

Massive Search Builds For Missing Hunter

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WEATHER

Snow in mountains this afternoon and tonight; partly cloudy Friday; high Friday 35-40; low tonight 18-25.

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COLOR GUARD ON PARADE

A veterans' color guard composed of local VFW and World War I members is at parade rest formation during main Veterans Day address delivered by Col. Dave Baum, left. Guard members, left to right, Maurice

Atkinson, VFW; Lester Kingsley, VFW; John Engle, VFW; Glen Tetrick and Otis Palmer, both World War I. (Observer Photo)

Lay Plaque Memorial For Vets

An address by Dave Baum, lieutenant colonel and commanding officer in this area of National Guard units, special tribute paid to Mrs. Ed Ford and laying a bronze plaque on the Veterans Memorial, featured Veterans Day observance here yesterday.

The program was in charge of the four vet groups of the city, American Legion, Veterans of World War I, DAV and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Held at the Memorial Swimming pool, it was pointed out how the late Ed Ford, city manager at the time, was largely responsible for getting the pool constructed as a memorial to veterans.

Donations Listed
Donations for the Veterans Memorial were received from the following:

Lester Kingsley, \$5; Fred Sommer, \$5; Gaither Fuel and Feed, \$1; Veterans of World War I, \$100; Blue Mountain Grange, \$4; Hub City Food Center, \$5; DAV chapter 21, \$50; Westenskow and Nebeker, \$2.50; Frank Lovely, \$2; The Wheel, \$20; Fraternal Order of Eagles, \$25.

Also—Jacksons Second Hand Store, \$5; VFW Post 2990, \$100; Albertsons Food Center, \$15; Playless Drug, \$5; Riverside Ladies Aid, \$50; Junior Old Timers, \$10; McDonald Electric, 1; Marvin Clark, Silverhill Dairy, \$2; John Engle, \$5; American Legion Post 43, \$100; Sacajawea Hotel, use of ballroom for dance.

TO VISIT RUSSIA

LONDON (UPI)—Guinea President Sekou Toure will follow up his visit to the United States with a trip to Russia this month, Moscow Radio said Wednesday night.

Chemist Says 'Tainted' Berries Not Dangerous To Human Beings

NEW YORK (UPI)—The chemist whose laboratory experiments disclosed that a weed killer used on some cranberry crops produced cancer in rats said Wednesday night the tainted berries were not dangerous to humans.

Dr. Boyd Shaffer, a toxicologist for the American Cyanamid Co., said his experiments with aminotriazole produced cancer in rats only after "continued administration over the lifetime of the rats at a relatively high dosage."

He said similar experiments with dogs produced no cancer. "If you ask me whether the very small amount of residue

presented in the tainted cranberries is dangerous to people, I steadfastly maintain the answer is no," he said.

Magazine Supports View
Shaffer said a human "would have to eat 15,000 pounds of cranberries a day for many years" before he would suffer any ill effect from consumption of the chemical residue.

The McGraw-Hill Chemical Week in an editorial prepared for the Nov. 28 issue supported Shaffer's view.

The magazine said a person would have to eat large amounts of the berries every day for more than 20 years to reach the feeding-test levels at which the

weed killer first proved harmful. "And nobody, but nobody, eats that many cranberries," Chemical Week added.

Professor Robert D. Sweet of Cornell University also debunked reports that the tainted berries might be dangerous to humans. "As far as the danger is concerned," Sweet said, "I would rather take my chances with cranberries than smoke cigarettes."

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming started the controversy Monday when he warned that a portion of the Washington and Oregon crops had been contaminated by the weed killer.

SLOWER ONES, FAST AUTOS

WELLS, Nev. (UPI)—Lance Agee, a reporter for the Wells High School student magazine, made a survey at the school and came up with the following statistics:

—Not one straight "A" student at Wells High owns a car.

—Only five per cent of the "B" students do.

—About 45 per cent of the "C" students do.

—And 71 per cent of the "D" students do.

Agee pointed out that he was neither a car owner—nor an "A" student.

Howling Blizzard Swoops Into Montana Killing Six

HUNTER LOST IN WALLOWAS

ENTERPRISE (Special)—A search party of 28 men on horseback is combing the rugged Wallowa Mountains for a Dayton, Ore., elk hunter who is believed seriously injured in the Barton Height area.

Erthel Tubson, 50, was reported missing by his hunting companion, Dick Rockhill, also of Dayton, early yesterday morning.

Wallowa County Sheriff Mark Marks is leading the search party of U.S. Forest Service and Game Department employees and Oregon State Police. Barton Height is the ridge between the Imnaha and Snake rivers and is accessible only by horseback. A search plane was forced to turn back this morning because of bad weather without finding a trace of the missing hunter.

The sheriff's office here said the fact that ranches are plainly visible from the ridge has lead searchers to believe that Tubson is seriously injured or dead rather than lost.

The missing hunter's coat and horse were located together but no other trace of the man has been found.

Searchers were hampered last night and this morning by snow and bitterly cold winds which whipped the rugged mountain area.

Shoot From Hip Sourdough Admits Kill

FLORENCE, Ariz. (UPI)—A grizzled, veteran gold prospector searching for the fabled Lost Dutchman Mine said Wednesday he killed another gold seeker in a fire-from-the-hip battle in the mountains.

Sheriff's deputies left early today to check out the story told by Ed Piper who long has been involved in a running feud with crews led by former Los Angeles singer Mrs. Celeste Marie Jones.

Mrs. Jones has been seeking the famed mine for years and gun fire between her crews and Piper has been frequent, said deputies.

Piper told Pinal County deputies he fired his .38-caliber revolver from the hip as the other man fired at him.

He said he did not know the man's name, but that he was one of Mrs. Jones' guards. Deputies said they were holding Piper until his story could be checked. But he was not booked, they said.

Deputy Ed Stark said he has had to venture into the wild mountain country several times to warn Piper and Mrs. Jones about shots being exchanged over mining rights in the area.

Piper claimed a bullet creased his skull several months ago while he stood on Weaver's Needle, a towering shaft believed to be landmark in locating the lost mine.

The mine is believed to be somewhere in rough terrain in central Arizona, about 50 miles east of Phoenix. Its location was lost with the death of the original finder.

City Hall Rumor Reveals Slight May Get Post

Rumors are current at city hall that Dave Slight, city engineer and acting city manager, is leading contender for the vacant city manager's post here.

Slight refused to comment, and the city commission said it had nothing yet for the public record on the matter. The commission did say, however, that an announcement would be made at Wednesday night's meeting.

It was learned that the city commission has received several applications for the post and has been going through the list for several weeks.

Fred Young resigned as city manager Sept. 12 of this year to reenter the insurance business here.

GROUND, AIR MOVEMENT SNARLED, HUNTERS LOST

BILLINGS, Mont. (UPI)—Six persons were counted dead today and an undetermined number of hunters were trapped in a savage storm that dumped up to 17 inches of snow across Montana.

The latest storm-caused death came today when a Hardin, Mont. man died in a car accident on ice-covered Bozeman Hill in South-western Montana.

Ground and air transportation was snarled, hunters were trapped in the wind-swept Rockies and thousands of cattle were stranded by the swirling snow.

The worst storm of the winter, packing 50 mile an hour winds when it broke out of the high mountain ranges, pushed toward the Northern and Central Plains and the upper Mississippi Valley today.

Heavy snow warnings were posted for portions of Nebraska and South Dakota with local accumulations of more than four inches. The storm was expected to reach northwest Iowa tonight.

Many Hunters Unreported
The Montana blizzard left many hunters unreported. However, sheriff's officers said the hunters probably were not in any serious trouble because of the relatively warm temperatures.

A veteran stockman estimated 10,000 to 15,000 sheep and cattle were stranded in high mountain ranges. Riders expected to try today to get feed to the cattle.

Air travel was halted because of poor visibility and many motorists were forced to abandon their cars.

All highway travel between Helena and Missoula across the Continental Divide was stopped by the State Highway Patrol and sheriff's officers—closing a 117 mile stretch of U.S. 10.

An estimated 50 cars slid from the highway in the Heligate Canyon between Missoula and Helena.

Other fatality was a professional guitar player killed in a two-car crash near Billings.

He was the fifth person to die as a result of the storm which howled down from Canada early Tuesday. Four Air Force fliers were killed when their F86 Scorpions crashed after running short of fuel.

The storm was so bad at Helena that motorists abandoned their cars on city streets and trudged through 14 inch snow after chains and snow tires proved useless.

The Weather Bureau at Helena said the storm should let up today.

Dr. Kovach To Speak At Wool School Meet

Dr. F. M. Kovach, Island City veterinarian, is one of the principal speakers at the sheep and wool school at Oregon State College in Corvallis this weekend.

'DAVID AND GOLIATH'

'Once Invincible' Giant Tribe Being Defeated By Small Serfs

By ROBERT MUSEL
UPI Staff Writer

LONDON (UPI)—A David and Goliath war is being fought in Ruanda-Urundi, next door to the Belgian Congo, and what is dying with the Watutsi warriors is the legend of their invincibility.

The Bahutus, who are a people of medium height, are killing off their masters of 300 years — the giant Watutsi, one of the strangest and most fascinating tribes on earth.

I spent some time among them in one of their capital towns, Astrida, where the Watutsi — they prefer that spelling to the Americanized Watusi — have ruled for three centuries over the cool hills of their beautiful land.

Legend Protects Them
They came down out of Egypt or Ethiopia centuries ago, bringing with them the lyre-boned cattle exactly like those depicted on ancient Egyptian tombs. And their legend of invincibility had protected them ever since.

Without really fighting a battle the skinny giants, many of them seven feet and over, made slaves

of the pygmy Batwas (four feet high) and subject peoples of the Bahutus.

They have brought in the pygmies and their blowguns and poisoned darts to aid them in their battle for survival.

The Watutsi are people of tremendous presence. Their faces are delicately chiseled, their swaying walk gracefully impressive. To emphasize their height they wear Romanesque togas draped down from the shoulder.

The Batwas and Bahutus had never seen anything like them. They accepted instantly that these towering invaders must be the great warriors they said they were. And the Watutsi, without throwing a spear or firing a poisoned arrow, shrewdly added to the legend — for they are most remarkable people.

Never Fought Battles
For example they have large drums decorated with souvenirs separated from alleged battle victims. No one knows where they got these private mementoes—since no one can remember that they ever fought a war before this one — but the sight of the

Deadline On Tax Payments

The Union County sheriff and tax collector's office has reminded that midnight Sunday is deadline for tax payments in order to receive the allowed 3 per cent rebate.

Taxpayers who wish to make their payments in person, however have until 5 p.m. Friday.

No rebate will be allowed for payments on the 16th of November, and the first quarter will have interest charged at two-thirds of one per cent per month or fraction thereof.

A total of \$403,919.94 has been collected to date, with \$256,243.15 turned over to the county treasurer. Last year at this time a total of \$399,481.78 had been collected, according to Sheriff H. A. Klinghammer.

Note Large Increase In City Schools

There are 135 more students enrolled in La Grande public schools this year, according to figures released today by Lyle M. Riggs, city school superintendent.

Riggs said that the school census for the academic year 1959-60 showed 3,269 students in attendance as compared to 3,134 for the 1958-59 school year.

Superintendent Riggs also announced that Wright's Drug of La Grande was apparent low bidder on musical instruments being purchased by the city schools for band and orchestra. Basche-Sage was low bidder for 18 fire extinguishers for local schools. Bids were opened at the school board meeting earlier in the week.

Vet Service Office Closes Several Days

The Union County Veteran's Service Office will be closed from Nov. 16 to the 22nd, due to the state conference in Portland of the County Veteran's Service Officer's semi-annual meet.

Milo W. Stewart, Union County Veteran's Service officer, will leave Monday evening and will return Saturday evening.

Harry F. Bennett Dies

Harry Frank Bennett, Star Route resident, died yesterday at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending, with Don Dempsey Funeral Home in charge.