

Turkey Remains King But Cranberries Sell

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Old Tom Turkey will be the main Thanksgiving fare by La Grande residents Thursday, and cranberries loom as a favorite dish to grace the groaning dinner tables.

With strong talk by Frank McKennon, director of Oregon agriculture, ringing in their ears, the sales of cranberries has picked up some in local food markets, a survey reveals.

McKennon branded as "utter nonsense" last weekend the extremes to which the cranberry situation has gone.

He said the situation was comic opera, and:

1. Rapped the Food and Drug for calling on "assurance labels" on all cranberries offered for sale.

2. Scored the "impounding edict" ordered on Oregon cranberries.

He said his department would not require labels on the berries sold on the Oregon market. "Fresh berries on the Oregon market are safe for human consumption; the fact that we permit them to be there is our guarantee to the people of Oregon," he declared.

Don Hickerson, salesman for Pacific Fruit and Produce in this area, said state tests made on the cranberries proved negative, as he deplored the controversy over the berry industry in Oregon.

One of the largest chains of food markets in this area, Safeway, told an Observer newsman Sunday that cranberries are moving well, and have been for several days.

Albertson's market said yesterday that the sale of fresh cranberries has been very slow, but that the canned types of cranberry goods.

Hyde's Super Market at Island City said sales had slowed somewhat over the past week. "We are hopeful that the cranberry sales will pick up between now and Thanksgiving," a market spokesman said.

Chris' Foods said fresh berries were not selling well but that the canned types of cranberries were going pretty good. A spokesman was somewhat critical over the controversy "that arose just before Thanksgiving."

The same was true at the Super Mart where an employe told The Observer that business was good on the canned berries but slower on the fresh ones.

Joel's market said the same was generally true of the canned cranberries at their establishment.

School Food Drive

La Grande Junior High School students again will give to the Salvation Army holiday food drive by donating canned foods and other items at an assembly tomorrow.

The assembly is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium and is being sponsored by the assembly committee, Doug Hatt, chairman, and Mrs. Betty Faulkner, advisor.

On hand will be the Rev. W. Hastings of the Christian church, as guest speaker, and Lt. Oakley Sommers of the Salvation Army, who will tell the students about food distribution here.

The ninth grade Girls' Chorus will also present a musical number, "The Thanksgiving Jingle."

This will mark the fourth year of food giving by the young students. Representatives from each seventh, eighth and ninth grade homerooms form the assembly committee.



TALE OF TURKEY — Wonder what's going on here? Food's been too good lately.



Thanksgiving — what's that? Never heard of it.



What... they want me! Sounds like my goose is cooked.



Glub. Oh well, I hope you folks enjoy me.

Plane Crashes On Chicago Dwellings

AT LEAST NINE PERSONS DEAD IN FLAMING RUINS

CHICAGO (UPI)—A four-engine freight plane, apparently on fire and trying to make an emergency landing at fog-bound Midway Airport, crashed and exploded amidst homes and an apartment house before dawn today.

The only positively identified victim six hours after the 3:40 a.m. (p.s.t.) crash was the plane's pilot, Trans World Airlines Capt. Claude W. Helwig, 40, Woodland Hills, Calif.,

At least eight persons were known dead, and officials feared the toll might go higher. Nine persons were listed as missing, but identifications of the known dead were made difficult by the conditions of the bodies and it was believed that some of the dead already at the county morgue were persons now listed as missing.

The eighth body recovered was found, more than seven hours after the crash. It was believed to be that of a young man.

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A TWA official said it was believed that the two other crew members of the \$2,000,000 Super-H Constellation had also died. They were co-pilot Delmas E. Watters, 37, Los Angeles, a Jr. flight instructor Aerion L. Auge Jr., 35, Los Angeles.

Spring-Like Temperatures Warm Oregon

By United Press International

Balmy, spring-like temperatures continued in much of Oregon today with only light precipitation.

It got up to 72 at Brookings on the southwest coast Monday and readings in the 60's were commonplace. Only a few locations had below-freezing readings this morning, mostly in southeast Oregon.

Coldest official reading was 27 in Lakeview and Redmond.

The weather bureau said a front has been hanging off the coast for the past two days. This was expected to move inland in a weakened form over northwest Oregon tonight, causing rain on the north coast and a little rain or drizzle over the rest of northwest Oregon late tonight and early Wednesday.

Newport's 15 of an inch was the most precipitation to fall in one place during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. today.

The State Highway Department reported icy spots at Green Springs, Bend, Ochoco Summit and Willamette pass.

The Mt. Hood Loop highway was closed at the White River bridge due to a washout.

Fear New Hungarian Blood Bath By Reds

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—The nations of the free world rallied today for a major diplomatic assault on Russia's Hungarian policies in hopes of preventing a new bloodbath of Hungarian patriots who rose against their Red masters in 1956.

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Scores Of Western Washington Valleys Inundated By Flood

SEATTLE (UPI)—Hundreds of valleys in western Washington were awash today, inundated by the region's worst flood in 27 years.

Warm Chinook winds continued to move inland over the Pacific Ocean from the southwest promising more rain throughout the area and reducing hopes that freezing weather in the mountains might stem melting snow.

Worst hit were the Snohomish and Green River valleys and the lowlands along their many tributaries. Water from the Green River swirled through one section of Kent, a town of 8,000. Nearby Auburn also flooded in some sections.

Civil Defense authorities estimated that 1,100 persons left their homes throughout the region.

Low Roads are Closed
Brig. Gen. William F. Cassidy of the Army Engineers ordered 10,000 sandbags sent to Stanwood

Vandals Loot Relief Store

HAVANA (UPI)—Anti-American vandals in suburban Jaruco broke into a church Sunday night and destroyed 20 sacks of flour sent from the United States for the relief of Cuba's poor, it was disclosed today.

At the same time, army headquarters announced the arrest of 16 persons — nine of them former soldiers or policemen — on charges of "plotting against the people." A communique said the prisoners planned a campaign of arson and anti-government agitation.

In recent weeks the government has arrested several hundred persons for questioning in a wave of anti-Castro plots reported in five of Cuba's six provinces. Most of them were said to have been released.

The outbreak in Jaruco, a road hub 25 miles east of Havana, involved about 100 youths whose attack on the church was punctuated by shouts of "in Cuba, no one needs to eat flour sent as alms!"

The possible sites are near Puget Sound, Wash., Longview, Wash., or Portland, Ore. Several million dollars will be spent on property development and plant construction before operations begin early in 1961.

Retired County 'School Marm' Finds Traveling, Visiting Time

By MAXINE NURMI
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"I will always be interested in schools, their personnel, problems and hope for much educational progress" was the comment of Mrs. Veda E. Couzens upon her recent retirement here. She was the county school superintendent from January 1949 until Oct. 1, 1959, when her resignation became effective.

At the present time Mrs. Couzens and her husband, William, are catching up on odd jobs at their home. They also expect to spend more time with their two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They also will visit new places, and later she hopes

to take some college classes for enjoyment and not because she has to have certain required subjects, or hours in a special field.

Many Schools
Mrs. Couzens was born in McMinnville, and attended elementary and secondary schools there. She attended Linfield College, Monmouth Normal, Bellingham Normal, Eastern Oregon college of Education and did graduate work at University of Oregon.

She taught seven years in the Yamhill County system, and then decided to try Eastern Oregon for a change of climate, and accepted a position at Baker, where she taught the third and fourth

grades and math in the junior high school.

Her last year in Baker she was the principal and taught the third grade at the J. A. Churchill School. During the last of her six years there she married and then resigned during the summer. She expected to stop teaching, but moved to Pendleton for a year and a half, then back to La Grande for several years. They purchased a 40 acre farm west of Summerville, where they lived more than 10 years.

Teacher Shortage
During the year and teacher shortage, she was willing to teach again for a year or two, and began again at Imbler in 1943. She continued to teach there until she was elected county school superintendent in 1948 and took over in that office Jan. 1, 1949, and was reelected twice since that time.

She expressed her true appreciation of the many kindnesses, cooperation, and consideration shown to her in her three terms of office. The last year and a half have been especially demanding with so many late evening meetings in addition to regular office hours.

The Couzens recently just returned from a visit with relatives in Seattle. One of the highlights was being with a new great granddaughter, Leri Jo, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marsh. This is the beginning of several trips they plan to make, now that "there is time."

Layoffs Caused By Steel Strike Are Continuing

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secondary layoffs caused by the steel strike mounted to 357,600 before the 116-day walkout was halted by a Taft-Hartley injunction the Labor Department said Monday.

The department said additional layoffs were expected this month, despite the resumption of production, because of the delay in getting steel deliveries.

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GLEN D. JONES

La Grande Man Wins High Honor

A La Grande man, Glen D. Jones, has been named the most outstanding inside electrical apprentice for Oregon in this year's contest.

This was made known yesterday by Fred V. Koehler, Baker, apprentice representative of Eastern Oregon. Jones was signally honored in ceremonies held Saturday night at Baker.

He received a gold engraved watch from Stan Adams, state committee chairman, with joint participation of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Women Recognized

Mrs. Glen Jones and the recipient's mother were also present for the banquet affair during which they were presented corsages.

The La Grande-Baker electrical trade committee had high praise for Jones who is the first Eastern Oregonian to win this honor, according to N. E. Masterson of the local training school district.

Social Security Head Here Pays Lawman's Widow

A Hermiston patrolman's widow has been presented her first social security checks by Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La Grande Oregon Social Security district office.

Mrs. Lois I. Kilby became eligible for the checks following the tragic shooting of her husband, Ronald G. Kilby, last October.

Patrolman Kilby had stopped two robbery suspects at Hermiston for questioning when one suddenly pulled out a gun and fatally wounded the officer.

The checks presented by Welo amounted to \$509.30, the lump sum death payment for \$255 and the first monthly check totaling \$254.30.

Welo said that most people think of Social Security as being only for the age 65 or over group, but that these benefits actually are paid to survivors of younger insured workers.



PLANS AND MORE PLANS

Mrs. Veda Couzens and husband, William, look over the family album. They plan to spend time visiting their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, now that there is time. Traveling and seeing new places will also be included.

(Observer Photo)

WEATHER

Night and morning fog and low clouds, partial clearing during afternoons today and Wednesday; highs 38-45; lows 27-34.

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