

### Massachusetts Cranberry Empire Constructed Its Own Railroad

CARVER, Mass.—(AP)—Cranberries built a railroad here. The line is only 5 1/2 miles long, but it carried 125,000 passengers last year.

"It's the last surviving two-foot steam passenger railroad on the continent," said the owner, Ellis D. Atwood, 59, who is the nation's largest individual cranberry grower.

Atwood bought the old-fashioned small engines and cars for his privately operated "Edaville Railroad" from a defunct line in Maine several years ago. It has become one of the chief tourist attractions in this section of Massachusetts.

But Yankees think even a hobby should pay its own way, so Atwood's busy little railroad has a function beyond keeping him and the tourists amused. It hauls from boy to boxing factory the 10,000 to 12,000 barrels of cranberries he grows each year.

The railroad winds around the 1,800 marshy acres that yield the small red berries which built a fortune for the Atwoods in the last three generations. Value Long Overlooked

The economic possibilities of the cranberry were overlooked for two centuries by the descendants of the Pilgrims who landed in 1620 at Plymouth, only a few miles from here. But in the last 100 years it has become Massachusetts' most valuable export crop.

Today the state grows 63 per cent of the world's supply of cranberries, and more than 50 per cent are produced within a fourteen mile radius of this small village.

The cranberry used to be as wild as the Indian. Now it is tame—and profitable. It fetched \$31.40 a barrel in 1946, \$19 a barrel last year. This year the opening price was \$15, but even at that figure it pays good dividends to thrifty farmers here.

"Ten acres of berries can earn a family a good living," said Atwood.

You can tell a good cranberry by its bounce more than by its color. And that is how they are sorted. They are dropped into a series of wooden-flanged containers. Those that bounce over the sides land on a conveyor belt that starts them on the way

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**Ray Buckley**

**CORRECTION**

Prices advertised in Nielsen's Market advertisement effective October 8-9-10.

Produce prices effective October 8 and 9.

### Okinawa Veteran Sinks to Watery Grave



The 7000-ton attack transport Crittenden rolls on her side and slides beneath the waves as the result of aerial bombardment and naval gun fire. The radioactive ship, which carried troops into the battle for Okinawa, was the target in the first phase of week-long Navy maneuvers off the Southern California coast.

### Soviet Plane 'Shot' by American Passenger



Proof of how closely Russian Yak fighters buzz to U. S. Air Force transports on the Berlin-Frankfurt run, is this picture snapped by an American passenger on one transport. Such buzzing by Soviet pilots is reportedly increasing as Russia steps up its harassment of the Berlin airlift planes.

### 'Take Yer Hands Off Me, Ya Bum'



Irvin, the baby gorilla, obviously doesn't like captivity. Brought by plane from Africa's French Cameroons, Irvin is held by R. Martin Perkins, director of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. The youngster was named for zoo patron Irvin Young.

### ALCOA Spends Huge Sum to Halt Injury to Crops

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 8.—(AP)—The Aluminum Company of America is spending more than a million dollars at its Vancouver plant to halt the fumes which farmers have said affect their crops and cattle.

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### Lewis' Miners Nod Toward Gov. Dewey

CINCINNATI, Oct. 8.—(AP)—John L. Lewis indirectly endorsed Republican Presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey today and called for a "holiday" so the miners could vote on Nov. 2.

In a long resolution on political action, reviewing Lewis' criticism of President Truman, a special committee declared that:

"As to the other major party candidate for President of the United States, we can only say that, to our knowledge, he has never uttered any statements that reflect upon the integrity or the objectives of the United Mine Workers of America, or its officers or its members.

"It is our opinion that the UMW is not departing from its political policy or its constitutional provisions by placing this factual information before you (the Convention) for consideration.

"We are satisfied that the members of the United Mine Workers, their wives and dependents can be relied upon to protect their country, their homes and their union.

"We conclude this report by recommending the defeat of our enemies and the election of our true friends."

The committee proposed that "in order to implement and effectuate this policy, your committee further recommends that on election day, Nov. 2, 1948, (which is a legal holiday in many states) operations in the coal industry shall be suspended, with the proviso that all necessary maintenance men shall not be affected thereby."

Lewis, in his opening speech to the convention last Tuesday, assailed Mr. Truman, but made no reference to Dewey or to the president's Republican opponent indirectly.

The resolution for the first time offered the miners some declaration of political position. It did not mention Dewey's name.

The coal industry earlier was on notice that Lewis has another major contract aim for the near future—a share-the-work program for lean years.

Lewis disclosed his goal to the 3,000 delegates to the United

Mine Workers Convention. He said it already was being tried out on a small scale in the anthracite field.

But he could not get his job stabilization plan across in the soft coal industry up to now, he said, "simply because there is no national leadership in the bituminous industry."

**ON BUSINESS STAFF**  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 8.—(Special).—James Sanders, son of Mrs. Belle Sanders, 133 N. Parrott, Roseburg, has been appointed to the business staff of the Oregana, student year book at the University of Oregon.

Sanders is a junior major in history.

**IN DRAMA HONORARY**  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 8.—(Special).—Mary Ellen McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McKay, Route 2, Roseburg, has been elected historian of the National Collegiate Players, national dramatic honorary society at the University of Oregon. Miss McKay is a senior major in drama.

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