



HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

Boom operator swings 16 1/2 ton concrete slab into place at the Inland Machinery building under construction on Adams Avenue. The slab was the first section of wall to go up at the construction site. The heaviest slab will weigh 22 tons. Bechtel Bros. are general contractors for the job. (Observer Photo)

Kidnaper Suspect Guns Policeman In Pendleton Run

PENDLETON (UPI) — A man captured after a Highway 30 chase which involved two apparent kidnappings and the wounding of a state policeman today faced possible murder charges for the slaying of a Camas, Wash., used car salesman. Under guard at St. Anthony's hospital was John Broderson, 33, who suffered a superficial bullet wound in his thigh after an exchange of shots with State Police Kenneth Green, 30, The Dalles. Green suffered three flesh wounds in both legs. The slain man was Harold O. Oster, 51. His body was found in an apartment with his hands and feet bound, his mouth gagged with tape and with a knife wound in the back. Holdup Also Reported Before the slaying was discovered, Carl Gehman, operator of a sports shop in Camas, had been held up by a man who took a pistol and locked Gehman in the basement saying "do as I say. I killed a man five minutes ago." State Police Sergeant Roger Armstrong of Pendleton gave this account of the chase: M. and Mrs. James Tucker of Oswego, Ore., enroute to Hood River, picked up a hitch-hiker who later ordered Mrs. Tucker out of the car at The Dalles and forced Tucker to drive on. Mrs. Tucker telephoned state police and roadblocks were set up. When the Tucker car was sighted, police stayed behind and kept it under surveillance to avoid any trouble which might endanger Tucker's life. Exchange of Shots Patrolman Green was in a car behind Tucker and the suspect. When the car ahead suddenly stopped Green came to a halt immediately behind. Tucker was released but Green was forced at gunpoint to accompany the suspect. When the car approached a roadblock at Heppner Junction, Green jumped the suspect and there was an exchange of shots inside the car. Both men suffered flesh wounds in the thigh. At this point other police cars closed in and the suspect was captured. Police said Oster's body was found in a room rented to Broderson. They said he apparently had been lured to the rooming house on the pretext of a car sale. Officer Green and Broderson both were treated first at a Hermiton hospital. Later Broderson was brought here and Green was taken to The Dalles.

Bloodmobile Drive Here Successful

A total of 131 pints of blood were given at the recent driving of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Mrs. Yetti Murphy received special recognition for having donated three gallons of blood and Mrs. Juanita Hanson was awarded a two-gallon pin. C. R. Butler, Mrs. Patricia Briggs and Donna Blank received one-gallon pins. The following local residents assisted in the driving: Mrs. Spencer Burch, Mrs. Lyle Riggs, Mrs. LeRoy Briggs, Mrs. Roland Allen, Mrs. Wesley Smith, Mrs. Alice Eddy, Mrs. Adam Cyr and Mrs. Orville Lentz. Doctors on Duty Physicians on duty were Dr. Lacer, Dr. Ager, Dr. Vanderbill, Dr. Ross, Dr. Kubler, Dr. Gifford and Dr. Moon. Serving as typists were Mrs. Homer Leffel, Mrs. W. R. Winters, Mrs. Don McCall, and a group of the Eastern Oregon College Sabers, Vad Kelson, Sharon Noyes, Pat Ward, Joyce Kay, Myrna Barrett and Sue Switzer. Nurses aids were Mrs. Frank Devaney, Mrs. Archie Dunsmoor, Mrs. John Ladd, Mrs. Marie Brown, Mrs. Lola Martin, Mrs. Frances Greulich, Mrs. Jane Furgason, and Mrs. Dan Turley. Mrs. Herbert Davis and Mrs. Beth Cleaver were in charge of the motor corps. Graduate nurses Mrs. Bessie Miller, Mrs. John Vanderbill, Mrs. Rex Wall, Mrs. La Mar Christman and Elsa Hammond assisted.

Gigantic Feeder Cattle Sale Attracts 500 Persons Here

Second largest feeder cattle sale in the history of the Union County Livestock Association drew more than 500 persons yesterday to the La Grande Livestock Commission Co. yards. A total of 1,770 yearlings and calves went under the auctioneer's gavel. Many of the yearlings and calves had to be sold directly from the trucks when pens were filled to capacity by 12:30 p.m. Unloading was not completed until the middle of the afternoon. Top Quality One cattle company bought 150 head of yearlings and praised the sale for top quality cattle. Top price for yearling heifers went to Earl Rankin, La Grande, with \$18.36 cwt. Rankin also tallied top price for yearling steers with \$23.70 cwt. Brazile Brothers of Cove had top price heifer calves at \$23.70, cwt. Ramey and Stockhoff, La Grande, took top price for steer calves with \$28.10, cwt. Cattle from the sale went to Washington, Idaho and Nebraska, according to sale record books.

Elgin Logger In Surgery For Serious Accident

ELGIN (Special) — Herman (Red) Lovan, an Elgin logger, underwent surgery this morning at St. Joseph hospital in La Grande for injuries suffered yesterday in a logging accident. Lovan was hurt at Looking Glass when a log broke loose and fell on him. He was employed as a landing man for Gifford Terry when the mishap occurred. The Elgin first aid car met the Terry vehicle between Looking Glass and Elgin and took the injured logger to La Grande. He suffered a broken back and fractured hip.

Musical Critics Laud Local Symphony Group

Music Critics were highly complimentary of the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra performance at Pendleton Sunday, according to Dr. L. Rhodes Lewis, conductor. Dr. Lewis said that miserable weather conditions at Pendleton failed to keep people away from the program. Meanwhile, final practice session was held by the local musicians Monday night at EOC preparatory to Sunday afternoon's first La Grande concert of the season. The concert will feature Miss Nadia Koutzen, Philadelphia, on the program. The soloist number music followers are waiting for is the Bruch Concerto in G Minor, with Miss Koutzen featured on the violin. Concert time is 4 p.m. in the EOC auditorium.

HAGERTY IN GREECE ATHENS, Greece (UPI)—Presidential press secretary James Hagerty arrives today from New Delhi to make arrangements for President Eisenhower's visit next month.



DR. I. L. KOSIN

Noted Farm Specialist Here Friday

Dr. I. L. Kosin, Washington State University professor, will be the featured speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce Farmer-Merchant banquet. Dr. Kosin represented the government as an agricultural specialist in Moscow at the American National Exhibition this year. Dr. Kosin speaks the Russian language fluently and visited many Russian homes and institutions during the summer. He will use slides to illustrate his talk. The annual banquet has been set for the La Grande Armory Friday night at 7. Ted Sidor is the chairman.

Big Hike Of Old-Age Payments In County

As of February, 1959, old-age survivors, and disability insurance, monthly benefits were being paid in Union County at the rate of \$1,124,508 a year, according to Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La Grande social security district office. "This is an increase of about 25 per cent over last year," he said. Welo stressed that while the benefits are intended primarily for the beneficiary's economic security, the payments of social security benefits at the rate of \$1,124,508 a year in Union County helps business in the community generally because most of the money is spent immediately on food, clothing, and other necessities. "In February social security benefits were being paid nationally at a rate of nearly 10 billion dollars annually," he said. Maximum Payment "Payments to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits averaged \$67.50 a month nationally in February, and to a retired couple \$119.40 a month," Welo said. The average for a widow with two young children was \$165. The maximum payment for a family is \$254. "There were several reasons for the increase in beneficiaries over last year," he said. The long-term growth of the aged population and of the proportion of the aged population eligible for benefits are important factors in the continuing increase in the number of beneficiaries. Qualifications Welo pointed out that it is now easier for the disabled worker to qualify for benefit payments. He no longer need social security credit for 1 1/2 years of work in the last 3 years before he became disabled. If he worked under social security for at least 5 years out of the 10 before he became disabled he may be eligible for disability benefits. A county breakdown reveals there are 977 beneficiaries of retired workers with a monthly income of \$67,449; 289 beneficiaries of the wife or husband drawing \$10,562; 115 beneficiaries of the widow or widower drawing \$6,301; 29 beneficiaries of mothers with children and dependent parents drawing \$1,588, and 144 children beneficiaries drawing \$6,133.

East, South Enveloped By Great Freeze

50 MILLION FRENCHMEN?

PARIS (UPI)—Fifty million Frenchmen today debated whether it was being in the army or away from his wife that made Brigitte Bardot's husband nervous in the service. Actor Jacques Charrier, the fearful sobs of his pregnant wife echoing 'round his ears, went off to the army two weeks ago. Two days later he was in an army hospital with a "case of nerves," partly brought on, he said, by the fact his barracks mates had naked pictures of "B3" all over the walls.

Cold Poses Danger To Shipping

CHICAGO (UPI) — A record breaking November cold snap froze the East and South today and threatened Great Lakes skippers with an early freeze-up. Great Lake freighters, trying to make up for time lost by the steel strike, battled gale force winds and heavy ice to get vital ore shipments to the recently-opened mills. The water was already beginning to freeze at the huge Duluth ore docks on Lake Superior. "The Lake is finished steaming and that means a freeze-up," a Coast Guard officer at Ashland, Wis., said. One tugboat sunk under the heavy weight of ice, a freighter was reported ice-bound in Lake Michigan and two barge tows had trouble getting through ice jams on the Mississippi River.

New Names To Cemeteries

La Grande's three cemeteries have been renamed by the board of directors of the La Grande Cemetery Maintenance District. The action was taken at a recent meeting of the board to clear up confusion about the cemeteries. Dr. W. M. Pearce, chairman of the board, said that anyone may purchase space in any one of the three cemeteries. Prior to the creation of the district, the cemeteries were known as the City cemetery (in earlier years it was called the Masonic cemetery), the Catholic cemetery, and the Odd Fellows cemetery. All of the cemeteries were operated independently until the district was formed. All three of the cemeteries have been decided to the district and are now operated as one cemetery, Dr. Pearce said. City cemetery has been renamed Hillcrest; Catholic cemetery is now the Calvary cemetery; and the Odd Fellows cemetery will be known as the Grandview cemetery, Dr. Pearce announced.

No Immediate Danger The Coast Guard at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., said there were close to 500 freighters still plying the lakes, about 50 of them, all ice-covered but in no immediate danger, passed through the Soo locks Tuesday. The big freeze already had closed the ship canal through the Keeweenaw Peninsula on Lake Superior. The locks on the Fox River in Lake Michigan's Green Bay were frozen so tight that not even Coast Guardsmen's axes could break them open. The cold wave which posed a threat to shipping reached the eastern and extreme southern sections of the country Tuesday night. Temperatures dropped to near freezing or below over the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and south Texas.

SHAKESPEARE DEBUT

NEW YORK (UPI) — Broadway actress Julie Harris said Tuesday night she will make her professional Shakespeare debut as Juliet next summer at the Stratford, Ont., Shakespeare Festival Theater. Miss Harris currently is appearing on Broadway in "The Warm Peninsula."

List Plans To Get Cranberries On Table By Thanksgiving Date

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The cranberry industry unveiled today a plan aimed at putting the traditional cranberry back on the table by Thanksgiving. Industry representatives made a five-point proposal in a public meeting with Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and officials of the Food and Drug Administration. Flemming has promised an early decision, possibly Thursday, on whether his department will support the plan as effective for separating tainted cranberries from those containing a weed killer that has induced cancer in laboratory rats. In his opening remarks today Flemming said he was "very desirous" of working out such an agreement with industry as soon as possible. He said he was "very aware of the seriousness of the situation for the cranberry industry."

ery stores are completely wholesome and free from blemish of any sort." Flemming announced Nov. 9 that portions of the Oregon and Washington cranberry crop contained the suspected chemical, aminotriazole. Stevens referred to the announcement date as "Black Monday" for the cranberry industry. The four other points in the industry plan would assure consumers that they were purchasing pure berries, Stevens said. The industry's five-point proposal provides for: Five Points —Continuation of the ban on all use of aminotriazole until pertinent facts concerning the drug, including its effect on human beings, have been determined. —Segregation of all cranberries

which there is any reason to believe may contain any of the weed-killer. —Testing of all the 1959 crop now in the possession of major distributors, a procedure already being carried out by the FDA. —Destruction of all cranberries found to contain any residue of the chemical or impounding of berries under "appropriate safeguards" until their proper disposition has been determined. —Continued research and co-operation with government agencies "to insure uninterrupted delivery to the public of an adequate supply of pure and wholesome cranberries and cranberry products."

Plan Presented The industry plan was presented by Ambrose E. Stevens, vice president of the Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., an industry association which handles about 75 per cent of the nation's cranberry crop. He urged Flemming, as one point in the plan, to make "a declaration to the American people that cranberries in gro-

TYPHOON CHINA-BOUND MANILA (UPI) — Typhoon Freda bore down today on the Chinese Communist mainland, leaving in its wake in the Philippines 58 persons dead, missing or injured. Philippine government relief agencies started full-scale operations today as the weather cleared.

'BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

Federal Trial For Hoodlums Nailed By U. S. Agents Opens

NEW YORK (UPI) — Twenty-one men sit today in a double row of chairs before a marble wall in a federal court. Their clothes are well tailored, their fingernails manicured, their hair sleek, their faces impassive. Among them is the virtual "board of directors" of a racket in the United States. Some have records running from narcotics to white slavery, assault to suspicion of murder. The government is trying to send them to prison for five years. It is one of the biggest federal offensives against the underworld since the late Al Capone was bagged for income tax evasion. And, as in that case, they all are charged with none of the major felonies but with the abstract offense of "conspiring to obstruct justice."

The 21 represent one-third of a band of men surprised on Nov. 14, 1957, at the hilltop home of the late Joseph Barbara Sr., near Apalachin, N.Y. Attempt To Flee They took to the woods, their cashmere coats got caught on barbed wire fences, their fine leather shoes caked with mud, their limousines caught in roadblocks that day as they sought to flee when Barbara's wife spotted a state police car. The government charges they have steadfastly and unanimously refused to disclose the purpose of the meeting two years ago. Their story is that they just happened to drop in on their ailing friend, Barbara. It was quite a coincidence. They dropped in simultaneously from such spots as Scranton, Dallas, Miami, Ni-

agara Falls, Cleveland, San Gabriel, Calif., and Phoenix. There are a good many suspicions of why it was called. Kingpin Shot Dead Albert Anastasia, kingpin of the New York rackets, had been shot dead in a barber's chair in the Park Sheritan Hotel just 20 days before. The "boys" may have been choosing a successor. The McClellan committee in Washington was putting the heat on labor racketeering and they may have been a discussion of ways and means of weathering that storm. Each of the 63 men there was of Italian ancestry. Investigators have dug up evidence indicating a considerable number of the assembly were members of the Mafia, the Sicilian criminal society.



LOCAL MAN EARNS CAMERA AWARD—Union County Extension Agent Ted Sidor, right, shows Observer Publisher Riley Alien the award presented Sidor at the annual Oregon Weed Conference last week in Medford. The Polaroid hand camera was given for Sidor's weed control program in Union County and specifically the eradication of barberry bushes in the county. Sidor has been chairman of the local Extension office since 1950. (Observer Photo)