

Playgrounds Note Record Attendance

Eugene's city-operated summer playground program was climaxed Friday with final day activities at the Nineteenth and Lawrence playground area.

An amateur talent program was staged at 11 a. m. After lunch, the one-legged, spud and one-legged varieties were run on and prizes were given to the winners.

Saturday Superintendent Don January of the city bureau of parks and recreation reported that the city already is in motion for winter recreation in the city's 12-month program. He also stated the following figures on the 1947 and 1948 summer playground attendance:

	1947	1948
Baseball	1,536	1,536
Red Cross Swimming	4,327	4,327
Recreational Swimming	17,030	17,030
TOTAL	22,893	22,893
Included in general play total, com bined total, 25,098	45,400	45,400

January added that the increase in attendance this year was marked up at three play areas and the Anchorage pool whereas last summer the city had nine playgrounds operating in addition to the pool.

This, he said, clearly demonstrates the value of permanent well-developed playgrounds of the city.

More Enjoy Parks

Summer attendance at Eugene's two municipal parks climbed substantially above previous records this year. Don January, superintendent of parks and recreation, announced Saturday. Even without the additional numbers expected at the parks during the rest of August, the 1948 summer total already exceeds the previous high established in June, July and August last year.

The comparative figures: 1947—105,008; 1948—119,703 (incomplete).

The city is now building. This summer's program was operated with just eight employees in the recreation department. In 1947 there were 21 full-time workers engaged in the summer recreation program.

Counting the crowds attending night softball games at the playgrounds, the respective total attendance records for adults and children participating in the two summer programs were:

	1947	1948
Adults	79,821	48,185
Children	48,185	79,821

Although Friday ended the two-month period of city-financed supervision of the playgrounds, adult folk dancing will continue as a regular Tuesday night event on the tennis courts at Nineteenth and Lawrence. Instruction periods begin at 7:30 p. m. and the evening dance program at 8 p. m.

For the youngsters, the wading pools at the playgrounds will be kept open until Sept. 1, January said, but their use will be without supervision.

Community Center

In October, he added, the \$16,000 community center building at Nineteenth and Lawrence is scheduled to open. It will be open weekday afternoons and two evenings each week for adult meetings and for use by boys and girls groups on four other evenings.

With both adult and teen-age basketball leagues scheduled in the fall and winter program, plus boxing and touch football, plans also are being made to make greater use of schools as community recreation centers throughout the city, January said. He credited the Eugene school system for its "complete cooperation" in promoting neighborhood recreation programs at the schools.

Navy Fixes Cause Of Guam Fires

GUAM—U.S.—A defective gauge was responsible for the explosion and fires that ripped through the Navy's gasoline storage depot Sunday, official reports said Monday.

Three navy men were killed and a fourth is missing in the blast which shook the entire island. (Names are being withheld).

The official reports said the gauge permitted gasoline to overflow into a ravine, where a spark from a jeep caused the first of six explosions.

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Australia to Aid Berlin Air Lift

CANBERRA — (U.P.) — Australia will send 10 complete Dakota crews to Britain to aid the Berlin air lift, Prime Minister Joseph Chifley announced Monday.

The 40 men and their commander will leave within a week. Chifley said they would fly with the Royal Air Force but maintain their Australian identity.

Earlier, it had been planned to send 10 Australian Dakota planes

Two Collide, Driver Cited

Joe Nettles, general delivery, Eugene, was cited in municipal court Friday after police investigation of a collision at Third and High Sts.

Nettle was given a ticket for cutting corners. His car struck a truck driven by L. Loomis, Eugene, at 1:25 p.m. Neither driver was injured and property damage was negligible.

Other Friday accidents involving considerable property damage but resulting in neither personal injuries nor arrests:

At Thirteenth and Oak cars driven by Mrs. Byrle D. Drury, Coburg, and Delbert L. Penny, 1335 Alder, were badly damaged in a collision.

Two other vehicles, driven by Frank Spaid, 541 Harrison, and M. H. Baggett, Chehalis, Wash., were damaged in a collision on East Broadway east of High.

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One Drowns, Four Saved When Play Craft Tips

HONOLULU, (U.P.) — Four persons were recovering Monday from an accident off Waikiki Beach in which one person drowned when the party's 22-foot star boat capsized.

Dead was Miss Kathleen Burkhalter of San Diego, Calif., whose body was recovered near the scene of the accident Sunday.

Richard A. Dole, 40, son of the Dole Pineapple Co. chairman, and

Miss Marie Akers of Medina, Wash., were fished out of the water by Private Yachtsman Arthur Powlinson after being reported missing and feared dead.

ADMIRAL RELIEVED

NANKING — (U.P.) — Rear Adm. Harry R. Thurber of Hogueham, Wash., commanding the U. S. Naval Advisory Group in China, was relieved Monday by Rear Adm. Francis P. Old of Norfolk, Va. Admiral Thurber will leave Aug. 30 for Washington, D. C.

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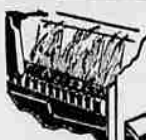
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