

Fourth Of July Fizzles For Teeners

Firecracker Bans Steal Glamor From Day

By EUGENE GILBERT

For most American teen-agers, the magic of the Fourth of July was somehow lost in the ban on fireworks and the tangle of holiday traffic.

Our national surveys indicate that the Fourth doesn't stir the hearts of modern teen-agers to any real degree. They find more excitement in the family holidays than they do in Independence Day.

Nearly half of the teen-agers questioned by our interviewers felt their parents got a bigger kick out of the Fourth, say 20 years ago, than present teen-agers get today.

One possibility, it seems is that school is out when the Fourth is celebrated and there doesn't seem to be any special agency to focus teen-age attention on the holiday or to point up its importance.

It seems to be a fact also that the lack of accessible organized fireworks displays nothing has come up to take the place of fireworks as a symbol of the meaning of the Fourth.

"I like the Christmas, Thanksgiving kind of holidays," explained one college sophomore. "We all get together for a big turkey dinner and family conclave. It's a wonderful feeling of belonging. July 4th doesn't offer anything like that."

"The Fourth is nothing to me," noted a 14-year-old girl. "Just an excuse for Dad to get a long weekend off from work."

"July 4th," asserted a Minneapolis youth, "is just another excuse for politicians to blow off steam on everything under the sun. The meaning of the day died with the signers of the Declaration of Independence."

Parents Hemmed In? Against the 50 per cent who feel their folks had more Independence Day fun are just 16 per cent who think their folks as teen-agers had less Fourth of July fun.

Let 15-year-old Joel speak for the group who believes the Fourth hasn't changed too much. He said: "What could be so different?"

They had parties; we have parties. They had picnics; we do the same. Young people always do the same things no matter when they were young."

And then there is the Newark, N.J., miss who said today's parents couldn't possibly have had as much fun because "They were so chaperoned, they weren't permitted to breathe by themselves."

But perhaps most representative is 17-year-old Jennie who said: "Maybe if we made a bigger deal out of the Fourth like our parents used to do, it would mean more to us."

Want Fireworks Legalized? This seems to be the crux of most of the objections as evidenced by the answers to another question put to our national sampling. The question was:

"Should fireworks be made legal in all states for celebrating the Fourth or should they be outlawed all over?"

A hefty 57 per cent of the teen-agers said that fireworks, now banned in 30 of the 48 states, should be made uniformly legal.

"It's no fun without fireworks," said one crew cut lad. "They made the Fourth of July a big occasion."

But a surprising large number of teen-agers discount the celebration value of the roman candles, firecrackers and sky rockets



The calendar date is the same, but...

all together. Forty-one per cent answered that fireworks should be made illegal — and many of these qualified their answer with remarks that they are a genuine danger to life and health.

As 16-year-old Kyle sadly recalled, "My cousin lost his eye because of a firecracker. I wouldn't want to see it happen to anyone else."

Generally speaking the Fourth has, it seems, fallen in importance in the teen-age mind, and this could be a reflection of parental attitude to the Fourth.

Too often the kind of response to questions was, "The city was real empty on that weekend — my family didn't go away but we had dinner with my grandparents."

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did not celebrate it at all. Less than one per cent reported that they had heard a patriotic speech. Only some 25 per cent said they saw a fireworks display and a full 15 per cent couldn't give the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

One teen-ager, asked to rank holidays in their importance to him, put New Year's Eve, Christmas and Valentine's Day in that order. Asked what about the Fourth of July, he said:

"Oh that comes in the summer. I like winter holidays better."

Younger groups in our survey ranked Halloween as one of the top holidays in the year, followed by Christmas and Valentine's Day.

QUESTIONS ASKED
Question: Did your parents when they were teen-agers have more, less or the same amount of fun on the Fourth of July as you do?

	Male	Female
MORE	51	49
LESS	14	17
SAME	35	35
NO OPINION	2	1

QUESTION: Should fireworks be made legal in all states for celebrating the Fourth of July or should they be generally outlawed?

	Male	Female
MADE LEGAL	56	58
OUTLAWED	43	40
NO OPINION	1	2

Fair Oaks Grangers On Timber Days Job

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Fair Oaks Grangers are working hard in the community project of getting ready for Sutherland's big annual event, Douglas County Timber Days.

Fred Brauminger, the grange's Timber Days chairman, reported on a work day at the Timber Days grounds at the last meeting. He said more post holes have to be dug and called for more help to build bleachers and repair old ones.

The meeting of the grange drew 23 members. Also reporting was Maggie Francis, home economics chairman. She disclosed that a recent Saturday bake sale had raised \$17. She also reported the grange building now has new curtains, made by the home economics club.

It was voted by the grange to donate \$5 to the school planning commission for the planning of the state grange meeting in Bend. Five Douglas County granges were represented at the state convention. The 1958 convention is scheduled in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell won a prize in musical game during the evening.

The next meeting is scheduled July 9. Mrs. Doris Parnell and Mrs. Ruth Manning will be hostesses.

VISITORS AT CAPITOL

SALEM — Nearly 300 more visitors registered at the state Capitol building in June than last June, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield reported Monday.

Only three states were not represented among the 2,401 registrations. Guided tours are available on the hour throughout the day on weekdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Garden Valley Boy Goes To Chicago Church Event

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

George Arola is attending the Augustana Lutheran League convention held in Chicago as a delegate from the Faith Lutheran Church of Roseburg. He, with other delegates, Pat Gemberling and Tom Hines, went to Portland to join the special chartered train load of young people. They will stay at the Conrad Hilton, the world's largest hotel, while in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parrott and family from Vancouver, Wash., have been visiting his father, Fred Parrott, for the past week. On Sunday they went to Crater Lake and Diamond Lake.

Alan Madison has been assigned to the Cinnamon Butte lookout in the Diamond Lake area.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winniford and Wren and Billy of Central Point were in the valley over the weekend to visit his mother, Mrs. Kittle Winniford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Arola and children, Carley, Helen, Mike and Peter, have left for Minnesota to spend three weeks visiting relatives and numerous friends. They will tour the Yellowstone National Park before returning home.

Mrs. George Scribner and daughters, Shirley and Nancy, of Klamath Falls have arrived for a vacation with the former's mother, Mrs. John Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McConnell of Fall River Mills, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Booth at their Garden Valley home. McConnell was a member of the 1927 graduating class of Roseburg High School and was here to attend the weekend reunion festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brodersen

are enjoying a two-week vacation, going to a variety of places. They have spent a few days in Portland visiting relatives and former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinsel, who are home-sick for their Garden Valley home. A day of fishing at Diamond Lake proved their piscatorial luck was poor, before their play days are over, they will spend a few days at the coast lakes. Mrs. K. C. Laver accompanied the Brodersens to Portland.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Rufus B. Wood of Toledo, Ore., is spending the next couple of weeks here with her daughter, Miss Ruth Wood, until after the marriage of the latter who is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hercher. Mr. Wood visited here a week ago with his daughter and has returned to his home in Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mead, 124 NE Club Ave., will return to Roseburg this weekend after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Tripp of St. Helena, Calif. The Meads left Roseburg Monday with Mr. Mead's mother, Mrs. R. L. Mead. Mrs. Tripp is the former Altha Mead of Roseburg. Mrs. R. L. Mead expects to remain and take care of her daughter who is expecting a baby about July 15. She will return to Roseburg after that date.

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LINCEUM — To Mr. and Mrs. Ora Linceum, Tiller, June 26, a son, Vernon Jay, weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

COMER — To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Comer, Canyonville, June 26, a son, Jesse George Jr., weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

STANDIFORD — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Standiford, Myrtle Creek, June 30, a daughter, Roberta Lynn, weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

United Spanish War Vets Auxiliary Slates Meeting

George Starmer Camp 19, United Spanish War Veterans, and Auxiliary 18 will meet jointly at the home of Mrs. Katie Milliken, 1175 SE Douglas Ave., Saturday.

A potluck dinner is planned at noon. Each member should bring his own table service.

The business meetings will be in the afternoon. Any visiting members or persons eligible for membership may attend. To be eligible a person must have had relatives in the Spanish-American War.

Further information may be secured by calling OR 2-2550 or OR 3-5431.

Ex-County Judge Freed By Directed Verdict

HILLSBORO — A directed verdict of acquittal Monday freed Harry M. Seabold, former Washington County Judge, of a charge of bribery.

Circuit Judge Carl M. Dahl, Portland, ordered the verdict. He said there was not enough evidence to support the charge that Seabold had accepted a \$700 bribe in a timberland transaction.

Seabold, 63, still faces a charge of unlawful omission, brought against him in a grand jury indictment. The charge also involves the land transaction.

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