

Photographs Tell Story Of State's Most Publicized Race



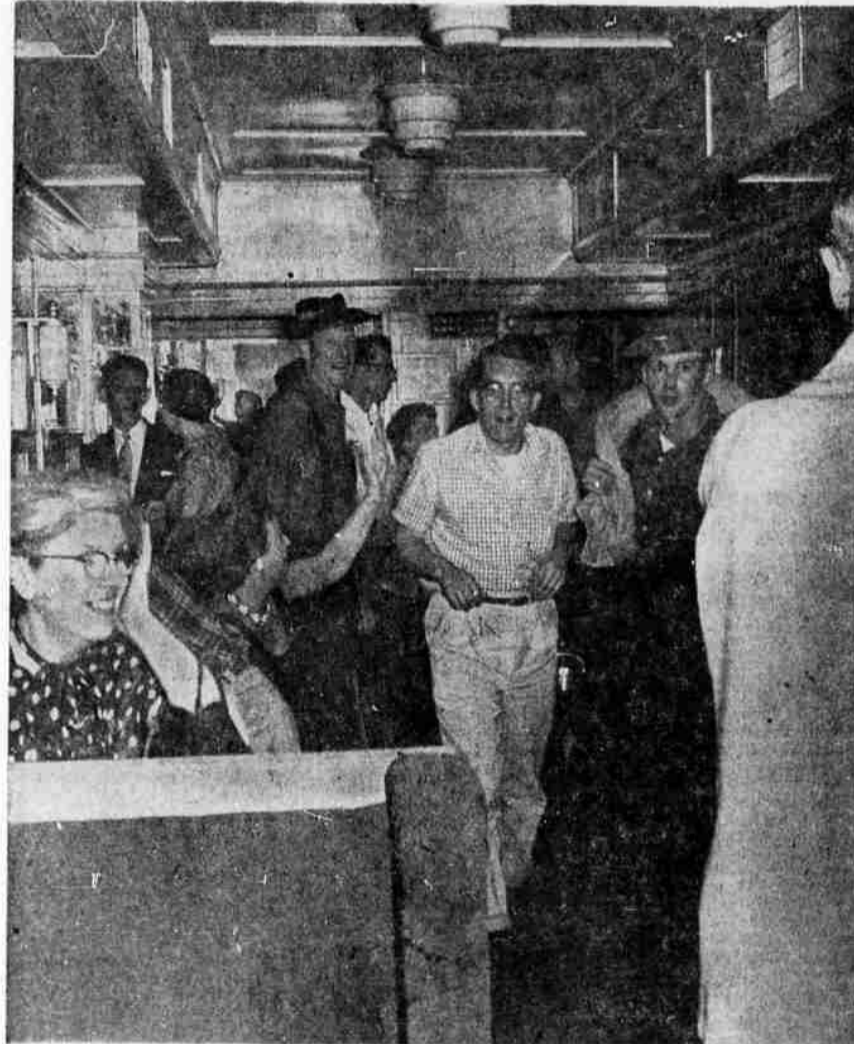
RIDE IN THE NIGHT—Don Lyons, Sutherlin Timberline Trail Riders member, spurred his horse on one lap through Scotts Valley early Sunday morning. He is shown approaching a relay point along the new section of highway. (Paul Jenkins photo)



MEANWHILE, a crowd which reached an estimated 2,000 gathered in the wee hours of the morning ate watermelon, danced and generally had a good time. (Staff picture)



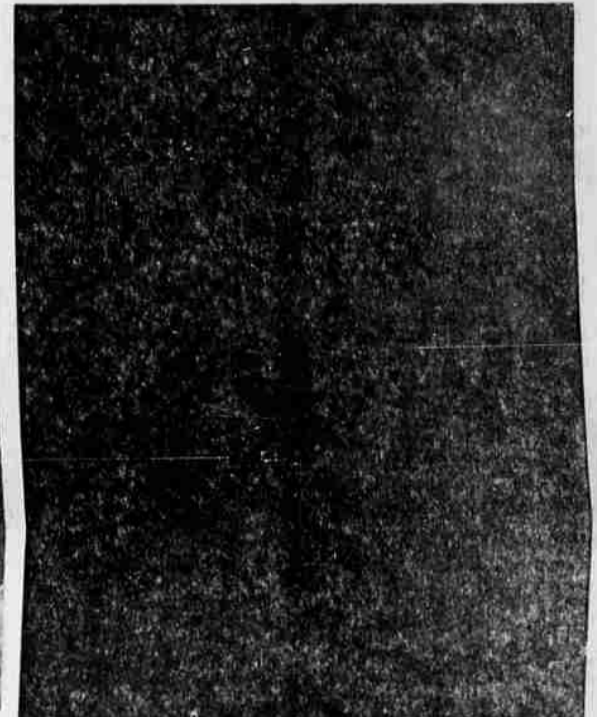
GANGWAY—Richard Smith took off on one lap of the "Pony Express" Sunday morning near Anlauf. Smith rides with the Sutherlin Timberline Trail Riders. Riders were ahead at this point. (Paul Jenkins photo)



PAUL BUNYANS hopped aboard the train at Sutherlin, providing amusement for passengers for a time. Bunyon Bill Miles is the toll man and Eugene Register-Guard reporter Jim Welch, center, appears astonished. Bunyon Jerry Coen is at right. Others unidentified. (Staff photo)



SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFICIALS do ride the "Nightcrawler." Proof: Leith Abbott, public relations man, is explaining something at right. In checked shirt is Don Howell, Roseburg, while Sheriff Ira C. Byrd sits next to Abbott. (Staff photo)



A VIEW from the window of the "Nightcrawler" Sunday morning shows the scenic vistas which can be enjoyed by any traveler on the train when he wishes to take the railroad instead of some other form of transportation. (Staff photo)

Big Crowd Cheers Pony Express

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Crowds started to gather on Sheridan Street near the Southern Pacific depot in Roseburg by 1:30 Sunday morning to await the end of the most publicized race ever staged in Douglas County.

Chugging through the darkness to the north was the "nightcrawler" iron horse fighting against time and its many stops to out-speed a string of some 50 flashy horses in the improvised "pony express."

While at Roseburg the crowd ate watermelon and drank coffee, danced and grew tenser as sketchy reports of the race were announced from a platform in the middle of the street.

A groan went up after 2:30 when the word was received that the "Nightcrawler" was almost a certain winner. It was ahead of the pony express and had a straight non-stop run into Roseburg from Winchester.

Just before the arrival of the train, State Sen. Paul Geddes, one of the three senators who succeeded in getting the Oregon Public Utilities Commission to order continuation of the passenger run, gave the keynote speech.

He said the community should be happy for the development the Southern Pacific had given south-

ern Oregon. But he chided the railroad for "forgetting" the area. "They (the railroad) should help us develop Roseburg," he concluded. Another speaker was Mayor Ernest M. Barker Jr.

Blast And Boos

Then, to a huge chorus of boos, the "Nightcrawler" hove into the station with happy blasts from its huge, iron throat. Engineer Claude A. Bridenstine, who had called the race "foolishness," had brought the most famous train in Oregon to victory. The victory was a double one for the train. It beat the pony express by seven minutes and it was one of the rare times it had arrived on schedule. The time was 2:55.

At 3:02, the big crowd rushed cheering to the street as John Spencer spurred the last horse to the finish of the race. Moments later, Master of Ceremonies O. L. Kennerly charged skulduggery on the part of the train engineer. He said the train had not stopped for 10 minutes as it usually does at Winchester. This would have allowed the express to win by three minutes. No official protest, however, was entered.

With the excitement over, the early morning throng began to scatter as the final event was being judged. Four women vied for cash priz-

es for the "old West" costumes. Winner of the \$15 first prize was Mrs. S. L. Kidder, who was celebrating her 78th birthday. She wore a costume over 100 years old. The \$10 second prize went to Beulah Woods. The \$5 third prize went to Miss Merry Fox of Glendale.

Columbia Marine Life Unhurt By Radioactivity

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 14-month survey shows that crayfish and other small marine life have not been harmed by radioactivity in the Columbia River below the Hanford Atomic Works, the Atomic Energy Commission said here.

"None of the levels of radioactivity reported in the areas downstream from the Hanford reactors indicated any injurious effects or changes in growth or productivity of these aquatic life forms," AEC said in its 18th semi-annual report.

The commission said river areas in the vicinity of Hanford "are continually monitored for radioactivity to determine if any radiation effects from plant operations produce changes in life forms or the environment."



THE JIGGLY RIDE from Eugene to Roseburg had this effect on News-Review reporter Chuck Grell. The record of his condition will be saved for future reference to counter any contentions by the Southern Pacific Co. that it's "Nightcrawler" offers a nice, smooth ride. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

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