



MISS JOYCE KAY AHRENS
**Joyce Ahrens,
Larry Wade to
marry Aug. 17**

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra W. Ahrens of South St. Paul, Minn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Kay, to Larry L. Wade. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Wade, 225 Delaware Avenue, Bend.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 17, in St. Paul.

Both Wade and his fiancée have been recipients of graduate assistantships at the University of Oregon. Wade, who is currently writing his dissertation for the doctorate in political science, began employment this month in Washington, D.C., in an advisory capacity with the Bureau of the Budget.

Miss Ahrens, a cum laude graduate of the University of Minnesota, recently completed work for her master's degree at the University of Oregon, where she taught in the English department. In September, she will be an instructor in English at Prince George's Community College, Suitland, Md.

Wade, a Bend High School graduate, served in the U.S. Army before completing his education at the University of Oregon.

Miss Ahrens is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Pi Kappa Delta honorary speech fraternity.

**Board trying to
halt syphoning**

SALEM (UPI)—The State Public Utility Commission Wednesday took another step in its nine-year fight to prevent the Interstate Commerce Commission from allowing Eastern railroads to siphon off revenue now going to Western lines.

Commissioner Jonel C. Hill announced that Jack Weisser, assistant attorney general assigned to his staff, has filed an intervention on behalf of the Western states and was to appear in federal court in Los Angeles today. Hill said Weisser will support the Mountain-Pacific railroads' request for an injunction to prevent an ICC order setting up new bases for divisions of revenue from going into effect.

Hill said it is estimated that the proposed order would divert \$50 million in Western lines' annual revenue to Eastern and Midwestern rail lines by allowing them substantial increases in their divisions of revenues on transcontinental rail traffic.

"If the order goes into effect shippers in Oregon and other Western states will ultimately bear the brunt of the \$50 million revenue loss," he declared.

Hill charged the ICC was using outdated information to draft the new rate divisions.

**Midwest's worsening drought
may cut annual wheat yield**

By United Press International
A worsening drought threatened to reach disaster proportions throughout parts of the Midwest today, cutting the wheat yield and posing a threat to the fall crops.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster committee was to meet in Washington today to consider Gov. John Reynolds' request to declare 20 Wisconsin counties drought disaster areas.

In the Oklahoma Panhandle a request was made for a drought designation, but Gov. Henry Bellmon rejected it, saying dry weather was one of the hazards of farming.

Some areas of southwestern Kansas have been declared drought stricken. The wheat crop suffered considerable damage in western Kansas, although farmers said they got a better yield than they expected.

In southwest Iowa and northwestern Missouri farmers decided to reactivate a cloud-seeding program they said was highly successful in 1957. They said they were eight inches deficient in rainfall for the season.

A drought disaster designation

permits farmers under certain conditions to graze soil bank acres, get low interest loans and buy government grains at low prices.

Nearly all parts of Indiana, except in the southwest and south-central counties, were short of moisture. Agricultural reporters said the corn crop and the tomatoes especially needed rain.

There was a 30,000-square-mile area of southwest Kansas, the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, northeast New Mexico and southeast Colorado that suffered from lack of rains this spring, but recent moisture has ameliorated the situation.

Rainfall Wednesday was sparse across the nation. Tampa, Fla., got 1.77 inches, but otherwise the amounts ranged from .43 inches at Charleston, S.C., to none at most places. Salina, Kan., got half an inch.

The temperatures continued setting cool records. New lows July 10 included 42 at Findlay, Ohio; 45 at Cincinnati; 46 at Cleveland and Pittsburgh; 44 at Milwaukee, Wis., and 49 at Windsor Locks, Conn.

**United States protests charge
that Americans tried Viet coup**

By Phil Newsom
UPI Staff Writer

In Saigon, U.S. officials reacted sharply in public and bitterly in private to charges by a South Vietnamese public prosecutor that the United States had encouraged a 1960 attempt to overthrow the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem.

The U. S. Embassy denied the charge "flatly, officially and unequivocally."

The State Department in Washington issued a similar denial.

Actually the charge was not new.

It stemmed from a short-lived revolt which began on Nov. 10, 1960, by 500 or so South Vietnamese paratroopers and marines.

The rebels seized most of Saigon's principal buildings, including Saigon Radio, and surrounded the presidential palace. Over the radio they announced that Diem's regime had been overthrown because of its autocratic rule and nepotism and has "shown itself incapable of saving the country."

Revolt Collapses

But the rebels failed to capture the president and two days later the rebellion collapsed with the arrival of loyalist troops.

The day after the collapse, Vietnamese officials accused the U.S. Embassy of encouraging the revolt and of spreading rumors in Vietnam and abroad that the Diem government was corrupt, anti-democratic and inefficient in fighting communism.

Despite U. S. assurances that it was satisfied with failure of the coup and continued all-out aid to the regime, the charges frequently have been repeated, notably by the president's brother and chief advisor, Ngo Dinh Nhu.

In 1961, as fears of another revolt against Diem's one-man rule mounted, the United States sent Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson to Saigon once more to assure Diem of its support and even more aid.

But, while the U. S. publicly supported Diem and privately urged him to institute democratic reforms, there was increasing evidence of government resentment against what it regarded as American interference.

U.S. Newsmen Harassed
United States newsmen at-

tempting to report the "dirty, untidy, disagreeable" little war encountered government harassment and occasional refusal to renew their visas.

On the government level relations declined to a new low because of U.S. dissatisfaction with the Roman Catholic Diem's handling of his relations with South Vietnam's Buddhist majority.

A roughing up of newsmen by Vietnamese secret police also expressed the government's displeasure with them.

There seemed little doubt that Diem was out of touch with and had lost the sympathy of the people.

On Diem's side was the fact that he had put down the private armies which plunged his country into chaos after the Geneva armistice agreement of 1954, that he had instituted land reform and had made economic progress through American aid.

It was also true that it was at the insistence of his much-criticized but tough sister-in-law, Mme Nhu, that Saigon had been cleaned up and lost its luster as one of the world's outstanding sin-cities.

The question for the U.S. now to decide was whether Diem still was its best bet for a democratic South Vietnam or whether he and his family simply were holding on to power for power's sake.

**Crucible Steel
signs contract**

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Crucible Steel Co. became the first producer outside the "Big 11" Wednesday to sign a 21-month contract with the United Steelworkers union.

Crucible operates two plants in Midland, Pa., and facilities at Harrison, N.J., and Syracuse, N. Y., employing a total of 9,000 workers.

Effective Aug. 1, the contract runs 21 months with its principal provision patterned after the "Big 11" agreement—a 13-week vacation every five years for employees with top seniority.

The USW signed contracts with the "Big 11" steel firms June 29.

**Shotgun blast
kills youth**

PORTLAND (UPI)—Greg LeRoy Bauer, 16, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bauer, Portland, was killed instantly Wednesday when a 12-gauge shotgun discharged in the hands of a friend.

Police said the accident occurred as the victim was lying on a couch talking on the telephone.

Tax defeat may close college doors

PORTLAND (UPI)—Many Oregon students may find college and university doors closed to them if the 1963 legislature's tax program is referred to the voters and defeated this fall, the State Board of Education said Tuesday.

The board meeting here said in a resolution it would not permit any additional reduction in the

quality of the system's educational standards.

"The program approved by the legislature will provide only minimum funds for higher education," the resolution read. "Thereformer the board is determined to admit only that number of students that it can serve adequately."

Although the board strongly favors passage of the tax bill as submitted by the Legislature, it deleted from its resolution the part urging "all citizens of this state to refuse to sign petitions for tax measure referral and to vote in favor of the tax program if a special selection is called."

Board members George Layman and Elizabeth Johnson questioned the propriety of a state agency advising persons how to vote and insisted on the deletion.

In other action, the board unanimously re-elected William Wash, Coos Bay, as chairman for 1963-64. Vice chairman William Holloway, Jr., Portland, and executive committee member J. W. Forrester, Pendleton, also were re-elected.

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