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State Forecast
OREGON — Partly cloudy today and Wednesday; widely scattered afternoon and night thunder storms. High 80 to 90 both days. Low 46 to 56 tonight.

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Holiday Death Toll Now Past 800 Mark

Locust Horde Sweeps Into Oregon Area

Reno, Nev., July 5 (AP)—A swarm of locusts swept across Nevada rangelands today, driving jackrabbits and deer before them, and authorities feared the insects would eat their way into lush California and Oregon croplands.

The locusts set up a terrifying clatter as their tiny jaws chewed the sagebrush and range grass 125 to 300 miles north of here. Already they have devastated a 3,000 square-mile area.

Some officials said that "for sheer intensity of purpose" the plague probably exceeded any previous attack "known to man."

Advance elements of the horde already had crossed the state line near Denio, Ore. Authorities feared they could not be held back from the fertile California valleys.

Destination Unknown
"Exactly where they'll go, no one can tell," said Henry Gallows, of the Nevada department of agriculture.

"It's impossible to tell whether or how soon they may move into northern California and southern Oregon in a place where they could cause serious damage."

Thomas C. Wilson, an advertising man who drove here through the locusts, said rabbits, sagehens and deer were fleeing before the insects.

"The locusts cover the ground like a moving carpet," he said. "As we drove along in a jeep, they rose like clouds in front of us."

"We had the windshield down, and they landed in our laps like someone was tossing them in with a shovel. They got down our necks, inside our shirts and up our pants legs."

The click, click, click of their mandibles sounded like a million little machines, he said.

Insects Voracious
He watched part of the swarm eat its way across a small plateau covered with sage and "bunco" grass.

Each plant was covered with insects as they decoured leaves and stems.

A few minutes later, the grassy area looked as though someone had mowed it and then gone over it with a hoe. Only skeletons remained of the sagebrush bushes.

Officials said the sight of the locusts was "staggering."

They were planning their main fight to prevent a new outbreak next year. Led by federal entomologist W. B. Mabey, experts were watching to see exactly where the insects lay their eggs during the next three to four weeks.

The egg areas will be sprayed so that next year's newly hatched nymphs, breaking through egg pods buried an inch in the soil will feed on poisoned vegetation.

ASKS RATIFICATION
Washington, July 5 (AP)—Sen. Tom Connally, D., Tex., asked the senate today to ratify the North Atlantic defense pact as a "flaming sign" to world communism that it can advance only at the risk of war.

Impressions of Central Oregon Visitors

A surgeon and his wife, with a cowboy called Curly, stopped long enough in Bend Friday to eat, gas up, and pronounce Mirror pond beautiful.

They were Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Dillon, and Dick Simpson, owner of a 40,000-acre ranch—where he runs whitefaces.

Moderns, these. No sage-jumping surgeon, Dr. Dillon practices his surgery and urology (a second specialty) together with a group of doctors, socialized medicine style. And Curly doesn't drive his dogies to range. They ride, in style—2,000 of them—clear to Idaho ranges, this spring.

The three travelers had motored from Big Springs, Tex., to Bend in less than three days.

The trip was a sort of homecoming to Dr. and Mrs. Simpson; for they had lived in Seattle. But to Curly it was new. As for the country surrounding Bend, he had this to say:

"Why'd the Lord go and make more sand and sagebrush? There's enough of that in Texas. Why didn't He make a little bit smaller world, and make all the soil on it useful? Outside Texas, that is. . . Texas needs lots of distance—to keep us cowboys apart."

Infant Dies In Car Wreck Near Hampton

A two-month-old baby, James Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Garner, Burns, today was listed as Central Oregon's only traffic casualty of the Fourth of July holidays. The baby was fatally injured at about 3 p. m. Sunday when a car driven by Drakeford L. Smith, 22, Burns, turned over three times after a left rear tire blew out. The accident occurred on the Central Oregon highway, about three miles west of Hampton.

Geraldine M. Smith, 19, wife of the driver, suffered a skull fracture. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's daughter, Nancy Marie, 17 months old, was uninjured. Mr. and Mrs. Garner both suffered injuries.

Garner went through the top of the car and suffered a head injury.

The injured people were brought to St. Charles hospital, in Bend. They were driving toward Bend when the accident occurred.

State police investigated the accident.

18 Grass Fires Over Holiday

Eighteen grass and brush fires started by fireworks blazed in Bend and vicinity over the holidays, and one of the fires blackened a portion of the southern slope of Pilot butte, state park near the eastern city limits of Bend. None of the grass and brush fires in Bend damaged property, firemen reported this morning.

Yesterday, the firemen answered seven calls and on Sunday they answered six. There were five calls on Saturday.

The Pilot butte grass fire, started by a firecracker apparently tossed from a car, flared up late Sunday and, fanned by a stiff wind, moved rapidly around the steep slope of the butte. Bend firemen were called, and later a state highway department crew took over. The fire swept through a considerable stand of junipers, and dead trees were burned to ash. It is believed that the younger trees, bases of which were scorched by the grass fire, will survive.

Because of present conditions on the butte and the danger of new fires, the spiral road to the top of the cone has been blocked to travel, with barriers erected yesterday afternoon.

Even while fire was burning on the steep slope of Pilot butte Sunday night, motorists were on top still throwing firecrackers into the dry grass.

Attendance Record Set By Pageant

The Mirror pond pageant Sunday night attracted to Bend the largest crowd ever to attend a similar fete here, in the opinion of pageant officials and state police. So crowded was Bend Saturday and Sunday nights that visitors even slept in cars and in the even slept in cars and in the parks. The overflow filled all campgrounds and hotels in Central Oregon.

State police reported today that the volume of traffic on midstate highways Sunday evening was unprecedented. Cars moved into Bend through the evening bumper to bumper, over all roads. Scores of out of state cars, most of them bearing California license plates, were in the incoming caravans.

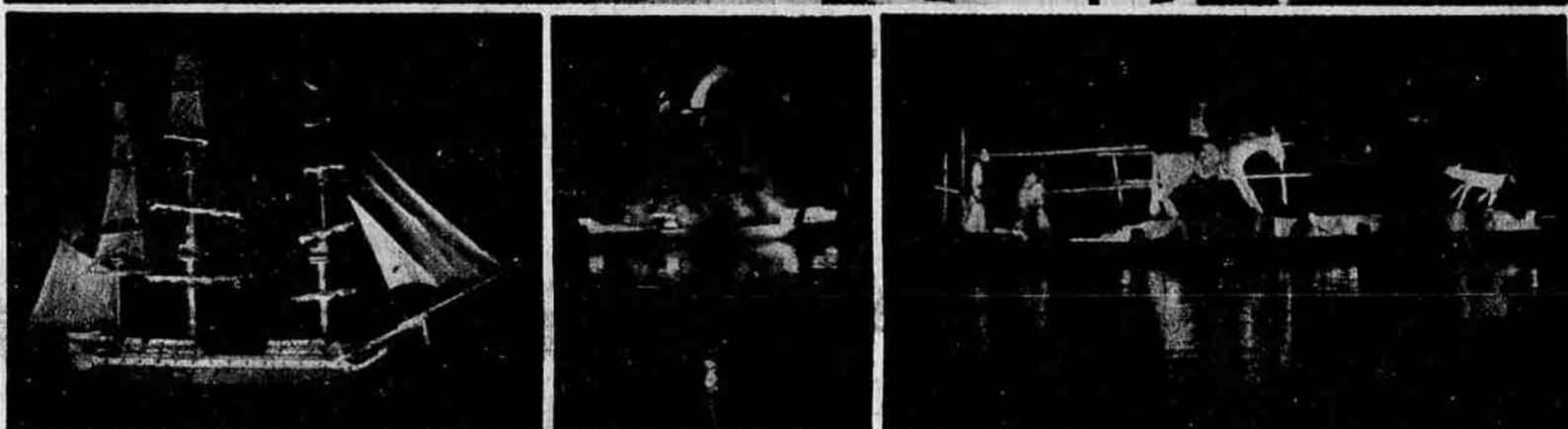
The crowd that jammed into Drake park Sunday night is believed to have equalled those of pre-war days, when the pageant was held on only one night. In those days, it was estimated that as many as 15,000 or 18,000 people viewed the one-night show.

Cities west of the Cascades were well represented at the pageant. It was estimated that several hundred were present from Eugene.

All reserved seats were gone well in advance of pageant time Sunday.

\$25,000 BAIL SET
Wenatchee, Wash., July 5 (AP)—Bail was set at \$25,000 today in Chelan county superior court for Thomas Speckman, 21, Seattle, who is charged with the Seattle pass murder of George Osborne before his pretty Russian refugee wife.

Mirror Pond Arch and Prize-Winning Floats—Studies in Black and White



Presented here are night pictures of the Bend Mirror pond arch of 1949 and some of the prize winning floats. At top is the big arch, with the Swan float moving into the river. Below, from left, is "Old Ironsides", Redmond entry that won special honorary mention. In the center is Jim Lanzaratto's first prize winning float, "Lava Butte In Eruption." The winner of second prize, "Brandin' Time", sponsored by the Madras chamber of commerce, is at right. Not pictured is the third place winner, "American Family", sponsored by Prineville. This omission is due to the fact that the picture taken of this float proved faulty, after it had been developed.

Lava Butte Float First Place Winner In Bend's Mirror Pond Water Pageant

A float depicting flaming Lava butte of the Deschutes country as it presumably appeared in its climactic eruption some 2,000 years ago won first place in Bend's Mirror pond pageant of 1949. "Brandin' Time", a range-land scene entered by Madras, placed second, and "American Family", a pioneer entry sponsored by Prineville, placed third.

"Old Ironsides", entered by Redmond, won special honorable mention and the acclaim of the thousands of spectators who packed all available seating space Sunday night and spilled over into Drake park. The Bend Lions' club float, "Two Squares on a Raft", with eight couples joining in a square dance, won honorable mention, as did "Sawmill", sponsored by The Shevlin-Hixon Company.

Judges Listed
Judges were Prof. Henry Hartman, Oregon State college; Mrs. Frank Baxter, Calgary, Can., and Mrs. Gerhardt Molten, Seattle, Wash. The awards were announced at the final showing of the pageant Sunday night.

The Saturday night water show proved to be a stiff rehearsal for the Sunday night pageant, which was carried out with only one "hitch" developing. The fireworks float, which was to be moved into position as the finale for the 1949 pageant, was temporarily lost in the upstream darkness, and by the time it was located the huge crowd had disappeared. A few aerial bombs were shot into the heavens, in an attempt to attract the vanished crowd. At the request of pageant officials, the display was not set off. However, spectators were treated to some sky displays on both Saturday and Sunday nights. The fireworks were provided by the Shell Oil Co.

"One Man Show"
"Lava Butte In Eruption", the prize winning float, was largely a "one-man show". This entry was prepared by Jim Lanzaratto, of the Bend Venetian Blind Co. He was in the role of Vulcan as the miniature volcano moved down the river. Four times in the progress of the float downstream, the miniature replica of the old volcano blazed into eruption and "lava" spilled over the glowing

sides. Lanzaratto, in the cone, stirred the earth fires and in turn suffered some burns. Eddie Berg assisted Lanzaratto in building the make-believe volcano.

"Brandin' Time", the second-place float sponsored by Madras, was a study in white, with a coral scene depicted. Horse and lassoed calf were in white plaster, with a rope stretched between. On the horse was John Mizar, with George Mizar, Bob Huson and Guy Wade as corral helpers. In a corner of the corral was a real fire, with branding irons heating.

In the "American Family", Prineville presented a campfire scene in junipers and pines, with an immigrant wagon in the background. The scene portrayed a rest period in which immigrants joined in campfire recreation. Zonia Hulett was featured in a rope-twirling act. Others in the cast were Janet Redman, Dorothy Nettleton, Jean Wilkinson, Romana Darby, Janiece Moore, Crystal Moore, E. Moore and Charles Potter.

Ship Popular Entry
Redmond's special honorable mention float was a replica of the historic Constitution, first ship of the American navy, built exactly on scale and with all features carefully reproduced. The proud frigate emerged from the blazing rainbow arch with its sails furled. As the ship moved down the river, its sails were unfurled and cannon blazed. Finally, the ship slipped into darkness, with its flag of 13 stars spotlighted. This float received a spontaneous ovation from the massed thousands of spectators. Ken Munkres was skipper of the Constitution, and Gail Bartel was first mate. Also assisting in construction was Jack Elliott, Ken Vadnais and George Taylor.

Entered by the Bend Lions club, "Two Squares on a Raft" was a barn dance scene, with couples joining in quadrilles as the big float moved under the arch and into the river. On the first night, the dancers planned to have a donkey aboard, as part of the barn scene, with Ken Rogers as custodian. The donkey was "Eleanor," owned by Alva

Goodrich. However, when the float started taking water, "Eleanor" was hoisted overboard and moved ashore. Dancers in the first square were Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Grahlman, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nielsen, Carl Erickson, Mrs. Kessler Cannon, Isabel Pagani and Jim McLain. In the second square were Mr. and Mrs. Russ Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cady, Mrs. James Bushong, Don Fahey, Patsy McKee and Tom Niebergall. Wilmer Nance did the calling, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jorgenson playing old time music.

Float Has Difficulties
The other float receiving honorable mention was "Sawmill", sponsored by The Shevlin-Hixon company. This was a replica of the company's big mill in Bend, and was similar to the company's float of three years ago, with a new lighting arrangement used. This float ran into difficulties Saturday night when it failed to get through the arch. The float was the same dimension as the one used three years ago, but it developed, the arch portal had become slightly shortened. The float "detoured" the arch, made contact with the boom and moved down the river with smoke coming from its stacks. On Sunday night, the float was reduced to arch dimension and moved out on schedule.

Heading the pageant on both nights, as in former years, was the Swan float, with Queen Joan I (Joan Tilden), and her princesses, Charleen Dahlin, Marilyn Bishop, Patt Blakely, Lila Bacon and Ella Sterling, aboard. They rode the Swan float downstream, where they dismounted, to view the gay fete from an anchored throne. The girls were assisted from the float to the throne by Charles Clark, chairman of the queen committee.

Arch Colorful
On both Saturday and Sunday nights, the broad arch, constructed under the supervision of Joe Ross and Norman Partridge, remained dark until about 9 p. m. Then, as switches were closed by Ralph Lind, working with Frank Reis, lighting chair-

man, the arch blazed into color. It was the opinion of pageant officials that this year's illumination, installed under the supervision of L. G. Bertram, was the most effective ever used. The top of the arch was designed to provide a rainbow effect, with illumination on three different levels. The arch was designed by Walter G. Penk, pageant chairman.

First float through the arch, following the Swan, was "Boy Scouts of America," sponsored by the local banks. This was topped by a revolving scout emblem. On the float were Bruce Douglas, Gary Lee Holmes, Arthur Drake and Bob Mueller. Then followed the Madras and Shevlin-Hixon entries.

Quartet on Float
"Barber Shop Quartet," entered by the Bend Kiwanis club, had as its background a massive barber pole and a shaving mug. Bewhiskered singers aboard were A. H. Marshall, A. Wilson Benoit, Ed Risen and Irl Wagner.

"Oriental Gardens," entered by the Brandis Thrift-Wise Drug company, added a new touch of beauty to the fairyland parade. Dressed as an oriental, Dean Smith was aboard. "Lava Butte In Eruption" and "Two Squares on a Raft" followed the gay garden float into the dark river.

Entered by the Central Labor council, A. F. of L., "New St. Charles Hospital," a replica in miniature of the memorial hospital on which work is to be started here in the near future, proved to be an entry of startling beauty, as colors changed and faded.

Terrific Heat Through East Augments List

The nation's week end observance of the Fourth of July and efforts to escape the worst heat wave of the year cost more than 800 lives in the heaviest holiday carnage in history, a final count showed today.

"This is a national disgrace," a national safety council official said. "It's shameful and disgraceful. Something must be done."

The United Press tabulation showed that at least 818 persons died violently during the three-day holiday, 100 more than the total casualties of the famed battles of Bunker Hill and Yorktown. The breakdown:

321 died on the highways.
278 drowned.
70 died from heat prostration.
18 died in airplane accidents.
131 died violently in miscellaneous accidents.

The searing heat which resulted in a sharp increase in drownings and heat deaths, was expected to continue for at least three days. 10,000 injured

In addition, on the basis of safety statistics, an estimated 10,000 persons were injured on the highways, and uncounted thousands of others were injured by fireworks and in other accidents.

The safety council said that the previous record was set in 1941 when nearly 700 persons died violently. The council did not have available a breakdown of the deaths. However, it pointed out that Fourth of July holiday tolls always exceed the death counts of other holidays, and added that there was no doubt this one exceeded all others.

By comparison, during a normal, three-day summer week end last August, 383 persons were killed, including 224 on the highways and 48 by drowning.

During the past week end, New York led all states with a total of 63 deaths, including 15 on the highways and 25 by drowning.

Statement Issued
The safety council issued a blistering statement that the huge national toll "is a disgrace to a civilized nation and a reflection on America's famed tradition of fairness and sportsmanship."

"It is shameful," council president Ned H. Dearborn said. "Most of the traffic deaths over the holiday week end were due directly or indirectly to cheating on traffic rules and to poor sportsmanship that the nation would not tolerate for a moment in a ball game or other athletic events," he said.

As temperatures soared, many motorists died on highways while driving to lakes, rivers and beaches where others drowned or succumbed to heat under the burning sun.

But one man died in snow. Maj. Louis Axelrod, an army surgeon from Chicago, was killed in a skiing accident at Idaho Springs, Colo. At Elmwood, Ill., a woman died of a bee's sting.

The extreme weather caused the biggest single tragedy at New York. A freak squall hit the city, sending up vast clouds of dust that blotted out skyscrapers. At least seven persons were drowned. Winds hit 58 miles an hour and capsized hundreds of small boats in Long Island sound and other nearby waters.

The wind literally plucked a snail off a rock in Central park and tossed him into the lagoon where he was drowned.

Coast guard boats and other vessels raced to aid the fleet of sailboats and cruisers foundering in the gale. Rescue craft returned to docks with their crewmen still applying artificial respiration in an attempt to revive persons pulled from the stormy waters.

The storm victims boosted New York state's total to the greatest for the nation—53, including 12 traffic deaths and 22 by drowning.

Dances Held
Pageant dances, arranged by Don Conner and Loyal Rhoades, were held both nights, with a good attendance reported.

On both Saturday and Sunday the Portland Aquatic club presented its water follies. Something new was added to the water show when the challenge of W. J. Baer, pageant association president, to a diving and swimming contest was accepted by four of the girls, Queen Joan and Princesses Patt, Ella and Marilyn.

A capacity attendance was reported at both nights of the pageant, and on Sunday night the crowd exceeded all expectations. In addition to the 4,000 who were seated, thousands crowded every vantage point in Drake park and west side shores.

Concert Feature Of Pageant Finale
A band concert played from seats under the illuminated arch was the finale of Bend's three-day Fourth of July celebration and water pageant. The concert was held last night, with hundreds of people listening from seats in Drake park.

As a special feature of the concert, Helen Allen and Kitty Moore were presented as soloists, and Mary Martha Fowler, Betty Terwilliger and Kitty Moore as a vocal trio.