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Little rain tonight and Friday; high Friday 44-54; low 18-28.

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UNION COUNTY ASC OFFICE HONORED

Union County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office and county committee of ASC was honored last night by state ASC officials as the "outstanding office in the seven counties of district." Left to right, Alan Jacobs, Ontario, farmer field man; Lloyd German, manager of Union County ASC office; Ben Robinson, county committee chairman, and Glen Hutchinson, Ontario, state committeeman. German is holding certificate signifying the honor. (Observer Photo)

Steel Union Asks Special Benefits In New Contract

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The steelworkers union asked the steel companies today for retroactive benefits in any new contract and a pre-Christmas pay raise based on the government's cost-of-living index. The double-barreled proposal was made by union President David J. McDonald in a letter to heads of the 11 steel companies covered by the Taft-Hartley injunction which ordered the steel strikers back to work Nov. 7. The injunction runs out Jan. 26. The new proposal came as union and management negotiators were called into joint session today by federal mediators amid signs the government might propose a package settlement of the seven-month-old dispute.

Firemen Will Man Salvation Army Kettles

Firemen will man the Salvation Army pots Saturday as an expression of their appreciation of the aid given fire fighters by the group. Members of the department will clasp the Christmas bells clad in their fire fighting equipment. The fire truck will parade up Adams every two hours. Fire Chief Ray Snider said the department was making the campaign for the Salvation Army in exchange for the fine cooperation they have given the department at fires. Snider also told the people of La Grande to be prepared with lots of change when downtown Saturday. The firemen will work in two-hour shifts.

13 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT HELP FIGHT TB CHRISTMAS SEALS 1959 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1959

U.S. Troops Pulling Out

Americans Withdrawing From Army Installation In Iceland

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States announced it will withdraw all of its 1,200 Army troops from Iceland where their presence had generated some friction. The Defense Department said the withdrawal, to be carried out during the first six months of 1960, was part of a "normal redeployment" and had nothing to do with recent incidents. Approximately 4,000 Air Force and Navy personnel will remain in Iceland. The department said that this decision to pull out the Army troops was initiated by the U.S. alone, and that the Icelandic government was later "made aware" of the decision. It insisted the withdrawal had no connection with the recent recall of the American commanding officer in Iceland, Air Force Brig. Gen. Gilbert Pritchard. Pritchard was removed at the request of the Icelandic government after an in-

cident involving two Icelandic citizens and U. S. military guards. The Icelandic government had said the two civilians who had entered a military area were humiliated and forced to lie in a puddle while military police examined their papers. The Defense Department also said timing of the withdrawal announcement had "no connection" with the inauguration of a new Icelandic government last month. The American troops controversy was an issue in the campaign. The announcement said that after the Army battalion combat team is withdrawn, airborne troops will be kept in readiness in the United States so they could reach Iceland in a matter of hours if necessary. The battalion's assignment of "guarding military installations" will be taken over by the Air Force and Navy. The U. S. denied the move constitutes a withdrawal of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces. It pointed out that U. S. troops were stationed in Iceland under a separate 1951 agreement. The NATO Council has been notified of the action, however. The presence of U. S. troops on the North Atlantic strategic outpost has been a continuing source of consultation and sometimes controversy between the two governments. The Icelandic Parliament asked for complete troop withdrawal in the spring of 1956 but later dropped the request. The Army said responsibility for ground defense of Iceland will be taken over by the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N. C., the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash. These outfits, the Army said, will maintain "battle loaded units" that could be flown to Iceland "in time to meet any foreseeable emergency."

Ike Warns Reds In Indian Speech

PLEDGES U.S. SUPPORT IN BORDER AGGRESSION

NEW DELHI (UPI)—President Eisenhower renewed his call today for controlled world disarmament but warned Communist China the United States stood ready to protect its friends against an "alien philosophy backed by great military might." Eisenhower addressed a joint session of Parliament minutes after a meeting with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at which he was reported to have offered U.S. military aid should a shooting war develop from Red China's attacks on India's northern borders.

Eisenhower received a standing ovation when he entered the jam-packed house before Eisenhower arrived to warn the world that if there is not peace "there may be no generations to follow us." Only a world campaign for peace can win peace, he said, and he called on India to help lead it.

After the session several members of Parliament told the UPI they were thrilled by the address. One said he saw "genuineness in Eisenhower's desire for peace."

Nehru Listens Quietly Nehru sat thoughtfully during the speech, his chin cupped in his hand. He did not join in the applause at any time during the proceedings except just before the President left the chamber.

Eisenhower appeared fatigued after his busy day that began when he laid a wreath on the tomb of Mohandas K. Gandhi, hero of Indian independence, but he brightened when great crowds lining the streets of New Delhi cheered and screamed their approval of his peace mission in a repetition of Wednesday's tumultuous welcome.

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BALBOA, C.Z. (UPI) — U.S. Air Force planes took off at dawn today to resume the search for a Colombian airliner with 46 persons aboard, missing for more than 24 hours over the Caribbean Sea.

A report Wednesday that another Colombian plane had sighted the wreckage of the twin-engine C-46 in the jungles of central Panama proved to be a misunderstanding apparently caused by inaccurate translation of a Spanish-language report by operators at the Canal Zone rescue center.

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PICKED ON WRONG MAN

LONDON (UPI) — George Mortimer was convicted of attempted fraud yesterday after he posed as a policeman and "arrested" the first likely looking victim he could find. The victim was a plain clothes detective.

City Ponders Lien Decision

The city's final decision on the disposition of the lien against pavement district 158, property recently deeded back to the Hendrix Methodist Church, will wait another week. City Manager Dave Slaght will talk with church officials after Carl Helm Jr., city attorney, advised the governing board that the lien exists by virtue of a technicality.

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Lions' Student Aid Program Given Shot By 'Can Can Revue'



EARL MOSSMAN

Earl Mossman's Can Can Girl Revue will do its part Friday night to aid the foreign exchange student program of the La Grande Lions Club with a show at the high school auditorium. "Krazy Daze" is the theme of the program which is scheduled to open at 8 p.m.

The dance revue and the Centennial Singers appeared for 100 days during the Oregon Centennial Celebration at Portland. They are currently engaged in a state-wide tour.

The entertainers have appeared on nationally televised shows which include the Lawrence Welk Show and an appearance with Liberace. They were presented a plaque last summer by Gov. Mark Hatfield for writing and singing the song "You Are In Oregon My Friend."

During the Oregon State Fair in Salem they appeared with the Bob Crosby troupe. Mrs. Claire Morton is a director of the show with Earl Mossman as master of ceremonies.

The show has drawn praise from reviewers and the public for their Centennial appearances, being one of the most popular acts in Portland.

Fr. Crotty Named Monsignor By Pope

According to an announcement by the Most Rev. Francis P. Leitzig, D.D., Bishop of Baker, His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, has elevated the Very Rev. Matthew M. Crotty to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Father Crotty is pastor of the local Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Valley.

While Monsignor Crotty already enjoys the rank of Domestic Prelate, a formal investiture ceremony is planned for a later date. During the ceremony the Papal rescript will be read and the new monsignor will be clothed with Rochette and Mantelletum by Bishop Leitzig.

Irish Born Monsignor Crotty was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, Sept. 26, 1919. He made his classical, philosophical and theological studies at St. Kieran's Seminary and was ordained a priest Jan. 30, 1944. He enrolled in the School of Canon Law at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., Nov. 9, 1944, and obtained his doctorate in that science in June, 1947.

He served four years as assistant at St. Francis Cathedral in Baker and was appointed chancellor of the Baker Diocese in August, 1951. Bishop Leitzig appointed him vicar general of the diocese in February, 1952. He was transferred to La Grande in February, 1957.

Domestic prelates are so called because they are members of the Papal Household. Like all prelates below the rank of cardinal, they are addressed as monsignor.

Farm Bureau Membership Banquet Set

Union County's Farm Bureau will officially open its annual membership drive following a kickoff banquet this evening for team captains and helpers. The banquet, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau hall in Island City, will feature Rep. Don McKinnis (D-Summersville) as the principal speaker.

Local Farm Bureau officials attended a meeting for state captains at Bend recently where membership drive details were planned. Quota Exceeded Quota for the Union County group is 525 members as established by the state organization. Present membership is in excess of 560, officials reported today.

Any farmer who derives 60 per cent of his income from a farm is eligible for full membership. Associate memberships are available for businessmen and other interested persons.

Drugstore 'Salesmen' Under Scrutiny By Senate Probers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The drug industry's version of the traveling salesman caught the attention of Senate drug price investigators today.

Counsel Rand Dixon of the Senate anti-trust subcommittee said the group planned to study at some length the activities of the so-called "detail men" employed by big pharmaceutical houses.

There has been testimony indicating that they have helped keep prices up and competition down.

Distribute Samples The main job of the detail men is to call on doctors to distribute free samples and relate information about new drugs put on the market by the company which employs them. This is done in hopes that the doctors will use the company's brand name in writing prescriptions for this type of drug. Witnesses have told the sub-

committee that many physicians, particularly general practitioners, rely more on detail men than on medical journals for data on new drugs.

Of Major Expenses The subcommittee has received information that the employment of detail men is one of the major business expenses of large companies and enables them to sell more drugs than smaller competitors who have cheaper prices.

If a doctor writes down a brand name, the druggist is required to use this particular product in filling the prescription. Oftentimes, the same drug is available at a lesser price under another brand name or under its generic, or chemical, name.

Subcommittee chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has pointed out that the patient who must pay the bill has no choice over what brand he gets or the price he must pay.

Local Post Office Open All Day Saturday

La Grande's Post Office will remain open on Saturday afternoons until Christmas, Postmaster Vic Ekley said today.

The postmaster urges residents to get their package and Christmas cards in the mail as soon as possible to help avoid last-minute pile-ups in the flow of mail.

Two Area Residents Die

Two Grande Ronde Valley residents died this morning. Shelly Griffin, 58, 1301 Madison Ave., died in La Grande this morning.

Mrs. Gladys Hays, Elgin, also passed away at her home early today. Funeral arrangements will be handled by the Daniel's Funeral Home.



PAKISTANIS GREET IKE — Crowds line street as President Eisenhower (left) and Pakistan President Ayub Khan ride in carriage en route to presidential palace after former's arrival in Karachi. Eisenhower, on the first trip by an American President to Communist-threatened Asia, pledged the U.S. and Pakistan would work for a just peace for all mankind.