

Local Men Will Race Donkeys As Game Preliminary

"Sandy" Sanders and "Pop" Wiard, both good horsemen in their day, will race on donkey-back for three blocks along Jackson Street at 12:45 next Monday, as a preliminary to the donkey softball game to be played at Finlay Field at 8 o'clock.

The softball game will be a contest between Sutherland, the Elks and the 11 trained donkeys to be brought here from Seattle, said H. W. Gray, city recreational director.

Rules for donkey softball are that the players at bat, after three strikes, use a shovel until they hit the ball. Then they must mount a donkey for their ride to first base.

The donkeys, however, are ordinary animals, and are as likely to carry the players to third base as to first, or to run backwards as not, Gray said.

Notable Names Born
Names of the animals are Jack Benny, Atomic Power, Bambino, and Wrong Way Corrigan, all at home base; Jimmy Fox at first; Shirley Temple at second; Pepper Martin at third; Gracie Allen, short stop; Major, Silver and Mae West in left, center and right field positions.

In the donkey race downtown, Sanders and Wiard will start at Washington Street, race to the Elks Club, and will return on fresh mounts. Gray said he expected to put the men on donkeys that will race backwards, or veer off in unexpected directions.

Gray said he arranged the race because he overheard Sanders boasting to Wiard of a very fine horse he owns, and which Wiard doubted that Sanders could ride. The donkey race will be a chance for each to prove his good horsemanship, Gray said.

Haifa Saboteurs Blow Hole in British Ship
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The bulkheads which had been closed held and the next hold remained clear of water.

After an investigation by divers, the 7,045-ton vessel moved into shallow water under her own power. No immigrants were aboard at the time and no casualties were reported among crew members.

Regarded as "Gesture"
Military and police sources expressed belief that the attack was staged by Hagana's Palmach, the striking force of Jewish underground organization, and advanced that theory that it had been carried out "as a gesture to show the military it could be done."

Meanwhile, the military conducted a special identity check in several quarters of Jerusalem shortly before noon today, throwing up roadblocks of barbed wire

maned by Bren gun carriers. Traffic was jammed on several streets while soldiers checked identities and searched cars.

The roadblocks were moved from place to place every half hour or so under a new practice of making "surprise" checks.

The Haifa harbor area was under curfew from the early morning hours until 8 A. M., reportedly because of the imminent departure of another transport, the Empire Heywood, for Cyprus with a load of illegal immigrants.

The Heywood was damaged in a sabotage attempt last Saturday when two small bombs were ignited in her hold. The damage was serious enough to force her to turn back to port for repairs.

Lightning-Set Forest Fires Being Fought
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and eight assigned from the North Umpqua District, were fighting the 20 lightning fires in the Diamond Lake District, said Ray B. Hampton, in charge of fire control for the forest.

The fire fighting crews are hampered by the fact that the Diamond Lake area is unurveyed, and there are few reference points which fire suppression crews may use to locate the fires.

One such fire near the Clearwater Forest Camp has been hunted for the past two days, Hampton said.

Another difficulty is that vapors arising from the forest following a storm, often appear to inexperienced lookouts to be smoke trailing from fires.

The fires in the Diamond Lake District were set from a local storm originating over Crater Lake and moving north, Hampton said.

Douglas Forest Protective Association crews were fighting four lightning fires, it was reported today; one near Cougar Creek and three near Paradise Creek.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 22.—(AP)—Two fires in burned-over forest land in Western Lane County were brought under control today by loggers, but state forestry officials feared the wind might send them out of control again.

One of the fires has burned 100 acres in the Nelson Ridge area 30 miles west of Eugene. The extent of the other fire, which is in the Twin Sisters district 30 miles southwest of Eugene, is unknown, but it is sending up lots of smoke.

Both fires were started by lightning two days ago. State Forester N. S. Rogers said no break in the warm weather is in sight, and that fire hazards exist in all forest areas.

Speeder Forfeits Bail
Ernest Chappel, 23, Chehalis, Wash., forfeited \$10 bail this morning after his arrest for speeding on a motorcycle yesterday afternoon. Chappel was also charged with having no tail light on his motorcycle.

Coal, Orange, Flour Prices Are Increased

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amount when the Agriculture Department lifts restrictions on the milling of wheat, perhaps this fall.

Will "Throw the Book"
As for enforcement of meat ceilings, Porter said OPA plans to "throw the book" at black marketeers.

"There is no substantial basis," he declared, "for reports that we are going back to widespread black markets."

"I hope packers will devote a substantial part of their energy to making recontrol work — at least as much as they devoted to trying to get rid of controls."

Meat ceilings, Porter announced, will be restored first on live animals, effective Aug. 29, and at other distribution levels on this staggered basis:

At packing houses, September 1; wholesale, September 5; retail, September 9.

This plan was substituted for general recontrol beginning Friday in order to "clean out over-ceiling meat" which dealers have on hand, Porter said.

Other Ceilings Scheduled
Here is the schedule for restoration of ceilings on other items ordered back under price control:

Fats and oils—Crude and refined tank oils, Aug. 23; consumer products such as salad dressing and mayonnaise, at manufacturing levels, Aug. 30; non-manufacturing distributors of finished products, Sept. 4; retailers, Sept. 9.

Grains and feeds — Soybeans, Sept. 3; flaxseed, Sept. 3; mixed feeds, Aug. 26; by-product feeds, Sept. 3.

OMAHA, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Restoration of meat price controls means "consumers will have to learn to eat grass-fed cow beef and like it" because no good and choice beef will be sold, President Harry B. Coffey of Omaha's Union Stockyards Company said yesterday.

Coffey said packers will have to lay off many employees because "producers and feeders won't sell their cattle at ceiling prices."

Most of what good meat will be sold will go at overceiling prices, Coffey declared.

"The decision to let OPA waste the taxpayers' money in another futile attempt to force the sale of beef below the cost of production will soon backfire," he said.

"There will be low price tags on the meat counters—but no meat."

President Martin Hansen of the Omaha Meat Dealers Association said "I think we will see the greatest meat shortage the country has ever seen. It might even encourage a return to rationing."

Trucks, Motorcycles Upped
OPA yesterday authorized retail price increases averaging \$77 for Studebaker trucks and \$96 for Federal trucks.

The agency said the increases, effective immediately, are required by the new price control act.

The law stipulates that OPA must restore dealers' pre-war profit margins.

The new ceilings, OPA said, will increase Studebaker truck dealers' margins an average of 6.7 per cent and raise Federal truck dealers' margins an average of 5.4 per cent.

Meeting requirements of the same profit margin provision, OPA raised retail ceilings for Indian motorcycles an average of \$32. Dealers' margins will be increased an average of 5.6 per cent, OPA said.

Value of Oregon Farms Increased

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Oregon's farms and ranches valued at more than \$897,000,000 in 1944 sold farm products valued at \$239,000,000 in that year, or two and a half times as much as was sold in 1939.

The census bureau showed the farms and ranches increased 46 per cent in value from 1939 to 1944 and the value of implements increased from \$45,000,000 to \$67,000,000. Value of livestock on farms and ranches rose from \$56,000,000 in 1940 to \$96,000,000 in 1944.

Livestock and livestock products accounted for \$107,000,000 of the products sold in 1944 and equaled twice the 1939 value. Dairy products in 1944 amounted to one-third and poultry and poultry products to one-fourth of the value of all livestock and livestock products sold in the year.

Crops sold in the year amounted to more than \$76,000,000, compared with a total of \$27,000,000 in 1939.

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Surplus Camps Transfer As "Gifts" Halted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The War Assets Administration today halted the proposed transfer of 53 surplus camps and war plants to educational institutions, pending a congressional inquiry into such "gifts."

The stop order followed disclosure before the house surplus property committee that the Thunderbird, Ariz., airfield had been "sold" at 100 per cent discount to the newly incorporated American Institute for Foreign Trade.

All the properties had been assigned for disposal at a 100 per cent discount to non-profit, tax exempt institutions. Those earmarked for lease were to have gone for nominal sums, such as \$1 a year rental.

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