

Soapbox Winner Flashes Victory Grin



Kent Lindon, 14, of Salem (at right) shows big victory grin seconds after he flashed across finish line to win championship of Salem's fifth annual Soap Box Derby Sunday at Bush's Pasture. He shares spotlight with Eric Woodard, (left) 11, runner-up. Lindon won the right to represent Salem at the All-American Soap Box Derby later this year at Akron, Ohio. (Picture also on page 2).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Pari mutual betting, legalized here in 1935 (with dogs hiding behind the front of horses), has been restricted to Multnomah County and a few horse racing meets around the state, chiefly at fairs. It flourishes in other states: Kentucky, New York, Maryland and California, with horse tracks, Florida also with dog tracks. Judging by an article in Harper's for July it really has blossomed in New England. There, though the population is only 4.7 per cent of the total in the country, the pari mutual windows handle 8.5 per cent of the total bet on horses. While some of the effects often attributed to gambling, like diversion of money from tradesmen and credit delinquency, are not reported, the long racing season has played havoc with other spectator sports. There are no professional baseball or football teams in Rhode Island. Boston lost one of its big league baseball teams and its one major league football team. Just how the racing meets have been set up for the control of politics is reported by John Strohmeier who first made the study for his paper, the Providence Journal-Bulletin. Those who run the horse and dog tracks use them as a gigantic patronage plum. Jobs may be had only on recommendation of someone well-placed politically. At most tracks this patronage operation is down to a highly refined quota system with many politicians jealously guarding their job allotments. That wouldn't be so bad, but Strohmeier found public officials (Continued on editorial page 4)

Texas Child Found Safe

MISSION, Tex. (AP)—Two-year-old Ann Marie Dickinson, who disappeared while playing in the yard of her grandparents here Saturday night, was found unharmed about 2:15 a.m. Sunday. Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Winger said the child was found asleep on a cowpat near some bramble bushes about a mile and one-half from her grandparents' home. He said she apparently wandered away from home, walked until she became tired, laid down and went to sleep. The little girl was taken to the Mission Hospital, where she was checked and given a tetanus shot.

TREMOR HITS GREECE

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A succession of strong earth shocks rocked Athens Monday. One of the tremors lasted for several seconds but there was no immediate report of damage or persons injured.

WILBERT



Salem Lad to Enter 'Bug' in Ohio Finals

Thousands Cheer Derby Drivers

By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

Kent Lindon, 14, a four-year competitor in Salem's Soap Box Derby classic, boomed his way to the championship of the fifth annual event Sunday at Bush's Pasture. In earning a trip to the All-American derby finals at Akron, Ohio, next month Kent's speedy gray-blue bug outraced the entry of runner-up Eric Woodard, 11, a freshman competitor. Despite the scorching heat, which caused derby officials to wet down the asphalt Derby Downs ramp three times, several thousand spectators cheered on the 100 competitors. Young Woodard, 1495 Glen Creek Rd., son of Dr. Don E. Woodard, a Salem physician, won out over Donald Brimm of Salem to win the Class "B" championship, in the first half of the program. Brimm was "B" champion last year.

Flood Traps 115 Children In 4-H Camp

NEWARK, Ohio (AP)—A wall of water Sunday swept through Camp Ohio, a 4-H club camp in central Ohio, destroying at least one cabin and marooning the 115 children and young people in the camp four hours. The state highway patrol, Licking County Sheriff's deputies, Newark police, firemen from two nearby communities plus many volunteer workers battled raging waters which in places covered the roofs of cars to bring the children to high ground. There were no casualties. Heavy rain—4 1/2 inches in two hours—caused the wall of water that washed out or flooded roads, swept away culverts and flooded many basements in farm and village homes. The campers, ranging in ages from 9 to 16 years, had arrived at the camp only Sunday morning to begin a two-week summer camping period. Most were from farm communities in Perry County, about 50 miles away. Sheriff's deputies said the toughest job was rescuing 18 children stranded in the camps' recreation building. Rescuers waded through water four and five feet deep to carry the children to high ground. The rescuers praised the disciplined conduct of the children. "Thank God, there was no panic," said Sheriff's Sgt. Kenneth Perry. It was the line conduct of the kids that prevented casualties.

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE At Tri-City 1, Wenatchee 9 At Yakima 4-6, Eugene 1-3 At Spokane 2, Lewiston 5

Girl Drowns Near Camas

CAMAS, Wash. (AP)—A 17-year-old Portland girl drowned Sunday in Lacamas Lake near Camas. Clark County sheriff's deputies identified her as Veronica Klein. The deputies said the girl apparently got into difficulty as she was swimming in the lake with three teen-age companions. They said the girl had almost reached shore when she fought off her would-be rescuers and sank. The body was recovered about 45 minutes later.

Tractor, Trailer, Organ Allowed in Tunnel—Once

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—Customs officials at the Canadian entrance to the tunnel under the Detroit River which links Detroit and Windsor, Ont., didn't want to let Hugh C. Gibson of Cincinnati go through. Gibson was driving a tractor. The tractor was towing a trailer carrying an electric organ. Gibson, a Shriner, was taking them to the Shriner convention which opened Sunday in Detroit. In view of the festive occasion, customs men relented and waved Gibson by. Tunnel police Capt. Roy Wakefield even hitched into the trailer to see that nothing went awry. Just inside the tunnel entrance the tractor went out of control. It careened 300 feet down an incline and smashed into a wall. Gibson, sales manager of the firm which makes the tractors, suffered head and leg cuts and had to be taken to receiving hospital in Detroit for treatment. Wakefield was thrown from the trailer but landed on his feet and escaped injury. Traffic in the busy tunnel was halted for 20 minutes while the tractor was towed back to Canada. Customs men told Gibson that next time he enters the U.S.A. he'd better take the Ambassador bridge.

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Night Halts Search

Trek Started With Members Of Chemeketas

By LARRY HOBART Staff Writer, The Statesman HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Search for a Salem stenographer missing on Mt. Hood since about 7 a.m. Sunday was being organized here early Monday morning. Alice Nielsen, 502 N. Winter St., Salem, was reported lost Sunday afternoon after she became separated from a climbing party which tackled the difficult Cooper's Spur approach early Sunday morning. Miss Nielsen, about 25, works in the state division of vocational education. The Hood River County sheriff's office said a plane piloted by Mel Lingren followed tracks into Tilly Jane Canyon on the north side of Mt. Hood late Sunday. The tracks were presumed to be those of the lost woman. Darkness halted Sunday's search. Climbing Club Searches

Trimmet Ankle Title Awarded To Woman, 81

HEREFORD, England. (AP)—The judge, Dr. Cyril Francis, studied 24 pairs of trim ankles that twinkled beneath a theater curtain in an ankle-judging contest. "That's the prettiest pair," he finally announced, "ring up the curtain and let's see who owns them." The curtain went all the way up revealing 24 smiling females ranging upward in age from 19. The winning pair of ankles belonged to Mrs. Gertrude Pritchard—age 81.

Solons Eye Adjournment In 4 Weeks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress is shooting for adjournment in two to four weeks, and there are still many important bills remaining for consideration. Not all of these will be passed, in all probability, but House and Senate leaders expect to send most of them to President Eisenhower's desk before they get out of town. House leaders are saying they expect the session to wind up July 28 or Aug. 4. The latter date is just a week before the Democratic national convention convenes in Chicago. Senate sources, for once, appear a bit more optimistic; some said the windup could come by July 21. Usually, it is the Senate which holds up adjournment. Bill Scuttled

Salem Area Swelters In 102-Degree Heat Wave

Valley Pools Jammed as Mercury Soars



DALLAS, Ore.—Soaring temperatures Sunday sent youngsters heading for swimming pools all over the valley. Children's pool in City Park here was full all afternoon as capacity crowd thronged to the park. Two boys in foreground are Jimmie Sherman (left) and Billy Bolman (wearing fins). Hundreds of older youngsters and adults swam in nearby natural pool in Rickreall Creek.

Slight Relief Forecast for Sector Today

Salem baked in 102 degree heat Sunday afternoon but received partial relief with a brief thunder storm Sunday evening. Today is scheduled to be slightly cooler with a high of 98 and a chance of a thunder shower again this evening, according to the McNary Field weather station. Sunday was the hottest July 8 on record here, but only by one degree. A temperature of 101 was recorded July 2, 1952, at McNary Field. Humidity here Sunday dropped to 18 per cent. Trace of Rain

Costly Blaze Strikes Valsetz Lumber Camp

VALSETZ—Fire destroyed three buildings and a logging truck Sunday afternoon at the Western Logging company camp located about three miles from here on the Siletz River. The blaze was controlled about 3 p.m. just before it reached two 5,000 gallon tanks containing gasoline and diesel fuel. About 12 buildings including a cookhouse were threatened by the flames. No estimate of the loss was available Sunday. Herb King, superintendent of the camp, described the blaze as a "tremendous fire." Many Respond

Mother Begg Kidnaper to Return Baby

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP)—Mrs. Morris Weinberger, her face agog with grief, Sunday night appealed for the second night in a row for the kidnaper of her baby to make some move to return the child or get in touch with the parents. "At one time or another you must have loved someone, a wife, a mother or a child," she pleaded in local television broadcasts. "Put yourself in our place and feel how we are suffering. We are standing by with broken hearts, waiting and waiting..." Again Mrs. Weinberger begged the kidnaper to call on clergymen or newscasters as go-betweens for the return of her five-week-old son, Peter.

Police Arrest Witness to Fatal Beating

PORTLAND (AP)—John S. Renfro, 18, of Portland, was taken into custody late Saturday night and held as a material witness in the slaying of John Levenson, 53. Police said Levenson died from a fractured skull after he was kicked in the head while trying to break up a fight between several youths early Saturday. Jerry Richard Stout, 19, has been booked on a murder charge in connection with Levenson's death. Det. Sgt. George Hempe reported that Renfro said in a statement that he saw Stout sitting on Levenson and beating him. Renfro said he pulled Stout off the fallen man, put him in a car and drove off. Stout said he was intoxicated at the time of the attack on the man. He denied kicking or hitting him.

Bee Stings Fatal To Man in Ohio

IRONTON, Ohio (AP)—Arthur L. Hamm, 34, of Route 1, North Kenton, died Sunday after being stung "countless times" by honey bees. Death came in a Huntington, W. Va., hospital. Coroner Robert S. Barrett said in Huntington that Hamm was attacked by the bees while transferring them from one hive to another. It was disclosed Sunday that Mrs. Weinberger also made a futile attempt Friday to rendezvous with the abductor of her child, taking \$5,000 in cash with her in her car. She returned without having made contact. It was disclosed Sunday that two small forest fires were reported in Washington, according to Associated Press. A blaze near Beacon Rock state park east of Vancouver was brought under control early Sunday after burning over a small area. The fire was blamed on logging operations. Another small fire was reported on the Lewis River in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Fire fighters expected to control the fire Sunday evening. Moderate to high fire danger is expected in all portions of Oregon through today except on the coastal strip. Humidity will probably be between 20 and 30 per cent. Western Oregon loggers are required to shut down when the humidity drops below 30 per cent. Fire Caution Used

2,500 Teen-Agers Riot During California Rock 'n Roll Dance

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Some 2,500 teen-agers at a rock and roll dance staged a riot early Sunday that lasted an hour before a force of 75 officers got it under control. Ten were arrested. Scores were injured slightly with bottle cuts, scratches and bruises. Fats Domino and his band, favorites of the rock and roll set, fled when the free-for-all brawl started about midnight at the Palomar Gardens near the heart of the downtown district. "Everybody was at each other," said Charles Silvia, owner of the Palomar. "Boys fought boys, and even girls. Girls were slugging boys and scratching one another." Some girls mobbed their way into the ladies rest room and attempted to climb out a window. Silvia said the fighting started after someone hurled a beer bottle into rock and roll dancers on the floor. The hour of violence that followed was "the wildest dance riot in the history of our city," said police chief Ray Blackmore. Some 500 to 1,000 bottles were smashed, chairs and tables broken and the railing on the band stand torn down. The debris was stroaked with blood. When the riot call was sent by five auxiliary policemen on duty in the hall, virtually the whole police force was in civic auditorium a few blocks away at the annual policeman's ball. Chief Blackmore picked 40 officers off the policeman's dance floor and led them in squad cars to the Palomar. They joined forces with thirty reinforcing auxiliary patrolmen and went to work. Two policemen later were treated at an emergency aid station. One had been kicked in the face and another hit in the neck with a bottle. Eleven customers were treated and one hospitalized with a possible skull injury. Many refused first aid although either cut or bruised. Chief Blackmore said that relatively few teenagers were arrested. "It's one of those things and you could have arrested 75 or 100. You grab the first ones you see." Manager Silvia estimated damage roughly at \$3,000. A full crew was unable to half clean up the debris by mid-afternoon. Broken glass was being carried out by the barrowful. Burning permits have been required for fires within the city limits since July 1. Issuing of permits is normally suspended when humidity drops into the low 20's. Northern Oregon beaches are expected to be fair and warm today with a high temperature of between 75 and 80 and a low tonight of 52 to 57. Afternoon winds will probably be northerly 10-15 miles per hour. BETTER LATE THAN EARLY DAR-ES-SALAAM. Tanganyika (AP)—Visiting Indian Vice-President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan arrived here half an hour early Sunday—and his plane had to circle the airport to give Gov. Sir Edward Twining time to get there to greet him. Radhakrishnan is on a world tour.

The Weather

Table with 3 columns: Locality, Max, Min, Precip. Salem 102 51 trace, Portland 97 50 0.00, Medford 102 61 0.00, North Bend 88 51 0.00, Roseburg 97 54 0.00, San Francisco 72 51 0.00, Los Angeles 79 60 0.00, Chicago 82 59 0.00, New York 78 67 0.00. Willamette River—1.9 feet. FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Mostly fair today except for scattered thunder storms mostly over the hills. Chance of thunder showers in the valley this evening. A little cooler with a high today of 95. Considerable morning cloudiness Tuesday, clearing by afternoon. Cooler Tuesday with a high of 88, a low Tuesday morning of 64. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 71. SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 95.51 23.18 29.85