



ON TO AKRON — The chance for a trip to Akron, Ohio, and the All-American Soap Box Derby Saturday, August 4, brought out 170 hopeful boys Sunday in Salem, many of whom are shown in the top photo taken along the parade route. David McCoy of Bend won two heats but failed to win top honors. When the National is held at Akron, 184 cities compete with cars much like the two in the bottom picture taken at Salem by Chris Genna.

Plans underway on bridge start

NEW YORK (UPI)—De Long Corp., recently awarded a \$7.8 million contract to build piers for the Astoria - Megler bridge near the mouth of the Columbia River, said today it was rushing preparation of a production schedule for the Oregon Highway Commission.

"However, we can't yet make public any tentative starting date for the work or estimate of the manpower we will have to hire," Executive Vice President George Tait said.

De Long, which has been in business since 1946, is a widely known construction firm, which has engaged in many large marine projects both on its own and as joint ventures with other big contractors.

It built the first offshore radar Texas Tower off Cape Cod, Mass., in 1953. It was recently engaged with other contractors in the \$20 million Hyperion outfall sewer at Santa Monica, Calif.

De Long also has built large marine piers for the New African Republic of Togoland.

It is partner with a French contracting firm in a continuing venture building large offshore oil installations in the Persian Gulf for Pan-American Oil Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).

Principal owner and president of the firm is L. B. De Long, a native of Texas who now has homes in Seattle and New York.

DIES WHILE SWIMMING
COOS BAY (UPI)—Ted Miller, 49, Coos Bay, died while swimming in the South Coos River about 2 p.m. PST Wednesday. Officials said death was apparently due to a heart attack.

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Diane reports on her Indian movie making

By Vernon Scott
UPI Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—If you're going to play an Indian in the movies and hope to avoid fatuous cowboys and-or John Wayne the solution is to head for Calcutta or Bombay.

This move changes the setting from Western to Eastern, and sometimes alters the plot—but not often.

The trip was worth it for young Diane Baker, blessed with a cherub's innocent face, who went to India to portray a Punjabi prostitute, which some people consider a better fate than perishing at the hands of a cavalry troop led by Wayne.

A delicate little thing, Diane lived at home with her parents and knew as little about India as she did about the kind of girl she was to play in "Nine Hours to

But producer-director Mark Robson, who apparently knows India and is hip to shady ladies, reserved a camel for Diane and spirited the actress off to the land of Jackie Kennedy home movies.

Diane spent eight bewildering weeks, some of them enlivened by overdoses of curry, learning to play an Indian girl for a mere five days of work before the cameras.

"Indian women walk and talk differently, of course," Diane said, crooking her little finger to dispatch a nondescript Mary.

"But their mannerisms and the way they move their heads and hands are very distinctive and not easy to imitate. They use their heads and necks to express all manner of emotions.

"After about four weeks the Indian customs and point of view sank into my mind which helped me bring authenticity to the part."

In her search for realism Diane went somewhat overboard, if not berserk. She lived with one lower class family for four days, sleeping in the same room with a dozen women and children.

"We all slept on the floor on mats. But I didn't get much sleep because rats and mice were scampering over us all night.

"You might call the family average in India," she said. "There were many relatives in the house, including some married girls who were only 12 and 13 years old. Marriage at that age is rather common over there."

Robson, a good-natured Svengali, telephoned Diane every few nights to ask what she had learned and to check on her Indian-British accent.

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New interest in Americana spurred by Mrs. Kennedy

NEW YORK (UPI)—Mrs. John F. Kennedy has spurred new interest at home in Americana with her program of refurbishing the White House in authentic furnishings from various periods of U.S. history.

Abroad, a similar interest in Americana gets a giant assist from a unique museum started by two men who believe the cultural image overseas of the United States could stand improvement.

The two are founders of the American Museum in Britain, which has just opened its latest addition—a detailed replica of the flower gardens at George Washington's Mount Vernon home. The gardens are the gift of the Colonial Dames of America.

The museum is located at Claverton Manor, Bath, England, 107 miles west of London. Sir Winston Churchill is supposed to have made his first political speech at Claverton 65 years ago.

Old West Next

When we heard of the garden presentation, we hid ourselves off to the headquarters of the Friends of the American Museum in Britain, where we found Mrs. Norman Walker, widowed mother of four grown sons, presiding.

The chic Mrs. Walker, with a background in fashion sales and magazine work, is the Friends executive secretary. The Friends chairman is Mrs. Thomas S. Lamont banking families.

"I'm the lookout girl for more items of historical interest to add to the museum," said Mrs. Walker. "Our next big project will be the Old West and we'll have to add a wing to the museum to house it."

The site of the museum is 55 acres of rolling countryside including the manor house of some 33 rooms and galleries built in 1820 for one of England's landed gentry. The architect, Sir Jeffrey Wyattville, worked for George IV and helped restore Windsor Castle, one of the homes of the British royal family.

Big Interest

Mrs. Walker said the museum opened last July 15 for three months and that 20,000 persons visited it. This year, it will be open for six months and the number of visitors is expected to triple.

"There is a tremendous interest in Americana all over Europe," she said.

The museum rooms range through furnishings and other antiquity of the first three centuries of the United States. Included is a candlestand which belonged to Peregrine White, the first American child, born on the Mayflower's voyage to Plymouth Rock.

The Museum curator is a Briton—Ian McCallum, an architect who has traveled extensively

Ex-movie idol Rex Bell dead

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—Nevada's Lt. Gov. Rex Bell, onetime western movie idol and husband of former "It" girl Clara Bow, died of a heart attack Wednesday night shortly after greeting supporters of his gubernatorial bid at a Fourth of July picnic.

Only hours before, the colorful, 58-year-old campaigner who brought his filmland flair for western attire into his everyday life, had spoken at a Republican Independence Day rally to boost his candidacy for governor.

As he would have wanted it, and in the tradition of the cowboys he portrayed so many times on the screen, he died with his boots on.

The friendly, hand-shaking politician was a familiar sight in most every Nevada city—always attired in colorful western garb, a white ten gallon hat and hand-tooled leather boots. And he headed numerous parades with his familiar white horse.

Bell's death threw the 1962 GOP gubernatorial election hopes into turmoil. Republicans had high hopes that Bell could wrest the state house from incumbent Democrat Gov. Grant Sawyer.

The silver-haired politician collapsed at the home of Miss Katie Jenkins shortly before dinner.

Survivors include his widow and two sons, Rex Anthony, 27, and George, 24.

Jackie, Caroline to visit Italy

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy plans to take her 4-year-old daughter Caroline for a two-week vacation on the Italian Riviera next month.

Pamela Turnure, the First Lady's press secretary, said Wednesday night that Mrs. Kennedy and Caroline will join her sister, Princess Lee Radziwill, at the Radziwill villa while President Kennedy is traveling about the United States.

She said the trip would be a private visit, and no specific dates have been set for it.

'Peaceful' blast due in Nevada

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Atomic Energy Commission plans to set off soon the second atomic blast in its program to discover peaceful uses for nuclear explosives.

The AEC said Wednesday that the nuclear excavation experiment—known as Project Sedan—would take place "on or after July 6" at its Nevada test site.

Soblen proves 'hot potato'

LONDON (UPI)—The United States, Britain and Israel today disclaimed responsibility for runaway Soviet spy Dr. Robert Soblen during his recovery here from a suicide attempt.

A spokesman for the American Embassy said the British government was responsible for "when he moves and whether he moves" from the hospital. The British Home Office said the 62-year-old spy was still in transit and under the jurisdiction of the United States.

An Israeli Embassy spokesman said the Soblen case was now a matter of concern for either the United States or Britain.

2 CREWMEN KILLED

EFFINGHAM, S.C. (UPI)—Havana Special No. 76, an Atlantic Coast Line railroad express passenger train, derailed Wednesday while switching tracks near this rural community. Two crewmen were killed and 11 of the train's 50 passengers were injured.

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