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Fairgrounds Presents Panorama of People, Activity

Tear Gas Halts Pro-Segregation Mob

\$30,000 Fire Hits Salem Waterfront

Tugboat Damaged, Buildings Burn

Fire destroyed three boathouses and damaged a tugboat and barge Saturday at Oregon Pulp and Paper Company holdings on Salem's waterfront. Firemen estimated damage at close to \$30,000.

The flames erupted in one boathouse about 2:45 p.m. and quickly spread to the other boathouses and the tug and barge.

What was believed to be an exploding compressed air tank lifted the roof off one boathouse, but several firemen near the scene escaped injury. A box of dynamite caps also was detonated without harm to anyone, firemen said.

Store Equipment A company official said the boathouses were used to store equipment for tugboat operations, which involve the movement of logs on the Willamette River. The fire, reportedly covered by insurance, will not interrupt tug operations, the officials said.

The boathouses were locked up for the weekend at time the fire broke out, it was reported. Police routed South Commercial Street traffic up Trade Street for about an hour because of hoses feeding water to the fire scene near the foot of Bellevue Street.

Witnesses said the boathouses were a "boiling mass of flames in no time at all" as the fire fed on gasoline and lubrication oil. Lost equipment included cables, motors and welding instruments.

Tugboat Damaged The flames badly damaged the deck house of the tugboat moored at the scene and slightly burned one side of the barge. Some logs in the area were scorched and there was threat of a brush fire until the premises were walled down.

A short circuit or cigarette were suggested as possible causes of the fire. One source commented that transients from a nearby "jungle" have a habit of loitering about the premises "and one might accidentally have dropped a cigarette."

Four Anglers Feared Lost NEAH BAY, Wash., Sept. 1 (AP)—A Seattle man and three companions from Clarkston, Wash., are believed to have drowned today while fishing near this resort village at the northwestern tip of the Olympic peninsula.

The Seattle man was Maynard Wallace, 44, a shipyard mechanic. One of the others was believed to be Burton Meiser, an uncle of Wallace, from Clarkston. The others, reported to be from Clarkston, have not been identified.

Fears for their safety were felt when their empty motorboat was found about noon near the Duntze rock buoy. This was about seven hours after Wallace and three companions had left a Neah Bay boathouse.

An intensive sea and air search followed and one body was recovered. It has not been identified. The Coast Guard said the other men are presumed drowned.

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Tennessee Vigilantes Aid In Wild River Chase

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Vigilantes used tear gas Saturday night to break up a cat-calling mob of about 500 pro-segregationists in riot-torn Clinton, Tenn., just before Tennessee highway patrolmen roared into town to restore order.

One officer fired a pistol into the air and others loosed tear gas shells when the mob threatened to overwhelm the 47 man local force. Police said the crowd kept advancing with shouts of "nigger lovers" and "get their guns and kill them."

The tear gas drove the mob slowly back from the courthouse square. Minutes later highway patrol cruisers rolled into town and troopers joined the beleaguered vigilantes and local police.

Later, a cat-calling mob which had defied police was quieted by segregation leaders and a protest rally went on under the watchful eyes of state troopers.

Vigilantes had cleared the square an hour before the rally to protest integration of Clinton High School. But the crowds kept pressing in despite three arrests and efforts of auxiliary police to move loitering persons along.

Guard Called Gov. Frank Clement sent the troopers into the east Tennessee town and also called out the national guard. Guardsmen will take over within 24 hours to relieve the troopers for Labor Day weekend highway duty.

The governor ordered out the patrol and the guard in response to pleas for help from the mayor of Clinton and the sheriff of Anderson County. He acted two hours before a planned rally of pro-segregation forces in Clinton.

In his announcement at Nashville, Clement noted that outsiders had been blamed for much of the trouble at Clinton where 12 Negroes and about 800 white pupils started attending integrated classes Monday.

"Out-of-Staters" "We're going to put those out-of-state agitators in jail if they get out of control tonight," he said.

Before the state forces arrived, vigilantes under command of Leo Grant, an Oak Ridge lawyer with anti-riot experience in the Korean War, were organized at a local citizens' meeting.

Horse Kicks, Injures Girl A Washington girl was kicked in the face by a horse at the Oregon state fairgrounds Saturday afternoon while she was trimming the animal's tail, Salem first aidmen said.

Lis Franklin, 21, of Bothell, Wash., received a fractured finger, plus neck and chin lacerations, aidmen said. She reportedly placed her left hand in front of her face before the horse's hoof struck her.

Miss Franklin was taken to Salem General Hospital following the 1:30 p.m. accident. Hospital attendants said she was treated and released.

Salem Can Firm Plans Open House An "open house" will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Salem plant of the American Can Company. The public has been invited to attend, plant officials have announced.

On Sept. 14 the Salem plant officials held a "preview" inspection for invited guests. A dinner will follow the plant tour.

Lightning Fires Nearing Record PORTLAND, Sept. 1 (AP)—Lightning-set fires in the Pacific Northwest may reach a record high this year, Kermit W. Linstedt, chief fire control officer for the U.S. Forest Service here, said today.

He reported that through Aug. 24, national forests in the north- west of this region were blanketed by lightning.

The record for lightning caused fires was 1,922 in 1941. This year's fires, however, have burned only 975 acres.

Natural Gas Enters Salem Lines Saturday Afternoon Independence was reached about 8 p.m. and Dallas had natural gas by 9 p.m. The Albany-Lebanon-Corvallis area will receive the flow about 9:30 or 10 a.m. this morning.

Filling of the lines with natural gas capped months of extensive change-over preparations at homes and establishments of some 5,000 customers in the Salem area and 11,000 in the mid-valley as a whole.

Extra crews made at least two visits to each customer to adjust appliances for advent of the new type gas, Dodd said.

Calls from curious customers in regard to the change-over were "no more than usual" Saturday, Dodd said.

Most Businesses, Public Offices to Close on Monday Federal, state and city offices—plus Salem banks and most city departments—will close their doors Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Merchants previously announced that they will observe regular Monday store hours on Tuesday.

Stolen Boat Overtaken In Wild River Chase

By LARRY ROBERT Staff Writer, The Statesman

A 21-foot cabin cruiser stolen from Salem Friday night, was recovered Saturday in a chase straight from Dick Tracy. An airplane, a speed boat, patrol cars and two-way radios played a part in the operation which resulted in the arrest of an 18-year-old Salem youth on a charge of larceny.

Lodged in the Polk County jail was Eugene Strausbaugh, 44 S. High St. Police said Strausbaugh was apprehended on the missing 21-foot cabin cruiser near Buena Vista ferry Saturday afternoon.

The boat, owned by Lee Dugger, Route 1, Box 267, Brooks, was taken from the West Salem Boat Moorage in the 1100 block of Edgewater Street between 3 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, police reported. The cruiser, together with motor and gear, was valued at over \$6,500.

Salem police learned of the loss Saturday morning and alerted other law agencies. A two-place plane owned by Willamette Search and Rescue was dispatched about 11:30 a.m. to search the Willamette River area.

Plane Patrols The aircraft, piloted by Salem policeman Harold Edwards, 3155 Felton St., with Ray Cummings, 1775 Elm St., as observer, patrolled the river between Salem and Oregon City with no results. A report that the boat had been seen between Independence and Albany, however, proved correct and the cruiser was spotted about one mile north of the Buena Vista ferry near Independence.

"When we spotted the guys—we could see two of them—one had a pair of binoculars and was watching us," Edwards said.

Edwards said the duo was attempting to make away with a second boat—a runabout—when they were first observed.

Buzzed Boat "When they saw us and we buzzed them, they immediately cut loose the runabout they were trying to get away with and started upstream," Edwards reported.

However, the cruiser ran aground, pulled away and then headed toward Salem.

Meanwhile, state police and Marion County sheriff's deputies had arrived at the scene and were able to view the proceedings from the shore.

Also headed for the stolen craft was an inboard speed boat manned by Oliver Boline, owner of the smaller boat, David Nelson, operator of the West Salem moorage and Dugger. The trio had been searching the river for a trace of Dugger's missing boat.

Captured Youth The three men discovered the cruiser, crossed with the boat and boarded it to capture Strausbaugh. A second youth believed to be aboard was not found.

In the confusion of the final capture, an officer on the bank fired a shot about 200 yards in front of the Boline boat, believing it to be playing a part in the theft and hoping to halt the craft.

The boat swerved, throwing Nelson into the water. He was recovered without injury, police said.

Sheriff's deputies Ernie Clark and James Painter said they searched a large island near the spot where the cruiser was found in hopes of turning up the second youth involved in the escapade. No sign of the boy was found in the island's heavy brush, they indicated.

Search for Woman State police and New Haven police also joined the search for the woman, whose description was pieced together by police receiving reports from shoppers who called into the police headquarters hours later.

All buses and automobiles were stopped and searched in a massive police operation.

Four years ago, the Ruotolos lost a daughter, Ruth, who died at the age of three weeks of pneumonia.

Two years ago, a son, Gary, 3 weeks old, died in an accident. A little neighborhood boy wandered into the house, picked up the week-old child and dropped him. He died of a brain injury two weeks later.

Both parents made dramatic radio appeals for the return of their child tonight.

Connecticut Tot Kidnaped From Carriage HAMDEN, Conn., Sept. 1 (AP)—The 6-week-old daughter of a tragedy-riddled couple was kidnaped today from her carriage outside a crowded department store where her mother was shopping.

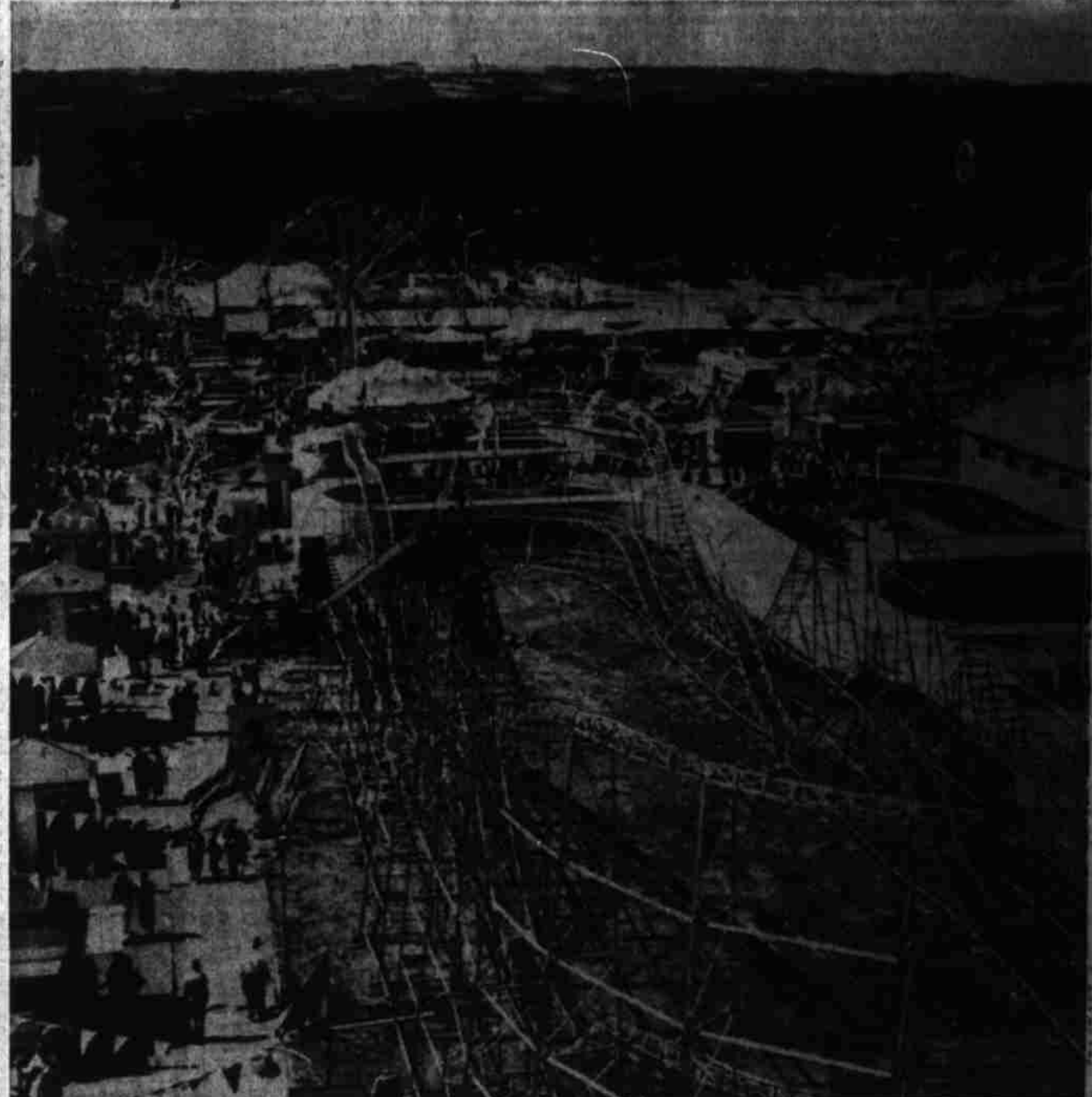
"It doesn't seem to be a kidnaping for ransom," said State's Atty. Abraham S. Ullman. "It looks like it was done by a person who wanted a baby."

Police said they suspected a stocky, dark-complexioned young woman of taking blue-eyed, brown-haired Cynthia Ruotolo, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ruotolo, who have also an 8-year-old boy and 19-month-old daughter. Two previous children died, one in an accident; the other of pneumonia.

To Start New Job Ruotolo is a salesman who starts a new job with a paint firm Monday. He quit his old job last week because it called for a transfer to Boston.

Mrs. Ruotolo said this was the first day she or the baby had left their \$16,000 home in a new development here since the birth. She had gone shopping with a neighbor and left the child in its grey carriage outside the store—Sears-Roebuck Co.

She said she made 10-minute checks on the child and when she went out the second time, the baby was gone.



Oregon's 91st State Fair began its eight-day run here Saturday under cloudless skies. The above photo—taken from the top of the race track grandstand—shows a major portion of the grounds including the new, but as yet inoperative roller coaster (foreground), 100-foot high apparatus used in the free midway shows (upper right) and the traditional array of midway rides and booths. (Statesman Photo by John Erickson)

Three Records Fall Today at the Fair

- 8:00 a.m. Gates Open
- 9:00 a.m. Judging Milk Goats
- 9:45 a.m. Organ Concert
- 10:30 a.m. Band Concert
- 11:00 a.m. Dr. F. E. Townsend, Grandstand
- 1:00 p.m. Midway Act
- 1:30 p.m. Rodeo and Horse Show
- Free show, Grandstand, Multnomah County Sheriff's Motor Cycle Corps Flower Arranging Demonstration
- 3:00 p.m. Search for talent Show
- Organ Concert
- Band Concert
- Folk Dancing, Grandstand
- 6:00 p.m. Balloon Ascension
- 7:30 p.m. Organ Concert
- 8:00 p.m. Rodeo-Horse Show Revue
- Midway Act
- 10:15 p.m. Gates Close
- 12:00 p.m. Gates Close

Paulus Bros. Sales Office To Move South

The sales department of Paulus Bros. packing firm apparently is ticketed to move to San Jose, Calif., about Nov. 1. The move would come under a new centralization plan announced by Dole Hawaiian Pineapple Company, of which the Paulus plant is a subsidiary.

A Saturday release from the Dole company, which presumably applies to the Salem operation, said centralization of all sales functions of all holdings is a part of a program of expansion and diversification.

A Paulus spokesman, informed of the announcement, said that personnel of the Salem subsidiary will remain here in other capacities. Department personnel are William Paulus, Chester Chase and Harold Prince.

The Paulus official said so far as he knew there are no plans for immediate expansion at the Salem plant.

Missing Cons Believed Seen ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 1 (AP)—Police converged on a secluded valley south of here tonight after reports of two strangers roaming the area revived the manhunt for Northern California's four flying convicts.

A policeman at Myrtle Creek, about 14 miles south of here, said state and county police and one or two FBI agents were checking possible hideouts in brushy thickets of south Myrtle Valley.

Residents of the area had reported seeing two men this afternoon, attempting to hide in a fern growth along the South Myrtle River.

It was in the Myrtle Creek area where two of the escaped convicts abandoned a stolen car early yesterday after the car had flown an airplane to Medford. The four men flew into Oregon after escaping Thursday from a San Quentin prison farm and scaling a plane for their flight.

It takes time and patience to educate a pig," was the sage comment of 14-year-old Donnie Schellenberg, Dallas, after judges acclaimed him the grand champion 4-H swine showman. This is one of the big contests in the 4-H livestock exhibits.

The Dallas youngster said he had been exerting his influence on the Yorkshire junior gilt for the past month, and had been named champion swine showman a week ago in the Polk County fair. Donnie, an intermediate winner, won over Sheila Day, 17, Beaverton, senior champion and Donald Stangel, 10, Sherwood, junior showman.

A 101-pound Berkshire exhibited by Patricia Joan "Kuh", John Day, was judged the grand champion 4-H market hog. Reserve champion ribbon was placed on a Hampshire-Berkshire cross shown by Tommy Hawkins, 10, Shedd. This was the first trip to the State Fair for both 4-H'ers.

In the meantime Mr. Tallent conducted his first talent show Saturday afternoon. Monte Brooks' band provided music, and the daily "high act" drew a big crowd.

Race Track Post Time Settled

The fair board, headed by Dr. E. B. Stewart, Roseburg, in Salem for the entire week, held its annual opening day meeting, arranging for audiences for the remainder of the eight-day fair run. One item settled by the board Saturday was that in the 1956 races on Lone Oak track, post time would be post time, and not 15 minutes later, Dr. Stewart said. Cecil Edwards, race steward, said that there will be 25 minutes between the posting of official results and the start of the next race. Windows closed Saturday, as per instruction, at post time.

Judging in a number of divisions got underway with Timberland Gardens, Lebanon, taking sweepstakes in gladioli, and Swan Island Gardens, Portland, sweeping to top places in Dahlias. Tualatin Garden Club came in first in the 29 garden clubs exhibiting with Little Garden Club of Salem Heights, second and Hilltop Garden Club of Colton, third.

The Garden Mart which has much to offer garden shoppers was doing a brisk business all day long, and Mart shoppers promised a good supply throughout the week.

The first family to enter the gate after the official opening was the Lule Whitsett family of Redmond, who included the father and mother, and son, Doug, who is a 4-H club member and daughter, Nera.

Judging of Entries Underway

Judging began early, and one of the first announcements made was the winner of the national crocheting contest. This was Mrs. Frank C. Hubka, Portland, who was also last year's winner. Mrs. Hubka submitted an original luncheon cloth.

Youthful exhibitors got off to a full day in a full week of judging. Four-H Club exhibitors showed considerable calmness in their showmanship, however, as they had been working at county fairs previously.

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Stock Salesman Blamed as Young GOP Urged to Buy Shares in Nixon Enterprises

WHITTIER, Calif., Sept. 1 (AP)—A member of the Nixon family acknowledged today that Young Republicans Club leaders in the Los Angeles area were asked to announce at meetings that stock in the family enterprises was being offered for sale.

F. Donald Nixon, brother of Vice President Richard Nixon, confirmed that a form letter was mailed out to some 65 Young Republicans Aug. 23 by Morgan & Co., a Los Angeles brokerage house. He said, however, it was sent without his knowledge or sanction and that he was "very sorry" when he learned of it.

He added that the Morgan company was told to withdraw the letter immediately. Nixon said his brother, the vice president, was in no way connected with the enterprises—a supermarket and three restaurants.

What purported to be a photostatic copy of the letter was sent anonymously to news media. The copy said shares were being offered for subscription and it requested the Young Republican leaders to "mention the stock offering at your next meeting."

Donald Nixon issued the following statement: "My brother has no interest, financial or otherwise, in Nixon, Inc., and never has had."

"The thing was done in the worst possible taste. This completely unwarranted action by the broker was contrary to my direct instructions."

Emerson Morgan, head of the brokerage house, termed Peter a "very fine young salesman" who had been in the brokerage business only a short time.

"He made a naive mistake," Morgan said. "It was a case of his being overzealous in his attempt to sell the stock."

EDUCATOR DIES PORTLAND, Sept. 1 (AP)—Dr. Thomas A. Cottingham, Portland educator, died of a heart attack early today. He was 63.

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE At Salem 4, Eugene 1 At Yachima 7, Spokane 6 At Lewiston 4, Wenatchee 10

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE At Portland 7, Los Angeles 4 At Hollywood 6, Sacramento 8 At San Francisco 3, San Diego 9 At Vancouver 4, Seattle 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE At New York 3-4, Brooklyn 4-3 At Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 6 At Cincinnati 7, Chicago 3 At Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE At Chicago 1, Cleveland 3 At Detroit 4, Kansas City 1 At Washington 4, New York 3 At Boston 4, Baltimore 4