

WEATHER Eastern Oregon: Fair to night and Saturday; highs 44-58; low tonight 25-35.

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TEMPERATURE Thursday maximum 52; night low 33. Sunset today 6:36 p.m.; sunrise Saturday 5:05 a.m. Winds variable.

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## Hay Barn Fire Is Put Out

A barn full of hay at 1208 C Ave., caught fire Thursday afternoon, burning much of the hay and causing approximately \$200 damage to the building. The fire started in the hay stored in an old house which had been converted to a barn. The building is owned by Mrs. George S. Birnie, 504 Fourth St. Mrs. Birnie is owner of half the hay and the other half belongs to Mrs. C. L. Gilstrap, 502 Washington Ave.

Firemen sped to the scene at about 2:50 p.m. Smoke billowed from windows, the front door and chimney and fire fighters had difficulty reaching the hay which was stacked to the top of the two-story structure.

Building Saved By dousing the interior of the building and forking burning hay outside where it could be drenched, firemen prevented the fire from destroying the barn. Two trucks were called to the scene and firemen stayed on the job until 4:45 p.m.

Mrs. Gilstrap estimated that 10 tons of hay were stored in the barn, intended as feed for horses belonging to her and Mrs. Birnie. The horses are pastured next to the building.



FIELD MAN — Ivor T. Jones, Salem, has been appointed as special field representative by Associated General Contractors of Oregon. He is former official of State Council of Carpenters. He plans Eastern Oregon tour in near future, with stops at La Grande, Pendleton and Baker.

## Concessions Registered For Midway

Fire organizations have registered concessions in the Pioneer Pow Wow's Midway section, Registration Chairman Norma Hunt at the Chamber of Commerce office disclosed today.

The five groups, all repeaters from last year's Pow Wow, and their concessions, are:

Beta Theta chapter, ESA, baseball throw and candied apples, chairman to be named; Beta Sigma Phi city council, cotton candy machine, Mrs. Jim Vozel, chairman; Kiwanis club, front pupps and soft drinks, chairman to be named; Cloverleaf Circle Horse Club, horse and buggy rides, Mrs. Jesse Schaubers, chairman and Royal Neighbors of America, wheel game, Mrs. Fannie McFarland, chairman.

Midway Chairman Emerson Smock reported he has received numerous inquiries from representatives of various groups endeavoring to arrange for concessions on the Midway, which will be located on Washington Avenue between the fire house and Fourth Street this year.

"A number of groups are awaiting decisions to be made at membership meetings before registering their concessions," Smock said. "We're hopeful that in the next two or three weeks a full Midway will be assured by the participation of community and valley organizations."

Midway concessions are available to any organized groups, the chairman said, without charge. Registration should be made at the chamber desk in the Sacajawea annex.

Police found a cardboard box full of the stolen magazines under a trap door in the rear of an abandoned building at the northeast corner of the Fir Street alley between Adams and Jefferson Avenues.

## Bulletin

VANDEBURG AFB, Calif. (UPI) — A discoverer satellite rumbled aloft today hauling a 300-pound capsule that scientists hope to shoot safely back to earth from 200 miles in space.

## Castro Leads Army Against Insurgents

### Area Fruit Men Wary Of Weather

Cherry growers in the valley remain in a state of apprehension after experiencing borderline freezing temperatures last night. County Agent Ted Sidor reported this morning that while not too much blossom damage was expected so far, growers feared most that clouds would disperse and a crystal clear night would drop temperatures.

Low temperature recorded at the State Police headquarters here last night was 33 degrees.

Near Freezing In low valley areas growers reported that the mercury hovered near 32 degrees all night. A little water was frozen on cherry blossoms. The county agent said the biggest worry from last night is that water filled the blossoms sufficiently to make them drop.

Cove area hillside orchards were expected to have come through safely, and higher orchards in Elgin should have had little or no damage.

Sidor called Pumpkin Ridge orchards a "give and take" operation, and similar uncertainty existed for other trees in the lower valley floor.

Recent storm conditions have probably hindered pollination, the county agent stated.

### CUBAN REBELS HOLDING OUT IN MOUNTAIN AREA

BAYAMO, Oriente, Cuba (UPI)—Four thousand army troops and worker's militia led personally by Premier Fidel Castro were reported today to be swarming up 8,000-foot Turquino Peak in the last stage of a campaign to destroy guerrilla resistance.

The guerrillas, an estimated 80 to 100 men led by former rebel Army Maj. Manuel Beaton, were said to be pinned down in their hideouts atop the lofty Sierra Maestra Mountain awaiting attack. There was no indication of how well they were dug in for resistance.

Government sources said the army pressure was beginning to tell to the insurgents. They claimed four surrenders in the past 24 hours. Army front line troops being used in the attack were said to number from 800 to a thousand "Barbudos," or bearded ones, presumably veterans of Castro's own guerrilla campaign from 1956-58.

Rebellion Reported Spreading Antigovernment violence was reported to have spread from Oriente in the east to Las Villas Province in central Cuba.

So far this week, anti-Castro forces have been reported on patrol in the Sierra Maestra and Sierra Cristal ranges of Oriente and the Sierra de Escambray hills of Las Villas.

In Las Villas, unconfirmed reports said dissenters seized and burned several trucks and other vehicles on the South Coast Highway between Trinidad and Cienfuegos.

## Weather May Lift By Easter

By United Press International The weather man today forecast a little better outlook for Easter Sunday in Oregon with drier air expected to move into the state starting tonight.

But snow and rain continued Thursday and Thursday night in the wake of Wednesday's damage.

Children in the Grande Ronde Valley may be disappointed with the April weather, but soil conservationists and forestry officials are quite pleased with the added soil moisture reserve. Up to four inches of snow fell on high timber elevations in the area over the past 48 hours.

ing western Oregon windstorm. A little snow was reported at lower elevations in eastern Oregon and the Portland area had snowflakes mixed with rain this morning.

Nighttime temperatures are expected to remain cool with below-freezing readings expected tonight in both sections of the state. It's expected to warm up around the first of the week.

Mountain passes reported some snow with chains a must on fresh routes.

Salem was Oregon's wet spot during the 24 hours ending early today with .91 of an inch of rain.

## Portland Papers Begin Separate Editions Monday

PORTLAND (UPI) — The city council Thursday unanimously approved a permit for the Wallace Security Agency to provide guards for the struck Oregonian and Oregon Journal.

The two papers start separate publication Monday for the first time since a Stereotypers strike started last Nov. 10.

The city council action ended a controversy that began several weeks ago when the Inter Union Newspaper Strike Committee charged that employment of the agency, including armed guards for press rooms, would constitute a threat to the community.

## NATO Plans Hundreds Of Missile Stations

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States and its NATO allies may station hundreds of Polaris missiles across Western Europe in a revolutionary new multi-million dollar defense system designed to strike back after any Russian attack.

State Department confirmation that such a system was under consideration was underlined by the first successful underwater launching of a Polaris Thursday. The missile, originally intended to be fired by submerged nuclear submarines, was launched from an underwater tube off San Clemente Island, Calif. The Navy said "all objectives" were met and described the test as an important step in maturing the missile to A subs.

The proposal to dot Western Europe with ballistic missiles arose from fears that the continent's defenses, as presently planned, would be obsolete in a few years.

Some military planners were aiming at 1963 as the date for wide placement of ballistic missiles throughout Europe. That year is regarded as critical because of Russia's intercontinental rocket advantage.

Advisers of NATO Commander Gen. Lauris Norstad consider it urgent for Europe to be equipped with missiles that could be placed in underground bunkers, on mobile launching platforms and on barges on the continent's many waterways.

One of the problems facing the North Atlantic Council, the NATO governing body, is how to finance the Polaris program, which would cost several hundred million dollars.

As currently designed to fly from Navy submarines with an H-bomb in its nose, the Polaris would have a range of 1,200 miles. NATO would get a modified version with a range of 300 to 1,200 miles for use on land.

## City Waives License Fee For Legion Circus

A waiver of license fee for the Kem Jensen Circus to perform in the junior high gym May 3, has been granted.

The circus will give afternoon and night performances. The request for license waiver came from Jesse Rosenbaum representing the American Legion.

## APPROVE PENSION HIKES

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Armed Service Committee unanimously approved legislation Wednesday to give 118,000 retired servicemen pay boosts ranging from \$4 a year for former privates to \$4,586 for former chiefs of staff.

## OLD WARRIOR SPEAKS

## Truman Certain Of Democratic Victory

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Harry S. Truman broke his silence on presidential preferences today long enough to declare "the Republican papers" want Sen. John F. Kennedy or Adlai E. Stevenson to get the Democratic nomination.

"But our party is going to nominate somebody who can win," Truman added. The former President thereupon resumed his determined silence about his own choice for the Democratic nomination.

There was no further indication from Truman's remarks whether his statement about the "Republican papers" meant he himself is cool to Kennedy and Stevenson—and the ex-President went right on to deny he has decided for Sen. Stuart Symington.

"Democrats Will Win" Truman said he felt sure the Democratic party could and would win in the November elections "because of the terrible record the Republicans have had." Then he got down to names.

The former President told reporters, "You know who the Republican papers would like to see nominated, don't you? Kennedy or Stevenson.

"But our party is going to nominate somebody who can win."

## Boundary Board Sets May 3rd Hearing For Cove Petitioners

By GRADY PANNELL Observer Staff Writer

Cove property petitioners will present their case to the district boundary board at a hearing scheduled Tuesday, May 3, it has been announced.

Wilbur Osterloh, boundary board secretary, said the hearings will begin at 2 p.m. in the chambers of circuit court.

Hearings on boundary petition changes normally are held in Judge Ken McCormick's office, but due to the number of petitioners wishing to annex their property to La Grande District No. 1, larger space is necessary.

It is expected that protestants in the Cove district will state their objections to the petition request.

### 70 Per Cent

Property owners, whose assessed valuation totals some 70 per cent of district No. 15, several weeks ago initiated two petitions, 79 names on one and three on the other. They were accused then of trying to "force Cove school district to annex to La Grande by means of a special second election on school annexation.

The district, in a record turnout of voters, defeated the school ballot measure by 165 to 127, a large increase by both voting groups. Just several weeks before, the school annexation vote was first defeated, 134-112.

Those in favor of retaining Cove school "at any cost" charged the second annexation vote as "being democratic." The "any cost" phrase was tugged on the opponents of school annexation by the majority of the present property petitioners. They claim this is why, principally, they wish to "pull out" of the district, "a matter of economics only."

This is being disputed, however, by some Cove residents and several have voiced their opinions to The Observer that the latest maneuver was initiated only as a "bankrupt threat."

### Some Alarm

Although some Cove district residents do not like the "bankrupt" phrase, several school officials are

alarmed at what could happen to a "30 per cent district" and a high school building that does not quite meet state standards.

Tax officials also have stated that any district without at least 50 per cent of its current property valuation would face troubled times.

"The Observer, it must be pointed out here, did not and does not imply now that the word "bankrupt" means the individual tax payers would become as such. It is a word used by school officials and tax people who are facing up to the issue, having reference only to the district valuation structure after possible boundary change."

Why does the property group petition for a boundary change of district 1?

They give several reasons, including "a matter of economics." They refer to this as additional expenditures necessary to get the Cove high school up to state standards, both building-wise and academic. It is expected that at least one and possibly two additional teachers will be added to the staff next fall. This takes money and would increase

present millage rates plus the current bonded indebtedness.

### Academic Choice

They claim this is why they prefer annexing to La Grande, although they add that the La Grande schools offer better academic standards for their children. There are some 40 children involved in the outcome.

The Cove teaching problem shapes up as almost acute, with the resignation of the superintendent and principal, Charles Haggerty, and several others, an indirect issue to the problem. There is a possibility of a 90 per cent turnover in the teaching staff there next fall.

In all fairness to Cove residents who desire to retain and expand their school, it must be noted that their claim of "democratic voting process" is valid. They have defeated "three times" any attempt to change the school. The first vote was participation in county-wide reorganization about a year ago.

The few spokesmen representing those who wish to keep their school as it is state simply that a majority decision should be recognized. Other reasons include:

1. Community pride
2. Possible change of the present school reorganization law at the next legislative session.
3. Matter of economics.

They, too, feel that the new tax burden would be so costly in the long run that the school might have to close its doors. They don't like to look too far ahead, but expect few economic strains over the next two years.

Each side can come up with valid points to argue before the boundary board which will not be able to please at least one large segment of the district population following a decision. The board members include Judge McCormick, Commissioners Ray Baum and H. J. Speckhart and Osterloh. The latter is county school superintendent.

## Pilgrims Gather In Jerusalem For Special Rite

JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI) — About 16,000 pilgrims gathered in the narrow streets of Jerusalem's old city today to follow the footsteps of Christ on the path of sorrow.

About 1,000 Christian tourists and residents were crossing from Israel into the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem to swell the observance marking the opening of the three-day Easter weekend.

The procession path along the Via Dolorosa duplicated the route Christ took from the Praetorium, where he was sentenced, to Calvary Hill, where he was crucified.

All the pilgrims submitted to smallpox vaccinations because of an outbreak in Jordan.

## PARIS DRAGNET

## KIDNAPER FREES TOT HEIR TO MULTIMILLION FORTUNE

PARIS (UPI) — Eric Peugeot, 4, was returned safely to his family early today and police, hampered by thousands of Easter travelers, threw a vast dragnet across Paris for his abductors.

There was a momentary flurry at midday when the official French news agency flashed an announcement that police had captured the boy's abductors—two men and a woman. But police promptly denied the report.

It appeared the capture report stemmed from the fact that two men and a woman had been brought to police headquarters in circumstances suggesting that they were the object of the big police operation. But the official denial said the trip had no connection with the Peugeot case.

Eric, tiny heir to a multimillion-dollar French automobile fortune, was released shortly before 12:35 a.m. after his father paid \$100,000 ransom in gold coins. How it was handed over remained a secret.

The chubby-cheeked, blond-haired little boy was found by a laborer not long after midnight. He was crying, standing in the street in front of a Paris cafe only three blocks from his home in the plush Passy area.

Taken inside the bar, the youngster was asked who he was.

"My name is Eric Peugeot and I live at 170 Avenue Victor Hugo." The bar patrons burst into spontaneous cheers. The police and his family were notified. The youngster was safe and 54 hours of terrible anguish were over.

The kidnapers, the little boy said, were very nice to him and let him watch a television set. "They did not do me any harm," he said.

Eric's father, Roland Peugeot, vice president of the vast Peugeot automobile and steel empire, admitted he paid money to the kidnapers but refused to say how much.

Famous Gold Coins Friends said he paid in gold pieces—the widely famed Louis

d'Or, which is legal tender in France and beloved of the peasants and small shopkeepers who like to keep their savings in gold and hide them from the tax collector.

Tears of joy streamed down the father's face. He said he had preferred to deal with the kidnapers in his own way to get his boy back.

The elder Peugeot took his son home to his wife, Colette, who had been near collapse. They had him examined by a doctor, who found him well, and then put him to bed beside his brother, Jean-Pilippe, 7.

The ordeal for the family was over. The main task for the police began.

Look For Man in Gray Gendarmes threw a cordon around Paris and set up a light security check at every port, railroad station and airport.

Word crackled out over the police teletype, ordering all units to search for a "tall man dressed in gray."



EASTER EGG COMMITTEE—La Grande Jaycees show off assorted Easter goodies in preparation for sponsoring Saturday's annual egg hunt for kiddies age 6 through 11 at Riverside Park. Shindig begins at 9 a.m. and annually attracts several hundred youngsters. Twelve prizes will be given by Jaycees. Special hunt is also set for tots up to 5. Members of committee, left to right, Connie Braseth, Bob Wylam, Cliff Woodell, chairman, and Melvin Elder, club president. Other committee member not available for picture is George Bruce. (Observer Photo)