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Stunting Proves Fatal To Pilot at Lexington Air Show

Stunting in a plane that was not meant for that kind of flying cost the life of an otherwise skilled pilot Sunday in the midst of the air show at Lexington airport. Elmer Lee Payne, 35, of Klamath Falls, employee of the Midland Flying Service, was the victim.

Payne and another employe of the Midland had gone into the air to demonstrate the versatility of the airplane in weed spraying. Both were supposed to have loaded the spray solution tanks with plain water but it developed that Payne had not done so and after flying one round in formation he suddenly swooped down over the field at an elevation of about 50 feet, according to observers. At that elevation he made a loop and the plane hit the ground as it righted and took off again. As it was at the upper part of arc for a second loop it dived straight down to earth. Witnesses to the tragedy said when the plane struck the earth the first time it sent up a cloud of dust similar to that raised by an exploding bomb. The second time it struck the machine disintegrated. Parts of it were picked up over a wide area.

Experienced flyers say that

the gas tank undoubtedly was broken loose when the plane first struck and this accounted for the motor conking out and leaving the pilot with only enough gas in the carburetor to lift the machine off the ground.

Pilots around the field knew they were about to witness a tragedy when they saw the plane come in over the field at such a low altitude, that is, they knew something would happen if there was any attempt to loop or do other stunts. Orville Cutsforth, who in his Stinson was carrying passengers at the time, witnessed the accident from aloft. Although shaken by what he saw, Cutsforth continued flying throughout the afternoon, carrying passengers and participating in the events, as did other pilots participating in the show.

Payne, known to his buddies as "Penny", leaves a wife and two children at Klamath Falls. The body was shipped there for burial services today.

This was the second fatal accident in the county within a period of eight days. R. J. Stephens and Mrs. Betty Groves figuring in the first crash Sunday, April 29.

Heppner Legion To Enter Team in National Tourney

Heppner's youthful baseball players will be given an opportunity to get into big time competition this summer due to the enterprise of the local post of the American Legion. The Heppner post has entered a team and the local boys will get their introduction to the national Legion baseball setup in a series of games to be played during the early summer.

The local team has been entered in district 6. There are eight teams in the district, four of them west of the Blue mountains and four on the east side of the mountains. The west side includes Heppner, Hermiston, Pendleton and Athena; the east side La Grande, Baker Enterprise and either Elgin or Union. The teams play a series in their own district to determine the representative for the next step—the state championship, the winner in that event going on to the national tournament.

The Rosewall Motor company, representative of the Ford Motor company, is sponsoring the local team.

An effort is being made to have a jamboree here on May 20 with the west side teams participating.

COUNTY'S NEWEST FARM

The newest farm in Morrow county is claimed by McDole Brothers near Ordinance. The farm lies next to the Umatilla county line just a short distance south and west of the Ordinance shopping center and housing unit.

The farm consists of 640 acres of raw land purchased two years ago by E. F. McDole, then working for Pacific Supply Cooperative at Ontario. A house has been built, two wells drilled, one for household use and one for irrigation purposes, as well as approximately 80 acres of the land cleared of sagebrush. Forty acres have been seeded to Orestan alfalfa and Oehardgrass mix for hay production. Forty acres will be sown to barley. These seedlings will be sprinkler-irrigated from the well. New acreage will be cleared this summer and fall for seeding this fall and next spring.

Plans are being made by the McDole Brothers for shelterbelt tree plantings with stock from the Oregon state forestry nursery. Other improvements will be made within the year. This enterprise shows there is still room for "pioneering" in Morrow county if you are in the spirit the McDoles are now.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Admitted during the week—Mrs. William Morgan, Monument; Marion Olson, Heppner; Mrs. Corda Saling (died).

In the maternity ward—A baby girl, 8 pounds three ounces, born May 3 to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Howton, Ione.

A 7 pounds two ounces boy born May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Prock, Heppner.

A baby girl, 8 pounds nine ounces, born May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. William Nichols, Lexington.

Discharged—Mrs. Bessie Stroders, Hermiston; Marion Olson, Heppner, Mrs. William Morgan, Monument, Sam Esteb, Ione.

LITTLE MOTHER GRIEVES FOR LOST SLEEPING DOLL

One of the visitors at the Home Makers festival held in Heppner April 30 was Mrs. Erma Pattee of Condon. She was accompanied by her small daughter who was entrusted to the care of the nursery conducted that day for the relief of mothers who wished to attend the festival unhampered by their offspring. When the festival was over and the kiddies were gathered up in preparation for the journey home, Mrs. Pattee failed to make a complete checkup on her daughter's belongings, a fact that was brought forcibly to her mind upon their arrival at home.

Sadness prevails in the house of Pattee in Condon, for the little girl's most cherished possession, a sleeping doll with rubberized arms and legs, eyes that open and close, was left behind. The finder will bring great joy to the little mother's heart by sending the dolly home.

Mrs. Maud Hayden Victim of Heart Attack Sunday P M

Victim of a heart attack, Mrs. Maud Hayden passed away about 7 o'clock p. m. Sunday at the residence of her son Marion at Gale and Church streets. She took ill in the middle of the day but rejected suggestions from her son that he call a physician. She took to her bed in the afternoon thinking that a rest would help regain her strength. In the meantime her son worked around the place and in the evening prepared a lunch for himself as his mother was sleeping. Having finished his meal he went to his mother's room and found her breathing her last.

Services are being held at the Methodist church this afternoon with the pastor, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Following the service at the church the casket will be taken to the cemetery at Haystack for interment beside the grave of her husband, the late George Hayden, who passed away March 17, 1940.

Maud Carsner, daughter of Warren and Margaret Carsner, was born April 6, 1878 near Mt. Vernon, Grant county. At the age of eight she moved with her parents to the Kahler Basin near Spray. She was married to George Hayden, December 24, 1900 and to this union were born four children, two girls who died in infancy and one boy who passed at the age of five years. Her son Marion, with whom she made her home, remains to mourn her passing, as do other relatives and a host of friends.

Mrs. Hayden had been a resident of Heppner since 1944. She was a member of the Rebekahs, Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star, Heppner, and the Womens Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

SOROPTIMIISTS BRIEFED IN SCOPE OF OBJECTIVES

In order that the new members might become further informed and to refresh the minds of older members, Mrs. W. O. George gave a concise and comprehensive talk on Soroptimism at the luncheon meeting of the Soroptimist club of Heppner this noon. Dwelling briefly on many points, Mrs. George quickly explained why and whereof of this world-wide organization of which the Heppner club is a small but none-the-less integral part. Starting her talk on the international level, then bringing it down through the regional to the local level the entire scope was covered.

Arrangements were completed at this time for the annual tea for the girls of the graduating class and their mothers on May 20 at the home of Miss Leta Humphreys. Invitations will be in the mail early next week.

BOOKWORMS HEAR AUTHOR OF "FIGHTING SHEEPMAN"

It isn't often that a book review is given by the author but that happened in Heppner Tuesday evening when Ray Palmer Tracy of Condon told the Bookworms about his latest novel, "The Fighting Sheepman," and reviewed his own life.

Tracy was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish at dinner. Mrs. Parrish was billed to give the book review and she thought it would be a real treat as well as a pleasant surprise to the other members of the club to have the author himself tell how he came to write the story.

Mrs. Ted Smith was hostess for the meeting and served light refreshments after the program was over.

Heppner Gets In Win Column By Thumping Kinzua

Two Home Runs Feature Contest On Kinzua Field

A "grand slam" bases loaded home run by Catcher Don Ball in the fourth inning broke up a tight pitchers' duel between Joe Hendricks of Kinzua and Doug Drake of Heppner in a game which Heppner won quite handily at Kinzua Sunday afternoon. Both pitchers, up until the fateful fourth, pitched scoreless ball.

After Ball's long swat, which easily cleared the long left field fence, Heppner, aided by another long home run hit by Pitcher Doug Drake, continued the hitting spree by adding four more runs before the contest was over and the final score read 8-2 in the visitors' favor.

"Sandy" Sanders, Heppner left fielder, with three hits in four to bat, and Ball with two for four, paced the Heppner nine-hit attack. Hendricks showed the local batters a fine fast-ball curve and change of pace, but Heppner was not to be denied this Sunday after losing three close games on previous Sundays.

Drake allowed seven scattered hits and showed excellent control in walking only one runner, and was continuously ahead of the batters in balls and strikes. May 13 finds the Condon nine furnishing the opposition for Heppner when the two collide for the first time this season on the local field. Game time: 2:30 p. m.

Playing for Heppner Sunday: Whitbeck, ss; Rietmann, 2b; Engleman, cf; Schwab, lb; Bergstrom, 3b; Sanders, lf; Ball, c; Drake, p; Gabler, rf; Rippee replaced Gabler in the eighth; Rietmann batted for Sanders in the ninth.

Supper, Court Of Honor Scheduled At Heppner May 16

A big night for Boy Scouts of the district has been scheduled by the Blue Mountain Council for Wednesday, May 16 at the Legion hall in Heppner. Opening with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p. m., there will be a district Court of Honor and a district committee meeting.

The program for the evening will open with invocation by Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien. Introductions and explanation of district operation—the district committee, Hollis Bull, chairman; the commissioners and unit leaders, Bruce Mercer, district commissioner.

Hollis Bull will introduce and then turn the meeting over to Rev. Sorlien for the district Court of Honor.

Opening, presentation of flag, and introductions, Rev. Sorlien, Troop 61 of Heppner, and Tenderfoot investiture ceremony, Troop 81, Condon, Vance Shearer in charge. Second class awards, Joe Worlien, neighborhood commissioner, Kinzua; first class awards, C. L. Cummings, vice district chairman, Arlington; merit badges, Howard Raab, troop committeeman, Kinzua; star rank, Bruce Mercer, Condon. Closing statement, announcements, retire the colors by Troop 61, Heppner, Rev. Sorlien in charge.

Plans Completed For Poppy Day Sales

Memorial poppies to be worn in honor of America's war dead will be offered to everyone in Heppner on May 25 and 26. Poppy dates under plans completed at a meeting of the Heppner unit of the American Legion auxiliary held recently.

The poppies, made of red crepe paper by disabled veterans of both World Wars at Portland, Roseburg and Medford will be distributed on the streets both days by auxiliary volunteers working under the direction of Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Jr. chairman. Contributions for the American Legion and auxiliary rehabilitation and child welfare funds will be received by the workers.

This office acknowledges a pleasant chat with Ray Palmer Tracy of Condon Tuesday afternoon. In the course of the visit it developed that the author and the editor had roamed the campus of Oregon Agricultural college at the same time. Tracy was manager of the college band on its initial tour and was likewise manager for the glee club in which he sang a lusty bass. The editor played in the band and sang in the glee club at that time.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Style Show

At the regular meeting of the American Legion auxiliary Tuesday evening plans were made for the annual tea and style show to be held Saturday, May 26 at 8 p. m. at the Legion hall. Mrs. Paul Brown is chairman of the style show this year.

The next meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 15. All members are asked to be on hand at this meeting. The members made poppy corsages to be on sale May 25-26, annual Poppy Day.

Corda Saling Lived 68 Years of Her Life In Morrow County

Another Morrow county pioneer's name was entered upon the pages of history when Mrs. Corda Saling passed away Saturday, May 5, at the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. Mrs. Saling was taken to the hospital May 4 suffering from a heart attack and family and friends were not prepared for the news which came Saturday.

Services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday from the Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, officiated and the Phelps Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Born May 6, 1877 at Myron, Mo., Corda Bell Warren came to Morrow county in 1883. The family first located in the Eight Mile Allen Wright Saling in 1894. They located in Hardman in 1906 and community. She was married to Mr. Saling in Heppner where they lived for many years. Mrs. Saling operated a maternity home. Mr. Saling passed away about four years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing a brother, John Warren of Walla Walla; five children, Ethel Booher, Boise, Idaho; Earl Saling, Salem; Marion Saling, Pendleton; Violet McDonald, Pendleton; Mary Scott, Stanfield and Ellis Saling, Heppner; a granddaughter, Marie Johnson of Portland whom she raised from infancy; 11 other grandchildren, one great granddaughter and two great grand children, besides a host of friends.

Lovely Blue Birds Entertain Mothers

The Lovely Blue Birds entertained their mothers at a tea held at the home of Mrs. James Thomson on Wednesday afternoon, May 9.

The girls entertained their mothers, singing two songs "Listen Wish by saying the Blue Bird to the Blue Birds" and "Morning Song." They also danced the Hoke-Pokey, at which time Mrs. Paul Jones took movies of the girls as they were in action. Mrs. Thomson took still pictures of the girls and their guests and these will be added to their scrap books. The girls presented their mothers with beautiful little pots of plants of ranunculus and pink snap dragons. They had painted the pots green, and were also decorated with pink bows.

Mothers present were Mrs. Clarence Brown, Mrs. Mike Saling, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Everett Keithley, Mrs. Mildred Tucker Cox, Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Robert Wagner, Mrs. Lewis Wetzel, Mrs. William Cunningham and Mrs. Glenn Parsons.

The committees for the tea were: pianist, Mary Emma Evans; greeting mothers at the door, Julia McGough, Mary Evelyn Tucker; pouring, Sandra Jones, Mary Kay Slocum; arranging flowers and chairs in dining room, Sharon Keithley, Doris Morris; tea table, Francine Moyer, Janet Thompson, Bernice Thomson, Karen Dupuy; games, Shirley Van Winkle, Judy Parsons, Janice Wetzel and Sheryl Harris; carrying dishes to kitchen, Janice Brown and Rogena Wagner.

Leaders are Mrs. James G. Thomson and Mrs. Howard Evans.

FAREWELL PARTIES

Mrs. Harold Scritsmier was honored Friday evening by a group of friends who were entertained at the home of Mrs. James Farley. A gift was presented to Mrs. Scritsmier who with her family have taken up their residence in Portland. That same evening her mother, Mrs. Ada Cason, was the honor guest at a party for which Mrs. Hilma Anderson was the hostess.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Tull drove to Canyon City Monday to be on hand for the ordination of Albert Allen to the priesthood Tuesday. They plan to be away a few days exploring some of the central Oregon region.



GRANGE WON'T SAY "UNCLE"

The state grange won't stay sunbbed in its fight to abolish daylight saving time in Oregon. Last week they got an "N. C." brush off from the august supreme court. This week they are back in the Marion county circuit court to argue a demurrer filed by the attorney general's office which seeks to throw their case out of court.

The case brought by the grange and others against Governor McKay seeks to revoke his proclamation of daylight time. The case hinges on whether the governor has authority to proclaim daylight time before all four bordering states had moved their clocks ahead.

PROBE PLAN ILLEGAL

A resolution adopted by the senate in its closing hours attempted to create an interim committee to investigate certain state institutions during the next biennium. This week Attorney General George Neuner held the committee being a mere agency of the body that created it, dies with the body itself, unless it is continued by law. He said it was not within the power of either senate or house to separately enact a law or pass a resolution having force and effect of a law.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION NAMED

Members of the Oregon commission on interstate cooperation were appointed yesterday by the governor, senate president and speaker of the house. The governor's appointees are State Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg, Budget Director Harry Dorman and State Engineer Charles Strickland, all of Salem. The president of the senate appointed Senators Eugene Marsh, McMinnville; Robert Holmes, Gearhart, and Sam Coon, Keating. The speaker selected Representatives Carl Francis, Dayton; Francis Ziegler, Corvallis, and Ray Coulter, Grants Pass.

YWCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

Because of the delayed adjournment of the regular Oregon legislature the postponed YWCA Youth Legislature will be held in the senate and house chambers at the Capitol May 11 and 12. Youth legislators numbering 161 from 75 Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs will bring a "bill book" containing 50 legislative proposals.

LEGISLATIVE RECORDS COMPILED

A complete record of the legislative joint ways and means work covering the late session has been prepared for its members. This is the first time such a compilation has been made. The record shows the vote on all appropriation proposals and reports of sub committees.

Copies of the record will be filed with the governor, secretary of state, budget director and state library.

LEGISLATORS COMMENDED

Although the late legislature did not comply very closely with suggestions made by Governor McKay in his biennial message he commended them for hard work though he was disappointed that they did not supply a sufficient tax program instead of a temporary resolution.

He reserved comment on their only tax creating measure—the cigarette tax—that drew tobacco retailers to Salem with referendum plans before the session was over.

Of the 15 proposals the governor made only three were fully complied with. The state civil defense agency was given \$379,000; local governments were authorized to put employees under social security and the state forest insect control program was continued.

He asked for a long range program of emergency building for state institutions including a \$7,500,000 program was approved for sex criminals. A with the state board of higher education getting the major share for the University of Oregon.

The governor's proposal that elimination of the federal income tax deduction from state returns should be made was bypassed. His request for reapportionment of senators and representatives from the counties was tossed into the interim committee bag, to be opened in 1953.

Mrs. S. H. Shannon was taken seriously ill early this week but at last report is slowly improving and hopes are held by her family for her ultimate recovery. Keith McMurdo of Pocatello, Ida. is visiting at the home of his brother, Dr. A. D. McMurdo.

Ione Farm House Scene of Tragedy Tuesday Evening

C. R. (Jack) Marple Slain; Identity of Slayer Unrevealed

Charles R. (Jack) Marple, 56, is dead, his wife, Nellie, is in the Pioneer Memorial hospital suffering from severe shock, and Walter Corley Sr. is being held in the Morrow county jail as a material witness as the result of a shooting which occurred at the Marple home one mile west of Ione some time Tuesday evening.

Up to the time of going to press, officers investigating the case were mum regarding any evidence they might have unearthed and about all that has been released is contained in a statement given the press by the coroner, Dr. A. D. McMurdo.

Facts that revealed themselves to the officers and the coroner were about as follows: Marple evidently was standing at the kitchen sink when someone approached the open door to the outside and fired point blank at him with a high powered .32 caliber rifle. The bullet struck the victim's right arm and disintegrated. The arm was broken and fragments of shell pierced his chest and shoulders. The coroner said Marple did not bleed profusely but indicated that the shell fragments could have severed arteries and caused inward bleeding. However, he believes the blow on the arm was sufficient to cause death.

The tragedy was reported by Mrs. Marple, who stated that she was in bed all evening and it must have been the report from the gun that aroused her. She entered the kitchen and found her husband crumpled on the floor. She then went to a neighbor's house and called the officers.

A brief search by the officers located the rifle in Corley's car and he was brought to the county jail pending an investigation of the case. Corley was said to have been drinking and was unaware that he was in trouble. When he awoke Wednesday morning he inquired of A. J. Chaffee, who was doing some cleaning up in the jail, "What am I in here for?"

Charles Ray Marple was born March 2, 1895 in Pendleton. He was a veteran of World War I and was a marine engineer by trade. The Marples had been living at Ione for five years. He is survived by his wife, four sisters, Loula Whettintiller, in Wisconsin, Margaret Price, Velma Boone and Velora Baldwin, all of Portland and a brother, R. L. Marple, Houston, Texas.

MRS. CHARLES HUSTON PASSES AT ALBANY

Word of the death of Mrs. Charles Huston, former resident of Morrow county, was received by relatives here Tuesday. Mrs. Huston died at Albany at 9 a. m. Tuesday from a heart attack induced by other ailments. She had been an invalid for more than a year.

Mrs. Huston was a half sister of Mrs. C. N. Jones, who, with Mr. Jones has gone to Albany for the funeral. She also was the grandmother of Norman Griffin of Ione.

4-H Council Sets Date For Big Dance

The county 4-H council has chosen May 18 for a dance to be given at the Legion hall in Ione to raise funds to help defray the expenses of Ronald Baker's trip to Washington D. C. this summer.

The council feels it is a privilege to do this, inasmuch as this is the first time a youth from this part of the state has been designated for this honor. The Union Pacific railroad defrays two-thirds of the expense and the sponsoring 4-H council is privileged to supply the balance of the \$600 required.

Mrs. Lennie Loudon and Mrs. Sophrona Thompson spent a couple of days last week in Walla Walla at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles and daughter Connie, Mrs. Willard Warren and Mrs. W. C. Collins were in Portland the fore part of the week on business.

This office was too busy last week welcoming Tommy Allen to mention his return to the fold. He arrived Monday evening, April 30 and was right on deck Tuesday morning knocking out job work and straightening up the shop. Tom spent three months in southern California and felt it was safe to return north by the first of May, since he had heard of no bad snow storms or other unfavorable weather reports.