also another explanation as to the apparent explosion.

Road Crews

Road construction crews working on U. S. Highway 30 west of La Grande could have possibly set off a large explosive charge of dynamite at this later hour.

Since today was a legal holiday and road crews were off the construction job west of town, this could not be verified. However, this possibility loomed strong, it was said, since a large TNT charge of this type could have been planned for night in order to avoid daytime traffic and lessen any possible danger to motorists.

Regardless of what it was, however, it shook up La Grande from one end to the other and was felt in such outlying communities as Cove, about 14 miles east of this community.

State Health Man To Eat Cranberries

SALEM (UPI)—J. D. Patterson, the State Agriculture Department's chief chemist, said Tuesday he would be eating cranberries with his Thanksgiving dinner despite reports that a toxic spray was used on some of this year's Oregon and Washington crops.

Patterson said his two chemists have been unable as yet to find any cancer producing chemical in the berries in tests made over the past three weeks.

However, some Salem stores have removed cranberries from the East and West Coast from shelves. Some Midwest cranberries remain.

Union Boy Scouts Recipients Of Badges

UNION (Special)—Bud Cockrell received his first class badge, and Tom Ballard, Ronnie Droke and Keith Pumphrey received their second class badges at the recent court of honor and inspection held in La Grande. Mr. Naegeli, scout master of Troop 85, received the troop's God and Country Scout award for meeting their goal and increasing enrollment.



GRANGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

Union County grange officers were installed in a joint ceremony at the Blue Mt. Grange hall. Two masters, shown above (left to right) William A. Webb, Catherine Creek, and Glen Mullenburg, Blue Mt., are being installed by Nina Powell, Wolf Creek, installing marshal, and Dorothy Kipling, Wingville Grange at Baker, the installing officer. (Observer Photo)

Nation Pays Respects To U.S. War Dead In Traditional Rites

United Press International
The nation pauses for a minute of silence today to honor the country's war dead on Veterans Day.

Traditional Veterans Day ceremonies were held at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Army chief of staff, lead the ob-

servance as President Eisenhower's personal representative, placing the President's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The 11 a.m. wreath-laying ceremony was to be followed by one minute of reverent silence to be observed throughout the nation. This was the exact hour the guns ceased firing the first Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, marking the

end of World War I. Other memorial services were planned at the First Division Monument in downtown Washington and at the simple grave of Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary Force in World War I, in Arlington.

Millions of school children had a holiday as did the nation's mailmen who made no deliveries today. Most other federal, state and municipal employees were also given the day off.

Courts and most banks and public buildings were closed but grain and stock markets around the country were open.

Many daily newspapers around the country suspended publication for the day.

Wreath Laying Ceremonies and Parades Marked Veterans Day Observances in the Rest of the Country

Jean Wick Is 4-H Winner

Jean Wick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wick, La Grande, has been named one of 12 sectional winners in national 4-H forestry competition.

For her achievement she will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 29 through Dec. 3. She will join the Oregon delegation in Portland and will leave on Thanksgiving for the trip east.

Miss Wick is a senior at La Grande High School and an honor student. She recently received a \$300 Standard Oil Company scholarship to be used at a school of her choice next year.

This is the first time that Union County has been honored with a state and sectional winner in forestry, according to Union County Extension agent Jim Huber.

No Indictments By Grand Jury; Group Backs Law Change Plea

Union County Grand Jury members ended their current session yesterday with no indictments returned, but gave a blanket endorsement to an opinion by the district attorney regarding the Oregon Negligent Homicide law.

It was also announced by Circuit Judge W. F. Brown that the group would be replaced by a new jury panel by Dec. 15. The present grand jury has been on call for the past 15 months.

Jury members are Thomas Wallinger, foreman; Lester V. Johnson, Helen Conklin, Henrietta Hoxie, Gladys Puckett, Eloa C. Zurbrick and Ola Mae Waelly.

Complete Accord
On District Attorney George Anderson's opinion, the jury had this to say:

"We... are in complete agreement with the opinion... that adequate curbing of traffic deaths through law enforcement and criminal prosecutions can only be made feasible by legislative action to remove the requirement of 'gross negligence' from the Oregon Negligent Homicide law, and to permit compulsory taking of blood alcohol tests from drivers suspected of being under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

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"The Supreme Court, in a well considered opinion in a recent case, ruled that, for all practical purposes, a person can be prosecuted for causing the death of another person in an auto accident only under the 'Negligent Homicide' statute, unless the person causing the death was under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs at the time of the accident.

The Oregon 'Negligent Homicide' statute, except for deaths caused by defectively equipped or loaded vehicles, requires that the person causing the death must have been guilty of driving in a grossly negligent manner before he can be found guilty of an offense.

Religious Colony Feared Russ Invasion When Planes Crashed

Bids Sought For Joseph Post Office

The Post Office Department will seek competitive bids for a new post office building at Joseph, according to word received today from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Bids will be solicited during Nov. 12 through Dec. 14, 1959 for a building to contain approximately 2,000 square feet of inside floor space, a 120 square foot platform, and 3,540 square feet for a parking and maneuvering area.

Based on the use of an assign-able land option on the corner of McCully and Main Streets (northwest), now held by the government, the terms of the contract will include a ten-year lease with two five-year renewal options.

The new building will be constructed according to Post Office Department specifications and leased to the department over a long period of years. Detailed specifications and other information regarding the plans may be obtained from the regional real estate office, box 3703, Portland 8.

FIGHT OVER APPLES

BERLIN (UPI)—Russian and East German housewives fought over scarce apples in the Russian Garrison town of Brandenburg, east Germany, the "Information Bureau West" reported.

The private intelligence service said the fight took place Oct. 25. The Russian and German women were lined up to buy the apples at a Soviet army store. Then the Russians announced that only Russian women would be served and the Germans attacked them, it said.

thousand torches—I thought the Russians had bombed us and I was fearful for our people," he said. "I thought an atomic bomb attack had begun. The entire colony shook from the blast. The whole sky was afire and I said a prayer and then hurried to give the alarm we had been attacked."

In a firm, German-accented voice, Stahl said he aroused the other members of the colony and told them he feared bombers had attacked the navigational installation located on the Hutterite land to guide aircraft to the Lewistown Airport.

Stahl said the other members of the colony, dressed in their traditional black clothing, rushed out into the blizzard and were assigned specific duties.

One man was sent to extinguish lights in a hog barn and chicken coops. Another rushed to put out lights in other barn buildings. In a matter of seconds all

Lights Guided Airmen
The two surviving airmen, meanwhile, had parachuted from their doomed plane and were using the lights from the Hutterite ranch to guide their descent.

Capt. John Budner, 31, of Bluefield, W. Va., said that after he bailed out of his plane "I looked around for lights and saw a bench a little way off. Then they all went out."

Budner's radar observer, Lt. James Johnson, 27, of Groesbeck, Tex., suffered the same fate and eventually landed in a muddy stubblefield.

Stahl said "we put out the lights in case it was an invasion." After the blackout Stahl telephoned authorities in Lewistown and was told that there had been no enemy attack but that three U.S. fighter planes had run out of fuel in the blizzard and crashed.

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LEWISTOWN, Mont. (UPI)—A group of 73 religious pacifists today revealed how their little Hutterite colony reacted when it feared a nearby federal navigational installation was under attack by atomic bombers from Russia.

The group's fear resulted from the crash of three U.S. twin-jet interceptor fighters during a driving blizzard the previous night. The explosions lighted the sky and reflections off the swirling snow resembled the mushroom cloud from an atomic explosion.

One plane crashed a quarter of a mile from their ranch.

Four crewmen were killed when they crashed with their planes while two others bailed out and were rescued by the Hutterites.

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POISON BLOWGUNS, SPEARS

African Pygmies Join 'Giant' Warriors In Big Jungle Fight

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—Ruanda pygmies, using poison blowguns joined the giant Watusi warriors in a battle with the Bahutsu tribesmen in the Belgian trusteeship territories in Africa, reports reaching Brussels said today.

The Ministry of Colonies said it had received reports that more than 200 persons had been killed in savage fighting carried out with ancient spears and bows and arrows and now with blowguns in the mountainous territory in Central Africa.

The seven-foot-tall Watusi apparently were losing out in the battles against the more numerous Bahutsu, long their serfs, and

called on the four-foot high pygmies to help them out.

The Bahutsu outnumbered the Watusis 4,000,000 to 300,000. Reports said most of the dead were Watusi warriors and that so far the rampant Bahutsu have spared women and children. The Bahutsu went on the war path because they feared Belgium's plans for independence would perpetuate Watusi domination.

A battalion of about 600 Colonial Army (Force Publique) troops sent in from the adjoining Belgian Congo has so far been unable to separate the warring tribes.

The battalion split up into 24 patrols but was able to make lit-

tle contact with the fighting because of the mountainous terrain and the barely perceptible jungle trails along which the tribesmen travel.

The troops armed with rifles and machineguns usually arrive after a battle has taken place and the tribesmen have melted away into the mountains and jungles they know so well.

The Bahutsu are operating in groups of between 200 and 250 which emerge from the jungles and strike Watusi villages without warning. After killing all who resist, they burn the village and the surrounding coffee and banana plantations and head back into the jungle.



CUGAT TESTIFIES

Band leader Xavier Cugat informs the House Legislative Oversight Subcommittee in Washington, D.C. that he was another of the contestants prompted while appearing on a TV quiz. Cugat won \$16,000 answering questions on the TV show "The \$64,000 Challenge."