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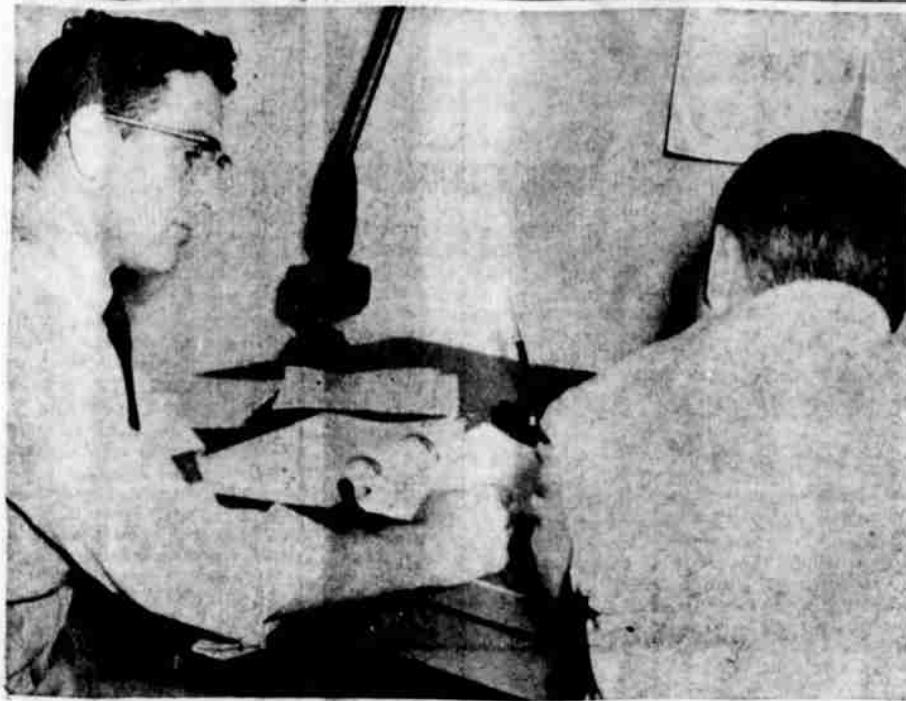
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ASC PROGRAMS EXPLAINED

Lloyd German, left, office manager of the Union County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office in La Grande, discusses programs administered by his office with a Union County farmer. A branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the ASC administers five programs of the federal government for farmers. For additional pictures and details see the farm page in today's Observer. (Observer Photo)

Ike Gives Simple Message To Italians From America

ROME (UPI)—President Eisenhower delivered to the Italian people today a "simple message from America. We want to live in peace."

He stood bare-headed in wind and driving rain for the playing of the United States and Italian national anthems after stepping down to the puddle-filled runway of Ciampino Airport from the 707 jet airliner that carried him here from Washington at the start of an 11-nation goodwill tour.

The heavy rain that has pelted Rome for a week delayed his arrival by 16 minutes and gave the airport ground radar installations a few moments of difficulty in locating the presidential plane as it approached for a landing in a heavy overcast.

But the huge plane splashed down to a safe and wet landing at 3:13 a.m. p.s.t.

When he stepped from the aircraft, Eisenhower was greeted by Italian Premier Giovanni Gronchi, Premier Antonio Segni and a host of other officials.

The rain held the crowd to a minimum, but even the Commu-

nists had joined with the rest of Italy beforehand to make it clear that Eisenhower's visit was welcomed with warmth and high hopes for world peace.

Despite the rain and slim crowds, the President was greeted by warm applause at the airport. A handful of spectators shouted "We Like Ike" as he drove by en route to an afternoon of quiet rest after his arduous journey.

He had a scheduled informal evening meeting with Gronchi and his advisers. An hour later, Eisenhower was guest of honor at a dinner given by the Italian President.

The weather was the principal negative factor on this second trip abroad for the President this year. When he was in Europe last August for talks with allied leaders he also hit a siege of dampness.

That time he came down with a cold and a lingering chest ailment which caused concern for a man nearing 70. He was in good health when he began this trip.

Eisenhower stepped into the

downpour after he disembarked and seemed reluctant to keep his hat on for long at a time. He was escorted under a balcony by an attendant with an umbrella and delivered his speech under cover.

The rain continued to pepper down and the proud horse-hair bristles of the brass-helmeted presidential guard saluting Eisenhower looked like tails of drowned rats.

After his remarks which reiterated the views he expressed before leaving Washington Thursday night for the unprecedented 19-day journey.

'Enforcer' Whalen Bumped Off On Underworld Orders

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Jack (The Enforcer) Whalen was a strong-armed extortionist threatening to turn stool pigeon and his slaying in a restaurant may have been decreed by the underworld.

Richard Rogan, chief deputy attorney general, said today the state was interested in Whalen's

gunshot death because his office had information the racketeer had threatened to expose bookies and their alleged payoffs to police.

The 39-year-old Whalen hoped to return for turning stool pigeon to be granted a new trial on his conviction last August for extortion charges, said Rogan. Whalen faced a 1 to 10-year prison sentence on the charge and was free on \$5,000 appeal bond when shot to death Wednesday night.

Prime suspect in the shooting was Cleveland hoodlum Frank Lo Cigno, 38, identified by police as the man Whalen dragged out of a telephone booth and slapped around at Rondelli's restaurant. The slapping took place in front of about 25 persons, including ex-mobster Mickey Cohen. Police said Whalen was trying to collect a \$900 debt from Lo Cigno.

Whalen, also known as O'Hara, was shot once in the face during or shortly after the brawl. The gunman fled.

Cohen, 46, his 18-year-old girl friend and two other men at his table at the time of the shooting were booked on suspicion of murder and held today in jail.

The others were Cohen's girl friend of two weeks, Sandra Hagen, who models under the name Sandra Hagen; George Bart Pistelle, 28, a liquor salesman, and signer Anthony Reno, 24.

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(Tomorrow — The reasons for preferring Baker Schools.)

Probing Cause Of Dam Break

FREJUS, France (UPI)—Government investigators sought today to find out why "the world's thinnest dam" collapsed the first time it was filled to capacity and buried this Riviera town under a sea of water and mud.

Latest government figures set the toll of the Wednesday night disaster at 270 dead, 50 missing, and 70 injured. But many more victims were feared swallowed up in the oozing mud that choked the six-mile-long Regnan Valley. Many were swept out into the Mediterranean on a mountain of water.

Unconfirmed reports said 500 were killed.

A mass funeral planned for this afternoon could accommodate only 90 bodies, for the supply of coffins ran out.

A priest, his black robes plastered with thick red mud, blessed the dead in unpainted coffins. "I helped to place people in coffins, including many sweet children," he said. "While I was seeing it, I somehow didn't realize the horror of the whole thing. But when I stood back to pray with the families of the victims, I broke down and could not help crying."

All of France shared that priest's horror. President Charles de Gaulle called the Frejus disaster a "catastrophe" and ordered government experts to find out what caused the tall, thin Malpasset Dam to crumble and send 50 million tons of water on a rampage down the Regnan Valley and over the town of Frejus.

Engineers slashed through the red mud to the collapsed dam to check its faulty foundations. Ironically, Malpasset, roughly translated, means "it went badly." There were reports the dam completed in 1954, was so named because of a series of troubles that beset its construction.

FARM POLICY SERIES BEGINS

Farm policies and programs of the federal government as they are in effect in Union County are being revised in a series of six articles in the Observer farm section.

First article in the series deals with Union County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office and appears on page 3 of today's Observer.

Successive stories will explore the soil bank program, price support program, wheat allotments, agriculture conservation program, and the incentive wool program.

All farm programs of the administration are administered locally by the ASC, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Brazilian Rebel Unit Reported

RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI)—A "rebel army" of 25 officers held a tiny outpost in the jungles of central Brazil today, but their efforts to promote a general uprising appeared to have failed.

U.S.-made jet fighters of the government air force "buzzed" the reported rebel stronghold of Aragaras Thursday night in a warning gesture, apparently without opening fire. It was believed the government might drop paratroopers on the town unless the rebels quickly surrendered.

The insurgent "air force"—five stolen planes, none of them known to be armed—was said to be parked on the turf runway of the airstrip in Aragaras, a mining town 700 miles northwest of Rio.

There were unconfirmed reports, however, that the rebels had abandoned Aragaras and fled 600-odd miles further to the northwest, into the Cachimbo Mountains of southern Para province.

Man Hospitalized With Bullet Wound

A La Grande man is in serious condition at the Grande Ronde hospital today from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the chest.

Guy Murchison, 65, 2805 N. Birch St., was admitted to the hospital last night after shooting himself in the chest with a 32 special revolver, police said. The bullet entered his chest just above the heart and passed completely through his body, according to the attending physician.

The doctor described Murchison's condition as "serious but fair."

Police were called to the Birch St. address by Doris L. Rhoads at 5:22 p.m. When they arrived at the hospital, a doctor and ambulance already had been called.

Police Chief Oliver Reeve said Murchison left a letter and a note, saying he was depressed because of recent illness.

Another Name Added To Sewage Committee

Another name was added to the list of citizens appointed by the city commission to investigate the sewage problem in La Grande at the regular meeting last night.

Robert A. Orr, 1811 Washington Ave., was added to the list, increasing the number to 27. Orr is a civil engineer employed by the Union Pacific Railroad.

Steel Negotiator Rejects Ike's Call For Conference

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Steel management's chief negotiator today rejected President Eisenhower's call for round-the-clock negotiations in an effort to end the marathon steel dispute.

R. Conrad Cooper said it was the quality and not the quantity of bargaining that counted in settling the differences between the "big 11" steel producers and the United Steelworkers Union.

Eisenhower, prodding both sides to make a fast settlement, suggested in his radio-TV speech Thursday night that 24-hour mediation efforts might turn the trick, when he thought they would be. But Federal Mediation Director Joseph F. Finnegan said later that he would schedule meetings only if he said the steel dispute was so

productive.

Cooper backed that view, saying that "continuous hours of meetings do not necessarily mean effective bargaining." He talked with newsmen after a two-hour session with Finnegan.

Union Finances Proposal

"I think the experience of the past shows that when people are brain-weary for too many hours their judgment is not good and mistakes are made," he added.

He said the steel dispute was so important to the nation that nothing should be done to impair the negotiators' judgment.

Recover Monkey After Space Shot

ANIMAL CAPSULE FALLS INTO ATLANTIC OCEAN

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A seven-pound monkey named Sam was rocketed to an altitude of 75 miles over the Atlantic today in a successful test of escape equipment to be used by human space pioneers. His space capsule was recovered a few hours later.

Word that the capsule had been recovered was flashed to headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration here. Scientists immediately set about opening the capsule and determining the monkey's condition.

Sam, a 30-month-old American horn rhesus, was sent aloft from Wallops Island, Va., at 8:15 a.m. p.s.t. in a capsule like the one which will carry space pilots into orbit in the Mercury manned-satellite program.

When the capsule reached an altitude of about 20 miles, an escape rocket, mounted on a 14-foot tower above it, ignited with a burst of flame.

The powerful escape rocket, generating about 55,000 pounds of thrust, lifted the capsule away from the booster at a speed of 200 feet a second.

The capsule and tower coasted on up to about 55 miles and the tower was jettisoned by a timing device.

Minutes later, the capsule had descended by parachute into the

choppy Atlantic 200 miles from shore.

The destroyer Borie was steaming toward the capsule in order to pick it up.

Navy search planes flew around the capsule to keep it in sight and direct the Borie in its rescue operations.

At 20,000 feet, a so-called drag parachute opened to stabilize the vehicle in its descent. At 10,000 feet the main cargo parachute opened and landed the capsule gently into the water.

As soon as Sam is recovered from the capsule and removed from the form-fitting cushioned couch on which he made the trip, he will be sent to the School of Aviation Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Tex., for extensive post-flight examination.

It was expected that detailed study of Sam, and of tiny samples of living matter sent along with him to study radiation effects, will take several days.

The Wallops station is operated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and today's shot was another of many experiments to further the Mercury program.

The launching was carried out in fine weather. NASA officials here said the escape equipment apparently functioned perfectly.

Ike 'Birth' Stand Is Criticized

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Eisenhower's stand on giving birth control information to other countries, has been assailed as "offensive to the majority of the American people."

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, hotly criticized the views voiced by Eisenhower at a news conference Wednesday.

The President told reporters that as long as he was in the White House, the U.S. government would have no business providing birth control help to countries with overpopulation problems.

Archer's attack was seen as further evidence that although Eisenhower may have dimmed the religious issue as a factor in the 1960 presidential election, he has not eliminated it entirely.

The touchy religious debate flared up last week when the U.S. Catholic bishops issued a statement condemning birth control as a means of combatting the "population explosion" and opposing any use of American foreign aid to encourage such practices.

ATOMIC WAR WOULD REDUCE MAN TO 'CAVE LIFE' STATUS

(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 primarily on fallout shelters for protection in case of attack.)

By GRADY PANNELL
Observer Staff Writer

Modern society will be reduced to the status of our cave ancestors and people will have to forage from shelters deep underground to avoid the creeping death of radiation should ever a devastating nuclear war be launched upon the earth.

This sage bit of opinion is not our own but comes from official U.S. Civil Defense announcements. If attacked and with little warning given, what then?

The primary effort of a populace about to be hit, or any community endangered by fallout, is to get inside a shelter. It can be home-built or one constructed with Civil Defense-approved specifications.

First Things First

There are preliminary things first, however.

Communications will all but cease under an attack. Radio stations will revert to Conelrad. This

is a special wave length system (640 and 1240 kilocycles) and during periodic tests in the U.S. all other stations go off the air except Conelrad. Special advice is given by this system under the exclusive direction and operation of CD. La Grande would be concerned with "rural survival" rather than a metropolitan type of planning. Rural survival shelters can be constructed from \$50 to \$500, depending on what amount of work would have to go into such a shelter.

Shelters Built

In some farm areas there already are underground-type storage and shelter areas, especially throughout the tornado belt region in America.

First concern of people about to be blitzed by missiles, fallout or a scattering population from a disaster area is to gather as a family unit and proceed by a planned course of strategy.

Locally, there may be little concern other than from radiation. But water could be contaminated and so could growing foodstuff.

The natural course of action would be to store up weeks or months of canned or tin foods, water for drinking purposes, wa-

ter purification tablets to prevent stagnation effects, changes of clothing, battery-powered radio, flashlights and battery supplies, first aid kits, reading material and any other simple necessities to sustain a person or family for an undetermined period.

Mass Evacuation

Some communities, where there is a strong Civil Defense group, already have practiced mass evacuation, constructed shelters for residents and city officials and have operational radiation detection teams.

Many experienced CD workers have been recruited from American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts where members gained that spark of coolness and readiness "under fire."

A great many areas, however, have done little on preparing a course of action and planning should the "worst happen."

Oregon, naturally has an active Civil Defense. Its governor is the key man in CD and he has appointed capable directors and assistants.

Union County is an integral part of the state-wide program.

(Next—What has been done in the La Grande area to date and what remains to be done?)

MUDDY CREEK HEARD FROM

County School Reorganization Group Criticized By District

Union County School Reorganization committee members came under sharp criticism today from residents of the Muddy Creek School District.

In a special release to various press media in this area, spokesmen claimed that the district (No. 17) was being denied the democratic process of law as well as their right to vote on the issue being denied.

Muddy Creek committee members making the charges are Ted Heard, W. E. Justice, Kenneth Boyer and Joe Updegraff.

Their statement is as follows: "For the past several months Muddy Creek School District 17, just West of Haines (Oregon), has been suffering the necessary steps to try and legally meet the provisions set forth in the School District Reorganization laws and at the same time try to satisfy the desires of the majority of the voters within that district.

Sample Vote

"During this process, a meeting was held in December 1958, at which two possibilities of reorganization were discussed—one, to join with Baker Dist. 5J; two, join with North Powder District in Union County. A sample vote was taken to get the feeling of the few present. A majority of 19-11 voted favoring Baker.

"The reorganization boards of Baker and Union counties however, had some type of prior agreement and said that their plan would be submitted for vote to go to North Powder.

"A group of legal voters secured

the services of a lawyer who thought a more comprehensive sampling of opinion would help determine the true wishes of the community. There are about 95 to 100 legal voters in the county and a questionnaire was mailed out to them. Sealed ballots were returned to the lawyer and counted by him and the chairman of the Baker County Reorganization board—the results 67 for Baker and 7 for North Powder.

Proposal Defeated

"The reorganization board said that it was too late to make any changes in their plans and it would be necessary to vote on the proposal to go to North Powder. In order to defeat this proposal it was necessary to defeat it with a 60 percent majority, which was done. However, according to the law that is not enough. You then have to secure a petition and ask for a second vote on the same question. This was done, and the second vote defeated the proposal with even a larger majority.

"This left district 17 in the same position as before—faced with the necessity of joining with a district maintaining a high school. At this time a committee of voters representing the majority opinion in Muddy Creek, as shown by the votes, studied the law and decided that in view of the clear cut indication of opinion of the people that they wanted to go to Baker, that the easiest and surest way to achieve it would be to follow the steps set out in the law and petition the boundary board for annexation to district 5. Only five

names are needed on this petition to the boundary board, but more than 55 percent of the total possible legal voters in the district signed the petition.

Joint Meeting

"The Baker County Reorganization committee received this petition from the boundary board and recommended that the people be allowed to vote on the proposed administrative district with Baker, and since Baker Dist. 5J is a joint district with Union County because of the Ponderosa school district, they asked the Union County Reorganization committee for concurrence. At the Union County meeting, Nov. 16 the committee deferred action, and asked for a joint meeting of the two county boards.

"At this joint meeting on Dec. 2 the Union County Reorganization committee rejected the plan proposed by the Baker County Reorganization committee. This plan had been proposed for the purpose of giving the patrons of school district 17 an opportunity to vote on annexation as they had requested.

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Conelrad warns of attack



he calls husband from fields

City Commission Approves Liquor License Renewals

City commissioners have approved the renewal of four state liquor licenses for 1960 and have granted endorsement for a new license.

A club license was renewed for the BPO Elks 443, Depot Street and Washington Avenue, in the name of C. K. McCormick, secretary of the house committee.

Renewals were also granted to the Imperial Cafe, 208 Depot St., in the name of Bonnie B. LaBonte; Tenth Street Grocery, 1600 Tenth St., for Albert R. Spencer, and Safeway Stores, Inc., 907 Adams Ave., in the name of A. Acarregui.

Approval for a new license was issued to The Stockmans, 221 Depot St. The application was signed by C. Everett and Alma H. Holmes.

Benson In Good Shape Following Operation

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, 60, underwent surgery today for removal of his gall bladder. He was reported "in good post-operative condition" at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The operation on Benson took an hour and a half.



A shelter for survival



Earth shields from fallout

'Candy Cane Lane' Stores Open Until 9 Tonight; Santa Here Saturday