

WEATHER

Eastern Oregon: Partly cloudy through Friday; highs 75-85; low tonight 44-54.

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Wednesday maximum 73; night low 47. Sunset today 7:36 p.m. Sunrise Friday 4:04 a.m. Winds gentle.

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STATE AIR BOARD

The State Board of Aeronautics convened for a regular monthly meeting in Sacajawea Hotel yesterday. Board members are (from left) William F. Maddron, Eugene; Dr. William M. Peare, La Grande, senior board member

retiring in July; Anthony Dwyer, Portland, chairman; and Gene Waddle, Portland, vice chairman. Man at far right is Earl Snyder, State Director of Aeronautics, chief of the administrative staff. (Observer Photo)

Dr. Peare Honored By Board

Dr. William M. Peare finished more than 16 years of work on the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics Wednesday still actively trying to obtain good airline service for Eastern Oregon.

The board met in La Grande Wednesday. It was the last meeting Dr. Peare will attend, as his term expires before the next meeting.

A considerable portion of the discussion was of recent Civil Aeronautics Board hearings regarding West Coast Airlines service to Ontario, Baker and La Grande. Hearings by a CAB examiner were held in Baker last week gathering evidence as to whether West Coast should be given renewed authorization to stop at the three Eastern Oregon towns.

The state air board testified in support of the cities at the hearing. It did so partly at the request of Dr. Peare, senior member of the board and only member living east of the Cascade Mountains, and partly at the request of Gov. Mark Hatfield.

As a result of the motion, the board will prepare a written brief arguing for satisfactory air service in the area. The brief will be sent to the CAB examiner.

The board agreed with the contention of all three cities that present West Coast service is unsatisfactory. It also concurred that service ought to be made available which would allow residents of Eastern Oregon to travel to Portland and return the same day, while conducting a full day's business in Portland.

Dr. Peare, a resident of 1904 Second St., has been a member of the state board of aeronautics for more than 16 years.



WINS SCHOLARSHIP—Ramon A. Westenskow, La Grande senior high graduate, is winner of a University of Oregon Mothers Scholarship (Burt Brown Baker award), in amount of \$500. He also won State Fee Scholarship of \$168.

Reds Release Glider Pilot

AMERICAN FORCED DOWN IN COMMUNIST GERMANY

DUEBECK, Germany (UPI) — An American glider pilot who landed in East Germany by mistake was returned by the Communists in record time today in a triumph of sporting spirit over the cold war.

Richard A. Schreder, 44, Toledo, Ohio, returned to West Germany in a black Mercedes automobile driven by two other American glider pilots.

The Communists had permitted his two colleagues, Andrew Smith, Tecumseh, Mich., and John D. Ryan, Scottsdale, Ariz., to drive across the Iron Curtain border this morning to fetch him.

Their trip, which went off without incident, capped a remarkable 24 hours in which the Communists demonstrated for the second time in three weeks an apparent desire to help rather than hinder Americans who crashed in East Germany.

American officials in West Germany stayed out of the incident and let the sportsmen work it out for themselves. Their tactics worked.

Schreder, a contestant in the world gliding championships now in progress in Cologne, sailed over the Iron Curtain by mistake Wednesday while taking part in a long distance event.

He landed near Grevesmuhlen in East Germany almost exactly on the spot where a U.S. Air Force C47 transport plane with nine persons aboard was forced down by Soviet fighters May 20.

Smith and Ryan rushed to the border crossing point of Schlutup near here in an effort to obtain Schreder's release. They found Communist border guards extremely helpful. This morning they entered East Germany with a sedan for Schreder and a trailer for the homemade sail plane.

The Communists had returned the crew of the C47 and its passengers in record time—five days. In the past they have held straying Americans for many weeks trying to force the United States to recognize the Communist East German regime.

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Cove Property Petitions Approved For Boundary Board Action By Committee

By GRADY PANNELL, Observer Staff Writer

Union County's School Reorganization Committee, still smarting from boundary board action taken several weeks ago on the same issue, last night approved by a 4-2 vote to accept Cove district property owner petitions "in order that the boundary board can act on them."

Original boundary board action over property petitions saw the board reject similar reorganization committee approval "due to legal technicalities."

The school committee had denied itself jurisdiction in the petition matter then but went on record as passing the petitions, addressed to the boundary board, to that group for action. "Jurisdiction" or "hands off" policy was said to be part of the legal technicalities cited by the boundary board several weeks ago.

Thomas E. Lampkin, North Powder, reorganization committee chairman, told the seven members present that the petition matter had been postponed from a week ago because "not enough of us were present then and we should hear all opinions."

Two Courses

Lampkin and other members defined their course of action as:

1. Are the Cove petitions desirable?

2. Do the petitions conflict with any contemplated reorganization plans in the district (15)?

These were points raised by the boundary board which, Lampkin said, "has put the issue back in our laps" and was also said to be part of the technical interpretation attached to the committee's responsibility in such matters.

The group debated the petitions, the present Cove school district and what course of action, if approved by the boundary board, faced the district, but still decided it was "up to the boundary board" to approve or reject the list of some 60 land owners who represent more than 60 per cent of district 15 property valuation.

The committee was unanimous in that there were no contemplated reorganization plans for Cove district, but split on its other course of action, "desirability."

The motion to put the issue to a vote was made by LeRoy Childers, Cove, and seconded by Henry Weatherspoon, Elgin. Voting to accept the petitions in order that the boundary board may "legally act" on them were Carl Webster, La Grande, Claude Wright, Rt. 1, La Grande; Childers and Weatherspoon.

Two Against

Voting against accepting the petitions were Harvey Ruckman, Alice, and John McKinnis, Imbler. Randall Black, Telocast, abstained. Leonard Huffman, Union, was absent. "Lampkin as chairman votes only in case of a tie and Wilbur Osterloh, county school superintendent and secretary of the committee, has no vote."

Ruckman said that from the beginning, and as of now, he was against the committee voting to accept the petitions. "I don't think I have any right to mix in their (Cove) business. Since Cove has twice voted against annexation I take that to be their feelings."

McKinnis said he felt exactly the same way. "And I want to go on record as also approving what Ruckman has said," he declared.

Black said he would hesitate to vote either way on the petitions and added he felt that Cove would

suffer from losing property valuation. "But at the same time Muddy Creek district is in a similar situation and committee action on Cove will affect action at Muddy Creek," he pointed out.

Webster said he thought that the matter for decision was up to the boundary board. "But they claim they cannot act properly if we don't."

This opinion also was voiced by Wright, Childers and Weatherspoon.

In other action, the committee voted to accept a property change petition presented by Webster who said the boundary board had rejected a similar one on "technicalities." He wishes to annex a section of land in the Alice district to La Grande.

The board also was sympathetic to a plea by three representatives of a Muddy Creek land petitioning group who wish to annex back into the North Powder district from Baker.

More than 30 Muddy Creek land owners, representing about three-fourths of the old district's valuation, have a petition before the Baker County Reorganization Committee for annexation. They asked the local committee last night to contact the Baker group in order that the two can concur on some type of an administrative plan affecting the petitioning area. They were Frank Loennig and Bill Fisher, Muddy Creek, and Jim Wilson, North Powder.



NEW GOLD BARS

Col. David C. Baum, CO, 1st Battle Group, 186th Infantry, pins gold infantry bars on Raymond W. Scott, center, Elgin, and Dale H. Decker, La Grande. New officers recently completed OCS training at Ft. Benning, Ga., where they ranked 5th and 3rd, respectively. Decker is OTI graduate, Klamath Falls, while Scott attended EOC and served three years with Army in Europe. Both are National Guard vets and will be assigned to Co. C, 1st BG, 186th Inf., Milton-Freewater.

NARROW ESCAPE

U.S. ROCKETSHIP EXPLODES, BURNS

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UPI) — Steely - nerved test pilot Scott Crossfield took in stride Wednesday's narrow escape when an X-15 experimental rocketship blew apart while he sat in the cockpit ground testing its new 60,000-pound thrust rocket engine.

"You have to expect to take risks in my profession," he said. The explosion ripped through the back part of the sleek 50-foot craft, tore the 30-foot front section out of its steel frame moorings and hurled it about 20 feet with Crossfield sitting helplessly inside.

The craft's volatile rocket fuel burst in flame and the 39-year-old pilot quickly scrambled out of the way. Firemen, who had been standing by with technicians in three concrete block houses, soon put out the fire.

Trousers Got Wet

"I'm all right," shrugged Crossfield. "But the darn firemen ruined a pair of my trousers by squirting me with water."

It was the second close call for veteran test pilot Crossfield in an X-15. Last Nov. 5 he had to bring one of the three X-15s in for an

emergency landing. The stubby-winged craft came down hard and bent like a banana, but Crossfield walked away uninjured.

North American Aviation, employer of Crossfield and builder of the X-15s, had just installed the big XLR99 rocket engine in the craft last week and was conducting ground tests in an isolated area when the explosion occurred.

Cause of the blast was undetermined, but it seemed clear that one result would be a delay of possibly months in the 170-million dollar program.

Salvage Considered

The extensively damaged craft was the only one of the three X-15s equipped with the powerful and unique 60,000-pound thrust engine. Unlike most rocket power plants, which burn fullblast until their fuel is gone, it has a throttle which will allow a pilot to govern its speed.

The big engine and back 20 feet of plane where it was located were destroyed. North American Aviation said, however, it would take a detailed inspection to determine whether the front section—which included the wings—could be salvaged.

National Guard Unit Leaves Friday For Summer Training

Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Battle Group, 186th Infantry, National Guard personnel—155 officers and men—will leave at 9 a.m. Friday for Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The local unit, commanded by Capt. Willard K. Carey, will begin two weeks of field training. The company will travel to Ft. Lewis by truck convoy for the first time since WWII.

This group was preceded by an advance detail under the command of 1st Lt. William P. Wells which left Wednesday morning.

Firing Range

The entire Battle Group, commanded by Col. David C. Baum,

with units also in Ontario, Baker, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Hillsboro and Portland, totaling 775 officers and men, will participate in the maneuvers and training.

First week of the training will include setting up a bivouac site and squad and sections tests to be given. The final week will see the troops training at the Yakima firing center. They will fire live ammunition with tanks, recoilless rifles and assault guns.

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Health Council Meets Tonight

An organizational meeting of the Union County Health Council takes place tonight at 7:30 in the city hall chambers.

Mrs. Wayne Jones is serving as chairman of the council which is attempting to attract membership from schools, medical profession, civic groups, public officials, welfare department, ministry, press media, etc.

NEGRO GETS DIPLOMA

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI)—Patricia Godbolt, one of 19 Negroes admitted to formerly white schools here last year, receives her diploma today to become the first member of her race to be graduated from an integrated public school in Virginia.

AUTHORIZE FUME STUDY

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower signed legislation Wednesday authorizing the surgeon general to initiate a two-year study on the medical effects of automobile exhaust fumes.

ORDINANCE HELD UP

TRAILER PETITIONERS CITE DIFFERENT REPEAL REASONS

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APPOINTMENT — Dr. Wilfred N. Sanders, Ontario physician, right, is congratulated by Col. Baum upon appointment of Sanders as major and surgeon in Medical Corps of Battle Group. Major Sanders has 17 years of experience as physician and surgeon and served two years with Marine Corps during WWII. He also served three years with Nebraska National Guard and 13 years with Naval Reserve. (Observer Photos)

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Bruce went on to state his own views. He objected to the legal procedure a trailer owner would have to follow under the revised

ordinance to establish his trailer as a residence outside a trailer park.

The revised ordinance will provide that individual occupied trailers may be established outside trailer parks if the trailer owner applies for a city permit to do so.

Before a permit is issued, the city planning commission will hold a public hearing on the application at which time any property owner within 500 feet of the proposed trailer location may state objections.

(This is the same procedure outlined for establishing a trailer park. The application fee for an individual trailer, however, will be \$5 while the fee for a trailer park is \$10.)

Bruce called this procedure "far-fetched." He could not see why a person should have to go to the planning commission and obtain the approval of neighbors before establishing a trailer residence.

D. R. Kohler, 2400 Greenwood St., agreed. He claimed "a man should be able to live on his own property." He said neighbors should have no say in telling a man what kind of house to put on his own property.

Kohler complained that the vote was to repeal the whole trailer ordinance, not just part of it, and he didn't see why a new one was being put in right after the election.

The commission explained that before the election those who circulated the petition said their only objection was to the fee for parking unoccupied trailers.

Kohler denied this. He said he helped circulate petitions with the idea that trailers should be free to park anywhere.

At this time Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Veach, 2608 Birch St., said they were only against the requirements of a permit for parking unoccupied trailers.

Veach said he obtained more than 200 signatures for the petitions, and the unoccupied trailer permit was the reason he gave.

Mr. and Mrs. Veach said they were perfectly satisfied with the new ordinance since it had no permits for unoccupied trailers.

Several commissioners said they doubted that a ballot measure to repeal the trailer ordinance would pass if it were understood that the object was to remove all controls from house trailers.