

WEATHER Snow flurries tonight; mostly fair Saturday; highs 28-38; low 10-20 except zero high valleys.

TEMPERATURE Thursday maximum 37; night low 17. Sunset today 5:34 p.m.; sunrise Saturday 6:23 a.m. Winds variable.

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JOHN DEERE DAY

New lines of farming machinery and equipment wasn't the only feature of "John Deere Day" held Wednesday by Inland Machinery Co. at the National Guard Armory. This show line was also a very popular feature. Coming through the show line are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waelly, Elgin, and Thomas Moore, Island City. At the left is Mrs. John Hagerty, one of the servers. (Observer Photo)

27 Persons Die In Plane Crash

SHANNON, Ireland (UPI) — A New York-bound Italian airliner which had just taken on 7,000 gallons of gasoline "blew into 10 million pieces" on departure early today and rained survivors, bodies and wreckage onto a nearby cemetery.

Shannon Airport authorities said 27 persons were killed, two of them dying in hospitals today, and that there were 23 survivors. Two other of the 52 passengers and crew aboard the Alitalia DC7 were still "unaccounted for."

Ten of the passengers were American citizens. One was identified as Mrs. Giulia Creek, 22, of New York. Another was Father Giuseppe Carroli, a Capuchin priest of New York City. Their fate was not known immediately.

U.S. NAVY PLANE AT FAULT

Sugarloaf Mountain Collision Kills At Least 61 Passengers

RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI) — The Air Ministry said today a big U. S. Navy plane probably was to blame for the collision over Sugarloaf Mountain which killed at least 61 — and possibly 67 — persons here Thursday.

About 40 of the dead were Americans. The three survivors, Lt. (jg) George P. Fitzgibbons, of Worcester, Mass.; Sonarman 2-C Frederick E. Wilson, of Dallas, and Ordnance Man 1-C Hal R. Helms, of Norfolk, Va., were hospitalized with minor injuries.

OREGONIAN ARSON ATTACK

SALEM (UPI)—Fire, possibly touched off by a "bomb," erupted in the Salem circulation and distribution office of the Portland Oregonian at 5:06 a.m. today causing "considerable damage."

Salem Fire Chief Robert Mills said "the investigation so far would indicate that possibly some sort of bomb or explosive is involved."

He said a window of the empty office was apparently broken by a rock just prior to the blaze. The branch office is on Tile road just off Fairgrounds road in northeast Salem.

Salem Fire Marshal Glenn Shodeck, heading the at-the-scene probe, said the state arson squad had been summoned from Portland.

Shodeck said pieces of a bottle that may have been placed in the office through the broken window were found. The half-gallon vessel had a partially screwed on cap, and the cap had a hole in it. Shodeck said the hole "looked like a place for a wick" and that there were indications the bottle had contained "some sort of flammable liquid."

Stroll About Airport

The plane was on the ground for about an hour while the 40 passengers and some of the 12 crew members aboard strolled through Shannon Airport buying souvenirs including candy and dolls for several children aboard.

Man Decapitated

Rescue workers said the crash scene was a gruesome sight. "There were shovels for help and pieces of bodies and wreckage all over the bay," one Brazilian said. "We pulled everything we could out of the bay... everything was covered with blood."

A fisherman hastening to the scene saw a headless body in the water—perhaps that of a man who tried to bail out of the spinning Navy plane only to be decapitated by its wing.

Portland Firm In Low Bid For FOC Construction Work

Schrader Construction Co. Inc., Portland, submitted the low bid for remodeling and construction of an addition to Hoke Hall on the Eastern Oregon College campus, \$144,115, according to Dr. Frank B. Bennett, FOC president.

2 Ex-Cons Sentenced On Loitering Charge

An offer of "a drink" to two Central school children has led to the arrest and sentencing of two ex-convicts on charges of unlawful loitering near the La Grande High School.

Police Chief Oliver Reeve said today that the two men pleaded guilty to loitering charges and were sentenced to 60 days in jail late Thursday afternoon.

They are Larry Earl Evans, 21, of 1502 Washington Ave., and Arthur Raymond Huff, 23, of Medford.

Huff has been in the state penitentiary twice on charges of burglary. He was released from his second term Feb. 6.

Evans was released sometime last fall after serving a term for passing bad checks.

Other Offenses The two men admitted several other offenses in statements taken by police, including thefts of liquor and garden hose, and breaking and entering of a cabin.

Chief Reeve said that during the noon hour Wednesday the two men were parked in a car outside the La Grande High School waiting to pick up a girl.

Two young boys attending Central school walked by, and the men asked them what time high school was out. The men also offered the boys a drink.

The grade school children walked on without paying attention. One of the boys was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Baker. Baker is a game and traffic officer with the Oregon State Police in La Grande.

Shortly afterward Mrs. Baker came to pick up the two youngsters, and was told of the incident. She called city police.

Baker Investigates When she and the boys arrived home, Baker was told the story and he drove to the high school where he found the two men in the parked car.

He gave them "a reading out," and informed Chief Reeve that he had done so. The chief asked him to tell the men to come down to the police station for questioning, which they did.

Police later found in the car a bottle of whiskey, a bottle of vodka, a .22 calibre pistol, and a hunting knife.

During interrogation, Evans and Huff admitted stealing liquor, a piece of garden hose, and about 10 gallons of gas from a garage at the residence of Edwin G. Huff, 2614 N. Second St.

Evans also admitted breaking into a cabin owned by Mrs. George S. Birnie, 504 Fourth St. The cabin is on Glass hill.

Chief Reeve asked that parents tell their children to report it immediately if they are ever approached by strangers for a ride or other reasons.

Peron Backers Shake Fists At President

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — President Eisenhower made a dramatic arrival in the heart of Buenos Aires by helicopter today, soaring over the heads of angry demonstrators who were demanding the return of ousted Dictator Juan D. Peron. They shook their fists at the chopper as it passed high above them.

Five bombs exploded in the city during the night, injuring three persons in what may have been anti-American demonstrations. Two of the blasts damaged American owned companies.

PROGRESS OF LOCAL AREA

The Observer today presents 30 pages devoted for the most about progress, mainly local, area and state, in the fields of agriculture, industry and business.

The first inside section (eight pages) covers farming and ranching; the next section of six pages deals with industry, the cover page serving this theme, and the final eight-page spread points up the past, present and future of business.



CANDIDATE — Justice of the Peace George Miller, 72, has filed for reelection. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law and has been justice of the peace in La Grande for about 13 years. (Observer Photo)

Foot-Deep Snow Hits Mid-West

By United Press International Midwesterners battled foot-deep snows and 10-foot drifts today while southerners shivered in a crop-killing cold wave.

The latest in a machine gun series of February storms blasted Northeast Michigan today and powered through New York into New England.

Hundreds of schools closed in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Winds there swirled the snow into drifts 10 feet high, clogging many secondary roads and temporarily blocking some major trunk lines.

The mercury dipped below freezing in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Northern Florida and North-eastern Louisiana, and a freeze ruined valuable tomato, watermelon, and corn crops in the semitropical area. The death toll rose as Midwest residents succumbed to heart attacks while shoveling snow and packed highways.

United Press International counted 25 weather-attributed deaths. The mercury hit 25 below at Butte, Mont.

Margaret Will Marry British Photographer

LONDON (UPI) — Princess Margaret, 29, is getting married. With stunning surprise the royal family announced tonight that the sister of Queen Elizabeth is engaged to Anthony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner known only to British society as a photographer and son of a lawyer.

No date for the wedding was set. Armstrong-Jones, also 29, will be the first commoner to enter the royal family since Mrs. Wallace Warfield Simpson married the Duke of Windsor after he sacrificed his throne as King Edward VIII for the woman he loved.

Once it was the other way around for Margaret. She gave up her love for commoner Peter Townsend in loyalty to the throne's tradition against divorce.

U.S. Sky Spy Satellite Is Fired Aloft

DELICATE ROCKET WOULD DETECT ENEMY MISSILE

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — America today launched a two-ton earth satellite to test a system of detecting Russian missile firing with an infrared "sky spy."

An 88-foot Atlas-Agena thundered into the sky with more than 3,000 pounds of delicate—and possibly diplomatically controversial—instruments tucked in its nose.

The sleek rocket, the nation's mightiest, traveled steeply and apparently normally in search of an orbit around the middle of earth for its payload. The Agena second-stage casing was to remain attached to and travel in orbit with the bulky instrument package.

This was the first test of an Air Force plan to put a dozen or more Project Midas satellites into orbit within the next two to four years to keep tabs on launchings of big Soviet missiles. Midas is short for "military defense alarm system."

The system is keyed to a sensitive infrared device that would detect the exhaust of an enemy rocket within one minute after it was fired, thus giving a 30-minute warning. This is about the time it would take an intercontinental ballistic missile to go from pad to target.

Under existing defense alarm systems, the most the nation could hope for would be a 15-minute alert.

However, the satellite launched today was strictly a prototype that would travel over little, if any, Soviet territory in its planned orbit more than 300 miles above earth. It also lacked the communications equipment necessary to relay information about Russian launches.

Instead, the test was aimed primarily at getting the huge moonlet—second largest ever launched by America—pointed in the right direction and at finding out exactly whether the infrared "eye" would work.

Elgin Student Jean Gordon Up For Scholarship

Jean Faye Gordon, a senior at Elgin High School, has been recommended by State Representative Don McKinnis to receive a full tuition four-year scholarship to Eastern Oregon College.

Miss Gordon wishes to major in education and to obtain her bachelor's degree from EOC. She is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gordon of Elgin.

The recommendation is in the hands of the state scholarship commission.

Petitioners Seek Street Improvement

A petition signed by about 40 residents living on North Spruce Street was submitted to the city commission Wednesday.

The petitioners ask for an improvement of Spruce Street east and west from Z Avenue to the Riverside Park bridge.

The petition stated that Spruce Street is a main thoroughfare, used by county residents outside the city and by commercial and government vehicles.

It is also a direct route to Riverside Park. The main complaint was that stagnant water collected on the street the year around. Something must be done, the petition said, to provide drainage.

The petition was brought to the commission by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy, 2906 Spruce St. The Murphy's said a similar petition would be given to the county commission at its meeting next Wednesday. Part of Spruce Street is outside city limits.

The city commission placed the petition on file and agreed that it would take the matter up with the county commission later.



CHURCH DIGNITARIES

These bishops and monsignori comprise the list of dignitaries present yesterday following the ceremony at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church during which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew M. Crotty, pastor, was invested as a monsignor. Left to right, Msgr. Nicholas Hughes, Boise; Msgr. Timothy Casey, Klamath Falls; Bishop James J. Byrne, Boise; Archbishop Edward D. Howard, Portland; Msgr. Crotty; Bishop Francis P. Leipzig, Baker; and Msgr. Michael McMahon, The Dalles. (Observer)