

Fire Ruins Newberry Store, New Deal Bowling Alley; Firemen Battle Flames in Dense Clouds of Smoke

Men, Machinery Go To Work On City Airport

Go-Ahead Signal Given By CAA; Speed Promised

The green light was flashed for start of work on the new Eugene municipal airport Friday and the E. C. Hall Co., contractors, immediately placed a crew of 25 men and seven caterpillar tractors on the site to grade the runways. The entire field is being cleared of brush and debris and hay is being mowed.

Simultaneously WPA barged back into the airport picture with a bid of \$292,111 to finish runways not provided in this first CAA-U. S. Engineer project. CAA has already promised funds to complete the port. Mayor Elisha Large said he would ponder.

The ground is in fairly good shape now, according to the Hall company, and work should be rapid if clear weather continues. Next step following the completion of grading will be the surfacing of the runways.

The contract for the airport work held by the Hall company includes basic drainage for the entire field, using tile up to 30 inches in size and ditches around the boundary running into Clear lake; the grading and paving.

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Lane Fair Tickets Yield Queen Votes

Season tickets for the Lane county fair, September 17-20, went on sale today at Eugene's Oregon Trail Pageant headquarters at seventh and Willamette, it was announced by Fred Knox, manager.

The tickets will be available at that place until the Pageant concludes, with the ducats good for four days' general admission to the fair. The tickets sell for 75 cents each.

With each purchase of a season ticket, 1,000 queen's votes for any desired candidate will be given free, Manager Knox said. These votes will be given as a bonus from June 14 to July 12, the length of the Pageant contest to select Queen Susannah V.

First Dance Turnout Proves Disappointing

Only 48 young people appeared for registration and the first rehearsal of the Oregon Trail pageant dances Thursday night at McArthur court, according to Mrs. W. M. Tugman who is working with Mrs. Mildred LeCompte Moore, dance director, in signing up the dancers.

At least 300 dancers over the age of 12 will be needed and a god turnout at the next rehearsal Tuesday night at 7:30 in McArthur court on the University campus is urged.

Dancers will be needed for the creation of the land scene at the opening of the pageant and for the melting pot episode.

'Keep Oregon Green' Week Proclaimed by Governor Sprague

SALEM, June 13.—(Special)—Calling on all citizens to join the fight to keep forest fires out of Oregon this year, Governor Charles A. Sprague this week designated June 30 to July 6 as 'Keep Oregon Green Week.' He issued this statement:

"Believing that defense of Oregon's forests is vital to the continued prosperity and happiness of our people and constitutes a very important phase of national defense, I hereby designate the week of June 30 to July 6, 1941, as 'Keep Oregon Green Week.' It is my earnest hope that every adult and child in Oregon may be impressed with his or her individual responsibility in guarding our magnificent trees from forest fires and wastage of every kind. I call every Oregonian to arms against our forest foes. Let this special week be a time of mobilization in a great cause. 'Keep Oregon Green!'"

Memberships Asked

Plans are being completed for a statewide enrollment of active members of Keep Oregon Green association during the governor's special week, according to John B. Woods, of Portland, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association, look on.

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A THROG OF EUGENEANS CHOKED and gasped, but with eyes smarting remained to watch the huge clouds of smoke billowing from the Laraway building Friday afternoon. The top picture, taken soon after the fire broke out, shows the crowd watching Newberry's department store, which was gutted with smoke. Bottom photo shows one fireman aiding his buddy in affixing a gas mask in an attempt to combat the dense smoke, which was a major hindrance to the fire department in its attempt to control the blaze. (Wiltshire photo and engraving).

American Attitude On Robin Moor Sinking Brings Terse Reply

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
German authorities declared bluntly today they would not be "buffeted" by United States reaction to the sinking of the S. S. Robin Moor—America's first torpedo victim of the war—even as the state department in Washington prepared a vigorous protest based on evidence that the ship was deliberately sunk by a Nazi U-boat.

"We won't be buffeted by any American and English discussion concerning the Robin Moor," a Berlin spokesman said.

"Whenever any ship with contraband sails for England we'll shoot at it, whether it is the Robin Moor or anything else."

President Roosevelt was expected to comment on the episode later in the day.

Some reports said Germany was demanding use of Russia's vast

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Inhalator Saves Woman's Life

Mrs. George Wright, 19-year-old expectant mother, was dismissed Friday morning from the Sacred Heart hospital, where she was treated after she was found unconscious at her cabin at the Myerwood cabin court south of Glenwood, Thursday afternoon.

Lester Barker and Ray Hicks, Eugene firemen, and Roy Clark of the Arrow Ambulance responded to a call sent to the fire department and applied an inhalator to restore Mrs. Wright's breathing.

Mrs. Wright was found in bed and unconscious by neighbors after a small boy smelled the gas fumes as he passed the door of the cabin. The windows and door of the cabin apparently were opened by the persons who discovered her. Mrs. Wright had been taken outside when the firemen arrived.

The possibility that Mrs. Wright had taken an overdose of sedatives which contributed to her illness was investigated by state police. She was partially conscious and complained of a bad headache when she was admitted to the hospital, at about 5:30 p. m.

Don Olsen, representative of the Northwest Cities Gas company, stated Friday morning that company employees investigated the cabins Friday, and found no evidence of a gas leak in any of them.

Sergeant D. N. Bates of the state police investigated the accident.

Salem Man Attempts To Pass Bad Check

City police are holding a check which a man giving his name as Bill Williamson, Salem, attempted to pass Thursday afternoon at the Army & Navy Goods store.

Williamson entered the store and asked to purchase a pair of rubber boots in return for which he presented a \$35 check. The clerk stepped to the back of the store to check with the bank; found that the check was no good but by the time he returned Williamson had disappeared.

The check was made out to Darilyn E. Kruse.

Spectacular Blaze Causes \$200,000 Loss

Match Struck Above Bucket of Paint Starts Blaze

At presstime, smoke was pouring from adjacent buildings, Seymour's cafe and Everybody's Drug store. Flames were flaring high in the air from the Seymour roof. The entire block was menaced by fire.

Eugene's most damaging fire in 20 years struck the downtown business district early Friday afternoon, Friday the 13th, when a carelessly struck match and an open paint bucket caused virtually a total loss to the Seth Laraway building, 962 Willamette street, and its contents.

Only the bare walls of the building, which houses the J. J. Newberry Co., store on the ground floor, the New Deal bowling alleys in the basement and business offices on the second floor remained standing. The estimated loss was fixed at approximately \$200,000.

The blaze, covering Eugene's business district under a blanket of smoke, stopped traffic on Willamette street for the first time since the "Siege of Seymour's." Thousands of people crowded the streets to witness the most spectacular blaze since Halloween night of 1939 when the Eugene Fruit Growers' was destroyed by fire that was more open and less costly.

Youngsters had a "field day" as they added firemen in battling the elusive blaze.

Match Starts Fire

The fire started in the Bowling alleys when Russell Lenhart, a pin boy, struck a match over an open container of paint in the pin-boys' room at the rear of the alleys. Lenhart had never been in the room before and struck the match in an effort to find the electric light—a contraption that must first be plugged into a socket.

"The blaze flared up almost as soon as I struck the match. I think everything would have been all right if I had grabbed the can of paint, but I didn't think of it in time," young Lenhart said. Harold Squires was the only other pin boy on duty at the time. Neither of the two bowling alley operators were present at the time the fire started.

Hal Cowles was in charge and he said the first thing he noticed was flames coming from behind the No. 7 and No. 8 alleys. "He had time only to recover the records and books, leaving the cash behind," Herb Weiss, one of the owners, said the alleys were covered by only \$2500 in insurance, only a fraction of the probable damage. Roy Northam is co-owner.

A supply of paint, varnish and other flammable materials used in

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Lamb Show Queen Feted In Portland

JUNCTION CITY, June 13.—(Special)—Queen Alice of the Lamb show and Mrs. Robert Board, chaperon, left for Portland Wednesday where Queen Alice will be one of the honored guests of the Rose Show throughout the week's festivities. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Angus Gibson will escort Princess Helen and Elma to the festival where they will participate in the festivities.

Princess Betty Lou is ill and could not accompany the party.

The last meeting the Lions club before the summer vacation was held recently with a finish up of years business and installation of newly elected officers who will take over at the first meeting in September. Those installed were Homer Dixon, president; Lou Siegman, first vice-president; Joe Meagher, second vice-president; Charles Vorecheck, third vice-president; J. D. Mills, talliester; Ernest Kennedy, lion tamer; Ed Eithesen and Dr. C. A. Scott, directors.

HOPS SOLD

PORTLAND, June 13.—(P)—Several hundred bales of 1940 hops were sold in Oregon during the week ending June 11 at prices from 23 to 24 cents per pound to grower, the agriculture department said today.



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Brunette Evedende Mellott, 19, Fifth Candidate for Queen of Oregon Trail Pageant

By BUCK BUCHWACH
A 19-year-old brunet with dark eyes shadowed by attractive long eyelashes is the fifth candidate in the contest to select a queen to reign over the Oregon Trail Pageant, July 24, and 26.

The potential Queen Susannah V is Evedende Mellott, daughter of the CIO organized labor movement, who lives in Springfield. The 5-foot-2-inch candidate has the unique experience of being chased by a wild redskin in Colorado. (Bishop photo, Wiltshire engraving)

6 Princesses To Meet Public

The six contestants for the crown of Queen Susannah V—ruler over the Oregon Trail pageant, July 24, 25 and 26, will make their first public appearance Saturday evening at 7 o'clock in a parade which will move down Willamette street from the city hall to pageant headquarters at Seventh avenue.

Each princess dressed in pioneer costume will ride in an open car, the only other occupant of which will be the driver also in pioneer garb. Banners on the side of each car will announce the candidate's name.

The complete list of sponsors for the queen candidates has been announced as follows: Princess Ellamay Small, fraternal orders of Eugene; Princess Evedende Mellott, CIO; Princess Marjorie Durano, Eugene men's service clubs; Princess Mary Sue Jackson, women's service clubs; Princess Belle Robbins, Lane county Townsend clubs; and a sixth contestant not yet announced to be sponsored by the Lane county Pomona grange.

The princesses will be first introduced at the "royalty" dance following the parade and whisker and costume judging. Each of the princesses will march down the dance floor at the Wintergarden

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Red Cross Swimmers Plan Demonstration

A demonstration to show the work learned by participants in the Red Cross swimming campaign of the past week will be held at the men's pool on the campus Saturday at 7 p. m. Those enrolled in the course, parents, and others interested are invited.

Milo Marlatt, who is in charge of swimming for the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross, will act as master of ceremonies. Ed Wyatt was in charge of the campaign. Instructors were Mrs. Marjorie Kelley, Lela Horton, Nelson Paris, Hugh Guthrie, Stanley Hansen, Margaret Klaska, Harold Shearer and Verada Callison; and guards were Bobbie Black, Betty Bray, Margaret LeFors, Maxine Horton, Florence Jackson and Ruth Warris.

All phases of the campaign, from instructing beginners to life saving and advanced swimming, will be demonstrated. More than 800 were enrolled in the classes this year.

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Weather News

(U. S. Weather Forecast)
Oregon: Partly cloudy east and cloudy northwest tonight and Saturday; cool, clear and south portions tonight; moderate northwest wind to the coast.

(Local Statistics)
S. Weather Bureau Record:
Maximum temperature, Friday, 78.6 degrees;
minimum temperature, Friday, 64.3 degrees;
rainfall, 0.00 inch;
wind, at noon, Friday, 10 m.p.h.

Water Bureau Record: Stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Friday, - .05 of a foot.

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