

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with scattered showers today; clearing tonight; foggy Tuesday; high Tuesday 46-54; low tonight 30-36.

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SET FOR THE JAMBOREE

Gene Hibbert, La Grande, discusses plans for the 5th National Boy Scout Jamboree with two local boys who will be attending the event.

Drop Space Hunt For Capsule

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UPI)—The United States suffered another setback in the space race with Russia Sunday night when the Air Force abandoned its search for a tiny space capsule ejected from a Discoverer satellite in polar orbit.

All efforts to recover the 27-by-33-inch instrument package were halted with the setting sun.

The United States had hoped to recover the capsule as it parachuted earthward or pick it up in the vast Pacific. Naval vessels also had assisted in the futile search.

An area larger than 50-by-200-miles southeast of Hawaii was combed by up to nine Air Force planes and two Navy ships for more than 24 hours before the Air Force's Ballistic Missile Division at Inglewood, Calif., made this terse announcement:

"The air-sea search for the Discoverer VIII capsule has been terminated."

There were no plans to renew the search, an Air Force spokesman said.

Preliminary data indicated the capsule's parachute may have failed to open when the capsule was ejected from the satellite and it fell back to earth.

The Air Force had hoped its seventh straight attempt at placing a satellite in orbit and recovering its capsule would give the nation an important space age "first."

Such capsules later will carry monkeys into orbit for trips back to earth — and eventually man will utilize the techniques for return space trips.

Searchers Form For Missing Oregon Minister And Family

BULLETIN

SEATTLE (UPI)—Scores of families fled flooded homes today in Snohomish and King counties where raging rivers rose toward crests which promised to be the highest in 20 years.

Police Probe Hubcap Theft, Break-In Try

La Grande police officials are investigating the theft of a pair of hubcaps and an attempted breaking and entering that occurred over the weekend.

Oscar Aas, manager of River Products, 605 Lake St., told police that someone tried to break into the plant Saturday morning.

Eastern Oregon College student Henry Marshall reported the theft of two hubcaps from his car Sunday morning. Marshall told police the car was parked in front of the Forestry Building just off Adams Avenue when the theft occurred. They were valued at \$20.

Traffic Violation Police also arrested two drivers for operating motor vehicles without driver's licenses over the weekend.

Jimmy D. Elder, 98 Oak St., was cited for the violation at 7:27 this morning on Fourth Street between G and F Avenues. His hearing was scheduled for tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Dean N. Keefer, 1319 W Ave., was also cited for no driver's license at the intersection of Fourth Street and I Avenue. The arrest was made at 10:57 Sunday morning. A hearing was set for 3 p.m. today.

James A. Whiteman, 1807 X Ave., was issued a citation for driving a vehicle with expired license plates. Whiteman was cited at Spruce Street and X Avenue at 7:37 p.m. Sunday. His hearing was scheduled for 3 p.m. today and bail was set at \$5.

SWEET HOME TRIO LOST IN CASCADE MOUNTAINS

SWEET HOME (UPI)—Search parties were formed today to hunt in nearby Cascade mountain foothills for a young minister and his wife and son, missing since last Friday.

They were believed to have gone for a ride in their small foreign car. Missing were The Rev. Laurence A. Loftus, 28; his wife, Ruth, 27, and their son, James, 2.

The disappearance was not reported until Sunday morning when Ivan Hoy, a member of the congregation of the Community Church, Methodist, arrived and found the small church had not been heated.

Police said Loftus was last reported seen by a neighbor, Mrs. Faye McElhinny, on Friday morning. She said he did not say where he was going. He also was reported to have purchased 11 gallons of gasoline from a service station in this area sometime Friday.

Martin Case Recalled The minister's mother, Mrs. Lulu Loftus, said her son liked the mountains and often hiked or drove through the hills around Sweet Home. The community is located near the foothills of the Cascades.

The minister's wife, Ruth, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bollman, Chatham, N.J. The Rev. Loftus lived in Tualatin, Ore., before coming here.



REV. ELDEN CURTISS Father Curtiss New Assistant At Local Church

Having been recently assigned to assistant pastorate duties at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church here is the Rev. Elden F. Curtiss.

Father Curtiss, a native of Baker, formerly served for three months in his home parish of St. Francis Cathedral, Baker, and a year at St. Patrick's parish, Lakewick, as assistant.

Ordaired in May of 1958, he is director of the Newman Club at Eastern Oregon College, director of the High School Class of Catechists, and is in charge of the mission churches at North Powder and Union.

He also is enrolled in a journalism class at EOC preparatory to doing diocesan news writing.

Father Curtiss takes the place of Rev. Austin Crybbin, who was recently transferred to new duties at Lakewick. Father Crybbin had been stationed here for a year.

LIFE SAVED BY WARNING

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (UPI)—Kalamazoo college fullback Alfred Altenbert hitchhiked a ride yesterday with David Latosh, 29, of Detroit, but jumped from the car when he noticed Latosh seemed to have been drinking.

Minutes later, Altenbert caught another ride and came upon the wreckage of Latosh's car, which had sideswiped a truck. Latosh was killed in the accident.

Search Units Find Missing Elk Hunters

Two Dayville teenage brothers were found yesterday afternoon by Oregon State Police and U.S. Forest Service employees about 40 miles southwest of here in the Tower Mountain area.

The boys, Mike and Pat Snyder, 16 and 14 respectively, were reported missing Saturday when they failed to show up at a meeting place.

Tex Conklin, Prospect, the other member of the elk hunting party, notified officials and a search was started Sunday morning.

He is president of the Union County Seed Growers Association. The award was presented by Jaycee President Mel Elder.

Bill Howell, Imbler, Young Farmer of Year

Bill Howell, Imbler seed grower, was selected as Young Farmer of the Year by the La Grande Jaycees and received a special award at the Farmer-Merchant banquet.

The honor is based on progress in farming, his utilization of natural resources, conservation practices and his contributions to the community.

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Union Teacher Receives Award

Ted Brown, Pondosa, was honored at the annual Farmer-Merchant banquet, as Union County's Farm Forester of the Year.

Brown, who teaches biology, English, Spanish and physics at Union High School, was cited for his progress in the utilization of farm forests in the county.

His work with his 440 acres of timbered lands at Pondosa was praised by conservation and forestry officials. His efforts include pruning, thinning, the establishment of a Christmas tree harvesting program and the planting of trees on logged off area.

The award was presented on behalf of the La Grande Rotary Club.

Nine Persons Meet Auto Deaths On Oregon's Slippery Highways

By United Press International At least nine persons met death in Oregon weekend highway accidents, three in one crash near Albany.

A car driven by Larry Clayton McDow, 18, skidded on rain-slickened pavement into a diesel truck and trailer Saturday night on Highway 99 near Albany. McDow and Billie Jean Callison, 16, and Theodore Voltz, 18, all of Albany, died as a result of the accident. The truck driver was not hurt.

William Penn Allen Jr., 38, a Juntura area rancher, was killed Sunday afternoon when the truck in which he was riding left Highway 20 east of Juntura. Officers said the vehicle apparently hit a slick spot on the downgrade 6 1/2 miles west of Juntura and went out of control. Officers said it was believed that Allen was driving.

Seriously injured was Ray Forrest Hopper, 45, Ontario. He was taken to a Burns hospital. A number of cattle being transported in the truck were killed or had to be destroyed because of injuries.

Horace Lee Whaley, 38, Dexter, was killed Saturday night in a two-car accident near Dexter. He was a passenger in a car driven by Wallace Knox, 22. Knox and Whaley's wife were injured along with two persons in the second car. Raymond Wilson, 42, and his son Gary, 16.

Daniel Phaup, 22, Portland, was killed near Clatskanie on Highway 30 Saturday when his car failed to make a curve and overturned. His wife and baby and John and Susan Palmer and Karen Schmuck, 18, all of Portland, were injured.

Elmer Lee Pankey, 59, Waldport, was killed Saturday morning when his car and a train locomotive collided at Derry station, a mile east of Rickreall.

Ira Earl Barnes, 16, Portland, was killed Saturday night on the Banfield expressway in Portland when a car failed to make curve. Three other persons were injured.

William Hendrickson, 67, Portland, was killed Sunday night when struck by a car on Highway 99 in Milwaukie south of Portland. Police described it as a hit-run accident and were investigating.

Cove Junior Class Gives Play Tuesday

COVE (Special)—Tuesday is the date for the junior class play at Cove, "Take Your Medicine," by Felicia Metcalfe, and the setting is a busy hospital room.

The cast is as follows: Angela Warren by Mary Ann Seaman; Dr. William Jackson by Edwin Hoofnagle; Henry K. Dodson by John Haggerty; Jonathan Puckett by James Mansfield; Miss Holt by Betty Alexander; Patricia Pryor by Mary Barnett; Dottie by Della Murchison; Lottie by Pattye James; Jack Benson by Douglas Carper; Dovie Finkledink by Robin Martin; Dodie Beake by Dottie Hallmark; and Mill Cardelia Puckett by Sharon Loree who has been borrowed from the sophomore class.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Linda Elmer will provide curtain time music, and the high school chorus will sing between acts. There will be a door prize presented at the end of the performance.

The production is under the direction of Norma G. Haggerty.

John N. Garner Has 91st Birthday

UVALDE, Tex. (UPI)—Compared to last year, John Nance Garner celebrated a quiet 91st birthday Sunday, but he told old friends who dropped by his house that he would "go all out again when I'm 100."

The former vice president of the United States and his friends watched home movies taken on his 90th birthday last year when former President Harry S. Truman and some 3,000 others helped him celebrate.

Garner was vice president under Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but he and Truman were old Washington cronies.

Stevenson Backers Eye Oregon Primary; Demo Confab Clouded

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Die-hard partisans of Adlai E. Stevenson are being bombarded with arguments that "he can't win" or that an attempt to nominate him for a third try at the Presidency may boomerang against liberal Democrats.

Despite his two defeats and refusal to campaign for 1960, Stevenson's potential power to win a third presidential nomination is befogging the pre-convention outlook for all other Democratic candidates.

Entry in Oregon Primary? Movements have been launched in several states to draft the former Illinois governor in another bid for the White House. There has been talk of entering him in Oregon's presidential primary under a procedure not permitting him to withdraw.

Backers of the other candidates are trying to chip away at Stevenson's strength. A major argument is that Stevenson could not win, even though he would not be facing President Eisenhower, who defeated him in 1952 and 1956 by landslide margins.

National convention delegates normally want to choose a nominee who they think can win. Yet it is easy to find Democrats who predict that Stevenson will win a third nomination after a convention deadlock and who also doubt or deny that he could win the election.

Supporters of both Sens. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) regard their candidates as heirs to much or most of the Stevenson strength—if Stevenson somehow were blacked out of the picture. They believe their favorites have greater appeal to the liberal wing of the party than Sens. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) or Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.).

Gresham Man Shot Fatally Hunting Elk

Hubert White, 42, Gresham, was killed Saturday when a hunting companion, Henry Moffet, Boring, mistook him for an elk. Oregon State Police, said today.

The pair and four other men were elk hunting when the accident occurred about 11 miles south of Kamela on the McIntyre Road.

Moffet told police and Union County coroner Norm Daniels that he thought he saw a grazing elk. The bullet from the 30-06 rifle entered White's left side and passed through the victim's body.

Washington Selected For Rose Bowl Game

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI)—Washington today was officially chosen as the West Coast representative to play in the Rose Bowl football game New Year's Day against Wisconsin.

Grande Ronde Symphony Presents Inspiring Concert Performance

By MERLE JANICE PITTS The first concert of the 1959-60 season was presented on Sunday afternoon by the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. L. Rhodes Lewis.

If thunderous applause and enthusiastic comments are criteria, the audience truly was impressed. The College Theatre fairly rang with both.

It is a pleasure to report that this 12th season of its existence finds the orchestra with over sixty members. All sections are well represented which results in a fullness of tone and a completeness of orchestration, unusual in a volunteer group. The word amateur is not suitable to these musicians who applied themselves with professional aplomb to an ambitious program. It was successful on every score. This reviewer offers the sincere opinion that the present Grande Ronde Symphony is the best orchestra since its inception. Certainly it played its best program.

Sensitive Rendition The music began with a sensitive rendition of the Prelude to Act I of Lohengrin by Wagner.

Here the increased number of strings was very evident. The intonation of this section was conspicuously improved. Also a fine brass section made itself felt, as it was to do throughout the concert.

The Symphony No. 3 in E minor by Dvorak, familiarly called "New World Symphony" made most satisfying listening. After a rather tentative beginning the group progressed to the business at hand: that of making beautiful music. It would be difficult to single out a particular movement for comment. The Allegro was vibrant; the Scherzo was bright, with the flutes especially gay; the Finale was thrilling. One must, perhaps, mention the beautiful Largo where an especially fine English Horn solo was outstanding. The mood of poignant happiness was held consistently.

Following the intermission, the guest soloist, Nadia Koutzen, violinist, made her appearance in the Concerto No. 1 in G Minor by Bruch. This young artist has a vibrant tone and plays with much verve. Her apparent joy in the music and her thorough preparation made for a masterful presentation. There was an evident rapport between Miss Koutzen, Dr. Lewis, and the orchestra, resulting in an energetic production of great beauty.

This violinist has a gracious presence and warm personality which made herself felt as she accepted a bouquet of roses, tribute to her ability. La Grande is fortunate to have been host to Miss Koutzen who appeared under the sponsorship of the Edgar Leventritt Foundation.

West Side Story To conclude the concert, Dr. Lewis directed the orchestra in Selections from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein. In contrast to the romantic sweep of the violin concerto, these modern rhythms were pleasantly startling, from a rumba to a "hop," from a toe-tapping beat to a gentle love song, the orchestra proved its versatility. They were "hep."

From the warm reception given this first concert by the Grande Ronde Symphony, it is evident that when next they perform, on December 21 in a Christmas Concert, all music lovers in the Grande Ronde valley will want to be present for another real musical treat.



CHARGE OF REFRESHMENTS This group of ladies dished out a large variety of refreshments at Friday's big afternoon Central Grade School PTA meeting during which a special pre-Thanksgiving program was presented by grade children and a talk was given by La Grande Police Chief Oliver Reeve. Left to right, Mrs. Bill Lovan, Mrs. Harold Carmen, Mrs. Virginia Fenn, Mrs. Duane Schwebke, Mrs. Ivan Harsin, Mrs. Dan Book and Mrs. Pearl Pierce. (Observer Photo)



YOUNGSTERS HOLD SPOTLIGHT—Pupils from the rooms of Mrs. Bartron and Mrs. Carter at Central Grade School give a special recital during special PTA meeting which theme was "Know Your Community." Held in the school gymnasium, meeting was the last of the calendar year. The rooms of Mrs. Thibeau and Mrs. Bernhardt were in charge of refreshments. (Observer Photo)