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Showers tonight; partly sunny Thursday with snow in mountains; low tonight 25-35; high Thursday 38-48.

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PLANNING ANNUAL CATTLE SALE

Officials of the Tri-County Hereford Association met in La Grande yesterday afternoon to plan the association's annual sale. It is the oldest consignment sale in the Northwest. Front row from left: Chuck Gavin, La Grande, sales manager; Henry Hayden, La Grande, president; C. V. Miles, La Grande, secretary-treasurer. Back row from left: Clyde McKenzie, Summerville, former president; Ben Robinson, Imbler, director; Fritz Weinhard, Wallowa, director. (Observer Photo)

WINDY CITY? HE LOVES IT

CHICAGO (UPI) — Chicago still has it all over Los Angeles or New York, according to poet Carl Sandburg, who once immortalized the Windy City as the "city of big shoulders." "New York—why, it's tired," Sandburg told newsmen. "And Los Angeles—why, traffic is so bad out there the mayor won't let the city buy any more Cadillacs because other cars aren't as long and don't take up so much room on the streets."

International Lecturer To Talk At EOC

Faculty members and students of EOC will hear Dr. N. G. D. Joardar, formerly of India, who is a noted international scholar and lecturer, Friday. He will speak on world affairs. Dr. Joardar will talk at the college at 10 a.m., also at 7:30 p.m. to a joint meeting of the La Grande churches, sponsored by the local ministerial association, at the First Christian church. His college talk will center more specifically around Christianity in the Far East. On Saturday afternoon he will speak to the A.A.U.W. at the Ackerman Elementary School auditorium on the topic, "India—World Power." He was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi during the campaign for Indian independence, and served on the staff of Prime Minister Nehru during the early years of Indian free government. He became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. in 1953. Dr. Joardar is now a member of the Johns Hopkins University staff. He has taught law at Yale, international relations at American University and linguistics at Georgetown University, both at Washington, D.C.

Oregon Wheat League Meeting At Pendleton

Annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat League opens tomorrow in Pendleton, according to Wrenn Case, Alice, league president. Several Union County wheat growers will attend the sessions of the conference.

Local National Guard's Economic Impact On La Grande Tremendous

The terrific economic impact on La Grande of the local Oregon National Guard unit and the operations of the La Grande Industrial Corporation have been explained by NG Co. Dave Baum. Addressing the local Lions Club, Baum explained that the payroll alone to members of the First Battle Group, 186th Infantry Regiment of the National Guard, means in excess of \$125,000 annually to this community. "In addition some \$25,000 per year is spent locally on the operation and maintenance of the trucks and automotive equipment stationed here, and more than \$15,000 has been put into the building of the new rifle range near La Grande. Another \$50,000 will go into this project within the next few years, to complete it," he added. Missile Age Baum also outlined briefly some of the changes of organization, tactics, and equipment brought on by the coming of the missile age, of the industrial unit and its effect in keeping industries here, and also attracting new industries. Baum also described the operation of the new rifle range. "Just because folks haven't heard much about it, don't think we have not had many inquiries by industries considering La Grande as a location," Baum said. "Naturally we can't publicize these preliminary inquiries very well, but I can tell you one thing for sure... the comparatively high cost of transportation of products in and out of La Grande, and the comparatively high cost of skilled labor in this area have been two of the important factors which have been detrimental to La Grande in some cases. Juvenile Problems "On the other hand the town's wonderful colleges, schools, churches, recreation facilities, and lack of juvenile problems, very definitely have been on the credit side for La Grande." Baum also reported that the corporation has been active in promoting additional housing in the city, and will continue to do so, as this factor is another lack of the city in attracting new residents. He said the La Grande Industrial Corporation has been operating at a profit, and its stockholders will receive quite a substantial dividend on their investment. Jesse Rosenbaum reported on the income from the club's gum and nut machines, and also told of the coming "Can Can Show" to be sponsored by the Lions Club at the high school auditorium Friday night, Dec. 11. This show will come to La Grande from its 100-day run at the Centennial Exposition in Portland, and is reported to be a most successful affair. Sam Baillie was club guest for the day. Louis Samson was program chairman.

Mediator Meets With Portland Strike Factions

PORTLAND (UPI) — A federal mediator met again today with representatives of the Stevedores Union and Portland's two daily newspapers in an effort to settle the 23-day old strike against the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian. James H. Sampson, international president of the Stevedores Union, and Perry Badgley, international representative of the union, took part in the sessions.

Lives Of 2 Americans Rest In Hands Of Cuban Tribunal

Yanks Face Death By Shooting

HAVANA (UPI)—The lives of two Americans, one of whom was carried into court on a stretcher, rested today in the hands of revolutionary tribunals that were asked to sentence them to death by a firing squad. A five-man court martial in the western province of Pinar del Rio is expected to announce a verdict today in the case of Austin Young, of Miami, one of the Americans for whom the government demands death. The prosecution also has asked the death penalty for Fernando Pruna, a Cuban co-defendant in the Young case. Peter J. Lambton, a British-born American from the Bahamas who is also on trial in Pinar del Rio, faces a possible 30 years in prison. The three men, with 36 Cuban companions, have been charged with membership in an anti-government guerrilla band and with the murder of a soldier killed in a clash shortly before their arrest. The other American who faces the threat of the firing squad, Cuban-born Rafael del Pino of Miami, was tried by a military court in the officers' club of Havana's cabana fortress-prison. The trial ended at 12:40 a.m. today, but the verdict is not expected until Friday. Del Pino, who has not yet recovered from injuries received when police ambushed and captured him July 25, rode to the officers' club in an ambulance and was carried into the improvised courtroom on a stretcher.



DISASTER PATROLS—Civil Defense groups such as this, experts on radioactive fallout, weather and mapping, chart course of fallout from safety of blockhouse bunker on fringe of Yucca Flat at Nevada Proving Ground. This would be their same duty during an attack which unleashed nuclear weapons on us.

CHILLY DAY AT JACKASS FLATS HEATED BY GIANT ATOM BLAST

(Editor's note—The Observer newspaper is presenting a series of articles on U.S. Civil Defense—national, state and local level—in the interest of the public. Today's story deals on one phase of atomic bomb testing conducted with Civil Defense at the Nevada AEC Test Site.)

By GRADY PANNELL Observer Staff Writer

It was cold out there among the sagebrush and cactus, the stars brilliant and the hills standing out faintly, at Jackass Flats. This was a certain area of the Nevada Test Site controlled and operated with super secrecy and efficiency by the Atomic Energy Commission. Seven TV miles or so to the southeast was a faint haze thrown up by the thousands of blinking neon lights from Las Vegas. The "desert rats" may have thought dimly of gambling, glitter and gals, but not for long.

Avalanche Buries Hut Full Of Men

COURGNE, Italy (UPI) — An avalanche thundered down on a construction site today and buried a hut in which 35 workmen were sleeping. By late afternoon the bodies of nine men had been recovered and one still was missing and feared dead. This would put the death toll at 10. The men were working for a company digging a tunnel for a hydroelectric project. Courgne is only a few miles from the French border.

Lone Survivor Of Airplane Crash 'Lucky To Be Alive'

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (UPI)—Louis Matarazzo had looked at his 21 fellow passengers with the usual mild curiosity when the plane took off from Philadelphia. Most of them were businessmen like himself. A couple of women passengers also were aboard the twin-engine Allegheny Airlines plane that was flying to points in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Matarazzo is the only one alive today. He lives in Divine Providence Hospital, the bandage over his injured eye unable to shut out the sight of the flaming crash against a mountainside. The cries of the trapped and injured, and the dying, haunt the quiet hospital room. Why just me, is his thought. Why was I so lucky? Plane Cracks Open He remembers the plane swinging away from the Williamsport-Montoursville Airport after an improper instrument approach. It rammed into a 2,300-foot mountain killing the 23 others aboard. "There was a crash, the plane burst and exploded," Matarazzo said. It was only an act of God, Matarazzo believes, that caused the plane to crack open by his side and allow him to stagger out on a wing. He walked along the wing through the flames and dropped to the ground. "I could hear the other passengers screaming, but it was too hot to reach them," he said. Stumbles Down Mountain He stumbled down the snow-covered, rugged mountainside, slipped exhausted against a tree and began saying his prayers. Rescuers found him there. Two other passengers also were alive, but died on the way to the hospital in the long trip by stretcher out of the rugged woods.

They breathed tensely as they huddled in clothing hardly suitable for Nevada's cold desert nights. Their dark goggles were on and their backs were turned away from the steel tower that was visible by a small, blinking light. Atop this structure, four miles away, was the device that was to test their courage and stamina.

Silent Prayer

The count-down began. At "20" you began to sweat. At "10" you tensed cramped leg muscles. At "5" you uttered a silent prayer. Then, "zero." A glaring light that is almost impossible to describe suddenly enveloped the "safety area." Even through blackened goggles and with eyes closed it was visible. You actually felt the light (scientists say it is sudden heat) through your clothing. Next comes the rolling movement of earth. Piling creak, sand spills and you are rocked and bounced between the narrow trench. Then, the sound. It is a mighty, jarring sloop that is seemingly a thousand times louder than the summer's thunder, and as the piercing light be-

Powder Schools Concert Tonight

NORTH POWDER (Special)—The music department of Powder Valley schools is presenting their annual fall concert tonight in the high school gym. Featured in the concert will be the concert band, beginners band, boys glee, girls glee and the mixed chorus. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. With the seven-period day this year, much more time is available for vocal music. The girls glee club consists of 23 girls and boys glee club with 14, giving a mixed chorus of 42 voices. The small admission fee to this concert is used towards entry fees to the district music contest.

The Mushroom

High overhead, rising in supreme majesty, is a brilliant dark stem of smoke, dust and heat. Perched atop this stem is a mushroom crystal-like formation. That is the will of the wispy destruction known as fallout. As you watch, the mushroom climbs higher and widens, losing some of its color but hanging there like the head of a cobra. No snake is as deadly. The wind in the upper strata had been deemed favorable for the atomic shot, but small air currents begin to dissolve the head of the stem and it glides over Frenchman's Flat to your left. You are safe, but shaken. (Next—Fallout can slowly kill you.)



SURVIVED THE BLAST—These show window mannequins survived the blast and radiation effects of gigantic Nevada Proving Ground nuclear explosion when certain phase of the tests was based on A-bomb shelter protection. This particular shelter was made of concrete blocks and constructed in basement of model home located several thousand yards from point of detonation. Upper structure of house was badly damaged. The 8-inch solid concrete block walls would give the same fallout protection as 12 inches of earth. Note the food and other supplies stored in shelter.

Ike Will Not Involve Federal Government In 'Birth Control'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today firmly opposed involving the federal government in any way with assisting other nations with birth control advice. Eisenhower told his new conference he could not imagine a subject more improper as a matter of government responsibility or function than birth control. Furthermore, Eisenhower said that as long as he is President the U.S. government will have absolutely nothing to do with advising other nations on their birth control problems. If another country "wants birth control advice, he said it could seek out professional information. The birth control controversy flared anew after the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States charged last week that a "propaganda campaign" was being waged to pave the way for U.S. support of "artificial birth prevention" programs in underdeveloped countries which are experiencing population pressures. The Rev. James A. Pike, Protestant Episcopal bishop of California, said the Catholic stand "would condemn rapidly increasing millions of people in less for-

tunate parts of the world to starvation, bondage, misery and despair." He demanded to know whether the policy pronounced by the bishops was "bonding on Roman Catholic candidates for public office."

Eisenhower, on the eve of his departure for Europe, the Middle East and Asia, talked at some length about his trip with more than 250 reporters. He said that, above all, he hoped to convince the rest of the world that the U.S. is truly sincere in its quest for a durable, just peace.

Wants Steel Settlement

Other news highlights: —He said that unless steel management and labor can compose their differences in free collective bargaining, the government might be forced to some form of action which would be a sad day for the nation.

—He spoke vehemently on the essential federal spending programs in the hope of not only achieving a balanced budget in fiscal 1961, but a surplus to apply to some of the national debt.

—During his forthcoming trip he will be glad to discuss specific issues raised by leaders of other nations. As for discussing the border dispute between India and Red China, Eisenhower said that aside from the legalistic aspects of determining the actual border, he was strongly on the side of any nation that attempted to solve its international differences by negotiation instead of force.

—In answer to a question, the President said that while he is out of the country he will retain full control over any emergency use of this country's atomic or hydrogen bombs.

20 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT HELP FIGHT TB WITH CHRISTMAS SEALS 1959 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1959

BLESSED ARE THE MOURNERS

Chicago School Fire Tragedy Recalled At Anniversary Mass

EDITOR'S NOTE: Larry Morrone, now of the United Press International staff in Chicago, made his first Communion at the Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church and attended Sunday school in the school building that burned down a year ago, killing 92 students and three nuns. He returned to the church Tuesday night to join parishioners in honoring the memory of the dead. By LARRY MORRONE UPI Staff Writer CHICAGO (UPI) — "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." The words from the Scriptures echoed through the quiet church sanctuary filled with humble, hard-working fathers and sobbing mothers. They were spoken by Cardinal Designate Albert G. Meyer, celebrant of the Solemn High Mass Tuesday night honoring the memory of 92 little children and three courageous nuns. They were the 95 who died in the Our Lady of the Angels school fire, the worst school fire in Chi-

cago history. Tuesday night, on the first anniversary of the terrible holocaust, parents, relatives, friends, guests and firemen — 1,200 persons in all — filled the sanctuary to overflowing. Through the gathering dusk they came, shuffling past the gleaming superstructure of the new school building, halting briefly on the cement steps to brush away the tears before entering the hushed chapel. "It's been a long year with much to forget," said a mother whose child died in the blaze. "The children are happy in heaven," said a woman with her shawl draped reverently over her head. Her words were echoed by Cardinal Designate Meyer, who comforted on the parents to seek comfort in their religion. "The children and sisters who died are happy in heaven," he said. "Our faith convinces us that the sisters and children whose death we mourn are really alive—their immortal souls awaiting resurrection." Through the muffled sobs of the grieving came the faint shouts of

children playing outside the church. The children could forget, but, for the parents and other adults who stood outside the burning school, Dec. 1, 1958, will live forever. There were the black-robed nuns, who came last night to memorialize the memory of the three sisters who perished, as well as that of the children they had taught and loved. There were the firemen, dressed in white gloves, white shirts and ties, who a year ago had wept as they carried lifeless bodies from the blackened, steaming school. "We believe not an accident can happen," Cardinal Designate Meyer said quietly, "but our God knows all about it. We believe in some way this terrible tragedy contributed and will contribute to the glory of God." "It taught us that we must be prepared when God calls." A 25-man choir of priests sang "O Salutaris" as the priest gave the final benediction. And in the congregation, the parents lifted the cross of their grief to join in singing the ancient hymn.