

FIREWORKS BLAST RIPS PORTLAND AREA



'BEES-NESS' IS GOOD — So says Bill Kramer as he keeps a wary eye on several thousand honey bees which congregated Thursday on a pole at Pal Motors, 529 SE Stephens St., where Kramer is employed. After the bees had turned down Kramer's polite request to leave, they were cautiously impounded in a hive by an employee of a nearby service station. No casualties on either side were reported. (Paul Jenkins)

Murder Confession Of Real Slayer Liberates Innocent Man Facing Electric Chair

JEFFERSON, Ga. (AP) — For the first time in nearly two years the shadow of the electric chair no longer darkens the life of a South Carolina house painter and father of seven children.

James Fulton Foster, 40, of Greer, S. C., is still in jail at Jefferson, but now he can count the days until his release.

The door to freedom was opened for him Friday when Charles Paul

2 Homes Destroyed By Fires Friday In S. Douglas Area

Two homes in southern Douglas County burned to the ground about the same time Friday night. Crews from the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. headquarters near Canyonville answered both calls. The first fire was reported about 11:20 p.m. in Surprise Valley between Tri-City and Canyonville. While the crews were at this location word was received of the other blaze a short distance east of Milo.

A family by the name of Fowler occupied the Surprise Valley home. Their first name was not available this morning. The house and property is listed as belonging to Jim Byford who lives on the coast. The Fowlers are staying with friends in the area, the DEPA said.

At Milo, Joe Kapuscinski was awakened by the crackling of flames in the attic. Mrs. Kapuscinski and her five daughters had gone to Tri-City. Mrs. Edith Moore, News-Review correspondent, reports.

Contents in both houses were lost. Cause of each blaze had not been determined today.

Russia Pulls Back Loan To Balky Yugoslavia

MOSCOW (AP) — The newspaper Izvestia said Saturday the Soviet Union's pullback of 285 million dollars in credits to Yugoslavia was perfectly legal. It assailed the Yugoslavs on a charge they sought to blackmail Russia's integrity.

Asserting that the Yugoslavs were attempting "to cast a shadow on the Soviet Union's integrity" in international agreements, Izvestia declared the Yugoslavs want to sow doubt among the underdeveloped countries of Asia and Africa. The paper said those areas are now receiving "fraternal and disinterested assistance" from the Soviet Union.

The Soviet pullback of credits came late in May after the Yugoslav Communist party strongly reaffirmed its stand of independence from the Kremlin. The Soviet move was considered an economic squeeze to bring Yugoslavia President Tito under the Kremlin thumb.

BOYS DAMAGE HOME

Two boys, nine and ten years old, did approximately \$75 damage Friday to a vacant house on the southeast corner of SE Virginia Court and SE Germond Avenue, according to Roseburg police.

Paint was smeared on the fireplace, garage door, clothes closet and saws, according to police reports. Parents of both boys said they would make restitution.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS	
Fair and continued hot today and Sunday.	
Highest temp. last 24 hours	92
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	58
Highest temp. any July	101
Lowest temp. any July	40
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from July 1	45.04
Precip. from Sept. 1	48.04
Excess from Sept. 1	15.01
Sunrise tonight, 7:56 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:29 a.m.	

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Independence Day Death Toll Hits Record Pace

Half-Way Mark Sets Total Of 289

Tragedy Rate Slows, However, After July 4 Traffic Passes Peak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Traffic 181
Drowning 39
Miscellaneous 39
Total 289

Traffic deaths piled up at a record clip Saturday as the half-way mark was passed in the three-day Independence Day weekend.

Safety officials saw a glimmer of hope, however, in the grim statistics. The death rate eased a little after racing through the Fourth at a pace far above estimates made by the National Safety Council.

The NSC has forecast a record high 410 deaths during the 78-hour period. At the midway point, fatalities were in line with advance estimates.

"Deaths are running tragically on schedule," said Ned H. Dearborn, NSC president. "But as huge as the death toll is, it is running at a rate slightly lower than during the early hours of the holiday. We urge drivers to continue to use every possible precaution to bring the toll down."

July 4 Record 491
But the mounting traffic toll is the current concern of safety officials. During the first half of the observance, highway deaths ran one-sixth ahead of those occurring during the recent Memorial Day weekend. That observance was marked by 371 traffic deaths, a record for a three-day Memorial Day holiday.

The previous record three-day weekend toll for a July Fourth observance was 407 deaths in 1955. A four-day July Fourth holiday period claimed a record 491 in 1950.

Generally fair weather greeted motorists clogging the highways Friday during the early hours of the weekend. But, thunderstorms and showers put a damper on driving conditions Friday night.

45 Million Cars To Roll
Some 45 million cars were expected to roll up 12 billion miles on the nation's highways, according to an NSC estimate, for the holiday period—from 6 p.m. local time Thursday to Sunday midnight.

The record low July Fourth three-day toll since World War II was 235 deaths in 1947.

The Associated Press made a survey of traffic fatalities during a non-holiday weekend for a comparison with the current holiday period. It covered the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. June 19 to midnight Sunday, June 22. It showed 339 traffic fatalities, 118 drownings and 63 deaths from miscellaneous accidents—an overall total of 520.

Four Douglas county motorists were among 402 Oregonians whose driver's licenses were ordered suspended during the June 16-20 period for various infractions of the state traffic code.

The department of motor vehicles reported the following local cases:

James Francis Carnes, 18, Elkton, a one-year suspension for driving while license already was suspended.

Keith Kuehn Kutzner, 45, Drain, a 90-day suspension for conviction of drunk driving.

Charles Henry Niverson, 65, of Reedsport for failure to pass driver's examination.

George Herbert Peck, 18, 243 SE Fowler St., Roseburg, a one year suspension because of previous illegal driving record.

2 Reformatory Honor Farm Prisoners Flee

MONROE (AP) — A search was begun Saturday for two prisoners who escaped from Washington State Reformatory honor farm near here Thursday night.

The escapees are Donald Fletcher, 29, and Bruce Burns, 29. Both were serving sentences for burglary. Fletcher is from King County, Burns from Yakima County.

A reformatory spokesman said police throughout Washington, nearby states and British Columbia have been alerted.

Plane 'Buzzing' Costs Pilot His Certificate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The pilot certificate of John Thomas Bourn, operator of Pendleton Skyways, Inc., was revoked by the Civil Aeronautics Board Thursday. He was charged by the CAB with "buzzing" a Wisconsin school house and operating a helicopter without a helicopter rating.

No Sign Of Relief Seen In Current Hot Weather

A high temperature of 97 degrees was predicted for today by the U. S. Weather Bureau. No relief from the hot weather is in sight. The bureau said the temperature would probably be in the 90's Sunday. Thursday's high was 85.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Searing heat continued to hang over the Pacific Northwest Saturday, to the possible delight of the sunbathers, and no weekend relief was in sight.

Both sides of the Cascades sweltered. Only the coast was moderately comfortable.

Beaches, lakes, resorts and backyards were jammed with holiday goers and stay-at-homers looking for ways to keep cool.

Hottest reporting point on the Fourth was The Dalles airport, on the Washington side of the Columbia River, where the thermometer hit 96.

But if the heat seems hard to bear, think what it would be like if you were in Presidio, Tex. It was the nation's hotbox Friday with a high of 112.

Five Missing, Four Rescued In Pacific Area Plane Crash

HONOLULU (AP) — Planes and ships combed the mid-Pacific 600 miles southwest of here today for five men still missing after the crash of an Air Force C-124 Globemaster with nine men aboard early Friday.

Three men were packed up in apparently good condition after nearly 12 hours in the water, and one body was recovered shortly after noon.

The body was not immediately identified, but the names of four of the five missing men were released by the Air Force.

Those rescued were the plane's commander, Capt. Jonathan W. Brown of Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where the big plane was based; the flight engineer, T. Sgt. James M. Phillips, of Vacaville, Calif.; and the second flight engineer, S. Sgt. C. van Derre of San Rafael, Calif.

Three of the crewmen still missing were identified as Lt. Gerald J. Bona, Vacaville; the navigator, Airman 1-C Charles E. Entekrin, Atlantic City, N.J.; loadmaster; and S. Sgt. Thomas Pascoe, Fairfield, Calif.

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Six Persons Killed In Headon Collision

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP) — Six persons were killed early Saturday in a headon collision east of here.

Three of them were soldiers stationed at nearby Ft. Riley. The other three were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Lorson, Chapman, Kan., and their 14-year-old son, Bill.

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France Asks Atomic Club Partnership

Secret U. S. Technical Data Also Requested In Talk With Dulles

PARIS (AP) — Premier de Gaulle was reported Saturday to have told Secretary of State Dulles that France is determined to become an atomic power.

A French spokesman gave this information in a report on a half-hour private conversation at the premier's official residence. De Gaulle was gesturing emphatically, and Dulles looked extremely serious as the secretary of state left for the U. S. Embassy.

The French spokesman gave this account:

"Gen. de Gaulle said that France had the 'vocation' to become an atomic power and that she was determined to do so. He left no doubt of the determination of his government to bring France into the ranks of the atomic powers to which it belongs by rights."

He said Dulles replied that the United States, under the terms of the McMahon Act, cannot furnish France with secret technical information.

The general stressed that this is the basic question of the day for France. The spokesman continued: "The subject of nuclear weapons will be continued through normal diplomatic channels."

Other official sources said Dulles had brought a warmly worded message from President Eisenhower, or which expressed hope de Gaulle could visit the United States in the near future.

Persistent reports from reliable quarters say France will set off an A-bomb soon in the Sahara. This would admit the nation to the "Atomic Club" now composed of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Release Of U. S. Fliers By Soviet Thought Near

MOSCOW (AP) — The general feeling here Saturday is that nine U. S. airmen, held since their plane was forced down in Soviet Armenia June 27, would be released shortly. There was no official announcement or comment on the case, however.

The U. S. Embassy confirmed that Ambassador Lowell Thompson visited the Soviet Foreign Ministry Friday. Official sources said they were unable to discuss the reasons for the visit, but it appeared to have been connected with release of the nine airmen, accused of intruding over Soviet territory.

It seemed likely that if the airmen are released they would be handed over to American authorities at the Soviet border, rather than in Moscow. The Turkish and Iranian borders are closest to the scene.

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Quadruplet Girls Born To Teacher; 2 Lbs. Each

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — The young wife of a Mankato school teacher gave birth to identical quadruplet girls here Saturday, and all were reported doing well.

The quads were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hansen. With their son, David Lee, 10 months, the couple has been living in a trailer house.

"We're going to have to get us a house," said the father. "Nothing anything like this ever happened in our families before."

Because the infants weighed only about two pounds each and were 2½ months premature, Hansen said he and his wife had them baptized shortly after they were born.

Mrs. Hansen is 26. Her 28-year-old husband, a fifth grade teacher at Washington elementary school here, is a native of Paulina, Iowa.

Two Bodies Found Near Umpqua Port

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Both the coroner and the Coast Guard were continuing their investigations today, said the coroner.

Breakdown Fear Causes Minister To Hang Himself

WASHINGTON (AP) — A minister who feared a second nervous breakdown was found hanged Friday in the tower of his downtown church.

The body of Dr. Carl Neath Kopf, 56, was suspended from a 50-foot length of clothes line. A wrapper torn from the rope bore the words "God forgive me." The district coroner, after an examination, issued a certificate of suicide.

Dr. Kopf had been minister since 1947 of the First Congregational Church in the heart of the city's shopping district. It was the church Calvin Coolidge had attended as president.

Dr. Kopf had been missing since Tuesday. The following day, a rough draft of a letter of resignation was found among his papers. In it, he said he was feeling the same symptoms he had felt before a nervous breakdown in 1948.

Dr. Kopf, born in Buffalo, N. Y., was graduated from Princeton University in 1925 and taught the history of Christianity there for a year. He also did graduate work at Princeton and at the Boston University School of Theology. He came to Washington from the Mount Vernon Congregation in Boston.

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3 Drown In Oregon's July 4th Accidents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Three persons drowned in swimming and boating accidents in Oregon on the 4th of July, but there were no reports of traffic fatalities despite the fact that roads were jammed with thousands of automobiles with their drivers celebrating the holiday.

The bodies of Martin Leon Fisher, 46, and his 19-year-old son, Allan, both of North Bend, were pulled from the ocean near Florence Friday. Search was continuing for their fishing companion, identified as Andrew Young of Oregon City. Both the Fisher bodies were in life jackets.

The Fishers and Young were reported to have left Sunset Bay, a small inlet two miles south of Coos Bay Bar, at 4 a.m. Friday.

Rescue Effort Fails

Sally Jenkins, 14, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carlin of Sweet Home, drowned Friday in a swimming accident in the Santiam River at Sweet Home.

Her brother, who was sunning himself on some nearby rocks, went to her aid but she slipped from his grasp and went under. The brother, Eugene Jenkins, 17, had to be helped to shore by other swimmers.

Grasshopper Plague Threatens California

SACRAMENTO (AP) — An expected invasion of California farm lands by grasshoppers isn't here yet, but the State Agriculture Department says it's coming—and probably soon.

The department had predicted the state's worst "hopper outbreak" in recent years would arrive in June. However, there was still enough green vegetation to hold the insects in the uplands, except for scattered trouble spots.

"The major trouble is still ahead, possibly in a few weeks," said Robert W. Harper, chief of the Bureau of Entomology.

"We haven't had enough good continuous warm summer weather. The grasshoppers will move into crop areas when the rangelands dry out," he said.

Iowa Flood Crest Now Perils City Of Hamburg

HAMBURG, Iowa (AP) — The levees of the Nishnabotna River at Hamburg in the extreme southwest corner of Iowa were piled high with sandbags today to hold back the flood crest that wrought havoc in the upper reaches of the watershed.

Sheriff Al Christopher and the crew under him were confident the 27-foot wall of water riding nine feet above flood stage would be mastered and the town would be protected.

About 100 miles north in Audubon County rescue workers had recovered the bodies of all but one of the 19 persons who perished earlier in the week when cloudbursts sent branches of the Nishnabotna on a rampage.

STOLEN AUTO LOCATED

An abandoned 1951 model vehicle which was stolen from Reedsport Thursday night was found about 2:30 a.m. Friday about a half mile up Weatherly Creek Road. The car was found by a state police game patrol car from Coquille.

Child Killed, More Than 20 Injured

289 Homes Damaged By Explosion That Rouses Most Of City

PORTLAND (AP) — A fireworks plant exploded with the fury of a bomb on the outskirts of Portland early Saturday. One child was killed, more than 20 were injured and a score of homes were wrecked by the blast.

The charred body of Mary Beth Howe, 4½, was found in the wreckage of a house just behind the big storage plant. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Howe, suffered cuts and bruises in the blast and Howe was treated for flesh burns of the eyes.

The Howes have another youngster. "I got her out," Howe said from his hospital bed.

Of the 22 hospitalized, eight—including the Howes—were held for treatment. The others were given first aid and then released.

The Signal Fireworks storage plant—two buildings 100 feet long—blew up with a thunderous roar that awakened most of the city at 1:45 a.m.

The explosion damaged 289 houses. It smashed doors and windows of a nearby motel and lifted off part of the roof. Debris from the wrecked plant and houses covered the streets around them.

The heaviest damage was confined to a two-block area around the fireworks plant. But smashed windows were reported 30 blocks away.

Elderly residents of a nursing home a block away were removed temporarily from the building. Some were in a state of shock.

Fire Marshal Dale Gilman said there was no way of knowing immediately what caused the explosion. Howard Grohs, Portland, owner of the plant, said he thought it might have been touched off by burglars.

C. I. Starr, 85, was asleep in a motel a half-block from the explosion. "You'd have thought it was a big explosion coming down from the sky," he said. "I was in bed. The doors and windows blew out, and there was smoke and flame everywhere. Somebody, I think it was the fireman, took me out the back window. I grabbed all the clothes I could and they helped me get out a back window."

The explosion heard more than 10 miles away roused the city and brought people by the thousands. Police and firemen had lines set up as far as 10 blocks away holding back the curious while they fought the fire and searched through the ruins.

The plant was located on the edge of a residential district and business area. Telephone lines throughout the area were tangled. Broken windows in the shopping area were common.

PORTLAND (AP)—Little Mary Beth Howe, who died in the explosion of the Signal Fireworks plant here early Saturday, had been brought to Portland by her parents 14 months ago for special schooling.

Deputy Coroner Bill Farrell said the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Howe Jr., came here from Baker, Ore., so she could receive training for a speech defect.

The Howes lived at 3548 S. E. 84th street, in a rented house only 30 yards or so from the warehouse that exploded.

Brooding Man Kills 4 Of Family, Himself

GLEN RIDGE, N. J. (AP) — A drug salesman, perhaps brooding over his mother's health, poisoned her and the three members of his immediate family Friday. Then he killed himself with a hypodermic injection.

Authorities said Thomas MacDowell, a drug company sales executive, apparently had let his Brazilian - born wife in on plans to wipe out his loved ones.

She, their two young sons, MacDowell and his mother were found dead in their modest home in this wealthy, suburban community.

"I am sorry for what I'm doing," said a note from MacDowell found on a living room desk.

"I love my wife and children dearly but I think in the long run they'll be better off."

A note asked God's forgiveness. But police would not say whether it gave any motive for the killings.

Glendale Woman Unhurt When Auto Cracks Up

Mrs. Minnie Troxel of Glendale came through a one - car crashcup on Highway 99 uninjured Wednesday night when her car went out of control on a curve just north of the Cow Creek junction.

The car left the highway and smashed into an embankment. A tire blowout was believed the cause of the accident, according to Glendale News-Review correspondent Mrs. Grace Fox. The front end of the car was severely damaged and it was necessary to tow the vehicle away.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Regrettable that Roseburg's 1958 convention hosting could not include the NW Sun Bathers Assn. It will meet this month near Estacada, where the mosquitoes are probably all vegetarians.



AIRPLANE RIDES over Roseburg are being sold by Civil Air Patrol cadets to raise money to send a group to summer encampment at the Portland Air Base from July 13 through 26. Part of the money was raised at a recent air show. To qualify for the summer training session, cadets take a local training program in which they must complete two of six courses. Pictured are some of the cadets who will attend the camp: Left to right are James Hall, Richard Snell, Richard Bakala, Dwight Drager, Thomas Butler, Robert Eddy and Nick Lehrback. At the far right is Lt. Gerald Bishop, cadet commandant. (Paul Jenkins)