



HEART-TIME DANCE—Several hundred young people turned out late Tuesday afternoon at the National Guard Armory for a Heart-Time dance sponsored by the Deschutes County Heart Society. The dances are held each afternoon with dance contests for grade school, junior high, and high school students. The dances will continue for the rest of the week.

### U.S. farm exports largest during calendar year 1961

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — U. S. farm exports in calendar year 1961 totaled \$5.63 billion, the largest of record.

The Agriculture Department announced this huge outpouring of U. S. farm products to points abroad was 4 per cent larger than the previous record of \$4.63 billion in 1960.

Dominating the rise in sales abroad last year was an unprecedented export movement of wheat. More than 740 million bushels of the breadgrain moved overseas.

Other increases were in feed grains, rye, tobacco, fruits, tallow, meats, hides and skins, and dairy products. Among the feed grains, corn exports rose to nearly 300 million bushels and more than offset reductions in barley, oats, and grain sorghums. Tobacco exports amounted to more than 500 million pounds.

The principal export decline in 1961 was cotton. Sales overseas amounted to 6.3 million bales, compared with 7.2 million bales in 1960.

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Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman has selected a National Advisory Committee on egg marketing at the request of egg producer groups.

The committee will review existing programs affecting the marketing of eggs and consider the possible need for legislation affecting the stability of egg prices in the future.

The committee is composed of members selected from major egg producing areas and will meet in Washington early in March.

The Foreign Agricultural Service reports the United States in 1961-62 is expected to export record quantities of soybeans and edible vegetable oils and a near-record quantity of oilseed meals. Exports of flaxseed will be small, mainly reflecting reduced supplies. Exports of soybeans are being encouraged by the continued lack of alternative supplies from Communist China and expanding demand in Europe and Japan. Spain is expected to turn to the United States for larger quantities of soybean oil this year because of its reduced supplies of olive oil. Exports of edible oil under government programs will expand sharply this year.

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### 'My Fair Lady' sold for movie

NEW YORK (UPI) — Warner Bros. and the Columbia Broadcasting System made it official Tuesday night—film rights to "My Fair Lady," longest running musical in stage history, have been sold for a record \$5.5 million.

A joint announcement said Warner Bros. would begin preparations immediately to turn the stage hit into the "most lavish production in motion picture history."

CBS, which put up money to stage the Broadway production, is the major owner of the property.

Rumors of the record sale had long been current in New York. The price is more than double the previous record, the \$2.7 million paid for film rights to "South Pacific."

Lyricist Alan Jay Lerner, who collaborated with composer Frederick Lowe in writing the stage version, already is working on the screen play.

"My Fair Lady" completed its 2,449th performance on Broadway Tuesday night. It has been seen by more than 3 million people and grossed more than \$18 million.

### Sustained levy plans made by library board

PRINEVILLE — The Crook county library board, which met Tuesday evening, is getting plans under way for establishing the Crook county library on a sustained tax levy, similar to the county's separate cemetery association levy, according to county judge Ervin Grimes.

Under the present setup, the county library, with an annual budget of some \$20,000, is being financed by the county's general fund and a large contribution from the city treasury. Some time ago, the Prineville city council served notice to the county court that the council might not approve an allocation for the county library in the coming year.

Last spring, Crook county residents voted for an increase in taxes above the regular six per cent limitation on annual tax increases, and Grimes states that this was, and is, considered to have been an emergency measure only.

Seeking other ways to finance the library, it was generally agreed among those county officials concerned with the problem that a separate sustaining levy would be necessary. The plan will be presented to voters before it is put into effect. The library budget would require 1 1/4 mills Grimes said.

The subject was to have been discussed further in the monthly county court session today.

### Couple leaves for Florida

REDMOND — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newell, well-known Central Oregon pioneers, left their home in Redmond Tuesday on the first lap of a journey to Tampa, Fla. They planned to board a jetliner today in Portland for the trip to Florida, where they will spend about a month with Mrs. Newell's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pierson.

LOTS OF LINKS  
BETHUNE, France (UPI)—Police are searching for thieves who broke into a slaughterhouse here and stole black sausages which were described as one mile long, laid link-to-link.



HOT OF HEARING—Cathy Rosamond of Sunnyvale, Calif., tried a new stunt to keep her ears warm on chilly mornings. Here she poses with two hot water bottles she has wrapped around her head. Works, too, until the water cools off.

### Railroad seeks to trim service

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Southern Pacific railroad asked the Interstate Commerce Commission Tuesday for permission to abandon service on one of its streamliners running between Oakland, Calif., and Ogden, Utah.

The request was one of the longest passenger service abandonment applications ever received by the ICC. SP's trains, The Overland, cover about 800 miles daily.

Southern Pacific, which has been described as one of the most solvent lines in the country, would reduce passenger service by one-third over the route.

It cited net losses for the operations of the two trains, one eastbound and one westbound, totaling \$1.4 million in 1960 and \$1.6 million in 1961.

### Sewer lagoon dike postponed

PRINEVILLE — The city's sewer lagoon once more became the target of city council interest this week, according to a spokesman for the council. The renewed interest came with the visit of an engineer from the architectural firm of Clark and Groff, original designers of the lagoon system.

The visiting engineer told members of the sewer committee that the lagoon appeared to be sealing itself, and recommended that the city wait for a time before constructing a proposed dike across the larger lagoon section.

The dike action had been planned by the council so that a portion of the lagoon could be treated with a sealing compound. The council had also been told that the size of the lagoon was too large for efficient operation, considering the number of users of the city's sewage system.

In view of the engineer's recommendation, the sewer committee agreed to postpone construction of the dike.

Several months ago, the City of Prineville and four property owners who live adjacent to the lagoon arranged an out-of-court settlement of \$9,000. The property owners brought suit against Prineville, claiming property devaluation due to the excess seepage from the lagoon into land around their homes.

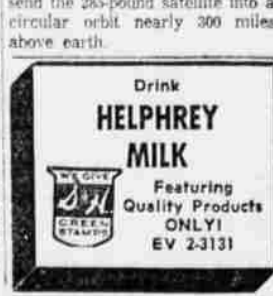
Orbit attempt is delayed day

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — A planned U.S. attempt to orbit this country's fourth TIROS weather satellite was postponed today for at least 24 hours "because of technical difficulties in the launch vehicle."

The postponement of the shot, originally scheduled for Tuesday, was the second in two days.

The shot calls for a 90-foot, three-stage Thor-Delta rocket to send the 285-pound satellite into a circular orbit nearly 300 miles above earth.

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### Father gets crank calls about his son

SEATTLE (UPI) — The worried father of a University of Washington student who disappeared last Wednesday, said Monday he has received calls from several persons, apparently cranks, offering to return his son for ransom.

The student, Richard A. Grout, 20, Portland, Ore., was last seen Wednesday.

His father, Paul D. Grout, came to Seattle from Portland this weekend to try to locate his son and he said he intends to stay until he does.

The older Grout said the calls he received about the ransom were "obviously fraudulent." He turned them over to Seattle police for investigation.

He said he has received several calls in which friends and instructors of his son said they saw the missing youth Wednesday. He said they were not able to offer any explanation as to where or why the youth disappeared.

The missing youth is a sophomore studying journalism on a Ford Foundation scholarship and is 6 feet 1 inch tall, has brown hair and wears heavy horn-rimmed glasses.

When last seen he was wearing a brown jacket with a knit collar and brown slacks.

The older Grout said his son's meal ticket went through the cafeteria line at Terry Hall, the university dormitory where he lived, twice Friday, but nobody remembers seeing the youth.

### Novelist's son kills his mother

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (UPI)—The son of the late novelist Morton Thompson stabbed and killed his mother with an ice pick Monday night, police said.

Morton H. Thompson, 28, was booked on suspicion of murder in the slaying of Mrs. Helen Scheuer, 53, first wife of the writer-journalist. Detectives said he stabbed his mother 12 times with an ice pick he bought "after carefully planning the crime."

Officers said he placed a cloth over his mother's face as a gag while she was concentrating on a crossword puzzle at the kitchen table, and then he stabbed her.

Mrs. Scheuer was divorced from Thompson, author of "Not As A Stranger" and many other works. Thompson, who died in Connecticut several years ago, also was a former MGM screenwriter and

a columnist for the Hollywood Citizen-News. Both he and Mrs. Scheuer were former correspondents for the paper.

Investigators said the son told them he was "sick of having his mother having to take care" of him and wanted to end her troubles.

"Not As A Stranger" was one of the biggest best-selling novels written in America since World War II.

It was made into a successful motion picture with Robert Mitchum, Olivia De Havilland and Frank Sinatra cast in starring roles.

RIGHT AT HOME  
CHICAGO (UPI) — An injured sea gull has taken up residence here at the home of Robert Pellikan, who says he is a bird fancier.

### Voluntary check on lumber imports sought

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield today urged the federal government to negotiate with Canada to develop "voluntary agreements such as self-imposed quotas" to curb the impact of Canadian lumber on the Eastern U.S. Market.

Western lumbermen have complained about loss of markets to Canadian lumber interests.

Hatfield said the negotiating should be done "through appropriate agencies," adding that past negotiations with Japan on restricting imports of Japanese textiles were a case in point.

Hatfield said he is asking the governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and California to help encourage action.

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