



FACTS AND FIGURES on "casualties" and "damage" to target areas have been fed into an electronic computer such as this for Operation Alert 1956 to get a lightning-quick picture of the bomb-damage assessments in the 76 target areas throughout the nation. Evaluated data from target areas goes by wire to the operations room at FCDA Headquarters. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

On the Alert, 1956



DAMAGE RINGS for Philadelphia-Camden "blast" are plotted during last year's Operation Alert, just as they will be this year, in concentric rings from the point the bomb hits. In addition to simulated bomb "casualties" in the 1956 Alert, the Civil Defense directors will seek to minimize fallout "casualties" by swift shelter commands on the basis of predicted and monitored fallout patterns. (Battle Creek Enquirer and News Photo)

Nationwide Test To Be July 20-26

For seven days in July, Operation Alert 1956 will confront civil defense planning with the type of problems that would arise out of a mass nuclear attack on the U. S.

THE THIRD ANNUAL training exercise, scheduled for July 20-26, will enact on a nationwide stage some of the civil defense measures which would be taken if this nation were suddenly attacked by bombers and submarines capable of wiping out millions of persons and dozens of cities in a day.

Plans call for 76 cities, air bases and Atomic Energy Commission installations to be hit by 125 mythical nuclear bombs. These would include 39 hydrogen bombs rated as high as 5 million tons of TNT equivalent each.

More than 30 Federal agencies will cooperate by evacuating key employees and operating from emergency sites. Coordinated by the Federal Civil Defense Administration, State and local CD organizations will carry out training exercises as if the attack were real.



JUNIOR SPACEMAN and Davy Crockett were among the two-thirds of the population of Bangor, Maine, which took part in a test evacuation during Operation Alert 1955. The test was typical of the ways local communities are expected by the Federal Civil Defense Administration to tie in their local civil defense training with Operation Alert 1956. (Courtesy Young's Photo Service, Brewer, Me.)

Headline News from Here 'n There

WANT BUSINESS OFFICE

The City of Brookings lashed out at the West Coast Telephone Company Tuesday evening in the regular meeting. An ordinance was read requesting the Public Utility Commission to require the phone firm to install a business office and exchange in this city.

The city's action was related to a storm of protests underway in the community, over the proposed rate increase hearing slated for next week at Salem-Brookings Harbor Pilot.

SEEK CITY DELIVERY

The city of Sutherlin is ready for daily "house to house" mail delivery, A. J. Tonsing, district operations manager told Postmaster Russel F. Cooper this week.

As contemplated, the initial daily delivery will cover the area east from the Southern Pacific tracks to Willamette street, south to Everett street and north to 6th street.

Then, if everything works out as planned, the area west of the tracks will be covered by "mounted carriers", or a service comparable to that now in effect on rural routes.

Establishment of service east of the tracks, Postmaster Cooper pointed out, is contingent on "continuous" sidewalks on both sides of the street in the area.—Sutherlin Sun.

FISHERMEN RESCUED

A Myrtle Point family and their guest from Indiana found the Fourth of July more exciting than anticipated when the head of the family, his young son and a nephew from Indiana fished so long from ocean rocks opposite the end of West 11th street in Bandon that the tide stranded them, and darkness had fallen before they were rescued by Richard Bain, 28, Bandon police officer.

Rescued were Victor Perkon, 44; his son, Raymond, 13, and a nephew, Joseph Belheimer, 15, from Indianapolis, Ind., who had come to spend the day picnicking and fishing. The trio discovered their predicament in time to have saved themselves, had they been able to swim, but none could, according to Perkon's wife, who, with other family members, had remained on the beach.—Bandon Western World

RESTORE BUDGET

After listening to views and arguments of representatives from the nine county libraries, the county library board, members of the press and interested individuals, the Douglas county budget committee last Monday restored \$8087.04 to the county library budget.

The amount had previously been eliminated from the budget because of a misunderstanding and lack of information, according to committee members. It represented funds to pay salaries of librarians in the incorporated cities.

Under a new setup, effective as of July 1, the cities provide quarters for their libraries but the county takes care of the salaries and purchase of books.—Sutherlin Sun.

SITES OKAY

Approval of both the Greenwood airport site and the Harris Bench site at Merlin was voiced this week by the Civil Aeronautics Authority as being eligible for Federal funds according to

Mayor Robert Martin.

Mayor Martin received a telephone call from Don Harper, CAA investigator in Seattle who said that the CAA office in Los Angeles, was anxious to have citizens of Josephine county agree among themselves on one or the other of the sites, so that preliminary survey work and options for acquisition of title to land could be accomplished in advance of project planning.—Grants Pass Bulletin.

DYNAMITE BLAST

Dynamite was exploded in Rogue River about 10 p.m. Wednesday night.

Windows in business houses were blown in.

The postoffice building was damaged.

No one was hurt.

Closest people to the blast were The Times publisher, Maxwell L. Thayer, and the editor, Marcia E. Thayer, who were working in the plant at the time of the blast.

One of the big Times windows was blown in.

Chief of Police William J. Peters responded to the call within a matter of minutes. Scores of people came from all over the area.

Glass littered the streets and sidewalks.

Some one discovered that the dynamite had been placed next to a telephone post on the alley next to the Rogue Variety store. The Variety store lost all of its windows, and the postoffice which is opposite it, on the alley, suffered a like fate.—Times

COMPLETE CASE

Police this week were completing the details of their case against two suspects of dynamiting Rogue River business places.

The two men are said to be residents of the Rogue River area.

District Attorney Walter G. Nunley said a felony warrant had been prepared.—Rogue River Times.

REDUCE SALARY

After a deadlock of over an hour Monday night the city budget committee approved the 1956-57 budget for the City of Cave Junction by unanimous vote at a meeting held at the City hall.

The lowering of the City Recorder's salary and disposition of water department revenues were the main bones of contention between members of the committee.—Illinois Valley News

FIND JAP LETTERS

Five young Japanese students who stuffed letters into an empty bottle of port wine and threw it into the Inland Sea of Seto in Japan three years ago, received their letters back again last month from the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Goudy of Webberburn. The bottle had drifted all the

way from Japan to Curry county and was washed up on the beach near Ophir last March, where it was found by Raymond Coffman as he strolled along the shore one morning, not far from his home—Curry County Reporter.

CLOSURE REFUSED

The Railway Express Agency will not be permitted to close its offices in Bandon, Port Orford and Gold Beach, as proposed in its petition to the Oregon Public Utilities commissioner, Charles H. Heltzel.

An order was signed by Heltzel Monday to the effect that services to the three cities must be continued.—Bandon Western World.

NW Forester Lauds County Lumber Firms For Tree Program

PORTLAND—A top Northwest forester today listed Jackson county as one of the country's leading tree farm centers.

H. R. Glascock, Jr., district forester, Industrial Forestry association, Eugene, praised the initiative and progressiveness of Jackson county forest industries and woodlot owners for their support of the tree farm forest program which has seen half the private forest land in this area converted to tree farming.

Glascock said, "the Jackson county area has long been a key lumbering center. And now with recent additions to the tree farm program by the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, about half the private forest lands are on a management basis.

"That means that a continual harvest of trees for the present and future will insure permanent industry in Jackson county. This is an outstanding achievement which should be a source of local pride. With continued expansion of the tree farm program, Jackson county will maintain its place as a leading forest products producer."

H. Barnhart Co. Wins PT&T Building Bid

H. Barnhart Construction company, 722 Dakota avenue, Medford, was low bidder on construction of a one-story, concrete block long distance equipment building at Rogue River for Pacific Telephone.

The winning bid was \$6,600. Only other bidder was Armin Richter and Associate, also of Medford, \$7,736.

Work on the 14 by 19-foot structure is scheduled to start July 23, according to Jack Creager, local telephone manager, and be completed October 1.

There are now nine pulp and paper mills in Oregon.

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