



LT. COL. WATSON GREETS OFFICERS
Lt. Franz Haun, left, Maj. Yeager, Center.



INSPECTING THE KITCHEN
Col. Watson, Sgt. 1st Class Odies Payne



COL. WATSON INSPECTS LOCAL GUARD UNIT
Sgt. Gary Knight, Left, Lt. Roy Wilhelm, Center.
(Observer Photos)

Local NG Inspected By Colonel

Headquarters and Headquarters 1st Battle Group, 186th Infantry of the Oregon National Guard, stood inspection last night at the La Grande Armory.

Lt. Col. George H. Watson, assistant inspector general, conducted the inspection. Col. Watson is a 1943 West Point graduate and recently returned from a two-year tour of duty in the Philippines with a military advisory group.

Highlight of the inspection was the presentation by Col. Don Anderson, Portland, of a ribbon for the local unit's "superior" rating of last year.

Represented Governor

Col. Anderson is chief of staff of the 41st Division and represented Gov. Mark O. Hatfield and Brig. Gen. Alfred Hintz in making the presentation.

Col. Watson inspected each member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and then visited groups of Guard members who were studying or working on various projects. One group erected a 30-foot-plus antenna and another was engaged in rigging a communications setup.

The final stop for the inspector and the visiting public was the kitchen where Guard members prepared hamburgers under the direction of Sgt. 1st Class Odies Payne, mess steward.

Results of the federal inspection will not be announced for approximately three months.

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Hawaiian Volcano Threatens Populace As Fears Mounting

City Sets New Issue On Sewage

CITY MANAGER—Dave C. Slaght was appointed city manager by the city commission last night. Slaght is a veteran of 19 years in city government. He was one of eight candidates considered for the position.
(Observer Photo)

City commissioners last night made their next move in the giant chess game involving sewage treatment facilities for La Grande. The commission agreed to appoint a citizen's committee of 25 members to investigate the problems and make a recommendation to the commission as to the best solution to the present situation.

The committee had been suggested at the Oct. 9 meeting of city officials. Commissioner H. E. Waddell said he had talked to several citizens and they thought the committee a good idea.

Asks Appointment
Commissioner William Herrmann said that a La Grande resident had called him and asked to be placed on such a committee should it be formed.

The five city officials then agreed to postpone nominations to the committee until next week. Each commissioner will recommend five names for the committee with an alternate in case of duplication by one or more of the other members.

The committee members will be drawn from all areas of the city in an effort to make the group as representative as possible.

Dave Slaght, newly appointed city manager, recommended that special effort be made to nominate a person from the area east of Spruce Street and north of Jackson Street.

BAN SPECTATORS FROM CRATER AS LAVA ERUPTS

HONOLULU (UPI)—Thousands of volcano spectators were ordered away from the east rim of Kilauea Iki crater Wednesday night when the fountain of molten lava shot to a new high of 1,050 feet.

Authorities said the move was necessary because of the fire hazards brought about by hot pumice blown onto the crater rim. The wind-blown pumice set off brush fires as far as one mile away from the crater.

**Judge Asked
To Oust Hoffa**
WASHINGTON (UPI)—A federal judge has been asked to oust James R. Hoffa as president of the Teamster Union and bring him to trial on corruption charges.

The request was made Wednesday to U. S. District Court here by Godfrey P. Schmidt, attorney for 12 rank-and-file teamsters.

The group asked Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts to name an impartial board of examiners to hear 164 charges of misconduct against Hoffa and report back on their verdict.

They said neither Hoffa nor the Teamsters' executive board had done anything about the charges which were filed with the court months ago.

They said "no reasonable hope of substantial reform of the Teamster movement can be entertained while James R. Hoffa and his cronies control the administration of the international organization."

The rebel group argued that the union's general executive board, which normally would try union officers accused of misconduct, was not capable of being impartial in Hoffa's case.

Warm Air Mass Routs Cold Wave

By United Press International
A mass of warm air from the Southwest today routed a record November cold wave.

The Weather Bureau said the last effects of the arctic front that set record temperatures and left foot-deep snows when it reached the East Coast were fading fast.

Temperatures across the nation climbed slowly above the normal seasonal average.

Only the extreme Southeast still shivered in the frigid arctic air. Temperatures were reported below freezing in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas.

Warm Air Returns
The Weather Bureau said temperatures would dip slightly today from the northern Great Lakes through the Dakotas and snow flurries would dampen the Dakotas, Montana and the Washington-Idaho area.

But warmer air caressed the rest of a nation hit by some of the nastiest November weather on record.

On boats and barge tows plying the Great Lakes and Mississippi River, respectively, were reported still hampered by ice that formed on the river and in bays off the lakes.

Weather Kills Six
The cold wave fired a parting shot Wednesday in the form of record low temperatures in Texas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

The freeze was blamed for at least six deaths, including two each in Montana and North Dakota and one each in Indiana and Illinois, where a Chicago woman was found frozen in her heatless apartment.

**Carey Resigns Post
Of Judge Pro-Tem**
The city commission last night accepted the resignation of Willard K. Carey as city judge pro-tem.

Carey, in a letter to the commission, asked that his resignation be accepted effective Nov. 15. No reason for the resignation was given in the letter.

**Improvement District Hearings Held
By City Commission; No Complaints**
Improvement district hearings were held at Wednesday night's commission meeting for eight districts. No one was present to speak for or against any of the proposed improvements. Four water districts and three sewer districts were under consideration.

A petition for a sewer and water district west of Alder Street and south of F Streets was accepted and placed on file by the city commission.

The petitions for Sewer District 3-22 and Water District 12 were both signed by Earl Miller and Elton Clemens Jr.

**Assistant Librarian
At EOC To Meeting**
Kittie May Crockett, assistant professor of children's literature at Eastern Oregon College, will attend the executive board meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Salem Friday.

Mrs. Crockett represents Eastern Oregon on the executive board.

WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; highs 46-52; low tonight 20-28.

Central PTA Sets Confab Tomorrow

Central School PTA will hold its last meeting before the Christmas holiday period Friday at 2:30 in the multi-purpose room. Refreshments will be served at the beginning of the meeting. The classrooms of Mrs. Harvey Carter's second grade room and Mrs. John Bernhard's third grade room provide the entertainment.

Guest speaker for the afternoon meeting will be Chief of Police Oliver Reeve, whose topic will be "Know Your Community." It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of parents to hear the talk and to take part in a lively and informative question and answer period following.

The final report of the Fall Carnival will be made at this time. There will be a nursery for small children.

25 YEARS BEHIND BARS

Touhy, Now Old Man, Recalls Chicago's Al Capone Era Days

By ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN
JOLIET, Ill. (UPI)—The last time that Roger Touhy and I sat at a table together was more than 25 years ago, the night we were and Judge Michael Feinberg's courtroom in Chicago awaiting the verdict that was to send him to prison.

Except for a brief period when he went "over the wall" from prison, and for brief appearances in court, Touhy has been behind bars ever since.

He's still soft-spoken. He still can wear the same size clothes that he wore when he came here. He still doesn't swear.

But the years have marked this graying man, and as we sat in the almost church-like stillness of an assistant warden's office, looking out at the bright November sunshine, Touhy told me why.

Prison Time Slow
"Five years in here," he said, "they're like a hundred outside. When I walk out of here, I walk out to liberty... when I get out, I want to crusade for what you might call a writ of innocence."

There are at least 35 men in this prison who are behind bars because someone wants them there, not because they're guilty. I'm going to write to every congressman and senator that my money will permit, to try to get a federal statute to give a prisoner the right of scientific methods to prove his innocence.

Then we began to recall the prohibition era career of Touhy. The kidnapping of John (Jake) The Barber Factor, a crime which Touhy still denies.

Wants To Disappear
"I'm going to disappear," said Touhy. "I have to go back to Cook County because the parole board said so, but as soon as I can go somewhere else, I'm going there and hide."

"I'm not going to look for my old friends. They're mostly all dead."

"But remember when the county (Cook) was mine and the city was (Al) Capone's?"

"They keep saying I was an enemy of Capone. I never was. Bob, I had the county and he had the city. Why, I'd go to Florida and get on his yacht. I'd go to the Midnight Frolics on 22nd St. and go in there while Al was there."

The Midnight Frolics is gone now. It was a wild life sort of cabaret, and got the front part of its name from the hour that it opened each night. It was a Capone hangout.

Enters Beer Business
"When you first knew me, Bob, I wasn't in the beer business. I was in the auto business," Touhy continued. "Nat Kolb was in the beer business, and he didn't like his partner. I bought him out for \$10,000."

"Pretty soon, I could put my hands on 10,000 barrels of beer. I had a good brewery in Du Page County, and a brewmaster with 10 years experience. I dealt in beer. I didn't deal in whisky. I wasn't a night spot guy."

"When I got into trouble (he meant the Factor kidnapping), I had \$500,000 in property and money but now I'm lucky to have \$35,000 to put together."

Two Fires Answered

The La Grande fire department was called to two fires late Tuesday. Firemen went to the Coca Cola Bottling Co., 1114 Jefferson Ave., at 4:50 p.m. when a fire in a stoker filled the basement with smoke.

Passers-by sent in the alarm but there was no fire, according to Fire Chief Ray Snider.

A roof fire at 405 Greenwood St. called the department out at 9:35 p.m. Hot spot from a flue caught fire on the roof and did minor damage, Snider said.

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WILL PERFORM HERE

Lovely Nadia Koutzen, violinist from Philadelphia, will be featured soloist at Sunday's first La Grande concert of the new season, by the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra, at the Eastern Oregon College auditorium at 4 p.m.



GETTING READY FOR THE BANQUET

Plans and preparations for annual Farmer-Merchant banquet Friday near completion as committees and Chamber of Commerce workers wrap up final details. Al Meppen, left, in charge of procurement, goes over list with Norma Hunt, chamber secretary, and Chamber Manager Honce Snodgrass. Banquet is at 7 p.m. in La Grande Armory. Wives of farmers will be treated to free show at Granada Theatre while their husbands attend banquet. Tickets for show must be picked up at chamber office by 5 p.m. Friday.
(Observer Photo)